



Worship & Study Opportunities

Sundays

The Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. *Lake Wylie*

10:30 a.m. *York*

Bishop Harris will visit Good Shepherd on Sunday,
November 8.

Christian Education

9:30 a.m. *York*

Wednesdays

11:00 a.m. Healing Service
(Parlor)

Saturdays

5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist



Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we anticipate the beginning of another year here at the Good Shepherd, there are (possibly a record) number of folks who are interested in running for a seat on the vestry. While it is heartening to see such a number of people who are interested in serving our parish, I believe it might be prudent to explore the responsibilities of this office and the gifts that are needed to best fulfill this ministry of leadership.

Within the common life of the body, the Lord Jesus calls individuals to exercise ministry of leadership for the good of the body. This call obviously extends to the ordained but also includes specific individuals within every congregation. In the parishes of the Episcopal Church, the vestry is a community of leaders who have been called by the congregation and Holy Spirit to exercise leadership within the congregation, for the good of the congregation. The canons of the Episcopal Church establish an interdependent ministry of pastoral leadership, under the headship of Jesus Christ. Thus the rector, for example, is given full authority and responsibility for the spiritual life and worship of the congregation, including use and control of the church and parish buildings; yet the disbursement of monies for the ministry of the parish resides with the vestry.

This delicate canonical interdependence means that the rector and vestry together share in the pastoral oversight and headship of the congregation. The rector is ordained by the Lord to envision the mission and ministry of the congregation; but this envisioning is a collaborative work with the vestry. Once mutually discerned, it is the responsibility of the lay leadership to communicate and support this faith-vision within the parish community. The spiritual growth and vitality of the congregation requires a unity of headship committed to the mission of the Gospel and the common good of the body of Christ.

Leadership in the church differs dramatically from political leadership in modern democratic societies. In our democratic societies duly elected officials understand themselves as serving and representing specific constituencies. Their task is to vote and work for the interests of their constituents. Ecclesial leadership, on the other hand, is ultimately a calling of the Holy Spirit for the good of the church and the mission of the Gospel. Thus the vestry, despite the election of its members by the wider congregation, does not represent specific groups within the congregation; rather, it represents the church to the congregation. (Alvin Kimel: Principles of Vestry Leadership).

It has been my custom to relay what the expectations are of those who would serve on the vestry, such as faithful attendance at worship, responsibilities as "Vestry Person of the Day" and committee membership. In addition, beginning this year, I think it would be helpful to have the potential nominees answer a number of questions that might help the potential nominee discern if they are called to this ministry, as well as assist the congregation in their discernment as to who might be best suited for the positions available. The answers to these questions will be posted on a bulletin board and will appear on the parish website as well as in the newsletter containing the bios of the potential nominees.

1. Do you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? What does this mean to you?
2. Do you have a favorite Bible verse that guides your life, or would guide your service on the Vestry?
3. Why do you feel the Lord is calling you to serve on the Vestry?
4. What gifts do you feel you would bring to the Vestry?
5. Which committee do you think would best benefit from the gifts you bring, and why?

Monthly Meetings

The ECW will meet Tuesday,
November 3 at 6:30 pm in the
parlor.

The Vestry meets at 7:00 pm on
Tuesday, November 17 in the
parlor. Committee reports are
due in to the office by Sunday,
November 15.



6. *The spiritual growth and vitality of the congregation requires a unity of headship committed to the mission of the Gospel and the common good of the body of Christ.* In what fashion do you relate this statement to our life at the Good Shepherd?

If you would like to see the packet sent to the potential vestry nominees, please visit <http://www.goodshep.net/vestry2010>.

In Christ's love and service,

Parish News

Parish Oyster Roast - Sponsored by the Men's Club

The Annual Parish OYSTER ROAST will be held on **Friday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m.** at the church. The cost is \$6.00 per person. EVERYONE IS INVITED! Bring the new parishioners. Please bring an oyster knife (if possible), a hand towel and gloves. Please RSVP (not necessary but helpful with food preparations) by calling Pick Freeman at 831-2563 or by e-mailing him at pickfreeman@bellsouth.net by **Monday, November 2**. The menu will also include Bratwurst, Baked Beans, Slaw, Tea and Soft Drinks. Please bring either hors d'oeuvres or a dessert.

Thanksgiving Offering

To follow a long-time tradition of parishes and missions of the Episcopal Dioceses in SC, a special offering will be collected for York Place on Sunday, **November 22** and Thanksgiving Day. *Checks should be payable to York Place.*

Thanksgiving Lunch

Lunch will follow the 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving service. Please bring a covered dish to share. Turkey and dressing will be provided.

Thanksgiving Servers Needed

Are you willing to serve as an Acolyte, Crucifer, Usher, Lay Reader, or Chalice Bearer for the Thanksgiving Day service? If so, please inform the office at your earliest convenience.

Prayer Blankets

Members of Daughters of the King at Good Shepherd continue to make prayer blankets upon request. Please contact Bobbie Hawkins, Joyce Sanders or Debbie Shiflet if you have a need. Contributions of cash, fabric or thread would be appreciated.

P.A.T.H.

PATH desperately needs the following items: Toilet Tissue, Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, Paper Towels, Shampoo, Bars of Soap and Tea Bags. Please leave items in the PATH basket on the bench in the parish hall (across from the restrooms).

Parish Register News

Wheeler, Cindy, & Becky Jones transferred their membership from Good Shepherd to Good Shepherd, Columbia.

If you would like to move your membership to Good Shepherd, please contact the church office at 684-4021 or e-mail to sberrynamsey@goodshep.net. We will need the name and address of the last church you were a member of.

Stewardship News

Five Reasons to Tithe:

1. Tithing is our most ancient model for giving. One of the best tithing stories is that of Jacob (*Genesis 28:10-22*).
2. Tithing helps us worship God more in our lives. It encourages our spiritual growth and trust in God.
3. Tithing brings God's wisdom to our finances, exercising a healthy spiritual discipline over them, and helps us combat the destructive materialism and greed that destroy the lives of many.
4. Tithing provides the means to keep our priest and missionaries in full time service to God.
5. Tithing strengthens the ministry, outreach and health of our congregations, molding us into true Christian communities of faith, love and grace.

Broiderer's Guild

Guild members – with canvas work in hand – met on Monday, October 12. We had four new needle pointers learning their stitches. They are: Shay, Susan, and Eleanor Wilkerson and Wanda McCorkle. All agreed the time passed quickly in a most productive way. Libby Bradford brought canvas and we have lots of leftover yarn. So join us and learn to stitch. We meet next on **November 9** at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish House.

Prayer Concerns

We pray for the Episcopal Church.

We pray for the Sick, especially for...

Billie Gabbitas, Emily House, Sylvia Noble, Patricia Rice, Bettie Matthews, Sarah Waring, Glenn Garrison, Martha Garrison, Sue Franklin, Pat Ford, Eula Mosley, BJ Landers, Phyllis Paden-Adams

We pray for the Shut-ins, especially for...

Bee Decker, Elsie Castle, Margie Miller, Mamie Miller

We pray for the men and women serving in our military, especially for...

Geoffrey Gibson, Jonathan Morrison, William Stanley, John Kerns, Paul Mishoe, Mario Fonseca, Tiffany Eakin, Brian Carnes, Michael Moss

We pray for those with special needs, especially for...

York Place Board, Staff and Children, Kayleigh Edson, Pat Speck

Pastoral Care Committee

Members of the Pastoral Care Committee will joyfully visit parish members who, due to illness or confinement, cannot attend regular church services. We want to make certain that no one in our church family is overlooked or neglected in their time of need.

To request a visit or phone call from the rector, please call or email the church office to provide some basic details & preferences or please make certain that a family member or loved one contacts the church on your behalf. Father Robert or Sherry will return the contact as quickly as possible, and make arrangements to visit or speak with you. The church office phone number is 803-684-4021. Our email addresses are: rector@goodshep.net or sherryramsey@goodshep.net. If you would like a visit or phone call from a member of the Pastoral Care Committee, please call (803-327-5582) or email (kpm@comporium.net) Kaye McMaster or Frank Van Leer (803-631-3543; k9cr8@comporium.net).

Finally, you can also contact any member of the Vestry; and they will make Father Robert aware of your needs.

Stay Connected

Want Good Shepherd news as it happens? Send an e-mail to sherryramsey@goodshep.net with the subject line "Please add me to the e-mail loop." You will receive reminders of events, prayer concerns, newsletter, etc. This is a great way to use technology to strengthen our ministry and our church family.

Angel Food Ministries (AFM)

Order:

Saturday, **November 7**, from 8:30-9:30 a.m.,
Good Shepherd parish hall, 108 E. Liberty St., York

In person, we accept **CASH and FOOD STAMP (EBT) ONLY. YOU PAY WHEN YOU ORDER. NO CHECKS.**

Online, you may order with a credit or debit card by going to: www.angelfoodministries.com/host.asp?id=6753 and clicking on "Order Online".

Pickup date is Saturday, **November 21** at 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., at **Good Shepherd**. Volunteers should arrive at noon.

Reminders

- Continue to bring empty INKJET printer cartridges – they are worth \$2 each to the kitchen Fund. There is a box in the hallway to deposit your used cartridges. Please be sure to place them in the box carefully, they will only be accepted if the tip is not broken.
- All activities that require the use of the building must go through the church office.
- Please fill out a Prayer Request form to add names to the prayer list. Forms are located in the bell tower. You may add names from our web site as well.

Treasurer's Report

as of September 30, 2009

Income	
Pledge Income	\$138,002.35
Plate Offering	\$ 1,515.68
Special Offerings	\$ 1,382.00
Interest Income	\$ 227.82
Total Income	\$141,127.85
Expenditures	
Worship & Parish Ministry	\$ 84,580.19
Diocesan Pledge	\$ 24,803.16
Missions & Outreach	\$ 1,800.00
Christian Formation	
Continuing Education	\$ 7,664.99
Facility Costs	\$ 28,559.64
Supplies & Miscellaneous	\$ 4,591.14
Total Expenditures	\$118,704.12
Income Over (under) Expenditures	(\$10,871.27)

For a complete Treasurer's report, please see the bulletin board across from the kitchen in the parish house.

Around the Diocese and Community News

The Search for the Eighth Bishop of Upper South Carolina.

The candidates for the eighth Bishop of Upper South Carolina have been announced. Information about the candidates is available on the bulletin board across from the kitchen as well as on the diocesan website: <http://www.edusc.org>.

Two Walk-Abouts are scheduled for the weekend of **November 21-22**. The Walk-Abouts are designed to allow certified delegates to the electing convention and other interested persons to meet the candidates and ask them questions. For planning purposes, those who would like to attend one of the Walk-Abouts are asked to sign-up beforehand. Registration is available on the diocesan website at www.edusc.org/nextbishop.

The first Walk-About will be held on Saturday, **November 21**, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbia. Registration will begin at 8 am followed by Morning Prayer and an introduction of the candidates at 9 am at which time each candidate will make a brief opening statement. At 10:30 am, attendees will move to designated breakout rooms, and the candidates will rotate from room to room, thereby allowing attendees to ask questions of each candidate for approximately 30 minutes in smaller group settings. There will be an opportunity to submit questions at the beginning of each breakout session in each room, and the questions asked will be selected at random by the moderator assigned to the breakout room. A lunch break is planned from 12:15 -1:30 pm, and box lunches will be available for purchase at a cost of \$8 per person. A reservation for lunch is requested and may be made at the same time as registration for the Saturday Walk-About on the diocesan website.

The second Walk-About will be held at Christ Church in Greenville the afternoon of Sunday, **November 22**. Registration will begin at 12:30 pm with a welcome and introduction of the candidates to follow at 1:30 pm. Breakout sessions, similar to those planned for Saturday, will take place beginning at 2:30 pm. At the conclusion of the breakout sessions, Evening Prayer and light refreshments will be offered at the church.

Celebration Luncheon

Kicking off Gravatt's 2010 Friends of Gravatt Annual Fund Campaign

Sunday, November 15

Eucharist at noon
in the
Chapel of the Transfiguration

Luncheon Program at 1 p.m.
Stewart Dining Hall

All are welcome!

RSVP to 803.648.1817 or
gravattguest@wildblue.net

There is no charge for the event,
but donations to defray the cost of the meal
will be gratefully accepted.

Lake Wylie News

Thanks to the hard work of many individuals, especially Charles Wood and your Sr. Warden, John Ness, our Lake Wylie congregation has found a new home. **Beginning Sunday, November 15, 2009, our 8:00a.m. service will be held at the Mount Harmony United Methodist Church, 6268 Ridge Road.**

From our old location (Good Samaritan U.M.C. at the corner of S.C. 274/49 and S.C. 557): Travel west on S.C. 557 towards Clover. After passing Bethel School Road on the left, turn/fork right at the traffic light at the corner of S.C. 557 and Ridge Road. The church is .5 miles on your left.

Sunday, **November 1, 2009** will be our last service at our current location (Good Samaritan U.M.C.). A moving day is in the planning stages and details will be made available as they are finalized.

On Sunday, **November 8, 2009**, The Rt. Rev. Rogers Harris (retired Bishop Suffragan of Upper South Carolina) will be the celebrant and preacher at the 10:30 a.m. service in York and has asked that the Lake Wylie congregation come to that service.

Please join the vestry and me in thanking those who worked hard to find us a new home. It is our prayer that everyone who currently attends the Lake Wylie service will join us at the new location and from there we will continue to grow the Episcopal/Anglican presence in Lake Wylie. It is also our prayer that this Episcopal/Anglican presence will grow into a self-sustaining parish of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

Things in General

Church Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The church office is closed on Fridays.
This is the Rector's day off.

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline
20th of Each Month Newsletter Deadline

Staff

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