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Shepherd's Tales



Message to the Congregation

The Vestry and Wardens of Good Shepherd would like to wish everyone a **Blessed Christmastide.**

As the Advent season ends and Christmas

and all for the patience and support you have shown your vestry this past year. I believe we are all stronger because of that support and hopefully we will soon be ready for the next part of our journey.



begins, we are all reminded of many things; the birth of the

Blessed Christ child intermingled with our own childhood memories, special times with our families and friends and the many opportunities this season brings to help others in need. We also reflect on our many blessings. As 2011 draws to a close, I would like to thank one

To discern exactly who will be our next priest is not an easy task. Most everyone will have his or her own preconceived ideas and opinions about who that person should be. I have faith that whoever it is, our congregation will embrace and nurture them as they begin their life with us at Good Shepherd and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit we will all joyfully enter into 2012. There is much to be done and I wait with great anticipation!

Merry Christmas
Jeanne Ferguson

The Vestry has asked that as many of us as are able use the front doors to enter the church through the bell tower. The side door opening and closing in cold weather creates a draft and defeats the heating system; particularly for those who sit along the center aisle. Of course those with physical challenges are strongly encouraged to continue using the ramp and enter through the side door.

Special points of interest:

- January Schedule (insert)
- January Calendar (insert)

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Please come for a pot luck lunch

Sunday, after church, January 1, 2012, to the Landstreet's farm – ask anyone else who you like. Black eyed peas and greens will be there. Bring whatever you want to bring. Directions are posted on the back of this newsletter.

Congratulations to Glen Gilbert.!



Here's the staff for Cursillo 121. Please pray for all the staff and the candidates to come and for our own Glen Gilbert!

Music Team

Head: Parks Majors, Holy Cross, Simpsonville
Glen Gilbert, Good Shepherd, York
Tyler Goss, Christ Church, Greenville

STEWARDSHIP Reminder

All pledge cards have been distributed. Please help us in making the budget for 2012 doable...get those pledges to us as soon as possible.

Thank you so much for your support this year of transition.

The Vestry

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 15th, 2012. All qualified voting members of the Parish are requested to attend for the election of new Vestry Members. You may find their bios on page 4 of this newsletter. Additional nominations from the floor may be made by any voting member, provided the nominee is present to accept the nomination or his consent has previously been obtained.

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd York, South Carolina	
11 months ending 11/30/11	
Actual	
INCOME	
Pledge Income	130,471.43
Plate Offerings	2,187.00
Special Offerings	1,504.00
Interest Income	209.77
TOTAL INCOME	134,372.20
EXPENDITURES	
Worship & Parish Ministry	87,316.73
Diocesan Pledge	-
Mission & Outreach	737.47
Christian Formation & Continuing Education	200.03
Facility Costs	32,783.51
Supplies & Miscellaneous	6,755.49
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	127,793.23
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	6,578.97

Pastoral Care:

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 time of need.

To request a visit or phone call from a priest, 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. Someone will contact you, as quickly as possible, to make arrangements to visit or speak with you. The church office phone number is 803-684-4021, email the office at this address:

thegoodshepherd@comporium.net . If you would like a visit or phone call from a member of the Pastoral Care Committee, please call Frank Van Leer (803-480-1064 or email : k9cr8@comporium.net) or Sue Nance; (803) 684-6901.

Ed. Note: Our EV (Eucharistic Visitors) have been busy. They have visited parishioners 31 times, providing communion for 91 people in this last year. Thank you all for this ministry!

STEWARDSHIP

Fr. Werner told us several weeks ago how to double our money using the rule of 72. Last week our treasurer, Randy Neff, stated that this has not yet occurred during our 2012 pledge campaign. The humorist, Will Rogers, states that the best way to double your money is to “fold it up and put it in your pocket.”

Sadly, neither suggestion has worked for your stewardship committee. As of this writing we have pledged for approximately 60% of our 2012 budget and we are very near the end of the year 2011.

Many of us have been **digging** deeply into our treasure (or future treasure) to ensure that our church will be able to provide for the spiritual and financial needs during

2012. For this we are grateful.

You will notice the word “digging” in the above paragraph has been highlighted. This is **deliberate**. The weekly financial reports from our treasurer indicate that we are definitely “in a hole.” The Oxford Dictionary of Proverbs states that “When you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.”

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We have all probably heard this quote. Does it mean we should abandon our goal? Should the church refund all alms received and fill the hole so not to mar the landscape? Should we sit on our shovels and look up at the clouds above? I researched the internet for an article or commentary on what to do under such circumstances and did not find a single solution or suggestion.

I did, however, find a solution for our campaign right here at home. In a November 17, 2011 letter, our Sr. Warden, Jeanne Ferguson, wrote the following:

"I realize many of you have adopted a "wait and see" attitude as to the safest route to take as we go down some uncharted territory. Some of this I understand; however, it impedes our progress in many ways, first and foremost being our ability to call a suitable

priest. Having said this there are several things that need to happen:

1. In order to offer a reasonable stipend that will attract a good priest, we all need to turn in our pledge cards.
2. If we are to offer more to our congregation, we all need to turn in our pledge cards.
3. If we want to fill our church school with the sound of children, we all need to turn in our pledge cards.
4. If we want those who need it to receive full pastoral care we all need to turn in our pledge cards.
5. If we want to support our mission projects and have outreach in our community, we all need to turn in our pledge cards.
6. If we want to be known in the com-

munity as a caring congregation, we all need to turn in our pledge cards.

7. If we want to add an additional service or expand in any way, we all need to turn in our pledge cards.
8. If we want to continue to maintain our beautiful historic buildings, we all need to turn in our pledge cards.

I believe that now is the time for all of us to "dig a little deeper" while we are able. My grandfather used to tell his conservative brother that if he waited until he was dead to support the church his arm would be too stiff to reach his pocket !!

Charlie Nance,
Stewardship Chairman

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Altar Flowers

Have you ever wanted to give flowers for the altar in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone or some event?

Have you ever wanted to serve on the Altar Guild? If so, contact either Jeanne Ferguson (jeanneferguson@comporium.net; 803-684-6020) or Shay Wilkerson (flhsc@aol.com)

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Daughters of the King

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Episcopal Church Women (Comprised of all women of the church)

Ms. Diane Linkous, President

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Ms. Sue Nance, Secretary

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BIOS FOR THOSE RUNNING FOR VESTRY JANUARY 2012

Jim Bradford

My family and I moved to York in August 1996 and immediately joined the Church of the Good Shepherd. Since that time I have served as President of the Men's Club and as a member and Clerk of the Vestry for one term. In December 1996, I joined the Choir and have been a member ever since. Professionally, I am a lawyer in private practice in York.

I was raised as a Southern Baptist, but have attended the Episcopal Church since 1982. I have come to know and love the members of this Parish and want to see Good Shepherd grow and prosper as a sanctuary for all God's children. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Parish Vestry as we embrace the challenges and opportunities which will come with the ministry of a new priest.

Thomas P. Sanders

I was born and raised in Charlotte, NC. After high school I joined the U.S. Army and served in Italy in World War II. Not long after my discharge from the Army, I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served in Japan and Korea. After my discharge from the Air Force I returned to Charlotte and went to work for Southern Bell where I remained until my retirement in 1986 after 34 years.

I met Betty shortly after I went to work with Southern Bell and we had four children while living in Charlotte. Since my retirement, Betty and I have traveled a lot in our camper and have enjoyed seeing much of the United States. We moved to Clover, SC, in 2008 to be closer to our children and found our "home" at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Shay Wilkerson

I have been a member of Good Shepherd for over ten years and I am a cradle born Episcopalian. My love for our church has manifested itself in many ministries as I have served as an officer of the ECW, chair of the Altar Guild, Search Committee member, Lector, youth leader, and Sunday school teacher. I have raised my five children in the church and am proud of their commitment to the youth ministries offered at Good Shepherd. Our church has endured hard times over the past couple of years but I feel in my heart that God has great things in store for us in the immediate future and I would consider it an honor to be a part of the decision-making body that will be bringing about these changes.

Absolutely amazing!

Beauty of Mathematics !!!!!!!

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \times 8 + 1 &= 9 \\
 12 \times 8 + 2 &= 98 \\
 123 \times 8 + 3 &= 987 \\
 1234 \times 8 + 4 &= 9876 \\
 12345 \times 8 + 5 &= 98765 \\
 123456 \times 8 + 6 &= 987654 \\
 1234567 \times 8 + 7 &= 9876543 \\
 12345678 \times 8 + 8 &= 98765432 \\
 123456789 \times 8 + 9 &= 987654321
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \times 9 + 2 &= 11 \\
 12 \times 9 + 3 &= 111 \\
 123 \times 9 + 4 &= 1111 \\
 1234 \times 9 + 5 &= 11111 \\
 12345 \times 9 + 6 &= 111111 \\
 123456 \times 9 + 7 &= 1111111 \\
 1234567 \times 9 + 8 &= 11111111 \\
 12345678 \times 9 + 9 &= 111111111 \\
 123456789 \times 9 + 10 &= 1111111111
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 9 \times 9 + 7 &= 88 \\
 98 \times 9 + 6 &= 888 \\
 987 \times 9 + 5 &= 8888 \\
 9876 \times 9 + 4 &= 88888 \\
 98765 \times 9 + 3 &= 888888 \\
 987654 \times 9 + 2 &= 8888888 \\
 9876543 \times 9 + 1 &= 88888888 \\
 98765432 \times 9 + 0 &= 888888888
 \end{aligned}$$

Brilliant, isn't it?

And look at this symmetry:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \times 1 &= 1 \\
 11 \times 11 &= 121 \\
 111 \times 111 &= 12321 \\
 1111 \times 1111 &= 1234321 \\
 11111 \times 11111 &= 123454321 \\
 111111 \times 111111 &= 12345654321 \\
 1111111 \times 1111111 &= 123456787654321 \\
 11111111 \times 11111111 &= 12345678987654321
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, take a look at this... 101%
From a strictly mathematical viewpoint:

What Equals 100%?
What does it mean to give MORE than 100%?

Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%?

We have all been in situations where someone wants you to GIVE OVER 100%.

How about ACHIEVING 101%?

What equals 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help answer these questions:

If:
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.
And If:

H-A-R-D-W-O- R- K

$8+1+18+4+23+ 15+18+11 = 98\%$
And:

K-N-O-W-L-E- D-G-E

$11+14+1 5+23+ 12+5+4+7+ 5 = 96\%$
But:

A-T-T-I-T-U- D-E

$1+20+20+9+20+ 21+4+5 = 100\%$

THEN, look how far the love of God will take you:

L-O-V-E-O-F- G-O-D

$12+15+22+5+15+ 6+7+15+4 = 101\%$

Therefore, one can conclude that:
While Hard Work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, It's the Love of God that will put you over the top!

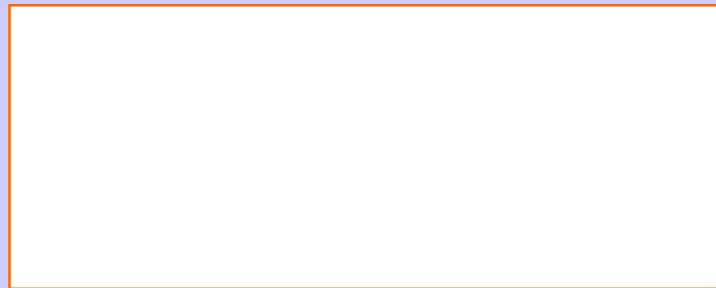
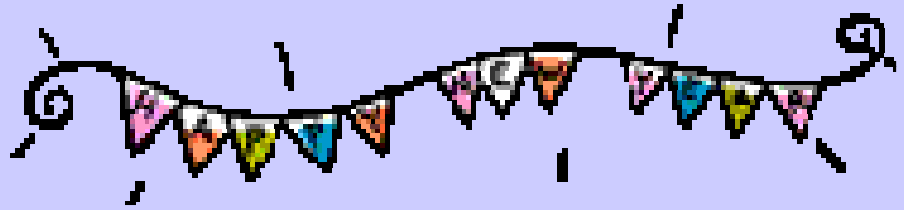
Have a nice day & God bless . Have a great New Year!!

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From the Choirmaster

Happy New Year! is a common greeting we share with others, offering our heartfelt wishes for health, prosperity, peace, skinniness, and all variety of goodness we all desire.

The church's new year begins on the first Sunday of Advent. In our quiet Advent, joyful Christmas and champagne toast-ed New Year celebrations, I invite you to consider making a New Year's resolution related to our common life at Good Shepherd.

"This church is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music. This means the clergy, choir, and congregation endeavor to maintain a high standard in the sung and spoken parts of the church services. All who worship in this church are invited to play their part in making the music worthy of its high purpose." These words and the Royal School of Church music motto "Psallam Spiritu et Mente" (I will sing with the spirit and understanding) call us to heightened

awareness of how we approach God in our common worship and in our private spiritual lives.

We are a singing church. Our sung services are known throughout the diocese as being offered thoughtfully and beautifully. In this new church year, and the approaching calendar year, I invite you to a deeper awareness of music and our common worship. The famous organist Virgil Fox, always invited everyone to take a "singer's breath" when he played for people to sing. It's more than breathing in, of course, it's inspiring in the best sense of that word. Inspire, and be inspiring. Happy New Year!

Steven Aycock
Organist/ Choirmaster

Direction to Nancy Landstreet's

From Church:

- 1: Start out going NORTHWEST on SC-161 BR/SC-5 BR/E LIBERTY ST toward GARNER ST. 0.1 miles
- 2: Turn LEFT onto S CONGRESS ST/US-321 BR/SC-49. Continue to follow South CONGRESS 1.0 miles
- 3: S, CONGRESS ST becomes US-321/CHESTER HWY. 3.2 miles
- 4: Turn LEFT onto CAMERON RD. 0.8 miles
- 5: Turn LEFT onto BOLIVAR RD (Portions unpaved). <0.1 miles
- 6: End at 310 Bolivar Rd York, SC