



## 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

### Last Day of Sunday School

May 30 (*resumes in the Fall*)

### Wednesdays

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

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

### Saturdays

5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist



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

This past week, two quotes came to my attention that struck me in reference to our current troubles at Good Shepherd. The first came as I was reading in the newspaper about NASA criticizing President Obama and his plans for the nation's space program. In the article was a quote from President Jack Kennedy concerning the commitment to put a man on the moon before the end of the decade. Kennedy said: "*We choose to go, not because it is easy, but because it is hard.*"

The second came at the recent clergy business day which was held at Camp Gravatt. In describing the relationships within the College of Presbyters (which is what you call the clergy of the diocese when they are gathered together with the Bishop), a priest of the diocese remarked that relationships between the clergy had gotten so bad a few years ago, it became necessary to stop and make a commitment to give one another a "*charitable assumption,*" meaning (and this is a mild paraphrase) that when listening to someone with whom we disagreed, we should take what they were saying at face value and believe that the person had the best interest of the church at heart.

In our Catechism (BCP page 855) the question is asked: *What is the mission of the Church?* Answer: *The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.* Here is how St. Paul put it: "*All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us*" (2 Corinthians 5:18-19).

Reconciliation and forgiveness are at the heart of the Gospel. Yet, they are the hardest to achieve because one must die to one's self and leave ourselves in a vulnerable position. In the Lord's Prayer however, we pray "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Have you ever thought about what that means? In actuality, we are asking God to forgive us in the same manner we have forgiven others.

As we move into the summer months and into our period of mediation, my prayer is that we will remember, and act on, all of these wise words. The only remedy for our troubles – and we must trust it – lies in our encouraging one another in faith, hope and charity and holding on to the truth of God in word and sacrament.

*Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.* (Hebrews 4:16).

In Christ's love and service

## Monthly Meetings

Next ECW meeting:

Tuesday, **May 4**

6:30 pm in the parlor

Next Vestry meeting:

Tuesday, **May 18**

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.

NA Volunteers are needed on:

June	14
	21
	28

Consecration of the VIII Bishop of Upper South Carolina will take place Saturday, **May 22, 2010** (11:00 AM) at Christ Church, Greenville. Good Shepherd will have 24 tickets available for any who would like to attend. A signup sheet is located in the Parish Hall. If more than 24 sign up, the names will be placed in a lottery drawing and the first 24 names drawn will receive tickets. For more information see [www.goodshep.net/consecration](http://www.goodshep.net/consecration) -or- [www.edusc.org/consecration](http://www.edusc.org/consecration).

## **Parish News**

### **Principal Feasts**

Of the seven principal feasts of the church year, three are just around the corner: the **Day of Ascension (May 13)**, the **Day of Pentecost (May 23)** and the **Sunday of the Trinity (May 30)**. Wouldn't it be great if all of us would commit to being together on those days, praising the Lord and giving thanks for all he has done for us?

### **Founders' Day at York Place**

A reminder that **May 2** is Founders' Day at York Place. It is the tradition of this parish that we join with York Place as they celebrate the Holy Eucharist on that Sunday. Lunch on the campus grounds will follow the service. Please join us.

10:00 a.m.	Registration
11:00 a.m.	The Holy Eucharist
12:30p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony

### **Founders' Day Breakfast**

It is our tradition to serve a breakfast to the York Place Alumni. We are in need of several items. We need breakfast casseroles, fruit, muffins, and juices. If you are able to supply any of these items, please email Jill Neff at [wrn@comporium.net](mailto:wrn@comporium.net) or [gneff@chester.k12.sc.us](mailto:gneff@chester.k12.sc.us) or call 372-2433. We need to know by Friday what you will be bringing. All items will need to be at the church by 7:45 A.M. on Sunday. We could also use some help setting up tables on Saturday at 1:30. Thanks.

### **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 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. For more information about the gardens, please visit our website [www.goodshep.net](http://www.goodshep.net).

### **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](mailto:mccorklem@bellsouth.net). The church will

receive 25% of the sale. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

### **Garden Tour Luncheon**

As we did last year, we are in need of your homemade cakes and pies for the garden tour lunch. Please consider making your specialty. We will need a lot of desserts, we had over 150 people for lunch last year. Please email or call Jill Neff at [wrn@comporium.net](mailto:wrn@comporium.net) or [gneff@chester.k12.sc.us](mailto:gneff@chester.k12.sc.us) or 372-2433 with what you can bring. Help is also needed Thursday, May 6th, at 6:00 to help chop vegetables and fruits for the tour and also to set up tables and chairs. Any help you can give would be appreciated.

### **The ECW Requests Help**

In preparation of the garden tour, the ECW needs a few strong men to setup tables in the parish hall for the luncheon on Thursday, **May 6** at 6:00 p.m. If you are willing to help setup tables or if you are willing to volunteer for any part in the Garden Tour, please call Jeanne Ferguson at 684-6020 or Debbie Shiflet at 628-2760.

### **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**. God willing, Vic McGee and Lillian Wilkerson will be Confirmed.

### **Evensongs**

Good Shepherd's choir will join St. John's Choir at 5:00 p.m. for Evensong and Benediction on **May 16** at St John's (Carmel Road, Charlotte). St John's choir will join Good Shepherd's choir at 5:00 p.m. for Evensong at Good Shepherd on **June 6**.

### **Supper Club**

The Supper Club event that was planned for **May 22** is being rescheduled due to the Consecration of the VIII Bishop of Upper SC. At press time, a new date has not been selected. We will notify everyone through Facebook, e-blasts and announcements on Sunday mornings.

### **PATH Needs**

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

### **Annual Yard Sale Delayed until Fall**

Our annual yard sale which is usually held in June will be delayed until probably September this year. Please hold all of your good yard sale items until then.

### **Picnic at Nancy Landstreet's Farm**

Please mark your calendars for an after church picnic at Nancy Landstreet's farm on **June 12**. We will be celebrating the end of Sunday School and hopefully a beautiful summer day! Please bring a well-filled picnic basket full of your favorite dishes to share! We will have badminton, outside games for the children, wonderful food, and lots of fun!

Come one, come all, meet and get to know your fellow parishioners. **All guests are invited!**

Directions: From the Church:  
L on Liberty St., L on Congress St. at the Court House.  
Then go 5 miles on S. 321.

Look for the Philadelphia Methodist Church on your right. Just past the church, take a L on Cameron. 1 mile on Cameron, L on Bolivar (blue sign).

### **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](mailto:ckwheless@msn.com) or 628-1531) if you have questions, would like to volunteer or if you wish to make a donation.

### **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, Wendy Wells, Mary Starnes, Pat Ford, Smithy Gibson, Ken Mahle, Gary Maynard, Scott Sears, Roy Critcher, Donna Capell, Yolande Burton, Martin Williams, Beth Johnson, Elsie Sanders, Sandy Howie, Bobby Perry, Matt Smith, Jane Ralston**

*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**

### **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 (803-631-3543; [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.

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.

### **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)

## 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

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