

The Church of the Good Shepherd

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING JANUARY 17, 2010

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Call to Order

Certification of Quorum

Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2009 Annual Parish Meeting

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Adjournment

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
York, South Carolina
January 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order to The Rev. Robert Kirkland, Rector of the parish, with a prayer for the meeting and the congregation at 11:45am on Sunday, January 18, 2009.

The first order of business was to appoint a secretary to take the minutes and Fr. Kirkland suggested that Barbara Wilson be nominated. Wendy Beers so moved, Karen Ellison seconded the motion, and the congregation unanimously approved. The Rector then asked if a quorum could be certified, Senior Warden John Shiflet so certified.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 13, 2008, having been sent out previously, were presented for approval with the amendment as to the spelling of Jeanne Ferguson's name (Jeanne as opposed to Jeannie). Approval of the amended minutes was moved by Silva Davis, seconded by Sudy Dressler, and unanimously approved.

Fr. Kirkland called John Shiflet, Randy Neff and Jeanne Ferguson forward as they will rotate off of the Vestry. They were presented with gifts and the thanks of the Rector and congregation.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Jeanne Ferguson, presented the candidates for election to the Vestry – Libby Bradford, Cynthia Edson and Mary Ann Lowry. The candidates bios were provided earlier. The question was asked as to nominations from the floor; there being no nominations from the floor, it was moved by Don Kidwell, seconded by Tom Burton and approved unanimously to close the nominations. Since there are three candidates for the three openings it was moved by Wendy Beers, seconded by Mitzi Stewart, and approved unanimously that the candidates be elected by acclamation.

Fr. Kirkland opened the floor to any questions noting that this is our third annual meeting together. No questions were raised, however Sandy Howie again noted that we have so many good people willing to serve as in years past the Vestry would be constituted of the same people who would be asked to serve again as soon as the appropriate amount of time had elapsed since they had last served.

The Report of the Rector was filed by title.

The Senior Warden's Report was filed by title by John Shiflet.

The Junior Warden's Report was filed by title by David Sims.

The Treasurer's Report was filed by Randy Neff with the following update: The deficit for 2008 is \$6,924.00, which is less than planned; thanks were expressed to the congregation. As to Stewardship, we now have 83 pledges in hand for a total of \$176,429.

The Organist/Choirmaster's Report was filed by title by Steven Aycock.

The Finance Committee Report was filed by Chuck Henry with the following comments: Mr. Henry noted that the committee worked on the finances seeking consensus and acknowledging differing opinions on our mission to expand the church. Tom Burton took exception to the negative comment about Merrill Lynch as he has had his investments with them for many years with a positive experience.

The Stewardship Report was filed by title by Randy Neff.

The Episcopal Church Women's Report was filed by title by Cheney Baltz and Silva Davis. Cheney encouraged all women to attend the conference in January and the meetings. An upcoming activity is the Garden Tour.

The Pastoral Care Committee's Report was filed by title by Kaye McMaster.

The Parish Life Committee's Report was filed by title by Debbie Shiflet acting for Sue Nance. Debbie encouraged participation on the committee and in the events it sponsors.

The Hospitality and Concierge Committee's Report was filed by title by Jayne Burton.

The Missions and Outreach Committee's Report was filed by title by Kaye McMaster. Fr. Kirkland commended the Angel Food program as a good ministry for the convocation and asked all to pray to see if they are called to this ministry. Cheney Baltz who has been the program coordinator since it's inception at Good Shepherd made a plea for someone to step forward and take her place as she is stepping down in March.

The Worship Committee's Report was filed by title by Jeanne Ferguson.

The Christian Education Committee's Report was filed by title by Carolyn Amer, Doug Clark and Fr. Kirkland. Carolyn made a plea for additional Sunday School teachers; she has spent 16 years in this wonderful ministry to the children of the congregation and asked that everyone pray about becoming a Sunday School teacher. Doug Clark noted that a child had made a request for a "grandparently" teacher.

The Altar Guild's Report was filed by title by Shay Wilkerson and Jeanne Ferguson.

The Men's Club Report was filed by title by Andy Whitehead, noting that the Men's Club is in need of leadership.

The Report of the Lake Wylie congregation was filed by title by John Ness.

Old Business:

There was no old business to report, but the following comments were made:

Sandy Howie thanked those teaching Sunday School because he remembered when his son came to him complaining that he had never had a Sunday School teacher who wasn't his mother or his sister.

Joyce Sanders commended the Vestry for the hard work to create a frugal budget as there is nothing that can be cut; we need to pray for more support from the members of the congregation.

Fr. Kirkland noted that the Vestry Retreat for the new Vestry will be on Saturday, January 24th and encouraged those with questions to call the Vestry members so that they can be discussed at the Retreat. He further noted those within our congregation with a ministry to the Diocese and the National Church – Karen Ellison, Publicity Chair for the Diocesan ECW; Silva Davis, outgoing Treasurer for the Diocesan ECW; the Daughters of the King; Henry McMaster, Episcopal Relief and Development; Sue Nance, representative for York Place; and Meade Wilson, Diocesan Executive Committee member.

New Business:

Fr. Kirkland asked Meade Wilson to speak to the congregation about the Diocese. Meade noted that Bishop Henderson is retiring and that DEC is actively seeking members for nomination to the Search Committee and the Transition Team for the new bishop. There are two consultants working with the DEC who between them have been part of 15 bishop searches; we are in great hands. If you have an issue for the Diocese, have input, or are interested in being part of the process please call Meade. Please pray for the process and those involved in it.

Fr. Kirkland offered a closing prayer. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wilson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Nominating Committee members were appointed in October by the Vestry. Committee members were: Chuck Henry, Sue Nance, Joyce Sanders, Cheney Baltz and Randy Neff.

The Committee submits the following slate for Vestry 2010: Cheney Baltz, Charles Crittendon, Jeanne Ferguson, Rick Norment, Connie Salisbury, Debbie Shiflet and Meade Wilson. Their bios were published in the November Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Nance

Retiring Vestry members this term are: Chuck Henry, Sue Nance, Rick Norment (filling Carolyn Amer's remaining Vestry term).

REPORT OF THE RECTOR 2009

Total Attendance		7626
Sunday Attendance		6297
Weekday Attendance		1329
Average Sunday Attendance	<i>6297 ÷ 52</i>	121
Easter Attendance		251
Christmas Attendance		214
 Total Services		 234
The Holy Eucharist		213
Saturday Eve./Sunday		136
Weekday		47
Private		30
 The Daily Office		 16
Sunday		4
Weekday		12
 Marriages	<i>Moss-McNeeley/Tiblier-Enright</i>	 2
Burials	<i>McDowell, Beyer, Hudson, Blakeman*</i>	3
Baptisms	<i>Goodson, Ebersold, Jackson</i>	3
 Confirmations	<i>Crittendon, Baltz, Wilkerson, Taylor, Hunt</i>	 5
Transfers in	<i>Stephanie Bray, Tom & Betty Sanders, Barry Turner-Hunt, Charles Crittendon, Brown</i>	6
Transfers out	<i>Jim & Anna Velez, Ike Waters, Wood & Jane Caldwell, Janet & Stewart Sweeney, Stephanie Bray, Thielbar Family, Wheeler, Cindy & Becky Jones, Clayton Nash, Monica Black, Sandra Davison</i>	18

**Funeral held elsewhere*

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

The first half of this year was fairly uneventful. Then came the National Convention. The results of which caused reactions that could have a detrimental effect on our Parish. Father Robert felt called to publish his feelings in the Rock Hill Herald. I am sure that many people shared his view but many of us were concerned of the way he expressed them. There followed derision and concern on the part of the vestry and from the people that attended our Vestry meeting it was felt in the congregation also. This was communicated to the Bishop and the Diocese in a number of ways and I must say some that didn't follow protocol. A Mr. Blount Shepherd was dispatched to our Parish to interview a cross section of our members to determine what the issues are. He conducted interviews with seventeen parishioners over two weekends and compiled his results and then communicated them to Father Robert and myself. At our next vestry meeting Mr. Shepherd and Canon Bullock gave a summation of the findings and Canon Bullock explained our options. After they left the meeting the Vestry voted and approved to have the Diocese provide Mediation between the Priest and the Vestry. This should take place in the New Year. It is important to note that the vestry was asked by one parishioner to take a stand on the Gay issue and we as a vestry could not see that either as constructive or a way to unite this congregation. The Vestry and the Priest want very much to unite this Parish so that everyone feels welcomed and will worship together in peace. It will call for concessions in every aspect of our ministries but I think that coming together to celebrate and worship our Lord Jesus Christ is what we should be striving for.

On a happier note Bishop Henderson retires the end of December and I wish him the very best in his retirement. Because of this we were involved in the selection process and it was an experience that I will remember always.

Yours in Christ,
John Ness
Senior Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

2009 was a quiet year for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. We had two, official clean up days, several repairs to the heating and air conditioning systems, repairs to the roof in the Parish Hall and normal upkeep. We are pleased with the work of our groundskeeper, Joey Clinton, D.B.A. Greenway Lawn Care and with Mr. & Mrs. Teague, our custodians. David Sims, our Junior Warden, painted the women's bathroom in the Parish Hall and has nearly completed the insulation of the attic. Thank you David! Debbie & John Shiflet diverted the water running from the gutter next to the Saint Fiacre statue which has kept puddle-free the walkway to the church from the new wing. Jeanne & Tracy Ferguson maintained the courtyard and kept our beautiful fountain in working order. Sue Nance & Randy Neff worked hard in cleaning out several years of overgrowth and debris in the side yard. In Lake Wylie, Daisy Harper and her sisters did a tremendous job in cleaning up the yard. Framp Harper, along with John & Elaine Ness rounded out the Buildings and Grounds team for Lake Wylie.

We continue to plan on the new suspension ceiling and ceiling tiles for the parish hall. David would like assistance with the insulation in the attic and Parish Hall. The furnace for the church is old and will need to be replaced in the next year or so. We will have more news on these and other projects as they come up in the coming year.

If you are interested in serving on the Buildings and Grounds Committee, please let us know. We meet just when it is necessary to work on a church building/maintenance issue or on our work days. Please give a big thank you to this year's members, Jeanne Ferguson, Ron Carter, Debbie Shiflet, Bo Lowry, Pick Freeman, and Tyler Pace and many others who just show up and work when asked.

Sincerely,
David Sims & Libby Bradford

TREASURER'S REPORT

Annual Meeting
January 17, 2010

Financial results for the 11 month period ending November 30, 2009

Operating Fund – results for the 11 months ending 11/30/09 show a deficit of \$13,164. This compares unfavorably to the pro-rated budgeted deficit of \$8,272. Total income of \$172,578 is under budget by \$9,059 for the eleven month period. On the expense side, total actual expenses of \$185,743 for eleven months came in under budgeted expense of \$189,909, creating a favorable variance of \$4,167. Total variance is \$4,892 unfavorable versus budget for the eleven month period.

The Vestry approved a deficit spending budget for 2009 projecting expenses to exceed income by \$9,024 with the overage to be taken from the operating fund balance and from accumulated earnings in the endowment fund. The operating fund will most likely end 2009 with a deficit balance.

Walking-the-Way Building Fund – contributions continue to be received. All borrowing from the Bank of York has been paid off and we have no debt. As contributions are received they will be transferred to re-pay the Dalton bequest. A portion of the Dalton bequest was used to pay the balance of the note due to the Bank of York in 2008. Deficit balance in the WTW fund as of 11/30/09 is \$32,709.

Endowment fund – This fund consists of permanently invested “base” funds plus the accrued earnings on the funds. The funds are invested in the Fidelity Balanced Fund. During the stock market downturn in 2009, the fund balance fell to a low of \$114,532 at 2/28/09 (measured at month end closings). With the recovery in the stock market, the value recovered to a balance of \$162,842 at 11/30/09.

Large maintenance expenses are funded from the endowment earnings. The earnings on the invested funds are restricted in use, mainly for repair & maintenance and rector's housing expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Neff
Parish Treasurer
January 6, 2010

REPORT OF THE ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER

The choir sings faithfully to support the liturgy at The Church of the Good Shepherd, always seeking to and most often making a joyful noise. Choir provides a model of dedication and prayer in living the mission and ministry of Christian life.

Dr. Michael Lehtinen presented the annual Summerfest Organ Concert. Thanks go to patrons Cynthia & Lockwood Jackson, Kaye & Henry McMaster, Teresa Rock, Debbie & John Shiflet, Barbara & Meade Wilson , who graciously provided funding for the concert. Michael was assisting organist in 1991 for the organ dedication service. It was a pleasure to welcome him again.

This year our choir joined forces with the choir of St. John's Church, Charlotte to sing Evensong and Benediction in Lent. We plan another joint service in 2010.

Just like all effective ministries, time, talent and love must be offered. All in the choir, rehearsal after rehearsal, Sunday after Sunday, answer the call and respond faithfully to dedicated service. To enrich our liturgy, we make offerings of music to God, on behalf of us all. All in the choir deserve our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude.

The Episcopal Church has one of the richest traditions of music in the world. We seek to maintain this tradition by faithfulness to our heritage.

October 2010 marks 20 years of serving with you. *Thank You* to all of you in the congregation who fulfill your responsibility in the pews, faithfully singing in our worship, the service music and hymns that are part of our corporate offerings to God. You are a fine singing congregation, and a pleasure to serve.

To God alone be glory.

Steven Aycok, Organist/Choirmaster

Music is the companion of joy and the medicine of sorrow.

ACOLYTE MASTER

We at Good Shepherd are fortunate to have 13 active acolytes. At the beginning of 2009, we purchased new cassocks and cottas. In 2010, we are planning to have training once a month, to refresh the older acolytes, and advance the newer ones. Adults are welcome to participate in this beautiful and very important ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Taylor

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

I. YTD Financial Status

Despite the fact that our Operating Fund is negative (\$11,036) our net liquid assets are up \$43,306 as of 11/30/09. We also have external debt. (See Treasurer's Report.)

II. Endowment Invested Funds

Our investment in Fidelity's Balanced Fund (FBLAX) has performed very well. As of 12/23/09, its value is up 28.5% (\$37,500) vs. the Dow Jones Industrial Fund's 19.3% and the S&P 500's 24.1%. I posted a summary of the long term performance of the fund which reflects a 10 year average return of 5.13% vs. a loss for the S&P 500 index on the bulletin board in the parish hall. This is impressive when the chart to the right of this document shows the surprising fact that the last 10 years have been the worst in the history of the US Stock Market.

III. Wally Dalton's Gift

The other positive contribution to our good year was due to the third payment from Wally Dalton's Estate. We have used a portion of the fund to repay our mortgage and have invested the balance in a federally insured C/D. We hope to replace these internally borrowed funds as pledges for the expansion are fulfilled.

We hope that as the economy improves that our pledges and contributions increase to the point that we can maintain our activities at the current level.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Henry

Stewardship

Our stewardship campaign opened with an "EVENT OF SOLIDARITY" on October 18th, featuring ham biscuits at the 8 am service in Lake Wylie and a luncheon after the 10:30 am service in York. The Senior Warden and the Stewardship Chairman spoke and the Stewardship Packets were picked up by parishioners. Those not picked up were mailed out immediately.

The theme for this year was a reminder of the legacy that we carry on from 1855 and the wonderful things that our parish church accomplishes. These were listed on a display board; "Let's keep carrying on carrying on!"

All this was after a month of announcements in church services, notices in bulletins, and articles in the Newsletter on stewardship. Since then Henry McMaster has provided Stewardship offertory prayers on Sundays and stewardship reminders in the Bulletin and Newsletter.

By December we have had about half of participants pledge and have been promised only half the amount needed. Please reconsider if you have not pledged.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Crittendon, Libby Bradford, Henry McMaster, Charles Wood and Cynthia Edson

Parish Life

The Parish Life committee organized supper club in February, helped with the picnics at Nancy's' in May and September, helped with the Blessings of the Pets, organized coffee hour to honor confirmands and organized Thanksgiving Day Lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Shiflet

ECW

Among the many ECW events this year:

- * Spaghetti supper for James Madison students
- * Holy Week Supper for more than 100 people
- * York Place Alumni breakfast
- * Receptions for three funerals
- * Crocheted market bags for girls of Sudan
- * Spring Garden Tour
- * Easter and Christmas baskets for shut-ins
- * Sock drive for York Place children
- * "Angel Tree" for Christmas gifts for the Adult Day Care Center residents
- * Summerfest antiques show and luncheon
- * Embroiderers' guild
- * UTO

Respectfully submitted,
Cheney Baltz, president

Angel Food

Our Angel Food program sold more than 1,100 boxes of food in 2009. We have 382 customers in our database, and more coming each month.

We are hoping to increase our numbers in 2010, and thus help more people, by:

- * Setting up info boxes (courtesy of Realtors within our congregation) around the city that will contain the current month's menu. The hope is to reach a wider group of people, who can also spread the word.
- * Translating the menus and information into Spanish, and targeting Hispanic churches, business and neighborhoods
- * Spreading the word about online coupons, which reduce the cost of some of the boxes.

Several members of our congregation generously donated Thanksgiving boxes. I'd like to encourage our church family to consider donating boxes more frequently so that we can give them to some of our truly needy customers. This is an outreach where you can see the outcome, can see how thrilled people are when we give them a hand.

And I'd like to thank, once again and never enough, all of the Good Shepherd people who volunteer with Angel Food. It has been such a blessing for us to be together, and to draw closer through all our hard work.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheney Baltz, coordinator

Pastoral Care

In 2009, Frank Van Leer, Sue Nance and Fr. Robert visited those parish members in their homes and hospitals who were unable to attend regular church services due to illness or confinement. During their visits, Holy Communion was celebrated; fellowship was provided; and weekly church bulletins were delivered. The ECW generously distributed goody baskets to confined parishioners during the holiday season.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Nance

Missions and Outreach

Missions supported by Good Shepherd in 2009 included:

York Place

Episcopal Church Home for emotionally disturbed children; located in York SC.

PATH

People Attempting to Help. PATH gives food and monetary assistance to the less fortunate in the community.

York Adult Day Center

Provides care for senior citizens in the community.

Interfaith Hospitality Network of York County

Provides meals, shelter, support services, and life skills training for homeless families through coordination with area churches and volunteers.

Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization begun in 1994 to provide grocery relief and financial support to families. Under the leadership of Cheney Baltz, Good Shepherd became a host church site for AFM in Jan 2008. On a monthly basis, boxes of food are ordered by individuals, and delivered to the church to be separated and distributed by volunteers one Saturday each month.

Episcopal Relief & Development

Rebuilds after disasters and empowers people by offering lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease in over 40 countries.

The Vestry approved allocation of budgeted funds in 2009 as follows: \$1000 PATH; \$1500 York Place.

Many thanks to everyone that helps to support Good Shepherd's outreach ministries throughout the year: ECW, DOK, Men's Group, Altar Guild, the Youth, the Choir, and the many individuals that generously volunteer their time, talents, and funds.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye McMaster

Christian Education

This was a transitional year for the Christian Formation program at Good Shepherd. As is our tradition, the new year saw the annual Souper Bowl which was held to raise money for PATH, and the now annual "Ski-Trip" to Beckley, WV. Many thanks to Tonya Whitehead, Shay Wilkerson for chaperoning this trip and thanks to Fr. Robert who provided the funds for transportation. A children's chapel continued to attract the youngest members of our congregation. During the first part of the year, Sunday School consisted of *Godly Play* for the youngest children and *L.I.V.E. Big* for the intermediate children and *Journey to Adulthood* for the older youth.

Doug led a study in late January on The Book of Common Prayer and Christian Formation. This program studied the Scriptural basis of the liturgies that we use in the Episcopal Church. During Lent, Fr. Joe led a study on Anglicanism: From the Reformation to the present which was well attended. Fr. Robert led a Lenten Bible Study using the lectionary readings of the season of Lent. On Sunday mornings, Fr. Robert led the adult study program using *The Praying Church* and other materials.

Late spring and early summer led to some changes in the Christian Formation leadership. Carolyn Amer, Vestry liaison for Christian formation was transferred to Tennessee. Rick Norment was appointed to the Vestry and as Christian Formation liaison and has done an excellent job of restructuring the Christian Formation program. Due to budget constraints, the position of Director of Christian Formation was suspended which coincided with Doug's change in his seminary schedule. Doug returned during the summer to lead a successful Vacation Bible School: *Rome: Paul and the Underground Church*.

During the summer months, Chaney Baltz began a Sunday morning adult class centered around book discussions. Among the titles were "Traveling Mercies" by Anne Lamont, and "Rabbi Jesus" by Bruce Chilton.

In addition to *Journey to Adulthood*, for the fall Sunday school year we have adopted a new curriculum: *The Episcopal Children's Curriculum*. The Bible, liturgy and traditions of The Episcopal Church come to life for children ages 3 to 11 in the *Episcopal Children's Curriculum*. It is rooted in scripture and incorporates *The Book of Common Prayer* and *The Hymnal* to teach church traditions and standard responses used during worship. The curriculum was recently updated to provide teachers with new resources for building stimulating and effective lessons. The three-year curriculum was developed in cooperation with the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at the Virginia Theological Seminary. Each year of the curriculum is organized into four units—Old Testament, New Testament, Sacraments, and the Church.

In late fall, Fr. Kirkland began a Wednesday night Bible Study. The group began by exploring the differences in the three Synoptic Gospels and will continue with a study of the Prologue to John's Gospel.

Rick and Phillips Norment, Sandy and Page Taylor helped the children present a Christmas pageant during the Christmas Eve 7:00 pm service which was well received.

Please join us in giving thanks to those who have offered their time and talents to the Christian Formation program at Good Shepherd: Sandy Taylor, Page Taylor, Randy Neff, Ken Wheless, Rick Norment, Cheney Baltz and Fr. Robert. Congratulations to our confirmands: Cheney Baltz, Charlie Crittenden, Wendell Hunt, Catherine Taylor and Forrest Wilkerson.

Culled from various sources

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild at Good Shepherd is very active and we welcome anyone who would like to participate. There are currently 17 active members with 5 of those serving the Lake Wylie congregation. They have had a busy year having recently changed locations for their Sunday service. The services are now held at Mt. Harmony Methodist Church between Lake Wylie and Clover.

The guild in York has had a busy year. In addition to our regular services we have had 2 weddings, 3 baptisms and 3 funerals.

The Broiderer's Guild is very pleased to be working on a new project for Good Shepherd. Two chairs from the chancel are being done in needlepoint in memory of Sam Dressler. The designs were done by Linda Mote, the very talented artist who also designed the acolyte kneelers we worked several years ago. We meet every second Monday morning in the Ladies parlor and work on our project in addition to working on it at home. Anyone who has a project (knitting, crochet, etc.) is most welcome to join us. We meet at 10 am. Also anyone who would like to learn canvas work (needlepoint) is also welcome to join us for instruction. We have enjoyed the company of new stitchers who have recently joined us: Wanda McCorkle, Libby Bradford, Shay Wilkerson, Vickie Killen, Eleanor Wilkerson and Susan Wilkerson.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Ferguson & Shay Wilkerson

Men's Club

The Good Shepherd Men's Club officers for 2009 were: John Shiflet ---President; Bruce Baltz Vice President; and Charles Nance Treasurer. Activities for the year included: Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at York Place, Preparation and serving Easter morning breakfast, assisting the ECW with Summerfest, and assisting Pick Freeman with the Oyster Roast.

Respectfully submitted,
John Shiflet

Lake Wylie

The Lake Wylie committee met several times during the past year. We participated in an outdoor cleanup in front of the Sanctuary and started a landscaping project in front. We weren't getting anywhere fast until one day Daisy Harper and two sisters went there with plants and mulch and transformed the front of the sanctuary into a landscape we were truly proud of.

We were put into turmoil when Good Samaritan United Methodist Church on Oct. 1st gave us thirty days notice that we would have to vacate as they were going to get rid of the two buildings that we used for service on Sundays. Needless to say this started a frantic search for another site to hold service. Charles Wood manned the phone calling his vast number of contacts to see if there was any place else we could perhaps hold our service. My wife Elaine and I were knocking on doors and calling landlords with spaces to rent but to no avail. Just when things were looking very bleak Frank Van Leer one Sunday went to Mt. Harmony United Methodist Church and explained our plight. He obtained the phone number of their Senior Warden equivalent and Charles set up a meeting with him and the two of us. We met and we liked what we saw. There followed a meeting with their Pastor and a committee and they welcomed us with open arms. We had our first service on Nov. 15th and it has been a new and exciting venue for us.

Respectfully submitted,
John Ness

Hospitality & Concierge

Jayne Burton created the Concierge program and still recruits, trains and schedules the volunteers. She also fills the visitor's bags with current church materials and "dresses" the table. The Vestry liaison for this committee writes a note to each newcomer. Good Shepherd is indebted to Jayne for this method of welcoming visitors.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Lowry