

SHEPHERD'S TALES

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Parish News

Love and Loaves

A wise man once said, "It is one thing to think that you are loved, but an entirely different thing to be told and shown often that this love is real." To foster this message in our own congregation we are trying to launch a new program called "Love and Loaves". The simple purpose of this program is to send those in spiritual or emotional need in our parish a physical reminder of our concern as a parish by sending them a loaf of dessert bread and a card. Baked dessert bread will be stored frozen at the church and delivered to those on our prayer or concern list. To get this easy program off to a quick start we are looking for baker volunteers to meet at the church to help bake and/or monetary donations for baking supplies. We can also use donations of cards and ribbon. Please contact Caroline Wheless (ckwheless@msn.com or 628-1531) if you have questions, would like to volunteer or if you wish to make a donation.

Confirmation Classes

The Rt. Rev. Donald M. Hultstrand, DD, Retired Bishop of Springfield, Illinois has been scheduled by the Diocese to visit our parish on **May 9**. Confirmation classes will be held at after church beginning **April 11** and ending on **May 2**.

Who should attend Confirmation classes? Those wishing to become members of the Episcopal Church are expected to make an adult affirmation of faith and receive the laying on of hands by a bishop of the Episcopal Church/Anglican Communion. This is called Confirmation. Those who have been confirmed in other denominations in Apostolic Succession (such as the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church) receive the laying on of hands in what is called reception. Those who have been confirmed in denominations not in Apostolic Succession (such as the United Methodist Church or most protestant denominations) are required to undergo confirmation in the Episcopal Church.

Please contact the church office (684-4021) if you have any questions or if you plan to attend the Confirmation classes.

Garden Tour

The ECW has decided to build on our successful Garden Tour of last year and have a repeat performance. We have 5 gardens on schedule and 3 *beauty spots*, including our own courtyard. The event will be Saturday, May 8 (Mother's Day weekend) from 10am – 4pm. Lunch will be served at the church from 11am until 2pm and advance reservations are required. Other plans include a plant sale and an art sale. We will need volunteers to be docents at the gardens, servers for lunch, ticket takers and many other things. Mark it on your calendar and plan to attend and help out. The price will remain at last year's level: Garden Ticket \$15; Lunch Ticket \$ 7; Combo Ticket \$20. For advance reservations, call Betty Jane Howie (684-4113) or Jeanne Ferguson (684-6020). Proceeds will benefit a local charity. For more information call Debbie Shiflet (628-2760) or Jeanne Ferguson (684-6020), co-chairs.

Garden Tour Art Sale

Anyone who is interested in putting art work, pottery, or other items in the Art Sale at the church parish hall on Saturday, May 8 from 10:00-4:00 please email Mary McCorkle at mccorklem@bellsouth.net. The church will receive 25% of the sale. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Evensong

Good Shepherd's choir will join St. John's Choir for Evensong on **May 2** at St John's. St John's choir will join Good Shepherd's choir for Evensong at Good Shepherd on **May 16**. More information will follow in the May newsletter and in weekly E-blasts.

Supper Club

The Parish Life Committee plans to have a Supper Club event on Saturday evening, **May 22**. There will be a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall. Ya'll come!

If anyone would like to be a host for a supper club event in the future, please call Sudy Dressler at 684-2494 or Cecile Colmer at 904-386-2257.

Companion Niches Available in Our Columbarium

For information on purchasing a niche,
please call the church office or e-mail

Sherry Ramsey at
sherryramsey@goodshep.net

Notes from the Junior Warden

I want to thank those faithful who accomplished so much on our pre-Easter work day: Tom Burton, John Ness, John Shiflet, Paul Hanlon, Henry Mc Master, Jim Bradford, Bo Lowry, Sue Nance, Joyce Sanders, Randy Neff, Tracy Ferguson, Father Robert, and last but not least, Steve McCrae, a good Presbyterian with a great ecumenical spirit!!

We will have a fire dept inspection on April 12. We may not use the attic for miscellaneous storage due to fire regulations. If you have items there please remove them before the inspection day. Thanks! Jeanne Ferguson

Founders' Day at York Place

York Place began as the Church Home Orphanage in Charleston prior to the war between the states. In 1910 the orphanage moved to York, South Carolina, taking over the grounds of the old King's Mountain Military Academy. From that time until now Good Shepherd Church and York Place have shared ministry to children in the Upstate of South Carolina.

It is the custom of the parish to join with the children, staff and alumni of York Place for an annual service of worship and a meal. On **May 2** all Good Shepherd services will be folded into one service, to be held on the campus of York Place at 11:00 a.m. (The Celebrant will be our Bishop-elect, The Rev. Andrew Waldo) York Place is located at 234 Kings Mountain Street in York. Lunch will follow the service.

PATH Needs

Soup, Rice, Canned Meats, Diapers, Formula, Feminine Products, & Animal Food

Prayer Concerns

We continue to pray for the Episcopal Church.

We pray for the Sick, especially for...

Billie Gabbitas, Emily House, Sylvia Noble, Mildred Cushman, Cynthia Edson, Wendy Wells, Mary Starnes, Pat Ford, Smithy Gibson, Ken Mahle, Chad Wilson, Gary Maynard, Scott Sears, Roy Critcher, Donna Capell, Yolande Burton, Martin Williams, Beth Johnson, Elsie Sanders, Will Ramsey, Sandy Howie, Gene Knight, Brian Hanson

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

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, Robin Knowles, Cynthia Camp, Matthew McGee, Adam Good

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

York Place Board, Staff and Children, Joseph and Juliet Oliver, PATH Volunteers, Board, and Clients, Jack Burton, Nita Callaham, London Family, Emily Hollars, Betsy Moore, the Edson Family

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

Cynthia Edson, Joan Lusk (Stephanie DeGange's Mother), Tommy Turner (Barry Turner's Father)

Parish Register News

John Mason Davison transferred his membership from Good Shepherd to Clover Presbyterian Church.

Laura Settle Gibson transferred her membership from Filbert Presbyterian Church 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. We will need the name and address of the last church you were a member of.

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.

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.

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

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