

# SHEPHERD'S TALES

August  
2010



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

Here it is summertime, a season when most of us try to take time to travel to various places. This summer, in addition to travelling in the car (or on my motorcycle), I have taken trips into the past, and the future.

Like a lot of folks, I have reconnected with a lot of people and memories from my past via Facebook. At first, my main concern was "have I aged as well as my classmates?" Having discovered the answer is both yes and no, I have been able to put this question aside and enjoy the trip.

Last year, Phillips Norment took this picture of Walt and me during Holy Week. When I saw it, I immediately remembered a picture that had been taken of my father and me on Easter Sunday, 1963 at St. Helena's in Beaufort. We were both vested as he was a member of the choir and I was an Acolyte. I have tried to find this picture, to no avail. I did however find this one which was taken the same day. Sometimes, I find it hard to believe that I have been wearing a cassock (and serving the Episcopal Church) for almost 50 years.

I have also had the opportunity this summer to spend some time envisioning the future and our life here at the Church of the Good Shepherd. It is the recommendation of the consultants that we move forward, together, in a visioning process. As a means to that end, I have been following the recommendations of the consultants to learn additional leadership skills. As you might imagine, there are books galore about the subject. My summer reading has been People Styles at Work (Making Bad Relationships Good and Good Relationships Better), Antagonists in the Church (How to Identify and Deal with Destructive Conflict), The Perfect Leader (Practicing the Leadership Traits of God), the Scriptures (of course) and, at the request of Bishop Waldo, The Fly in the Ointment (Why Denominations aren't helping their congregations ... And how they can). I am in the process of putting together a coaching/accountability group here at Good Shepherd and Linda Prince has graciously volunteered to serve as a coach as well. Bishop Waldo and I have had several conversations, and I will be attending an interpersonal style class at the end of August. The Vestry has been given some recommendations as well, and I trust that we will be hearing more about that in the future.

As far as the visioning process is concerned, I would ask you to re-read (or read) my January, 2010 newsletter column. In the meantime, I ask for your prayers: For me, the vestry, the congregation and for the mission and vision of the church.

In Christ's Love and Service.

## Monthly Meetings

Next ECW meeting:  
September

Next Regular Vestry meeting:  
Tuesday, **August 17**  
7:00 p.m. in the parlor

We need volunteers to be present in the building while Narcotics Anonymous meets on Monday evenings. Volunteers should arrive to let the group in at 6:30 pm and should be able to leave after locking up and securing the alarm by 8:15. Please contact the church office if you can help out. Please see bulletin board in the parish hall to sign up.

NA Volunteers are needed on:

August	9	September	6
	23		13
	30		20
			27

## Antique Show and Sale News

### The Summerfest Antique Show & Sale



Is it really time to think about Summerfest and the Antique Show again? Well, almost! Please mark your calendars for Friday, **August 27** and Saturday, **August 28** as the days for the Antique Show.

We will need help of every kind from Wednesday evening, **August 25** through the cleanup on Saturday, **August 28**. Jobs include bakers, parking attendants, kitchen choppers, lunch servers, ticket takers, tour guides and many other jobs. Please take at least one job on as your own! We could not do this without the nearly universal participation of our parish. Please contact the team leader listed below to volunteer at your earliest convenience.

Bake Sale	Elaine Ness	803-831-7380
Booklet	Diane Hanlon	803-684-5349
Church Tours	Lettie Knight	803-684-6673
ECW Pres.	Cheney Baltz	803-628-4064
Jacks of All Trades	Don Kidwell & Frank Van Leer	803-328-3786 803-631-3543
Kitchen	Jill Neff	803-684-2251
Men's Club	Bruce Baltz	803-628-4604
Organ Concert	Steven Aycock	704-965-4588
Outside Concierge	Jayne Burton	803-831-1978
Parking	Tom Burton	803-831-1978
Publicity	Cheney Baltz	803-628-4064
Security	Framp Harper Craig Wilkerson	
Ticket Sales	Open	

### Summerfest Kitchen

The Summerfest kitchen crew needs your help. With food costs rising rapidly, we would like to try to keep costs down and profits up. Your donations to the kitchen would be a great help to us in trying to keep down our costs. We thank all of you who are able to donate both food and/or money to help us out. It would be a great help if you could pick up a couple of extra items when you go grocery shopping and leave the items in the kitchen marked for Summerfest either on the counter or in the freezer depending upon the item. Monetary donations would also be welcome. Please call Jill Neff- home 684-2251 or cell 372-2433 with questions. Thank you in advance for your continued support. **The following are the items we will need right away through August 8:**

Yellow cake mixes, Chocolate Cake mixes, Cool Whip (generic is fine), Candy bars like Kit Kat, Crunch, M&Ms, etc., Chocolate Syrup, Strawberry Jam, Brownie Mix, Eggs, any other bar mixes, powdered sugar, saran wrap, vegetable oil, frozen strawberries, blueberries, peaches.

**The rest of the items we will need prior to August 21:** Mayonnaise In Squeeze Bottles, Mustard - Dijon, Ketchup, Colored Retina Pasta, Small Bags Of Chips Or Variety Packs, 16 Oz. Cups, Napkins, Frozen Lemonade, Powdered Lemonade, All Beef Hot Dogs, Coffee And Creamer, 12 Packs Of Canned Soda (brand Names Only Please), Bottled Water, Ziploc Sandwich Bags, Ziploc Quart Sized Freezer Bags, Ziploc gallon freezer bags, Italian Dressing, Frozen Pillsbury Biscuits That You Just Heat Through, Bags Of Pre-Cooked Sausages From Wal-Mart, Feta Cheese, Tea Bags, Sweet And Low, Splenda, Equal, Sugar (10# Bag), Lemons

### By Tuesday, August 24, we will need:

Tomatoes, Lettuce, Green, Red, Yellow, and Orange Peppers (not the small ones), Onions, Hot Dog Buns, Lemons, Cucumbers

### Antique Show Booklet

We are actively working on the ads for the Summerfest Booklet. It's not too late if you would like to become a Friend of the Antique Show. Please mail your donations to: Diane Hanlon, 208 Kings Mountain Street, York, SC 29745. All donations are needed by Monday, **August 9**.

## Junior Warden's Report

The new heating and cooling systems are installed in the church. The original bid was \$21,302. Brown's gave us a break on the bid and final bill was \$18,661, a difference of \$2,641. After my report in the newsletter last month, a member of our parish graciously gave a \$1,000 donation toward the new system.

The ceiling work in the parish hall is complete. As planned, R-19 insulation was installed, the ceiling leveled, broken tiles replaced and electrical work and fan installation all done. The bid was \$3,650 plus tax and the actual cost was \$3,009.09, a difference of \$640.91.

I have not yet purchased the gutter guard but a member of the parish has volunteered to pay the purchase cost which is expected to be \$250.

The attic has been cleaned out. A lock has been installed on the attic door so we will not be in violation of the fire codes. The Christmas decorations are all that remain in there.

While cleaning out the attic, I found 2 signs that I put on the empty sign post in front of the parish hall.

The brass plaques about the memorial gifts made by Lucetta Shirley Arntz, Ann Lowry Murphy and General Sumter Lowry have been installed on the new Sunday school room doors and on the front door of the church.

The downstairs closet in the area of the old bathrooms has been cleaned and organized. The fire codes dictate that

nothing can be placed near the gas hot water heater and we are now in compliance.

Dixie Exterminating has sprayed to parish hall to rid it of ants and mice.

The parking lot has been sprayed along with the play area to rid it of unwanted grass. Thanks to Jim Linkous for the generous donation of both his time and spray.

A new mat is on the front porch of the parish house. Thanks to Paul Hanlon for this donation.

Thanks to Debbie Shiflet and Libby Bradford for helping clean up and maintain the courtyard. Also thanks to Tracy Ferguson for providing help and tools when needed.

Sherry got us a case of "Green" light bulbs, a perk for Duke Power customers so we will be converting to those as needed.

We have received a price estimate on putting sound in the parish hall as we did for Sandy Howie's funeral. That would be \$1,500. If we wanted to add 3 small microphones in the church for use each Sunday that would add approximately \$800. We already are "cable ready" for video as we did that wiring with our new construction, but that equipment could all be added later. Approximate price for all \$2,500.

#### LEFT ON MY LIST TO DO:

Clean out and organize old library room and store room at back of parish hall. Install gutter guard. Repair exterior plaster at side door of church at the ramp.

Jeanne Ferguson, Jr. Warden

### **Parish News**

#### **Angel Food Coordinator Needed**

In August, Cheney Baltz will be stepping down as coordinator of our Angel Food Ministry. We give thanks to God (and hope you will also) for Cheney and her work in this important ministry. We are particularly proud of this ministry in that it is completely lay led and run. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Fr. Robert or Cheney (as head of the Missions & Outreach Committee). There are many people in our area that count on this ministry, and it is vital that we find a new coordinator as soon as possible so that we may continue to provide this much need service to our community.



#### **WELCOME TO THE PARISH MARKETPLACE**

sponsored by the Concierge Committee

"The Parish Marketplace" consists of two bulletin boards located by the Concierge table in the parish hall. The purpose is to advertise goods and services to be sold, purchased or given away.

If you need a baby sitter, pet sitter, house cleaner or if you are one of the above, "The Parish Marketplace" can help you with your search! Have a bike or table for sale or want to buy one? Advertise on "The Parish Marketplace". Special event? The "Parish Marketplace" will get the news out!

So, keep "posted" with the "The Parish Marketplace"- you'll be glad you did!

#### **Love and Loaves Update!!**

Love and Loaves is off the ground but we need additional help in 2 easy ways: (1) Please continue to bake breads, muffins, etc. and bring them to the church freezer with a label on them. (2) Let the church office know when there is a parishioner in need or in celebration so that we can get a loaf and card to them. This program will not work unless we know who needs parish support. 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. If you are unable to physically bake bread but want to contribute with either a monetary donation to the cause please contact Caroline Wheless at 803/628-1531. We also need a few volunteers to deliver cards and bread. Thanks for your support!

#### **Annual Yard Sale September 11**

Time to clean out your closets!! Yard Sale time is here again. It will be held on Saturday, **September 11** from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. (All proceeds will be directed to the ECW Kitchen Fund.) You may begin bringing in your gently used items, including clothing on **August 29. (Due to the Summerfest Antique Show and Sale, we cannot take any items before August 29.)** Please plan on delivering the items between the hours of 9:00 and 1:00 Monday - Thursday. If you are unable to do that, you may leave items by the side door to the parish hall, but call my cell phone, 382-2433, to let me know it is there. We will accept most anything, but please make sure that clothing is not stained, and that other items are in working order. It would be helpful if you would put a note on electronic items to let me know if there are any problems. Help will be needed the day of the sale. We will especially need a couple pick up trucks to remove the leftovers. We should be totally completed by noon. Thanks in advance for your donations. Call Jill Neff with any questions, home 684-2251, cell 372-2433.

#### **Ed Warlick Remembered**

Ed Warlick will be remembered during coffee hour on **August 15**. Mr. Warlick was a former organist at Good Shepherd and was a mentor to Mr. Steven Branyon, formerly of York and currently the organist at All Saints', Hilton Head. A special thank you to Mr. Branyon for hosting coffee hour to honor Mr. Warlick's memory.

## **PATH Needs**

Toiletries such as: Soap, Shampoo, Disposable Razors, Shaving Cream, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Feminine Products, etc.

## **Prayer Concerns**

We continue to pray for the Episcopal Church.

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

**Billie Gabbitas, Sylvia Noble, Mildred Cushman, Mary Starnes, Pat Ford, Smithy Gibson, Ken Mahle, Gary Maynard, Scott Sears, Roy Critcher, Donna Capell, Yolande Burton, Beth Johnson, Bobby Perry, Jane Ralston, Martin Green, Miles Gooseman, Cathy Fornier, Sarah Waring, Jax Bolin**

*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, Emori Moore**

*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 Callahan, London Family, Emily Hollars, Betsy Moore, The Watson Family, Wendy Wells**

## **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](mailto:sherryramsey@goodshep.net)

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.

## **Worship & Study Opportunities**

### **Sundays**

The Holy Eucharist  
8:00 a.m. (*Lake Wylie*)  
10:30 a.m. (*York*)

Christian Education  
(*resumes in the Fall*)

### **Wednesdays**

Bible Study  
(*resumes in the Fall*)

*Please remember that we do not have the  
Healing Service and the Saturday Evening  
Service during the summer months.*



## **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 (803-480-1064; [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.

## 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

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