



## Worship & Study Opportunities

### Sundays

#### The Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. (*Lake Wylie*)

10:30 a.m. (*York*)

#### Christian Education

9:30 a.m. for Everyone

### Wednesdays

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

7:00 p.m. Bible Study (*Parlor*)

### Saturdays

5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist

### Ash Wednesday, February 17

Noon & 7:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist



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

In the words of the *Book of Common Prayer* (page 265), we are invited, "in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Word."

What does it mean to be invited, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent? Why are we not invited in the name of God, or Jesus? One of the hallmarks of Anglicanism is that the church is seen both as a living organism (the body of Christ), and as a divinely appointed institution. Because of this, faith is not merely something that is "between me and God." Rather, faith is a corporate activity. Through our baptism (by which we become members of the church), we are able to participate in the power of the paschal mystery. Individually, we are buried with Christ and will rise with Christ to be sure, but, this is also the common experience of all who have been baptized. Thus, the church is the fellowship of all those who share a common identity in Christ. When we gather on Sunday (or perhaps more appropriately, when we gather as a body), we do not gather as individuals performing some pietistic duty, but rather as the celebration of the common identity that baptism has created. In other words, we are an expression of God's inward activity, an instrument of God's saving action that signifies His abiding grace and power to a world in desperate need. What an awesome privilege it is to be a part of Christ's body, the church.

Lent is a time when it would be appropriate to take a look at our spiritual disciplines. In some cases, I have known folks who "give up" something for Lent, such as chocolate, movies or the like. While self-denial is part of what we are called to, I wonder if we might be better served if we were to "take something on," such as a vow to spend time in daily prayer, or time reading God's Word. I commend to you our Lenten series called "Christianity Explored."

Based on the Gospel of Mark, Christianity Explored is designed to "let the Gospel tell the gospel." Christianity Explored helps folks answer three questions that cut to the heart of Christianity: Who is Jesus? Why did he come? And what does he demand of those who want to follow him? Each session will feature a DVD presentation by the Rev. Rico Tice of All Souls Church, London (John Stott's church), a study guide and discussion. The DVD presentations are thought provoking and often humorous.

We will meet during Lent beginning Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> (the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday) at 7:00 pm in the Parlor. I hope to see you there.

### 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. Names will stay on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

## Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish meeting was held on January 17 immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist in York. We elected three members to serve a three year term on the Vestry (Jeanne Ferguson, Debbie Shiflet and Meade Wilson) and one member to serve a two year term on the Vestry (Cheney Baltz) as well as received reports from the various committees and program groups of the church.

## Parish News

### Announcements & Lay Ministry Schedule

Due to budget cutbacks, we have stopped publishing the weekly announcements in the bulletin as well as the lay ministry schedule in the newsletter. Each week we will post all announcements on the bulletin board in the parish hall and on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. We will also post the lay ministry schedule each month on the bulletin boards.

We will e-mail reminders to those serving, announcements and lessons weekly and we will continue to e-mail the lay ministry schedule monthly. Please make sure the office has your current e-mail address. If you do not have e-mail, please stop by the bulletin boards each week to review the announcements and to check the lay ministry schedule.

### Souper Bowl Sunday

The Youth of Good Shepherd will sponsor the annual Souper Bowl Luncheon on Sunday, **February 7**, immediately following the 10:30 am service in York. All are asked to bring a food item or free will offering. The Super Bowl in Miami, Florida will see either the Saints or the Colts as the winner later in the day, but PATH will be the winner in York as we support our local food bank with The Souper Bowl of Caring. Let's work to beat last year's result of \$696. Chicken noodle and vegetable soup will be served along with light sandwiches. As always, please feel free to wear your favorite team colors, jerseys, etc. to make this an extra fun event!

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The annual Pancake Supper, sponsored jointly by the Men's Club and York Place, will be on **February 16** from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the York Place dining hall. Volunteers are needed to help cook, serve and clean up. Sign up sheets are in the narthex or you may e-mail the church office at [sherryramsey@comporium.net](mailto:sherryramsey@comporium.net) if you would like to help and/or if you are planning to attend. Please RSVP by **February 7**. The meal is a drop-in and it's FREE! Bring the entire family.

You are invited to attend the York Place Chapel service at 4:00 p.m. or Compline at 7:00 p.m. in the York Place Chapel. Questions? Call Andy Whitehead 684-0273.

### 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**. Fr. Robert will begin Confirmation classes in late March. Dates for the classes will be published in the March edition of the *Shepherd's Tales*.

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.

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

## Haiti Update from the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund

On Tuesday, January 12, 2010, a 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit Haiti. The nation's capital Port-au-Prince, located only ten miles from the quake's epicenter, has sustained serious damage. Since the disaster, the nation has been affected by a series of aftershocks with magnitude 4.0 or higher on the Richter scale. The latest of these, a 6.1-magnitude event, occurred early on January 20 approximately 35 miles west of Port-au-Prince.

Episcopal Relief & Development has disbursed emergency funding for its program partner, the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, to help meet immediate needs such as food, water and shelter. The agency is standing ready to support the Diocese with post-earthquake recovery and rebuilding efforts. Episcopal Relief & Development is also partnering with the neighboring Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic to help care for the influx of Haitian refugees and coordinate relief efforts that can be administered from the border areas. In addition, the agency has partnered with IMA World Health, a non-profit organization providing medical assistance and supplies in and around Port-au-Prince.

To assist those suffering in the wake of this disaster, donate online to Episcopal Relief & Development's Haiti fund (<https://www.er-d.org/donate-select.php>) or call 1.800.334.7626, ext. 5129. Checks can be mailed to **Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.**

### 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

*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, Robin Knowles

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

York Place Board, Staff and Children, Haiti

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

John McNeely, Sr., the father of John McNeely. We pray the McNeely family as they mourn his death.

The Victims of the earthquake in Haiti

We give thanks for the birth of Madeline Hope Ramsey, the daughter of Lee & Jennifer Ramsey.

#### 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@goodshp.net](mailto:rector@goodshp.net) or [sherryramsey@goodshp.net](mailto:sherryramsey@goodshp.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.

#### PATH Needs

Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Soap, Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, Shampoo, Soups, Meats, Baby Products, Diapers & Wipes

#### Parish Register News

Wayne & Joanne Lentz transferred their membership from Good Shepherd to Abiding Presence Lutheran Church

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

## 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  
Steven Aycock, Organist/Choir Master  
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