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Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd

Tequesta, FL



Dear Friends,

With the closing of the Tequesta Drive bridge for repairs my commute from home to the church has taken a new route through Little Club and along County Line Road to Seabrook. At first, I thought that this longer drive would be an inconvenience but I have found that it has a couple of interesting features which bring me pleasure. A nice, long stretch of County Line Road borders undeveloped woodlands which are beautiful and give me a feeling of peace. There is also the missile tracking site consisting of what appear to be several huge satellite dishes pointing in varying directions and angles at the sky. They appeal to my imagination.

The objects of their focus are "up there" somewhere but they are not visible to me. Important activities are taking place in the sky, activities which these oversized eyes and ears are monitoring. Undoubtedly, the recording of data is going on with the assistance of computers, hidden from me, which work in synchronization with the dishes which I see. During my drive to the church in the morning they are pointed at certain spots in the sky. As I am driving home at dusk they are tracking things at other points in the heavens. What are they watching? What information are they detecting? Nothing of what they learn is revealed to me. I ponder their silent listening, their faithful watching, and the resultant truths which they glean.

They move me to a desire for a more intentional life of contemplative prayer. Those large dishes pointing attentively at things above cause me to wonder at what important insight I am missing by my lack of attention. In fact, how can I expect to gather into my soul what God wants to show me if I will not sit still to listen and watch in silent, steadfast prayer?

I drive past those tracking dishes at least twice each day and wonder what's up there that I am not perceiving, and which I becoming quite curious to see.

In God's love,

Dorothy and Dave Graham...Now Hilda and Bartimaeus

Dave and Dorothy Graham, long-time parishioners of Good Shepherd, had a major life change about four months ago when they joined the monastic community of New Skete in upper New York State.

We recently received the enclosed letter (see page 8) from them. Their address is P.O. Box 189, Cambridge, NY 12816.



YOUNG AT HEART! – A Musical Offering

On Thursday, November 19, we will enjoy a program of seasonal music presented by Debbie White and Peter Carras. Debbie and Peter are talented vocalists who also are extremely well-known in regional musical circles. And of course we will have a lovely luncheon as always, prepared by Ann Ballard and her team of *sous-chefs* and the Good Shepherd Good Guys. Look out for that sign-up sheet!

BUNCO HAS ARRIVED! WHAT A HOOT!

We had a great time at our kick-off meeting learning about Bunco from those excellent Bunco experts – Anne Rhody and Marlene Taylor. We didn't play very long as this was mostly an organizational meeting, but we did play long enough to laugh a lot and learn a little.

So – we decided we would play monthly on Mondays in the Parish Hall. Our first session will be on **Monday, November 9 at 7:00 pm**. We will have beverages, snacks and dessert and coffee, hosted by Mimi Howard. We will also have all the Bunco “stuff” needed for playing. So please sign up to come if you would like to be a part of this fun Small Group at Good Shepherd. Look for the sign-up in the Narthex or call the office at 746-4674. Hope to see you then!

Looking for a Book Club?

We have **TWO!**

Literary Circle meets every other Thursday at 7:00pm. Next meeting is November 12.

Daytime Book Group meets at 4:00 on Tuesdays beginning November 10.

Call the office for information about either of these groups. 746-4674

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Pub Lunch

Thursday, November 5, 10:00 – 1:00

Seniors' event every first Thursday of the month featuring pub-style lunch plus games, activities and fun things to do.

Call the church office 746-4674 to reserve your seat!

KELLY'S CAREGIVER GROUP UNDERWAY

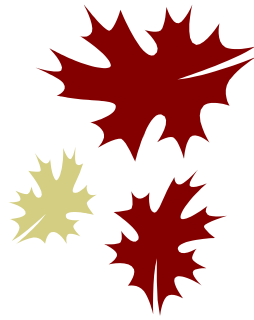
We held our kick-off meeting at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, September 23 in the Quiet Room and have been meeting weekly ever since!

This group is for all who are caring for loved ones. Our goal is to give caregivers a place to come to interact with other people who are in their same situation, to share with each other their experiences and important insights and also new information, and to just relax. We will schedule speakers, serve refreshments and offer guilt-free “time-outs”. Call Jo Ann Pflug-Young (404-808-2475) or Deacon Mimi (746-4674) if you would like to join us.



Kelly's
Caregiver
Group

SAVE THE DATE: FALL FEST ON NOVEMBER 7



Fall Fest is a community-wide tradition here at Good Shepherd that brings fun, food, and fantastic shopping for everyone! This year, in addition to our Holiday Bazaar, music, and games for kids, we are planning some new ideas that should be better than ever! If you would like to be part of the planning effort, join our meeting after the 10:00 service on November 1 in the Ryon Building Library. Or talk to Debbie and Dan Gilbert (745-3856), Chairmen for this year's Fall Fest, or Deacon Mimi (746-4674) about it!

Next Guided Labyrinth Walk Thursday, November 19, from 10:00-12:00.



"We so often see ourselves as failing, but God sees us as only rising, and methinks God has the greater insight." - Julian of Norwich

This Thanksgiving season, let us try to bring the whole of our lives - even the broken failures - into the healing presence of God. Jesus invites us to walk with Him always. Perhaps we could accept His invitation within the sacred, encircling space of the labyrinth. There, we may begin to trust the "rising" pathway the Holy Spirit has already created in our hearts. The unique journey of our lives may then begin to be transformed by Grace into a fresh prayer of personal thanksgiving....

Peace for your Path,

Robin Hansel
Labyrinth Facilitator

Guided walks are held every third Thursday from 10:00 to noon. Our labyrinth takes about 20 minutes to walk and a facilitator will be on hand to answer any questions.



Open Monday – Friday
9:00-4:00

Saturday 9:00-noon

On **Saturday, November 7th**, the Pennies Shop will be open from **9 AM - 4 PM**. This will be in celebration of our Parish **Fall Fest**. Come and see our wonderful selection of Christmas items! The Shop continues to offer "unique boutique" for all. Browsers and shoppers alike are always met with a SMILE! !

*Regular Shop hours are
M - F, 9:00am - 4:00pm,
Sat. 9:00am - noon.*

Donations are welcome whenever the Shop is open.

Meditation on Mondays With Rev. Wendy Williams

Start your busy week off right.

Meet at 10:30 every Monday in the Quiet Room for a one-hour session.

2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN IN PROCESS

On October 25th the parishioners of Good Shepherd joined together to affirm the continued work of our parish by offering up their estimates of giving for the operation of the church in 2010. For It Is In Giving That We Receive is the focus of this year's Stewardship Campaign. Letters were sent to the families at Good Shepherd in late September describing the many gifts we receive by giving to support God's work in our community. During the sermon on St. Francis Sunday our rector, Bob Taylor, spoke on the importance of sacrificial giving. So far, 12 of the Vestry members, officers and clergy demonstrated their gratitude for the many benefits they receive by personally committing \$85,740.00 towards the continued operation of the church.

If you have not submitted an Estimate of Giving card we urge you to do so as the work of the parish depends on your gifts. You can pick up a card in the Narthex or call the church office. Thanks for your continued support of giving to God's good work.



Food Pantry



- Our Food Pantry has been serving hungry people in our community with some regularity thanks to the generous donations of non-perishable food from you. Please come to the Food Pantry open house on Sunday, November 1, after both services to see our supply.
- For the month of November we need plenty of fruits and vegetables. We would love all sorts — canned, dried, fruit cup, applesauce, beans, corn, peas, juice, etc.
- If you would like information about our Food Pantry or would like to help, please contact Octavia Jabali at 747-8020 or call the church office.

Run For The Pies

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving Morning, 7:30am

Good Shepherd will assist the village of Tequesta with its 5K race again this year. You can help in a variety of ways.

1. Hand out water to runners at our water table.
2. Collect food donations at the food table.
3. Run! We need you on our Good Shepherd Team.

Will You Help Feed the Hungry This Season? Here are 3 Ways...

Share
The
Love



1

Let's show our community how much Good Shepherd cares!

Good Shepherd would like to prepare hot Thanksgiving meals for our family, friends & neighbors facing difficult times. If you know anyone who could use some comfort food on Thanksgiving Day or if you would like to know more about how to be involved in our "food" raising efforts this fall please email Rob Steiner at rasteiner@bellsouth.net or contact the Church Office at 746-4674.

Sign up for any (or all) of these great opportunities in the narthex or by calling the church office at 746-4674.

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Tequesta Harvest Festival

Saturday, November 14,

The Village of Tequesta will hold its annual event and this year, Good Shepherd will be collecting food throughout the day.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday the 14th to man the food collection booths and greet people on behalf of Good Shepherd. Sign-up to have fun AND do a good deed!



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Where does ministry come from? I'm thinking in particular of our Share the Love ministry that will take place on Thanksgiving and our two food drives at Tequesta's Harvest Fest and Run for the Pies. These are not small undertakings. We are tackling need. We are sharing our gift.

The pat answer is that ministry comes from God. There is a danger of either giving or receiving pat answers. When I taught 10th grade religion... what seems now a million years ago... my students would often give the pat answer "Jesus" to whatever question I might ask. Now, metaphysically, spiritually, and theologically I hold that Jesus is the answer. I attest to this. I encourage others to

Father Scott Petersen

come to this. Often though, my tenth graders would answer "Jesus" to questions like, "Who was the Tetrarch who oversaw Bethlehem while Jesus was a child?" The correct answer is of course, Herod. If they were really not paying attention they might answer "Jesus" if I asked them something like, "what is your mother's first name." Some of my students would not always pay attention in mandatory religion class (It was a Catholic High School.) The pat answer would always be "Jesus." One class got so used to yelling out "Jesus" for every question that I gave them, that I prepared a quiz where every answer was "Jesus." It was humorous to watch some of them, who had not properly prepared (they often did live into their sophomoric designation), visually second guess themselves and shake their heads in disbelief. I could almost hear some of them thinking, "They all can't be Jesus!" Again, the point, is that we must be careful of pat answers.

Ministry does however come from God. Ministry is that wonderful sacred place where God's desire is to unite need with gift. Sometimes it is our need that receives another's gift. In our ministry it is our gift that reaches another's need. God's desire reaches out both ways. The one in need must be willing to receive it. The one giving must be willing to share. There in the midst... in that linking of God's desire to gift and need... is, I believe, the kingdom of God. The pat answer is that ministry comes from God. The reality however is that it takes great courage and willingness to follow to both give and receive. Pat answers in ministry will not suffice. Our ministries this November did not grow out of nothing. They grew step by step. God's desire was to lead us to share our talent with those in need.

Two years ago a few of us got involved with the Run 4 Pies. About seven people handed out water. (Some loony decided to run with his collar on.) Last year both the village and Palm Beach Road Runners asked if we might organize a food drive. We did. Last year we had about twenty people get involved. Between the church food drive and the Run 4 Pies we raised about a ton of food. Some stayed here to fill our pantry and the majority was donated to C.R.O.S Ministries whose main ministry is feeding people. This year a call was placed on hearts to help feed people in need. We are. We are going to feed people Thanksgiving meals on Thanksgiving. This is Share the Love. At the same time the Village not only wants us to collect food at Run 4 the Pies, but also invited us to collect food at their Annual Harvest Fest. This year we are hoping to raise 2 tons of food! People are hungry. God desires to fill a need. Good Shepherd has gifts. God's desire is for us to reach out. Desire meets need with gift. Ministry comes from God. Our response this season is to respond.

To learn more AND to get involved with Share the Love, Run 4 Pies, and Harvest Fest please sign up at church or online at www.goodsheponline.org Simply click on any of the big buttons at the bottom of our home page to register your support. We are also looking for runners to run with the loony!

Bible Study

Women's Cursillo now meets every Thursday at 4:00pm at Good Shepherd Episcopal School. To find out more about joining Cursillo, please call the clergy at 746-4674.

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

Good News Bible Study Meets in the Library each Friday at 9:00am.

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!

Important Request

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.

Our financial status through **September 30, 2009** is as follows:

	Month to Date	Year to Date	Budget to Date
Revenues	\$ 48,913.57	\$ 562,372.20	\$ 586,901
Expenses	\$ 56,873.76	\$ 578,742.57	\$ 586,901
Net Total:	<\$ 7,960.19>	<\$ 16,370.37>	\$ 0

The off-season continues to take its toll on our finances. Please remember to keep your pledges current if at all possible. 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.

Email Update Form

Good Shepherd is increasing our communications options and so we need to make sure we have your correct, current email address. And we are Going Green, too! If you would like to receive the Newsletter, *Tidings*, via email or on-line, please let us know.

Please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or mail it in or drop it off at the office. (Please print)

Full Name: _____

Email: _____

Tidings on-line? (Circle one) Yes No

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

At 7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, the Vestry convened its regular monthly meeting in the Robert S. Taylor Library in the office building. The Reverend Robert S. Taylor, Rector, presided. After an opening prayer and centering, we accomplished the following:

APPROVED... the agenda, minutes from the September meeting and the Treasurer's Report for August.

HEARD REPORTS: Bob Taylor presented the financials for the school for August, 2009.

Several recent Outreach activities were discussed, including the number of solar cookers purchased to date (20), the plans for Adult Mission in Haiti, plans for filling stockings for the kids in Indiantown and providing Christmas dinner to families in West Jupiter .

Junior Warden John Prosser noted that all of the hurricane protection has been purchased and installed for both the Ryon Building and the old part of the Church building. In addition, donations have provided metal shutters and hardware for the Parish Hall.

Mark Chittum presented a Stewardship Team report regarding progress on our stewardship campaign. A letter announcing the campaign was sent to everyone about three weeks prior and we have responses from 96 families and individuals to date, out of about 350. The members of the Vestry were asked to take a leadership role in committing financially to the parish.

DISCUSSED & APPROVED: A proposed sign for the Pennies Shop in honor of Betty Owen was approved unanimously by the Vestry.

Progress on the Parish Goals was discussed:

Increasing environmental sustainability (from the MDGs). We will prepare some graphics regarding the solar cookers for Haiti and also the Lenten Mission Team's emphasis on environmental sustainability in their proposed 2010 trip.

Erik Pariseleti gave us an update on the website, which continues to grow and develop and to be useful to both our parishioners and also potential new members.

Bob Taylor announced that over 30 people have signed a commitment to our Covenant titled "Thirty Minutes for God and Me." Follow-up meetings will be scheduled.

Mimi Howard reported that small groups developing to date include a Caregivers' Group, a Bunco Group, a Women's Cursillo Reunion Group, and an Adult Mission Team for Haiti.

John Prosser reported that the work on hurricane protection has been completed. Other urgent needs now can be addressed.

Regarding the charette planning process with the school, Bob Taylor announced that the initial steering committee will consist of Phil Hart, Katharine Murray, Erik Pariseleti, Bob Taylor, Heather Vaughn, Margie Sawyer, Steve Oenbrink, and Christine West.

The Vestry approved George Vieth to be licensed as a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

CLOSED... with our Parish Prayer.

A letter from our friends, David and Dorothy Graham.

October 10, 2009

Hi folks,

Please excuse our use of “snail mail” but since we had an enclosure we decided to spend some extra time putting together a real letter (as opposed to an email).

Today was a big day for us; we took our first set of “promises” in front of the whole community (monks, nuns and companions). The service was beautiful and more than a few tears were shed by everyone present. We thought that you might want to see a portion of the service, so we’ve included the “bulletin” for you to read. Keep in mind that everything in the Orthodox Church is sung (and even more so in a monastery) so we chose not to include the 25 pages or so of psalms, Old Testament readings, epistle readings and so forth.

We would have let you know that the service was going to happen today but honestly, we didn’t know for sure until Thursday night when we were told that our habits would be ready on Friday afternoon. All of the communities (each ‘house’; monks, nuns and companions) wanted to be present and to lend their support and prayers during the service, so poof – Saturday morning we were told that ‘today is the day’. It’s sort of funny; we’ve been here for what, about 16 weeks now? And all of a sudden, ‘today is the day’.

So now our names have changed. It is customary in the monastic tradition to leave your old life behind and to take on a new life in Christ and that is what the name changing thing is supposed to signify. Dorothy has chosen to be called Sr. Hilda; for Hilda of Whitby, a nun of the 7th century who founded a double monastery (a house for men and a house for women) in Whitby in northern England; David chose to be called Br. Bartimaeus from the scene in the Gospel of Mark (10:46) where Jesus heals a rather persistent blind man. It was sort of amusing that from the time we got up this morning until the service began, everyone was greeting us with ‘goodbye Dorothy’ or ‘goodbye David’. What was much more touching was that at the end of the service everyone greeted us with ‘welcome, Hilda’ and ‘welcome, Bartimaeus’. It struck us that we’ve lived with these people for 16 or so weeks and yet we were welcomed this morning as totally new people. Almost as if they had never met us before. These folks take the ‘new life in Christ’ thought very seriously. Of course, we’ll always be Dorothy and David to you but don’t be too alarmed if you hear other people referring to us by the other names.

In more general terms, we seem to have settled into our life up here fairly well. The rhythm of life in the monastery is really different from life ‘outside’ but in a lot of ways it is just as frenetic and stressful. As you know, our daily schedule is pretty fixed – up at 5:30 for meditation and prayer, in church at 7:15 for community worship (matins), breakfast, work until lunch, after lunch a worship service in the house, and we retire to our rooms for prayer, meditation and sleep. In the context of work, there are plenty of things that need to be done around the house like weather stripping, printing, taking care of the gardens, going to the landfill, food shopping, conversations with guests and so on. Further, as new members of the community (we’re called novices) we have additional ‘work’ in terms of studying Theology, church history, music theory, singing lessons, and a general class called “formation” which is intended to steep us in the history and ways (and reasons for the ways) of New Skete.

We don’t work with dogs too much yet as there simply aren’t enough hours in the day to do everything that needs doing. A common saying around here is: “The good thing about an on-going project is that it is on-

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going and never ends.” We have some interaction with the pups (there are 21 of them right now) but we aren’t deeply involved yet; perhaps in a year or so.

The weather has been very fall-ish for those that remember what fall is about. We go from highs in the lower to mid 50’s to lows in the lower to mid 40’s. We have had quite a few cloudy and threatening looking days but they are punctuated with bright sunshine and sparkly blue skies. The fall foliage is pretty much in full swing at the moment and the hills are a riot of reds, yellows and golds. As we look out of the sliding glass door in our room, we see a Japanese maple that is a deep crimson and a pin oak that is a beautiful mixture of green, yellow and gold. We’re aware that winter is around the corner but right now, we feel like we’re prepared for it (we’ll see in February!) We have plenty of projects to keep us busy during the winter season (reorganize the library [200-300—books], clean out the pump room and reorganize it, clean out a shed that was once used as a carpentry shop and now has turned into our version of the kitchen junk drawer, work on some stained glass projects, some calligraphy projects and continue our studies [another one of those on-going projects]).

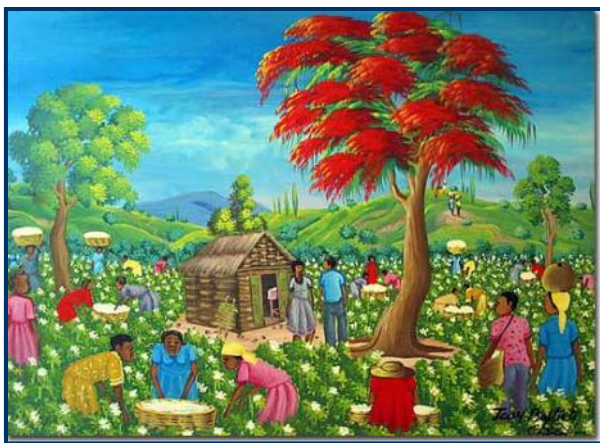
So it seems like we’re adapting reasonably well to our new life. The other members of the community have been very supportive whenever we’ve needed them. It is much in the desert tradition (where monasticism first started) that you have to work out your own salvation, with the help of an elder or mentor. But you have to do the work; they won’t grab you by the scruff of your neck and force you to do anything. Our brothers and sisters are there for us and we know that but they won’t intrude unless we ask or obviously need their help (like sometimes in choir when one of us is lost and fumbling to find the right music).

Speaking of music, It’s time to put together the music of our first full service as members of the community so we’ll have to end our note here.

Please know that we love you and pray for you often.

Sr. Hilda and Br. Bartimaeus (Dorothy and Dave)

Only 7 Weeks Until Christmas! Looking for a meaningful holiday gift?



Solar Cooker Honor Gifts are the perfect way to honor a loved one and provide life-sustaining support to people in Haiti.

Our Good Shepherd Adult Mission Team is working with Solar Oven Partners to place Solar Cookers in the hands of the poor living in deforested Haiti.

How can Solar Cookers help? By cooking only with the power of the sun, they eliminate the need for additional fuel, reduce deforestation, provide clean water and eliminate air pollution.

Please consider a solar cooker in honor of someone you know this year. Gifts will be sold in amounts of \$20.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00 and come with a special gift card that describes the program.

ALSO... You can help replenish the deforested areas of Haiti by purchasing saplings! In cooperation with a nursery in Haiti, our mission team will be replanting the hillside on their trip next spring.

Sapling honor gifts are \$10.00 each and also come with a beautiful gift card.

Please call the church office at 746-4674 to place your order today!



Sunday School News

Just a reminder, if you haven't dropped off your child's donation for their classroom Raffle Basket for Fall Fest, the deadline is Thursday, November 5th. Donations may be dropped off at the church office. Thank you so much for your support! Don't forget... Fall Fest is on Saturday, November 7th! I hope to see everyone there! And remember, volunteers are always needed. Please let me know what time you're available to help out.

Looking slightly ahead.... Our Good Shepherd Sunday School Christmas Pageant is right around the corner! Our Pageant & Parish-wide Family Dinner will be on Sunday, December 13th at 5pm. Pageant Rehearsal for all children participating will be on Saturday, December 12th, time to be announced. Rehearsals for Dancing Angels will begin the week of November 30th, complete schedule to be announced. If your child would like to be a Dancing Angel, and she is available for weekday evening rehearsals, please contact me and let me know! Or just give me a call if you have any questions. We will begin handing out roles this month.

Also, a reminder to all our 4th & 5th graders: Bring in your canned goods to Sunday School! Let's fill our ARK so we can help fill the pantry! And remember, Acts of Random Kindness can happen everywhere, every day, every place we go.

Lastly, please keep Good Shepherd's Sunday School in your prayers. Our classrooms are always in need of additional volunteers. Primarily, our Kindergarten/1st Grade class is in need of additional helpers right now. If you or anyone you know is looking for a way to get involved, keep us in mind. No experience necessary, the hours are good & you get to have fun on the job! Please contact me directly if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support!
Blessings,
Michelle Pariseleti
Sunday School Coordinator
561-222-7712



Bell Tower News *Good Shepherd Episcopal School*

A great big thank you to Kimm Dwyer, Mary Beth Cance and their trusty volunteers who helped make our Fall Fundraiser another winner. Thank you to all the parents, friends, and especially parishioners who helped to make this fundraiser such a huge success. We raised more money than last year. God has indeed blessed us again!

We joined the National Read for the Record and had a very good turnout here in the School's library. The little ones came in their PJ's and Mrs. Sawyer read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Afterwards we all had cookies and chocolate milk.

The end of the first nine weeks of school has come and gone, report cards went out and we had Parent Conference Day. The Preschool had wonderful Halloween Parades and everybody looked like the angels that they really are.

There is only one more month left of Hurricane Season and we are all starting to breathe a sigh of relief. We are thankful for not only small mercies, but also the big ones like no hurricanes.

The school is very conscious of the flu season and teachers and staff are constantly washing and wiping down surfaces to ensure everybody stays healthy.

Although it is difficult to believe that it is that time of the year again, we are all looking forward to VIP Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to please join us for VIP day, Tuesday, November 24. The program commences at 10:00 AM in the Church.

The Staff and Students wish everybody a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

Christine Vanderwesthuizen
Head of School



Our Good Shepherd youth group has been on their journey for about three months now and have shown significant growth—both spiritually and physically. When we say physically we're not talking about the numbers of youth in attendance, or the changes that come with the group, we're talking about the physical gifts God gave us. We want to celebrate the things we know how to do!

The theme for the evening, **Psalm 139** — **“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”** We are all unique and we are all made in God's image so why not show off and demonstrate to one another the silly and sublime abilities we have. This lesson is designed as a sort of *SHOW AND TELL* for our most amazing physical abilities! Our youth are quite amusing! Here's how the evening went: you paired up with another youth, showed off your “amazing physical ability” and then you and your partner had to come up with an “amazing physical ability” as a team. Then, on with the show! I'm not sure I can ever look at the sanctuary the same way again with out thinking about the silly and amusing physical gifts God gave our youth! Yes, we have youth who can dislocate wrists, hips, fingers, flip and flop in the air, move noses in a ways too weird to describe, tie themselves up in knots, (yoga fans beware), and be very creative when it comes to team play. The purpose of all this? Well it's to offer our meager abilities and our amazing abilities, to the Lord God of the Universe! It is a reminder that all that we are, and all that we do, we offer to God. What a wonderful way to share ourselves with God and our friends, and to celebrate how wonderfully made we are! What an AMAZING GROUP!

Our senior high group headed down to the middle Keys for a high school retreat and to celebrate our beautiful island home, Mother Earth! We were invited by St. Columba's rector to sleep at their church and enjoy the beauty of their surroundings. St. Columba's sits in the “Hammock” village of Marathon Key. I'm sure it gets it's name from the majestic oak trees which canopy the area and the church grounds. You feel like you're sitting in a hammock under the trees. The kids fell in love with this tiny church complete with an altar of rare and not so rare shells, a baptismal font hand carried over from England, fabulous stained glass windows and a peaceful prayer garden. We snorkeled Friday morning, made lunch, power napped, walked down to the private beach and then had a cook-out with a few parishioners and youth at dinner time. After dinner and an ice cream social, it was movie time. We had a relaxing evening of funny and serious movies with some brief discussion on why we watched what we did. Then it was time for our late night Eucharist. Rev. Debra celebrated the Eucharist with us and we talked about stepping out in our faith and we thanked God for our many blessings and the beauty which surrounded us this weekend. The next morning we had to say good bye to our island home. Prior to our departure we had a quiet centering prayer in the prayer garden—it was extraordinary!

Julie

Mark your Calendars:

- Sat, Nov. 7th - FallFest -

10:00 am - 2:00 pm - All youth encouraged to Attend - community service hours offered!

- Sun., Nov. 22nd - Youth Breakfast - Eggs Benedict! -

8:00 am - 11 am - All youth needed - community service hours offered!

- Wed., Nov. 4, 11, 18 - Rite 13 - Junior High Youth Group -

6:00 - 8:00 pm - meet in the Junior High Youth Room - dinner always served.

- Wed., Nov. 4, 11, 18 - J2A/YAC - Senior High Youth Group -

6:00 - 8:00 pm - meet in the Senior High Youth Room - dinner always served.

NO YOUTH GROUP ON NOV. 25 - GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE!

Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals 2009 on St. Francis Sunday was great fun! Over 60 people brought their beloved pets for blessings on October 4th. We even had some dogs walk the labyrinth at Paws on the Path, following the blessing.



Pub Lunch

Pub lunch got off to a great start on October 1st. We had a great group of folks gather for games led by Bill Burrage and Suzi Heithaus. Special thanks to Ann Ballard and Mimi Howard for providing such a nice lunch!



Please join us on the **first Thursday of each month** at 10:00am for pub-style games, food and fun. Sign up in the narthex or call the office at 746-4674.

MEETING WEEKLY IN NOVEMBER

Monday

10:30 a.m. Meditation Group
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

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Reaching Out Lunch
9:30 a.m. Eucharist & Healing
10:30 a.m. Bible Study
11:45 a.m. Home Meals
2:00 p.m. Caregivers' Group
4:00 p.m. Women's Cursillo
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
8:00 p.m. AA

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday

8:00 a.m. Good Guys
9:00 a.m. Good News Bible Study
10:30 a.m. AA - Women's

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 a.m. Jitters
9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:00 a.m. Jitters

December

6—Youth Group Christmas Party
11—Youth Flick Night and Games
12—Bel Canto Singers
13—Christmas Pageant and Dinner
19—Holiday Luncheon
24 & 25—Christmas Services
27—Lessons and Carols
31—Reaffirmation of Vows & Labyrinth Walk



November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints' Day 9:00am Food Pantry Open House 9:00am Confirmation I 11:30 Fall Fest Committee Mtg.	2	3 6:30pm MOPS	4 3:00pm Healing Team Meeting 7:00pm Newcomers Meeting 7:30pm Outreach Committee Mtg.	5 10:00am Pub Lunch	6	7 9:00am—4:00pm FALL FEST
8 UTO Ingathering	9 7:00pm Bunco	10 4:00pm Afternoon Book Group	11 OFFICE CLOSED 10:30 Reiki Circle 4:00pm St. George Ministry	12 7:00pm Literary Circle	13 Diocesan Convention Begins	14 Diocesan Convention Ends
15 12:00pm Annual Pennies Luncheon	16	17 6:30pm MOPS	18 7:30pm Vestry Meeting	19 10:00am Third Thursdays on the Labyrinth 11:45am Young at Heart Luncheon 5:30pm Artie's Party Meeting	20	21 1:00pm-4:00pm Pre-Advent Quiet Day
22 9:00 Youth Mission Breakfast 9:00 MOPS Pie Orders	23	24	25 7:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service	26 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30am Run for the Pies 10:00am Thanksgiving Day Eucharist	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 Advent I	30					

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2009

DATE	SERVING	TIME	ACOLYTES	LEM	USHER	GREETER	HEALING	SOUND	ALTAR	JITTERS
Nov 1	Verger Donna Fiorenza LEV Marj Johnson Erik Pariseleti Vestry Mason Walsh	8 AM	Julie Bird-Winchester	Larry Bischoff Connie Haas Dona Scoville Bill Gorham	Barbara Adams Dale Smith	Joe & Sue Pellegrini	Marj Johnson	Ralph Ebner	Edna Bessette Myra Canonico	Gus/Christine West
		10 AM	Matt Koch Kevin Beebe Alannah Baker Alex Wood	Walter Beaman Howard Smith Peggy Chittum Mark Chittum	Jim & Rosemary Kyle Joe D' Alessandro Merike Seely	Helen Dove Rosmira Petersen	Alex Lesbirel	Erik Pariseleti	Margaret Dunstan Liz Bardin Ann Ballard*	Paul Kirby Sue Endler-Kirby
Nov 8	Verger Mike Hanseter LEV Stan Connell Connie Haas Vestry Mark Chittum	8 AM	Gus West	Christine West Marilyn Hall Donna Fiorenza Bill Gorham	Marty & Nancy Koether	Ed & Charlotte Rappe	Connie Haas	Brian Tobin	Barbara McGrath* Barbara Drum*	Joan & Ralph Ebner
		10 AM	Olivia Parrone Wellsley Brown Elise Howard Sam Mc Niff	Jim Johnson Alicia Howard Howard Smith Steve Pollard	Susan Bardin Sterling Winchester Steve & Marcia Pollard	Paul Kirby Sue Endler-Kirby	Carol Johnson	Richard Dunstan	Shirley Connell Joan Fuller	Terri & Terry McFarland
Nov 15	Verger Peggy Greene LEV Barbara Drum The Pollards Vestry Dave Downing	8 AM	Jeanette Brown	Donna Fiorenza Bill Gorham Gayle Landen Mary-Beth Lucas	Joe & Sue Pellegrini	Joan Dowrick	Barbara Gustafson	John Prosser	Edna Bessette Myra Canonico	Helen Roebuck
		10 AM	Alexis Riddle Pamela Mora Robyn Morie Alana Schuppert	Debbie Gilbert Sandy Gozzo Jean Smith Jamie Meiers	Brent & Katharine Murray Sterling Winchester Erik Pariseleti	Shirlee Gill Suzie Heithaus	Stan Connell	Stan Connell	Patricia Herbert* Ann Ballard*	Mike Howard Beth Long
Nov 22	Verger Richard Dunstan LEV Alex Lesbirel Marj Johnson Vestry Debbie Gilbert	8 AM	Marlene Taylor	Dona Scoville Christine West Marilyn Hall Larry Bischoff	Joe Hall John Prosser	Joe Hall	Marj Johnson	Ralph Ebner	Marilyn Hall * Barbara Drum *	Beth Long
		10 AM	Rachel Acuna Ryan Morie Vinnie Parrone Alex Seely	Peggy Greene Patricia Herbert Margaret Dunstan Ed Koryl	Jim & Jerre Rannie Stan & Shirley Connell	Dottie & Denise Parson	Alex Lesbirel	Erik Pariseleti	Carol Johnson Marion Downing	Steve Thompson Sarah Emily
Nov 29	Verger Erik Pariseleti LEV The Dunstons Marj Johnson Vestry Gayle Landen	8 AM	Aynsley Hoffman	Peggy Greene Gayle Landen Connie Haas Helen Roebuck	Gus & Christine West	Joe & Sue Pellegrini	Mary-Beth Lucas	Brian Tobin	Myra Canonico Edna Bessette	Beth Long
		10 AM	Olivia Parrone Wellsley Brown Emma Thomas Sarah Thompson	Charmin Persson Brent Murray Katharine Murray Terri McFarland	Joe D' Alessandro Merike Seely Dan and Debbie Gilbert	Jim & Rose Kyle	Stan Connell	Stan Connell	Liz Bardin* Connie D' Alessandro*	Linda Johnson Brett Brad Brett



Pre-Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service to be Held at Good Shepherd This Year

On Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00pm, Good Shepherd will host other area churches for a pre-holiday service of Thanksgiving. Each year, a different church hosts the event and this time it's our turn. We hope you will join us for music and prayer—a wonderful way to begin the holiday season with your community.

Looking for a place to park at special events here at Good Shepherd?

The Gallery Square shopping center, located just south of the church property at the corner of Seabrook Rd. and Tequesta Dr., has many spots available on big event days like Fall Fest, Christmas Pageant and Christmas Eve Services. Many of the shops are closed on those days, so the lot is virtually empty!

Do You Have an Old Cell Phone?

Please, bring it to Good Shepherd School! They are collecting cell phones, old or new, to donate to an agency that puts the phones in the hands of domestic abuse victims and survivors. These are women who are greatly relieved to know that help is a phone call away if and when they are in danger. Not sure if your phone would even work?



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Coming in December

December 6

Advent II

Youth Group Christmas Party

December 11

Youth Flick Night and Games

December 12

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Bel Canto Singers

December 13

Advent III

Christmas Pageant
Parish Holiday Dinner

December 19

Holiday Luncheon

December 20

Advent IV

December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Family Service

6:30pm Carols

7:00pm Holy Eucharist

10:30pm Carols

11:00 Holy Eucharist

December 25

10:00am Holy Eucharist

December 27

10:00am Lessons and Carols

December 31

Reaffirmation of Vows &
Labyrinth Walk

Save the Date

Artie's Ninth Annual Party
An Evening in the Orient
Friday, February 12, 2010

Dinner, Dancing, Entertainment,
Silent Auction, Prize Drawings

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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Good Shepherd's 9th Annual Fall Fest

Saturday, November 7

9:00am to 4:00pm



Festival Marketplace

- Holiday Bazaar
- Hand Crafted Items
 - Jewelry
- Books, Movies and Music
- Hourly drawings for Fabulous Gift Baskets



Magic, Music and Entertainment for all Ages!

Children's Fun Area

- Pony Rides
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
 - Bounce House
 - Face Painting
 - Carnival Games

Food

- Fall Fest Lunch Café
- Sweet Shop featuring cakes, pies, jellies, jams and preserves



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