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# Tidings

December 2010

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd

Tequesta, FL

*At the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our doors are wide open to you,  
your friends and family.*

*Come and worship the newborn Christ!*



## *Holiday Services and Events*

### **Friday, December 10**

7:00pm Women of Note Concert

### **Sunday, December 12**

5:00pm Christmas Pageant and Dinner

### **Thursday, December 16**

11:45am Young at Heart

Christmas Luncheon

### **Friday, December 24**

*Christmas Eve*

4:00pm Family Festival Eucharist

7:00pm Festival Eucharist

(Carols and Yule Band at 6:30pm)

11:00pm Festival Eucharist

(Carols at 10:30pm)

### **Saturday, December 25**

*Christmas Day*

10:00am Christmas Day Eucharist

### **Sunday, December 26**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Lessons & Carols

(no Sunday School)

### **Friday, December 31**

*New Year's Eve*

7:00pm Holy Eucharist &

Wedding Vows Reaffirmation

8:00pm Candlelight Labyrinth Walk





# Advent Quiet Day

**"Surrender without Surrendering"**  
**Saturday, December 4, 2010**  
**10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

In the midst of our hectic lives, we rarely take time to get quiet, to be silent, and to listen to our lives. Using the Advent stories of Mary and Joseph, and her own experiences, Wendy Williams will lead us in reflecting on how we meet the challenges in our lives.

We will have times of group listening and sharing, as well as times to be on our own-- walking the Labyrinth, sitting in the church, or enjoying the beauty of God's good, green earth on the church grounds.

Call the church office to sign up, and remember to bring a light lunch.



## YOUNG AT HEART HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND GIFT GATHERING

Our next Young at Heart Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 16 at 11:45 in the Parish Hall. Our program for December will be Christmas music by Debbie White, including an opportunities for sing-alongs.

In the past Marilyn Hall has hosted a Christmas Luncheon to benefit one of our local nursing homes. This year we are combining her luncheon with our Young at Heart Luncheon and we are collecting gifts for the residents of Sterling House. So we are asked to bring a gift, unwrapped, for either a man or a woman, labeled as to which it should go to. After our luncheon, Marilyn Hall will deliver our gifts to Sterling House for distribution during their annual Christmas event. I can tell you that the recipients of our gifts are always very grateful and appreciative.

And of course we will have a lovely meal prepared and served by our talented Kitchen Team, and the Good Shepherd Good Guys. Please be sure to sign up so we will know how much food to prepare. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends!



## Reaffirmation of Marriage Promises

**Friday, December 31, 7:00 p.m.**

Join with other couples in our parish as they begin the new year by renewing their wedding vows.



**Friday, December 31**  
**8:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

**New Year's Eve**  
CANDLELIGHT  
LABYRINTH WALK

A great way to finish out this year, and usher in the New Year is by walking the sacred path of the Labyrinth under the stars. We will begin with a Blessing Ceremony at 8:00 p.m. and walk to the sounds of gentle music and the splash of the fountain.

### ADULT EDUCATION:

#### "COMPARATIVE RELIGION"

Join us on Sundays in the Parish Hall at **9:10am** until about 9:50. This course will consist of professionally produced thirty-minute DVD presentations on commonalities and differences among the great world religions. A brief opportunity for discussion will follow each DVD presentation. Please check the online calendar for specific dates.

#### Suggested items for seniors at Sterling House

- Lotion (no perfumes)
- Candy
- Knick-knacks for the room
- Writing paper and stamps
- Pepperidge Farm Cookies
- Books
- Slipper/Sox with non-skid bottoms
- Brushes
- Lap robes (or any other hand-knitted)
- Handkerchiefs



# Labyrinth

*"In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' " Acts 20:35*

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

*"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you shall receive, so that your joy may be complete." John 16:24*

The Christmas season is all about giving, but isn't it also about receiving? Not receiving for the sake of "getting a gift" but rather receiving for the sake of blessing the giver. When we put our egos aside and stop worrying about having the perfect gift to reciprocate with whenever someone has something for us, we can truly bless each gift-giver with our own joyful gift of a grateful heart.

Bring your Christmas shopping list to the labyrinth before you take it to the Mall. Walk with your list and try praying for each name on it. Receive God's gift of quiet, meditative time on the labyrinth to really hear the message of what each person on your list needs from you. The real gift you are being called to cheerfully share with them in Christ's name might not need to be purchased in a store because it may already be wrapped inside of you ....

Peace for your Path,  
Robin Bradley Hansel

Guided labyrinth walks are held every Third Thursday at the new time  
11:00am to 1:00pm.  
Call the office for more information: 746-4674.

## Bible Study

**AFTER-WORK BIBLE STUDY  
(AWBS)**

Meets Tuesdays at 5:00pm in the Library.

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Meets in the Library each Wednesday  
at 10:30am.

**Study Sunday's Scriptures**

Meets in the Library each Friday at  
9:00am.

**Young Families Fellowship**

We meet off site on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11:30am. If you would like to meet us, hear a bit more about the group and consider becoming a part of the fun, please call Mike or Teresa Grashof at 277-9922.

**Crafty Ladies  
Holiday Sale:  
Sunday, December 5th**



If you missed the Crafty Ladies at Country Jamboree, we are giving you another opportunity to shop our hand-made items after both services. We have added a few new items (including items for Gators fans!).

So, come prepared to do some holiday shopping on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>!

### New to Good Shepherd?

Please contact **Jo Wood**, our Director of Newcomer Ministries, for valuable information about Good Shepherd, our programs, activities and events.  
746-4674 or [jwood@goodsheponline.org](mailto:jwood@goodsheponline.org)



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are very excited about the upcoming Advent season. All classes will be studying Advent and why it is important in the life of an Episcopalian.

Thanks to all those that were in attendance for the Country Jamboree. It looked as though all the kids had a great time bouncing and playing the midway games. A special shout out to Todd Isham, Jeanette Jeffcott, and Michelle Pariseleti for helping out during the day.

**Christmas Pageant** is December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Be here at 4:00pm to get into costume. We will have ONE practice on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 with a pizza party following. Look for a signup sheet on the Sunday School bulletin board. We need all children to sign up for parts and volunteers to make this special program a success.

**Children's choir** will be starting soon. Margaret Dunstan and Erik Pariseleti have volunteered to work with the children and teach them songs to be sung in church during the 10am service. If anyone has any music suggestions please let me know. They will practice Sundays from 9:45 until 10am then go to their respective classes. It is now more important than ever to get the children to Sunday School on time, please.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

With HIS Blessings, Calm Seas and Big Fish, Captain Mike

On October 31, Sunday School came to church dressed for the Annual Costume Parade. Check out Captain Mike and his crew!



**"...though I was blind, now I see."** John 9:25

It doesn't always take a miracle to see again. Many people around the world are unable to read simply because they cannot see the letters, for lack of a pair of reading glasses. Good Shepherd Sunday School is going to be collecting readers in any power to be sent to Madagascar. Please bring old "readers" to church and put them in the boxes in the Narthex or the office. We will send them to Tulear, Madagascar, with the next group of missionaries.



## The Good Shepherd



### Seniors' Pub Lunch

Thursday, December 2 at 10:00am

Our Pub has been open since October and we are having a great time. As always, the games are fun (with Bill Burrige calling and Suzi Heithaus echoing the call) and the lunches have been wonderful. Ann Ballard and Jessica Bachman are very creative in our kitchen.

Thursday, December 2nd is our next Pub Lunch and, although a touch early, we will be celebrating Christmas together. Each of us is bringing in a wrapped gift (not more than \$5) to swap with our friends at the luncheon and also some unwrapped gifts for people who are in age-care facilities. We suggest things like lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shawls, non-skid socks, etc.

We would love to have you join us at 10 am for the fun and lunch. The more the merrier.

Blessings to you all for a wonderful Christmas Season from all of the "Pubbers"

Sign up in the Narthex or call the office at 746-4674 so we will know how much food to prepare.



## PENNIES FOR HEAVEN THRIFT SHOP



On Sunday, November 12th, the annual Pennies for Heaven Luncheon and Meeting was held at the Abacoa Golf Club. The well-attended event featured good food and a brief formal meeting to announce the out-going and incoming board members. Serving a full three-year term, Jerre Rannie, Joe D'Alessandro and Marion Downing are stepping down. The group's replacements include Barbara Barton, Peggy Bird and Margot Boll (the three 'B's!').

Luncheon Coordinator, Carolyn Gepfert, crafted a lovely event from the aquatic invitations to the seaside-themed table décor and favors. There were plenty of door prizes and one table in particular was on a real winning streak!

The contribution Pennies makes to Good Shepherd is truly vital to our mission and ministry. The planning, effort and dedication made by our volunteer staff is a real gift. A big *thank you* to all Pennies volunteers for your continued support of our thrift shop, the community and Good Shepherd.



**Above :** Outgoing Pennies board members (l-r) Jerre Rannie, Joe D'Alessandro and Marion Downing at the Annual Pennies for Heaven Luncheon and Meeting.

**Left:** Pennies Committee Chairwoman Joanne Ebner and Luncheon Coordinator Carolyn Gepfert.

### Pennies for Heaven Hours

Monday - Saturday  
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday  
561-746-4674, ext. 112

# VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The Vestry met on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, in the library of the Ryon Building at 7:30 pm. The meeting is summarized as follows:

**OPENED:** with prayer followed by centering prayer led by Terri McFarland. The agenda and the October minutes were approved as presented.

**HEARD REPORTS:** Mike Greene, Treasurer, presented the Church financials for October 2010. He expressed continued concern about the need for estimates of giving to be met in a timely fashion. Bob Taylor presented the School's financial report for September 2010..

Katharine Murray, Junior Warden, gave a report on the progress of projects previously identified. Most have been completed, with just a little work remaining on the Parish Hall. She also provided a list of five new projects that need to be addressed. She will provide cost estimates for these five at the next meeting.

Mark Chittum, Stewardship Chairman, gave a Stewardship Report. To date we have received 188 Estimates of Giving for a total of \$381, 906. We still have to hear from approximately 270 more families/individuals.

**DISCUSSED/DECIDED:** The Vestry reviewed and discussed the School's Phase I and Phase II plans and considered the School's request to implement the Phase I plan immediately. All costs for Phase I will be borne by the School. After discussion, the Vestry approved the request to move forward with Phase I.

Gail Knisely, Patti Hamilton, and Marlene Taylor were approved as a Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

**CLOSED:** with our Parish Prayer.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Our financial status through **October 31, 2010** is as follows:

	<b>Month to Date</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Budget to Date</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$ 48,816.30	\$ 561,133.64	\$ 684,640
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 66,921.56	\$ 630,074.67	\$ 684,640
<b>Net Total:</b>	<\$18,105.56>	<\$ 38,941.03>	\$ 0

We do ask that you keep your pledges current if at all possible so that we can keep up with our obligations here. And also remember that you can pay your pledge or any other expenses or gifts with VISA or MasterCard. Just call Mimi Howard at 561-746-4674 if you would like to explore that option.

### Important Request

If you make a stock gift to the church for memorial gifts, for endowment, or for your pledge, please let the clergy know about it. We are unable to identify the source of such gifts unless you have told us. We want to properly recognize and allocate your gift.

## Food Pantry

As the holidays draw near, we are seeing an increase in food pantry requests. People are financially stretched now more than ever and we sometimes have three requests in a day. We will have an infusion of shelf-stable foods from the Run For the Pies event on Thanksgiving Day. Publix gift cards (\$10) are a very good way to get milk, eggs and butter to people. If you are able to donate a gift card, we can help with some perishable items as well.

*Thank you for your continued support!*



## Business Support and Networking

Give your career a boost with a healthy dose of Christian perspective! This new group is all about Good Shepherd parishioners (employed or unemployed) supporting each other in today's tough business environment. **For information contact Rob Steiner at 262-7938 or pick up an information flyer in the Narthex after either service.**

## Would you like to get Tidings online?

Tidings is always available online at [www.goodsheponline.org](http://www.goodsheponline.org) in an easy-to-print format. If you would like to stop receiving Tidings by mail, please send the office an email at [mail@goodsheponline.org](mailto:mail@goodsheponline.org) with **Tidings** on the subject line.

# VESTRY NOMINATIONS TASK FORCE

In accordance with the Bylaws adopted by the Vestry on April 10, 1991, the Vestry appoints a Nominations Task Force. The purpose of having the Nominations Task Force is to give the parish the opportunity to obtain qualified persons who would like to make a contribution of their time and talent in furthering the goals of Good Shepherd. Please take advantage of this and give serious thought to who should be placed in positions of leadership. The election of Vestry members will be at the next Annual Meeting on January 28, 2010.

### Bylaw 4.2 Vestry Qualifications:

1. Be a communicant in good standing of the Parish.
2. Have maintained regular attendance at the Parish for not less than one year.
3. Be a qualified elector.

### Bylaw 2.4 Elector Qualifications:

1. Be an adult communicant in good standing of the Parish.
2. Be 16 years or older.
3. Be duly enrolled in the Register of the Church of the Good Shepherd.
4. Be regular in attendance at Parish services.
5. Make contributions of record to the general support of the Parish's mission and ministry.

The number of positions open for Vestry is four (4). Bylaw 4.14 states that Vestry members are to regularly attend Vestry meetings, not missing more than three (3) consecutive meetings nor more than five (5) regular meetings within a one-year period.

### VESTRY NOMINATING FORM

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of Vestry member. He/she has approved this nomination and meets the qualifications for Vestry membership in accordance with Bylaws 4.2 and 2.4.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Country Jamboree 2010

This year, on Saturday, November 6th, Good Shepherd's annual Fall Fest went western-style with "Country Jamboree". We had perfect weather and lots of fun. There were great gift baskets, loads of beautifully hand-crafted items, jewelry, delicious baked goods, live music and plenty of holiday cheer. The children bounced all day in an array of bounce houses and between the pony rides and midway games, there was much excitement. A special Thank You to everyone who worked so hard to make this such a pleasant event.



Yee-haw!

Youth Group  
**Christmas**  
 Party

Sunday, December 5

4:00 p.m.

In the Parish Hall  
 All youth and their families  
 are invited!

R.S.V.P.

746-4674 ext. 107

## WHO IS ARTIE, AND WHY IS HE HAVING A PARTY?

Artie is a magnificent, multicolored, four-foot paper maché parrot that sits on his perch in Good Shepherd's office. Artie has become the mascot of the annual party & auction fund-raiser known as "Artie's Party" and is a familiar face around Good Shepherd. Every year Artie chooses a new location from around the world for his party's theme, cuisine and entertainment. So don't make any other plans for Friday, February 18, 2011 when we will *Rendez-vous à Paris*.

*Au revoir!*

*Paris*  
 2011



## Outreach Opportunity

A Book Drive for the children at the Warfield School in Indiantown will **begin Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and continue until Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.**

This drive is in place of the children's Christmas stockings (although we will have about 30 stockings for Seniors in the Narthex to be filled). At the request of Loreen Francesceni, principal, we ask that you donate a book suitable for a five- or six-year-old. **Our goal is to have a NEW book for each of the 156 kindergarten students.** PLEASE, no books with religious or seasonal themes.

Books may be deposited in boxes placed in the narthex or at the office. If you have any questions, please call Lynne Zinghini at 743-0713. *Thanks for helping!*



**DO YOU HAVE A SERVICE YOU CAN DONATE?** The **Artie's Party Committee** is looking for parishioners with a service to donate either in whole or by the hour as an auction item at our annual event in February. Some examples of service providers would be: mechanic, electrician, attorney, professional organizer, hairstylist, chef, babysitter, painter, dietician, art teacher, accountant, tutor, landscaper, handy man, house cleaner, and many more!

To make a donation to the *Artie's Party 2011: Rendez-vous à Paris*, please call Cameille Walch at 741-7657 or Merike Seely in the church office at 746-4674.





## Green Spirits

Good Shepherd Green Spirits has an off-shoot – **Green Spirits Jr.!** This great group of kids from Good Shepherd School meets every Tuesday from 3:00-4:00pm, when we head outside to connect with nature in a meaningful way. Whether we are learning about seeds, identifying flora or observing interesting insects, the children document their discoveries in field journals they created themselves. Recently, we installed Square Foot Gardens on the north side of the church office building. In only a few days we had lettuce, carrots and radishes sprouting! If you get the chance, visit our little garden plot on the north side of the office building. The Green Spirits Jr. program is coordinated by Merike Seely and Terri McFarland. It's purpose is to enhance children's appreciation of God's creations through experience and discovery. There is much fun to be had in the great outdoors for anyone at this time of year in South Florida...So, go out and play!

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**Above:** Members of Green Spirits, Jr. set up the guides for their Square Foot Garden behind the church office building.



**Left:** Sisters Ava and Emma finish planting some snap pea seedlings in the Good Shepherd veggie garden. Also pictured are cabbage, broccoli and grape tomato. YUM!

**Good Shepherd Green Spirits participate in God's Creation by going out into it, experiencing its Glory. We coordinate hikes, various outings, beach clean-ups and educational opportunities. If you would like to receive information about upcoming events please email Merike Seely in the church office at [mail@goodsheponline.org](mailto:mail@goodsheponline.org) with Green Spirits on the subject line, or call 746-4674.**



## A Letter from the Healing Team...

*"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." - Romans 10:14*

With so much disease in this world, it causes one to wonder why so few seek healing from the Church. Many seek cures for ailments at medical facilities where spiritual distress is often not considered. Here at Good Shepherd, we attempt to follow the teachings of Jesus and offer healing to those who are seeking. We have time set aside at both Sunday and Wednesday services, during Communion, where laying on of hands and prayers take place. Following these times, we offer ongoing pastoral care through listening, praying and laying on of hands both at Church and to shut-ins.

Healing team members understand the need to maintain a healthy spiritual life in order to help others. On a regular basis, we meet for prayer and study, and we educate ourselves on the subject of "healing". Our current subject matter is "inner healing". My own experience with inner healing came after a bout of medical problems. I was medically treated, and was certainly improved, but my spirit wasn't feeling well. I felt tired and negative. At about that same time, another healer and my Spiritual Director both suggested a focus on inner healing through the Holy Spirit. After focused prayer, I gradually felt a better sense of well being. Life became less exhausting, less negative, and more and more days began and ended with a feeling of peace and Christ's presence.

When we are feeling "out of sorts", listening to our inner body is of utmost importance. Do not, however, neglect your outer, physical body. Follow your doctor's medical advice. Then, come to the Healing service and we will pray with you for healing of your spirit as well.

On behalf of the Healing Team,  
Althea Lewis

# What's up with the Good Shepherd youth?

As the holidays approach us and our hectic world becomes more hectic, remember to take care of your **Mind, Body and Soul**. These past few months our senior high youth have been doing just that—self examination, liturgical movements, meditation, centering prayer and stepping into scripture. They are now equipped to take on our hectic world. We also learned a lot about giving thanks for the simple things in our life and appreciating all that we have. Thanksgiving is about families gathering and enjoying a delicious meal, but it's also about remembering those less fortunate than us and giving thanks to God for all that we have.

The middle school youth are beginning to start a prayer chain—starting with what they are thankful for. I get so amazed at how big the chain gets by the end of the year! Many blessings will be sprawled across the room with all the colors of the rainbow. They have studied scriptures and learned a lot about each other—learning they were all made in the image of God! Next they will begin to prepare for the Pilgrimage and Urban Survival. They'll study maps, subway routes and find famous places in New York, where they will walk with a purpose.



Youth Mission Project

We are beginning to plan our mission trip so be sure to mark your calendars as we Go Around the World. The youth will travel up to Rutland, Massachusetts, to work at the Summer Action Program with Heifer International. Stay tuned to hear about the Global Village where we will stay in the first four days!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Dec. 5 Confirmation I meets

9:00 - 9:45 Junior High Youth Room

### Dec. 5 Youth Christmas Party—Parish Hall - 4:00 - 8:00 PM

All family members are invited

### Dec. 1, 8, 15, SH Youth Group Meets

Meet in the SH Youth Room

### Dec. 1, 8, 15, JH Youth Group Meets

Meet in the JH Youth Room



Christmas Eve

### Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services

4:00 Family Service, 6:30 Yule Band, 7:00 Eucharist & 11:00 Midnight Eucharist

## HAPPY NEW YEAR AND BE SAFE!

Youth Group Meets January 5, 2011

South Florida FAIR January 17th



Good Shepherd  
Youth Group

Where will it take YOU?



## Bell Tower News

### Good Shepherd Episcopal School

Congratulations to Susan Poncy. She ran the New York City Marathon on November 07. Way to go, Good Shepherd is proud of you.

We had a great Book Fair here at the School. We used Scholastic and will have another one in the spring at Barnes and Noble.

A great day was had by all at Good Shepherd's Country Jamboree. Many of the School's families attended and the children had a great time on the rides, pony rides, face painting, magician and many more. They keep on asking when we are having the next one!

Veteran's Day was observed and we had the day off.

The Village of Tequesta's Harvest Festival was enjoyed by many. Our Fourth Graders manned the soda kiosk as their community project and

many families brought in food for the food drive.

Many Feasts were enjoyed by the students in anticipation of Thanksgiving. We had Pilgrims and Indians sitting down to a lunch of turkey and trimmings.

VIP Day was a resounding success. Each student invited a special guest for the day. The program started in the Church with a musical presentation by the students and continued here at the school. Their VIP was taken on a tour of the school and specifically the student's classroom. School dismissed early and the students went off with their VIP to enjoy the rest of this very special day.

Christmas is coming up and everybody is getting ready for the season of peace, joy and giving. We have special community projects that will reach out to those in need in our community.

Christine Vanderwesthuizen – Head of School

## Good Shepherd Coffee House

### Family Friendly Night of Music and Fun

### Open Jam - Come to Listen or Play



## Friday, December 17, starting at 6:00pm

We start at 6:00 with our all ages jam, a great place for our youth to get out and share their talent, then our open mic starts at 8:00 and runs until we are done. Come to listen or come and play! The money raised from our monthly Coffee House supports our Children's/Youth music ministry we are starting. If you would like to help in any way please let Erik and Michelle Pariseleti know.

Visit [www.GoodShepOnline.org](http://www.GoodShepOnline.org) and click the "Coffee House" link for all of the latest information on this amazing event.

**Joining us on December 17th: Bill and Eli Parras, Performers of Original, Inspired, Acoustic Folk & Blues**

The many inspired lyrics given to and interpreted by Eli, combined with Bill's bluesy finger-style guitar playing create a very uniquely modern take on true Americana music in its purest form. They can grip your heart, search your soul, change a mindset, or softly strike a funny bone, all the while leaving the audience with a sentiment for the common good we desire in all mankind.



# December 2010

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

**MEETING WEEKLY IN DECEMBER**

**Monday**  
7:30 p.m.

AA

**Tuesday**

9:00 a.m. Crafty Ladies  
10:30 a.m. AA - Women's  
11:00 a.m. Pastoral Care  
5:00 p.m. After-work Bible Study

**Wednesday**

8:00 a.m. Reaching Out Lunch  
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing  
10:30 a.m. Bible Study with the Rector

11:45 a.m. Home Meals

6:00 p.m. Youth Group

8:00 p.m. AA

**Thursday**

3:30 p.m. Women's Cursillo  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Friday**

8:00 a.m. Good Guys  
9:00 a.m. Study Sunday's Scriptures

10:30 a.m. AA - Women's

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 a.m. Jitters  
9:10 a.m. Adult Education  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery

10:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30a.m. Jitters

**January**

1—New Year's Day

3—Office Closed

7—Good Shepherd Camping Trip

14—Middle School Retreat

17—Youth to South Florida Fair







17—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

17—Office Closed

19—Vestry Meeting

21—Coffee House

28—Annual Meeting

			1 3:00pm Healing Team Mtg.	2 10:00am Pub Lunch 7:00pm Literary Circle	3 7:00pm Special Event: "Women of Note" Singers 	4 Advent Quiet Day 10:00am—3:00pm 
5 ADVENT II 9:10am Adult Education: Comparative Religion 4:00pm Youth Christmas Party	6 6:30pm Newcomers Committee Meeting	7 10:30am Reiki Circle 4:00pm St. George Ministry	8 11:00am Third Thursdays on the Labyrinth 11:45am Young at Heart/Holiday Luncheon	9 1:00pm Bridge Club 	10 7:00pm Special Event: "Women of Note" Singers 	11 11:30am Pageant Rehearsal and Pizza
12 ADVENT III 9:10am Adult Education: Comparative Religion 5:00pm Christmas Pageant 5:30pm Pot-luck Dinner	13 6:00pm Artie's Party Committee Meeting 6:30pm M.O.P.S.	14 7:30pm Vestry Meeting 6:30pm Good Shepherd School Pageant	15 6:00pm Coffee House 	16 6:00pm Family Eucharist 6:30pm Yule Band and Carols 7:00pm Festival Eucharist 10:30pm Carols 11:30pm Festival	17 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00pm Family Eucharist 6:30pm Yule Band and Carols 7:00pm Festival Eucharist 10:30pm Carols 11:30pm Festival	18 10:00am Holy Eucharist 
19 ADVENT IV 9:10am Adult Education: Comparative Religion	20 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00am Lessons and Carols	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 NO YOUTH GROUP	23 Office open 8:30am—12:30pm	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Office open 8:30am—12:30pm 7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Reaffirmation of Wedding Vows 8:00pm Candlelight Labyrinth Walk	25 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Office open 8:30am—12:30pm
26 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00am Lessons and Carols	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 Office open 8:30am—12:30pm	30 Office open 8:30am—12:30pm		

*Tidings*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2010**

DATE	SERVING	TIME	ACOLYTES	LEM	USHER	GREETER	HEALING	SOUND	ALTAR	JITTERS
DEC 5	Verger Richard Dunstan LEVs Stan Connell Erik Pariseleti Vestry Greeter Debbie Gilbert	8:00	Gus West	Bill Gorham Donna Fiorenza Dona Scoville Gail Knisely	Barbara Adams Dale Smith	Ed and Charlotte Rappe	Marj Johnson	John Prosser	Eleanore Browne Emily Brown Barbara Drum	Gus and Christine West
		10:00	Ali Koch Ray Morie Robyn Morie Emma Thomas	Peter Berg Margaret Dunstan Patti Hamilton Howard Smith	Jim and Jerre Rannie Steve and Marcia Pollard	Patricia Herbert Sandy Gozzo	Carol Johnson	Stan Connell	Shirley Connell* Patricia Herbert*	Terry and Terri McFarland
DEC 12	Verger Donna Fiorenza LEVs Marilyn Hall Steve and Marcia Pollard Vestry Greeter Mary-Beth Lucas	8:00	Patti Hamilton	Connie Haas Marilyn Hall Gayle Landen Mary-Beth Lucas	Joe and Sue Pellegrini	Joan Dowrick	Eleanore Brown	Ralph Ebner	Barbara Drum* Barbara McGrath*	Jerry and Karen Rupa
		10:00	Gavin Rankow Evi Seely Vinnie Parrone Abby Pariseleti	Brent Murray Katharine Murray Marcia Pollard Steve Pollard	Joe D'Alessandro Merike Seely Ricardo and Kim Acuña	Tom and Carmelle Walch	Alex Lezbirel	Erik Pariseleti	Ann Ballard Marion Downing	Beth Long Joanna Aras
DEC 19	Verger Peggy Greene LEVs Mary-Beth Lucas Alex Lesbirel Vestry Greeter Beth Long	8:00	Jeanette Brown	Gail Knisely Sean Pierce Donna Fiorenza Christine West	Carolyn Gepfert Barbara Barton	Joe Hall	Mary-Beth Lucas	John Prosser	Marilyn Hall Catherine Moritz Barbara Drum	Joe and Marilyn Hall
		10:00	Kelsea Schuppert Alex Seely Alannah Baker Madison Hamilton	Pam Kessler Jeanette Jeffcott Phil Hart Cathy Hart	Mike Greene Dan Gilbert Susan Bardin Sterling Winchester	Dottie and Denise Parson	Richard Morie	Richard Dunstan	Joan Fuller* Connie D'Alessandro*	Mike Howard Jo Wood
DEC 26	Verger Ralph Ebner LEVs Clergy Vestry Greeter Paul Kirby	8:00	Gail Knisely	Ed Koryl Mary-Beth Lucas Connie Haas Marilyn Hall	Joe and Sue Pellegrini	Joe and Sue Pellegrini	Barbara Gustafson	Ralph Ebner	Marion Downing*	Ralph and Joanne Ebner
		10:00	No Server Needed Alex Wood Vinnie Parrone Abby Pariseleti	Debbie Gilbert Sandy Gozzo Peggy Chittum Mark Chittum	Steve and Denise Parson Brent and Katharine Murray	Helen Dove Kim Acuña	Stan Connell	Brian Tobin	Lessons & Carols (No Eucharist)	Paul Kirby Sue Ender- Kirby

# A Poem For You...

God spoke to me the other night  
His voice was loud and clear.  
He said, "You're dwelling on the past.  
You need to change, my dear.

'It's alright to remember the many days gone by  
Those days were gifts from me to you  
Now there's lots ahead for you to do.

'There are many lonely people who need a gentle touch  
A hand to hold, an ear to listen—all mean so very much.  
So I would like to use you—the rewards are great, you see  
For as much as you do unto them—you do it unto me."

- Bea Class

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**Good Shepherd Good Guys**  
**Fridays at 8:00 AM in**  
**the Parish Hall**

**All Good Shepherd Men Are**  
**Welcome!**

*Join us ...and bring a friend!*

*Do you play Bridge?*

We have a new group:

## **Good Shepherd Bridge Club**

**Beginning Thursday, December 9th at 1:00pm**

We will meet in the Parish Hall on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

(In December we will meet on the 9th only.)

If you are interested in joining this small group, please call Mimi or Merike in the church office at 746-4674.



### **NEW TIME FOR NEWCOMERS COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

We will now meet at 6:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Library. Join us at the next meeting on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Christmas Flowers and Plants**

I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward Christmas Altar Flowers and Poinsettias that will be on the altar during the holiday services. (The plants and flowers will then be delivered to parishioners who are ill, homebound or who have lost a loved one this year)

**PLEASE PRINT**

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

AND/OR

In Thanksgiving For: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to church by Monday, December 20

Please make checks payable to Church of the Good Shepherd and designate "Christmas Flowers"

### Service Schedules

#### Sunday

8:00 AM  
Holy Eucharist—Rite I

9:00 AM  
Jitters

9:45 AM  
Sunday School  
& Nursery

10:00 AM  
Holy Eucharist—Rite II  
Jitters 11:00 AM

#### Wednesday

9:30 AM  
Holy Eucharist & Healing

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# Merry Christmas

*from the Vestry and Staff of  
Church of the Good Shepherd !*

## Good Shepherd Special Events Committee presents



**Friday, December 10, 2010  
7:00 p.m.**

**Adults \$10      Children \$5**  
**Tickets are available in the church  
office during the week.**

Join us for a festive performance of holiday favorites by this award-winning a cappella group. "Women of Note" has been delighting audiences for years with their contemporary barbershop harmony. This special program, showcasing performances by chorus and quartets, will feature holiday classics like *Carol of the Bells*, *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, *Christmas Song* and *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*. Also included are traditional favorites *Can You Feel the Love Tonight?*, *Back in the Old Routine* and *Red Hot Mama!*

## The Annual Good Shepherd Christmas Pageant



**Sunday, December 12 at  
5:00pm**

After the program we will gather in the Parish Hall for a pot luck supper.

Sign up to bring a dish in the Narthex any Sunday or in the church office during the week!