



## Worship & Study Opportunities

### Sundays

#### The Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. *Lake Wylie*

10:30 a.m. *York*

*Morning Prayer is offered at 10:30 a.m. on the Third Sunday of Each Month (York).*

#### Christian Education

9:30 a.m. *York*

### Wednesdays

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

### Saturdays

5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist

#### **Saturday, October 3:**

Following the Holy Eucharist  
Fr. Robert will be blessing of  
the animals.



## From the Rector

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

Several folks have asked me about receiving communion from a common cup in the era of the H1N1 virus, otherwise known as the “swine flu.” To my knowledge, no one at Good Shepherd has contracted the virus. But, as someone (Ben Franklin?) once said: “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

Over the years it has been the belief that contamination via the common cup has been shown to be extremely rare and I (personally) know of no case of it occurring. That is not to say however, that the possibility does not exist. I would venture to say that the possibility of such a thing occurring would be greater during the passing of the peace, or most likely, during coffee hour.

While the common practice in the Anglican tradition is to receive communion in both kinds (the bread and the wine), the long-standing doctrine of the church is that receiving in one kind (the bread, more appropriately referred to as the “host”) is not only adequate, but it is the full reception of the Sacrament.

The practice of intinction, that is, dipping the host into the chalice and then placing it in the mouth, has been around for quite a long time. With the practice of taking communion to the sick, a small piece of the host was broken off, placed in the wine, and then the host was placed in a small spoon and given to the sick person, not to prevent contamination, but because the recipient was physically unable to receive anything larger. Originally, intinction (literally “dip in”) was used to keep folks from taking the wine and using it for “scurrilous” means. By the middle ages, it was the practice to only give the laity communion in one kind. As part of the English reformation, communion in both kinds was restored (see Article XXX – BCP pg. 874).

At the Good Shepherd, it has been the practice to allow both intinction by the priest dipping the host in the wine and placing it on the person’s tongue, and by self-intinction, that is, the person dipping the host in the wine, then placing it on their own tongue. However, we recently received this from Bishop Henderson:

*“The teaching and training authorized in Upper South Carolina is based on the advice of medical experts with whom I have consulted over the years. Reduced to the simplest expression of that medical counsel: one hand in the chalice (that of the Chalice-bearer) is much less likely to spread anything contagious than the many hands of those receiving. Considerations: the Chalice-bearer is required to cleanse his/her hands immediately before the Eucharist, and is trained to be extra careful to insure that his/her fingers do not come in contact with the consecrated wine or the lip of the Chalice. Thus, the healthiest form of administering by intinction is that the person bearing the Chalice takes the host from the communicant's hands, touches it to the consecrated wine, and then places it on the recipient's tongue.”*

With this in mind, effective **October 4**, we will no longer offer self-intinction. For those whose practice is self-intinction, we ask for your patience and understanding. In addition, we will keep hand sanitizer in the sacristy to be used by the altar party prior to all services, as well as in the parish hall for public use.

Yours in Christ,

## Monthly Meetings

The ECW will meet Tuesday,  
**October 6** at 6:30 pm in the  
parlor.

The Vestry meets at 7:00 pm on  
**Tuesday, October 20** in the  
parlor. Committee reports are  
due in to the office by Sunday,  
**October 18.**



## **Parish News**

### **Vestry Nominating Committee**

If you wish to serve on the Vestry or would like to nominate someone to serve on the Vestry, please see Chuck Henry, Sue Nance, Joyce Sanders, Cheney Baltz or Randy Neff.

Vestry nominees must be confirmed, their letters must be at Good Shepherd, they must regularly attend worship, and financially contribute to Good Shepherd on a regular basis.

### **York CropWalk**

The 2009 Walk is scheduled for **October 18**, starting at Trinity UMC. We need a coordinator for this event. The responsibilities of the coordinator are: gathering and distributing CropWalk information to the parish, answering questions concerning CropWalk and participating in the walk if possible. If you are interested, please call or see Kaye McMaster (327-5582).

### **United Thank Offering Fall In-Gathering, October 25**

The United Thank Offering is a program of the Episcopal Church USA for the mission of the whole Church, founded by and administered by women since 1889. It provides a way for men, women and children to give daily thanks to God with a sense of gratitude. The discipline begins at home by putting aside "coins for missions.". UTO boxes will be available in the Parish Hall for this collection. This is a wonderful thing for the whole family to be in involved in. Every coin is used to support grants for mission and ministry. This has been a tough year for many people and so your donations will be more important than ever. The Mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people by helping those in need around the world. To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers, offerings and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.

Each year there are two "in-gatherings" in local churches. We will be having our "Fall In-Gathering" on **October 25**. Please bring your "full UTO boxes". Envelopes will be available in the pews for your donations as well. Thank you for your generosity.

### **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 various soups. Please leave items in the PATH basket on the bench in the parish hall (across from the restrooms).

### **Confirmation Classes**

Confirmation Classes will begin after church on **October 4, 11, 18 & 25**. If you are interested in being Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, please contact the church office 684-4021 or [sherryramsey@goodshep.net](mailto:sherryramsey@goodshep.net).

### **Acolyte Training**

All acolytes are asked to attend acolyte training after church on **December 6**. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Taylor.

## **Parish Register News**

Jim, Janet & Stewart Sweeney transferred their membership from Good Shepherd to Our Saviour, Rock Hill.

Stephanie Abdon Bray transferred her membership from Good Shepherd to St. Paul's, Summerville, SC.

Scott, Abby, Emily & Brooklyn transferred their membership from Good Shepherd to St. Stephen's, Beckley, WV.

Buck & Julie Miller have requested their membership to be transferred from Trinity United Methodist, York to Good Shepherd.

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

## **Stewardship**

What is stewardship for me at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd here in York? To answer that I must answer what the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is to me. It is my spiritual home and the parishioners are my family. The Church for me is the center of spiritual nourishment and encouragement. Because of this, giving to God and to our Church is a blessing, not an obligation. Stewardship is a generous offering of love in the form of time, efforts and money.

Everyone has something to contribute and everyone is needed. The New Testament explicitly directs Christians to give voluntarily as each person has determined in his heart (2 Corinthians 9:7). But, we must also give with our heads. The Church needs a certain amount of funds to operate, to pay for the Priest & Staff, to keep the electricity and heat and air on, to pay for upkeep of the property, to pay the Diocesan Share, and to meet other needs. We have approximately 100 pledging families in our Church and an operating budget of just over \$200,000. Everyone needs to prayerfully consider a pledge which, taken with

others, will enable us to meet the Church's financial necessities.

The poor economy has worked a real hardship on some of our parishioners and has had a negative impact on almost all of us. We understand that our friends dealing with loss of jobs or income will have to limit their pledge this year. Hopefully, they will be able to increase their giving in future years as their situation improves. Those who are fortunate enough to be working, and are in good shape financially, need to do more if they can to make up the shortfall. Regardless of economic circumstances though, every active family in our parish can pledge something, and should.

In addition, we need every active person to select one or multiple areas in the life of the Church where he/she would like to share time and talent. We are a small Church and need every helping hand. Please do not hold back and wait for an invitation to participate. It may be that you are the very spark that is needed to create a new and exciting ministry within the Church.

What is a Steward? A Steward is someone who is responsible for the well being of others, someone who safe guards assets and employs God given resources for current and future uses. A Steward is like a Shepherd. Let us strive to be the Church of the Good Stewards serving God in our Church of the Good Shepherd.

- Libby Bradford

### Event of Solidarity

The 2010 stewardship campaign, *Event of Solidarity*, will kick off on **October 18**. There will be a special breakfast served following the Lake Wylie service and a luncheon following the 10:30 a.m. worship service in York. The church will provide the meat and beverages for the luncheon. Those attending the luncheon are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. The 2010 stewardship packages will be handed out at the breakfast in Lake Wylie and at the luncheon in York. Please mark your calendar now for this opportunity to fellowship with one another as a church family.

### **Prayer Concerns**

We pray for the Episcopal Church.

*We pray for the Sick, especially for....*

Billie Gabbitas, Emily House, Sylvia Noble, Joanne Lentz, Patricia Rice, Bettie Matthews, Linda Tiblier, Judy Tomes, Parpi Von Chrismar, Jenkins Mikell, Helen Dearborn, Anne Fishburne, Jake Mathew, Anna Lee Loving, Gary Maynard, Raynor Moore, Jolonda Burton, Mary Durbin, Glenn London, Frank Shields, Elizabeth London, Donna Capell, Stan Burrous, Sarah Shields, Paul Killough, Steve Miller, Raeford Allen, Roy & Irby Hutchinson, Pat Mills, Martin Williams, Sean Johnson, Erin Neely, Sarah Waring, Glenn Garrison, Martha Garrison, Sue Franklin, Teresa

Scism, Pat Ford, Mary McCorkle, Eula Mosley, Buddy Carothers

*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....*

Geoffrey Gibson, Jonathan Morrison, William Stanley, John Kerns, Travis Eusted, 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, Jack Burton, Sarah Schultz, Ray Dearborn, Roy & Eileen Critcher, Jeff Burton, Kayleigh Edson, Nita Callaham, Sam Howie, Joan Sanders, the Bradford Family

*We pray for the repose of the soul of our faithfully departed, especially....*

Cynthia Bradford (Jim & Charles Bradford's sister-in-law)

We give thanks for the birth of Catherine Anneli Jackson, the daughter of Cynthia & Lockwood Jackson and sister of Matthew Jackson.

### **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](mailto:rector@goodshep.net) or [sherryramsey@goodshep.net](mailto: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](mailto:kpm@comporium.net)) Kaye McMaster or Frank Van Leer (803-631-3543; [k9cr8@comporium.net](mailto:k9cr8@comporium.net)).

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

### **The Broiderer's Guild**

The Broiderer's Guild will meet on Monday, **October 12** in the parlor at 10:00 a.m. to work on the canvases. Anyone wishing to learn to do canvas work is invited to attend. Lettie Knight and Andy Lowry will offer lessons to anyone wishing to learn how to do canvas work. The group welcomes anyone working on a craft project to attend as well.

## Angel Food Ministries (AFM)

### Ordering date:

Saturday, **October 10**, 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](http://www.angelfoodministries.com/host.asp?id=6753) and clicking on "Order Online".

**Pickup date** is Saturday, **October 24** at 1 p.m., at **Good Shepherd**. Volunteers should arrive at 12:20.

## 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.

## Companion Niches are available in our Columbarium

Please contact the church office at 684-4021 or [sherryramsey@goodshep.net](mailto:sherryramsey@goodshep.net) if you are interested in purchasing a niche.

## Miscellaneous Community News and Events

➡ The Episcopal Diocese of Upper SC 2009-2010 Youth Ministry Calendar are posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

➡ All Saints Episcopal Church, Caycee, SC, is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Many events are being planned for their anniversary weekend, **October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. For more information, please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board nearest to the restrooms or visit their website at [www.allsaintscaycee.org](http://www.allsaintscaycee.org).

## Treasurer's Report

as of August 31, 2009

### Income

Pledge Income	\$124,996.35
Plate Offering	\$ 1,387.68
Special Offerings	\$ 1,282.00
Interest Income	\$ 213.52

**Total Income** **\$127,879.55**

### Expenditures

Worship & Parish Ministry	\$75,797.74
Diocesan Pledge	\$22,056.34
Missions & Outreach	\$ 1,700.00
Christian Formation	
Continuing Education	\$ 7,664.99
Facility Costs	\$ 26,748.92
Supplies & Miscellaneous	\$ 4,262.11

**Total Expenditures** **\$138,230.10**

**Income Over (under) Expenditures** (\$ 10,350.55)

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

## Stay Connected

Want Good Shepherd news as it happens? Send an e-mail to [sherryramsey@goodshep.net](mailto: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.

## Diocesan Convention

**Don't Forget To Register To Celebrate At  
Diocesan Convention, October 16-17  
Carolina First Center, Greenville**

**Registration Deadline is Friday, October 2.**

**EVERYONE'S WELCOME!**

(Register for more than one event and receive a discount!!)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16:

Business of the diocese, followed by an evening celebration (& roast!) of our Bishop

**FREE CHILDCARE** (under the age of 4)

Friday evening, with reservation

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17:

Celebrate Upper SC with 25 exciting workshops, special guest The Rev. Mike Kinman, programs for children & youth, and **free childcare** (under age 4), with reservation.

## 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**  
**20<sup>th</sup> of Each Month Newsletter Deadline**

### Staff

The Rev. Robert Gaillard Kirkland, Rector  
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