

SHEPHERD'S TALES

March
2010



Holy Week Services

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday

8:00am - Lake Wylie

10:30am - York

Blessing of the Palms (begins in Parish Hall)

The Holy Eucharist

Monday, March 29

Noon – First Baptist Church, York

Community Service

7:00pm - York

The Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 30

Noon – First Baptist Church, York

Community Service

7:00pm - York

The Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, March 31

Noon – First Baptist Church, York

Community Service

7:00pm - York

The Holy Eucharist w/ Healing

Thursday, April 1 - Maundy Thursday

Noon – First Baptist Church, York

Community Service (Fr. Robert Preaching)

7:00pm - York

The Holy Eucharist

Washing of Feet

Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

Noon – First Baptist Church, York

Community Service

3:00pm - York

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm - York

Liturgy of Good Friday

Veneration of the Cross

Communion from Reserved Sacrament

Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday

9:00am - York

Morning Prayer

7:30pm - York

The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 4 - Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Day)

8:00am - Lake Wylie

The Holy Eucharist

9:30am - York

Breakfast

10:30am - York

Festival Eucharist

After Church - York

Lemonade and Cookies on the Lawn

Easter Egg Hunt

Light lunch will follow the Community Holy Week Services at First Baptist.

Last month, I, along with Fr. IV Lyon (Good Shepherd, Columbia), Fr. Trey Garland (St. Andrew's, Greenville) and Fr. Leslie Drake (St. Augustine of Canterbury, Aiken), were privileged to be invited to attend the Anglo-Catholic Rector's Conference. At our last Vestry meeting, there was some discussion as to what "anglo-catholic" meant. While it is impossible to describe anglo-catholicism in one newsletter article, I thought I would provide a brief introduction since the anglo-catholic movement has had a profound effect on The Church of the Good Shepherd.

As Episcopalians, we consider ourselves to be both catholic and reformed. Catholic (literally translated: universal) in that we view ourselves as part of the universal church of Jesus Christ in unbroken continuity with the apostles (the apostolic church), with an emphasis on the Church Fathers and made known in the Creeds (Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian). We are reformed in that we have been shaped and influenced by the Protestant Reformation (a good example of this are the 39 Articles of Religion on page 867 in the BCP). A simplistic explanation is that the Elizabethan Settlement (the English Reformation) threw out the extremes of both Roman Catholicism and congregational Protestantism, and Anglicanism (or Episcopalians as we are known in the United States) became a "bridge church" between the two.

In 1883 there began a movement of folks who taught at Oxford University that thought the Church of England had thrown away too much of catholic worship and theology in the English Reformation and sought to recover a portion by writing pamphlets, called "Tracts for Our Times" (which led to the names "The Oxford Movement" or "The Tractarians". The Oxford Movement emphasized the mystery of the Sacraments (including the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharistic elements of bread and wine), rich worship, holiness of life and sacrificial service to the poor. The term "anglo-catholic" came to mean a Church of England (and thus to us an Episcopal) catholic as opposed to a Roman Catholic.

One of the biggest outward characteristic of anglo-catholicism are the ceremonial aspects of worship. This is sometimes referred to as "high-church" (as opposed to the "low church" ceremonial of the more protestant wing of the Episcopal Church). Among these aspects found at the Church of the Good Shepherd are the use of Eucharistic vestments (the chasuble, dalmatic or tunicle worn over a white robe and the use of the biretta – the black hat I wear on occasion); an altar attached to the rear wall as opposed to a free standing table, the use of candles and incense, the mixing of water with the wine at the Eucharist, chanting the psalms as opposed to "saying" them, stained glass windows, the use of "Father" when referring to a priest, private confessions, Eucharistic adoration (benediction), genuflecting (bowing on one knee) and making the sign of the cross just to name a few.

Are we an Anglo-Catholic parish then? We are not (strictly speaking). Among other characteristics of anglo-catholicism is a devotion to Mary. Although we have a hanging of Mary as "Our Lady of Walsingham" over the columbarium, we do not gather to recite the rosary or say prayers that Mary will intercede on our behalf (i.e. the "Hail Mary"). We do not celebrate the Mass everyday. Indeed, it is rarely referred to here as the Mass, but rather the Holy Communion or The Lord's Supper.

This is but a brief introduction to some of the rich heritage on our Episcopal tradition. If you would like to know more, google anglo-catholic on the internet. Or, better yet, ask your rector to have a class on anglo-catholicism.

Pax Dómini sit semper vobiscum (or "The Peace of the Lord be always with you" – anglo-catholics like to speak Latin).

A Message from the Senior Warden

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

At a special meeting of the Vestry last Thursday evening, the Vestry passed a resolution to pursue professional mediation without invoking any canons of the church. Both the Vestry and Rector are fully committed to this process.

Jesus teaches us that the greatest commandment is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind; and to love your neighbor as yourself" (Summary of the Law, BCP page 351). If we are to receive God's love and forgiveness, we are certainly expected to extend our love and forgiveness to all others.

Our efforts will not be a simple event but a long and arduous journey that requires the efforts of all of us. I pray that all of you will join in this commitment and willingly offer your support and prayers.

Our hope during this Lenten season is that we will come together as a Parish and use this time as a period of prayer, repentance, forgiveness and discernment.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everliving God, Ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Prayer For the Parish, BCP page 817).

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.

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 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning **April 7** and ending on **May 5**.

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.

Eucharistic Minister or a Eucharistic Visitor Training

Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister (Chalice Bearer) or a Eucharistic Visitor (taking Communion to the sick)? Any one who is a "a confirmed communicant in good standing" may become one after training and receiving a license ("Safe Church" is also required prior to licensing). For those who are interested, a training will take place at St. Matthias on Saturday, **March 13** from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. The fee is \$15.00. If you are interested, please contact the Rector.

PATH Needs

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

Cynthia Edson's New Address:
Mandrin Chesapeake Hospice House
3675 Solomons Island Road
Harwood, MD 20776

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, Alan Pointer, Joe Hoberek, Scott Heatherly, Ken Mahle, Chad Wilson, Judi Smith, Gary Maynard, Raynor Moore, Scott Sears, Roy Critcher, Donna Capell, Yolande Burton, Martin Williams

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, Jeff Burton, Jack Burton, Nita Callahan, London Family**

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

Dorothy Park, a dear friend of Pete and Claire Addison, Jean Bennett, Elaine Ness's Mother

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.

Broiderer's Guild News

This January we bypassed our beach trip. Instead, we met four mornings in member's homes with needlework and lunch. Bobbie Hawkins has completed her border design for one of the chairs. The rest of us are working hard on our canvases. New member Wanda McCorkle worked on her light house picture. Vicki Killen purchased a lovely design for a footstool. Shay Wilkerson practiced various shapes. Eleanor and Susan Wilkerson made hearts for Valentines. It was a successful week with work, good food and fellowship. We meet on the second Monday of the month in the parlor of the parish house. All beginners are welcome.

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

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.

Easter Announcements

Easter Memorial List

It is the custom of this parish to publish an Easter Memorial List. Please snail mail or e-mail (sherryramsey@comporium.net) all names for the list to the office by Monday, **March 21**. Donations are greatly appreciated and should be marked for Easter offering.

Family Easter Breakfast April 4

The Men's Club will provide breakfast for the parish on Easter morning at 9:30 a.m. **EVERYONE** is invited to attend the breakfast. We extend a warm welcome to the Lake Wylie congregation! Questions? Please call John Shiflet, President of the Men's Club.

Easter Egg Hunt, April 4

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist on Easter Day. The Rite-13 class will hide eggs after church. Then the children will begin the hunt at the playground. We need eggs. We request plastic eggs filled with candy and or real eggs already dyed. Eggs can be dropped off at the church during Holy Week. Please put real, hard boiled eggs in the refrigerator so they won't spoil. Thank you goes to Jill Neff for creating the prize baskets and to Jen Mecca-Lawler for making the prize eggs.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Bobbie Hawkins and Steven Aycock will serve lemonade and cookies on the lawn following the Festival Eucharist on Easter Sunday.

Community Holy Week Services

Community Holy Week noon services will be held at First Baptist Church, York with a light lunch provided following the service. The offering collected during the week is given to the Western York County Ministerial Emergency fund. This fund provides emergency lodging for transients. Good Shepherd will provide lunch on Monday and Fr. Robert will preach on Maundy Thursday.

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.

Parish Register News

CJ and Katzy Nager transferred their membership from Good Shepherd to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fort Mill.

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.

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

Staff

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