

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

The mission of Good Shepherd is to celebrate God's love and grow together in faith,
to serve the world in Christ's name.

The Sheep Skin

The monthly parish newsletter

December 2011

Advent & Christmas Worship Services / Advent Party



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

5PM: ADVENT PARTY; NO 6PM SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4PM: FAMILY SERVICE ~ CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

8PM: HOLY EUCHARIST W/CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

10:30PM: CAROL FEST WITH CHOIR

11PM: HOLY EUCHARIST WITH CHOIR & BRASS
(INCENSE USED)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH 10AM: HOLY EUCHARIST (NO 6PM SERVICE)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST 10AM: HOLY EUCHARIST (NO 6PM SERVICE)

* Overflow parking note: Please utilize streetside parking in Willow Creek neighborhood across Dry Creek

Join Us For the Advent Party!

Our annual Advent Party is coming, Sunday, December 4th from 5-7:30 pm! Come join parishioners from all the services in an evening of holiday cheer. Bring something to share for the finger-food buffet dinner. Make an Advent wreath, or some of the other seasonal crafts, or just enjoy a Starbucks coffee as you chat with friends, old and new, as strolling carolers serenade. This is an intergenerational party, and extended family and friends are most welcome. Nursery care for infants and toddlers will be provided. Please sign up at church to help us plan for you! Any questions? Call Ann MacColl (720-283-1716).

~ Ann MacColl



Mark Your Calendars!

December 3 & 17: Men's Group, 7:30 am

December 4: Advent Party, 5-7:30pm (No 6pm Service)

December 10: Hungry Flock at the Roden's house

December 15: Women's Group Lunch@Broadmoor

December 17-18: Youth CHRISTmas Day 8am-8am

December 24: Christmas Eve Services: 4, 8 & 11pm

December 25: Christmas Day Service, 10am
(No 6pm Service)

January 20: Annual Meeting, ONE service @ 9am

Pasture Tales

Thoughts from the Rector . . .



Waiting For God To Take Charge

The 2011 Advent season has a special meaning for me since I was ordained to the priesthood 30 years ago, on December 21, 1981 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Barrington, Illinois. The season of Advent is all about waiting, and I can vividly remember the days leading up to the ordination service. I eagerly awaited the arrival of my parents and two siblings from the west and east coasts. I looked forward to celebrating my ordination with the people of St. Michael's and with several people from other parishes who had supported and sponsored me for ordination. As exciting as it was to anticipate and plan my ordination, what I will always remember was the moment during the service when hands were laid on me by the Bishop and by several other priests as the congregation sang the traditional ordination hymn, "Come Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire." In that moment that I had anticipated and planned for so long, I realized that I was no longer in control of my life. In that moment, I knew that the future was not in my hands. I had allowed God's Holy Spirit to enter in and take hold of me. I had opened myself up to the possibility that God was now doing something completely new in and through me. In one sense I was terrified about what I was getting myself into, allowing God to take charge. In another sense, I felt a tremendous feeling of peace, empowerment and purpose as I let go of my "old life" and welcomed this "new life" of priestly ministry.

Every season of Advent we are invited to imagine what it feels like and what it looks like for God to break into our lives and "take charge." We're invited to "wake up" to the fact that our God is a God who intervenes in history...a God who enters into situa-

tions that seem chaotic and hopeless. Our God is a God who sends us a message that an "old world" is dying and a "new world" is being born. In Advent we light candles and set up crèche sets, and sing songs of longing and anticipation – all to help us understand the importance of waiting for God to enter into our world and do something new and unexpected. And the challenge of each Advent season is to practice waiting amidst a consumer culture that is frantically filling the days before Christmas with activities and entertainment.

2,000 years ago, in the silence of a stable, the people of Israel, deeply aware of their alienation from God, saw their prayers answered after praying for generations that God would act decisively and dramatically to restore wholeness to their broken lives. Throughout history, in the midst of persecution and torment, when their human powers were spent, Christians learned to watch and wait expectantly for God to act...learned that waiting for God pays off.

What are you watching and waiting and hoping for this Advent season? Are you willing to accept God's timetable and put aside your own plans and agendas? The hope of Advent is that, as we wait for Jesus' coming to a manger in Bethlehem, we will learn to wait for his coming to us right now in our daily lives, and in the future...a future that we don't control.

I hope you will join the Good Shepherd community on the Sundays in Advent when, together, we celebrate the joy and the challenge of waiting for the coming of Jesus Christ.

~ Fr. Craig MacColl

Senior Warden's Window



I was looking for some inspiration for the Window this month and I found a fantastic article on the internet called ***The Greatest Gift of All; The Birth of Jesus Christ*** by Greg Laurie. I would like to share it as a gift to all of you this month as we look through the window at God's greatest gift. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Greatest Gift of All; The Birth of Jesus Christ by Greg Laurie

I heard that someone actually tried to calculate how much it would cost to give the gifts named in the classic Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The grand total came to about \$15,000. Some items were affordable, like a partridge in a pear tree for \$34.99. Four turtledoves will run you somewhere around \$50. Six geese-a-laying will cost around \$150. But the price takes off when you add 11 pipers piping. That is \$1,000 right there. Then there are the 12 drummers drumming. With current union scale for musicians, they will run you another \$1,000. The price really soars when you get 12 lords-a-leaping. We are talking \$3,000 for them. Granted, I don't know where you would find them, but they are very expensive.

Still, the real message of Christmas is not the gifts that we give to each other. Rather, it is a reminder of the gift that God has given to each of us. It is the only gift that truly keeps on giving, so I want to point out four things about this special gift.

First, it is surprising. When Christmas rolls around, you often try to figure out if certain people have bought that gift you really wanted. Maybe you already know what they bought, because they didn't hide it very well. Or maybe you uncovered it by accident-or maybe not. But when the day comes and you open the present, you have to pretend you're surprised. Yet all along, you knew what it was. God's gift to us, however, was a complete surprise. It was

not expected, and as you examine it more carefully, you realize how great a gift it actually was.

Second, God's gift came to us in the humblest of wrappings. What would you think if you saw a gift under your Christmas tree that was wrapped in newspaper and tied up with string? At first, you would probably assume that a guy wrapped it. But think about God's gift to us. Jesus was not born in a palace of gold; He was born in a stable. He was clothed with rags. He was laid in a feeding trough. Yet these things do not, in any way, diminish the story of Christ's birth. If anything, they help us realize the great sacrifice God made for us. God's gift to humanity, the ultimate gift of eternal life through His Son, Jesus Christ, came in the simplest and humblest of wrappings.

Third, we don't deserve this gift. At Christmas, we give gifts to those we care about, who have been kind to us over the past year, or who have given us a gift first. We don't give gifts to the person who has been slandering our name or to the angry neighbor who never has a kind word to say. God didn't give this gift to us because we deserved it. In fact, it was just the opposite. The Bible tells us, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8 NKJV).

Fourth, the gift tells us something about the giver. When you want to give someone a gift, you start thinking about it ahead of time. Hopefully, you try to find what that person wants or needs. When God decided to give us the gift of eternal life, it wasn't something that He just thought of on the fly. Long before there was a town called Bethlehem, a garden called Eden, and a planet called Earth, a decision was made in eternity that God would send forth His Son, born of a woman, made under the law, to redeem those that are under the law. The Bible says that He was slain from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8). Make no mistake about it: this gift that God has given to us was the most sacrificial thing He possibly could have offered. (Laurie, 2008)

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~ by Rob Polete

Faith Forum

Gifts that Won't Break ...

Holiday season is upon us and already people are talking about the “rush of the holidays”, and “things becoming hectic and crazy.” It seems that the holidays at this time of year have become synonymous with “busyness” and dread as stores race to put up Christmas decorations as soon as Halloween ends and obligations related to celebrations begin to pile up. Why not find a way to avoid the madness and mayhem and truly celebrate the season?

The season of Advent is intended to be a time of reflection and quiet as we approach Christ's birth. Faith formation will explore “Gifts That Won't Break” by James W.



Moore, a popular speaker and preacher who resides in Fairview, Texas. We will reflect on the gifts of hope, love, joy and peace over the four weeks of Advent. Give yourself a gift on Sundays at 9am in the chapel by joining us for this time of contemplation and discussion on these unbreakable gifts.

You may sign up to purchase the book, if you desire, in the narthex. However, It is not necessary to purchase this \$7 book to participate in the sessions. This Advent study began

November 27th, but each session stands alone so please join us as you are able. Don't you deserve some love, hope, joy and peace this season? ~ Susie Street

Altar Guild Update

Faith, food, friends...all three blessed the Altar Guild women who met on November 12 for the annual fall brunch and meeting. Members and Father Craig gathered in the Parish Hall to visit, relish egg casseroles, sweet rolls, fruit, and juice, and plan Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas tasks. The Guild welcomed newcomer, Susan Hall, who signed up for Altar Guild during the fall ministry fair. They also welcomed Lecia West's return.

After updates from Father Craig, and other announcements and discussions, Father Craig and Marjie Rogers amazed the group by revealing gorgeous new Advent vestments. The group knew that Gail Bird was in the process of making new vestments, but was surprised to see the set completed and ready for

use. Fr Craig blessed the chasuble (the robe he wears when celebrating Communion) & Advent veil. Good Shepherd already has a matching blue Advent stole, so the two new pieces complete our Advent set. Notice the beautiful blue vestments during Advent services.

In addition, Marjie Rogers measured borders to make a new fair linen from the material purchased to honor Cindy Dalton's long service as Altar Guild director. Cathie Owens hand sewed the hems in place, and Father Craig blessed it. The Guild plans to reserve its use for special occasions. It will be on the altar for the first time on Christmas Eve.

Altar Guild will meet again on March 17, 2012 to plan Holy Week and Easter services.

~ Linda Messer

Sunday School



Is Jesus the reason for your season? A great way to prepare your hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth is to plan on coming to the church on December 4th from 5-7:30 and enjoy a time of holiday fun, fellowship and finger food at our Advent Party. There will be

simpler crafts downstairs in the children's wing, plus more detailed crafts upstairs. Wondering musicians will ensure a great time for all. Please be sure to sign up at the Advent table so we can make sure we have enough supplies and food. We hope to see you at this annual family event. Volunteers are needed downstairs to help the younger kids with crafts. Please let Sue know, either in person or at rickand-sue2@comcast.net, if you can help make this event a success.

2011 Christmas Giving Tree

Starting Nov. 27, there will be a Christmas tree set up in the children's area for donations of unwrapped children's hats, scarves, gloves and mittens. We are going to collect warm items that will be given to kids at a ministry that Good Shepherd supports the week before Christmas. Thank you in advance for sharing Jesus' love with kids in need.



Our Christmas Pageant this year will be a traditional dramatization of the birth of Jesus. It is for children aged 5 years and older and will take place during the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service. It is open to all children who attend that service. Rehearsal will be December 11th & 18th at 12 noon. The pageant will

take place at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve service. Please contact Barb Barlow, Laura Whipp or Amanda Sullivan for more details or to sign up. The nursery will be open for the 4 and 8 pm services on Christmas Eve. Volunteers are needed so we can provide care for our church family and also visitors. Please let Father Craig, Sue or Edith or Lauren (in the nursery) know if you are available for this special service opportunity.

Have you filled out a family Sunday school registration form your child in Sunday school? Please make sure that you do this so you can be added to our contact list and stay informed. Plus, this is our way to make sure that your child's needs are met in cases of allergies or special situations. Also, please don't hesitate to speak with Sue and/or your child's teachers.

~ Sue LeFant



Finance Committee Members Needed

Good Shepherd is looking for individuals that have experience in finance or accounting to volunteer to serve on the Finance Committee. Normally, we meet once a month, either by phone or in person to discuss any issues. There is a meeting on the 13th of December at 7pm and anyone that is interested is invited to come and sit in. October thru December is the time period where we develop a budget for the com-



ing year and present it to the Vestry and we could use any help you could give us. If you are interested, please contact either Pete Roden at 303-470-6476 or Mark Dunlap at 303-850-7758.

Notes from the Vestry

Vestry Vision

by Rob Polete, Sr. Warden

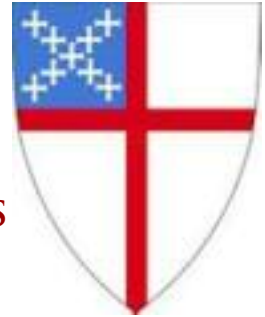
The Vestry met on Tuesday November 15 at 6:30 pm. The focus of this meeting was Leadership Development.

The meeting started in Executive session to continue the staff salary discussion started at the October meeting.

Following the salary discussion, the Vestry reviewed calendar and ministry updates. The remainder of the meeting focused on leadership styles and leadership profiles of Vestry members.

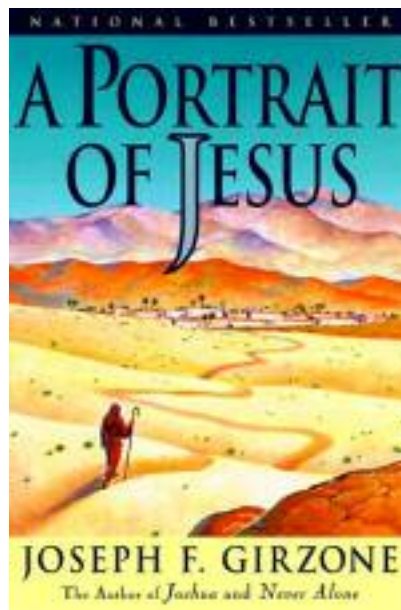
Minutes of Vestry Meetings and financial reports are posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

VESTRY MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE TO ATTEND. THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011 STARTING AT 6:30. THIS LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR WILL BE A CELEBRATION OF THE MANY MINISTRIES AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE VESTRY TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE MANY PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEER TO DO GOD'S WORK AT GOOD SHEPHERD.



Epiphany Book Study Begins January 9

Following on the very successful fall study of the book, "Who Will Be Saved," Fr. Craig MacColl and Cliff Wilson will lead a 6-week study of the book "A Portrait of Jesus," by Joseph Girzone, beginning Monday, January 9 at 7 PM. In this book Girzone captures the truth of Jesus that is presented in the Gospels and gives a compelling vision of the person Jesus' contemporaries must have known. Girzone asks the simple question, "What did people see in Jesus as he walked down the street? How did he approach others and what would these people take away from meeting him?"



During the fall book study, we explored the topic of salvation and what it means to say that we are "saved" In this study we will turn our attention to the one who we believe is responsible for saving us – Jesus Christ. What do we really know about him? Why should we want to follow him? What does it mean to say that we believe Jesus is our savior?

A sign-up list for this series will be available beginning December 18. Cost for "A Portrait of Jesus" is \$14.

~ Fr. Craig MacColl

Men's Group

In November, the Men's group will meet for breakfast at 7:30am on December 3rd and for coffee & donuts on December 17th in the Parish Hall. In December we meet the first and third Saturdays to stay away from meeting on Christmas weekend. Our program follows breakfast or coffee & donuts from 8 to 9am in the Chapel & we always stop at 9am.

The group is currently doing a mix of 3 programs: a discussion of current issues in the Church and in the world, a discussion of the Sunday Scriptures, and a discussion of Jesus' miracles. We also try to relate how these subjects are present in our everyday activities and lives. We rotate these three topics and each session stands on its own. Men can come and enjoy each meeting even if they miss one or several meetings.



Our second meeting in December on the 17th is our special annual Christmas Program. Bob Truhlar has been gracious to share his originality, humor, and thoughtfulness with us over the last several years with a special presentation for the group at Christmas. He will continue in that tradition this year and we will sing our Christmas Carols to ring in the Christmas season. The program and singing is a joy for all the Men that can attend.

Mark your calendars for our meetings in December on the 3rd and 17th. We especially welcome new men in the Church or new men to the Men's group. You can call or talk to Jim Wolfe (303-791-2613) with questions or for more information.

~ Jim Wolfe

EWES



Episcopal Women Enrichment and Service

Our winter schedule ~ please join us!
December 11- Bake Sale will be after both services. The proceeds will go to St. Clare's Kitchen for the homeless.
December 15 – Holiday Luncheon at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. The sign-up sheet is in the parish hallway. Reservations are limited to 25. We'll

meet at the church parking lot at 11am for carpooling. There will be time after lunch for us to enjoy the hotel's outstanding decorations.

January— Operation Gratitude Knitters: Keep those needles clicking! A shipment will be sent to Afghanistan at the end of January. Check Sunday bulletins for details. Chairman Marcia Poirier reminds you to use 100% natural fiber yarns. She will be buying some soon. If there are questions, call her at a new number (720-880-8013).

~ Joyce Kremer

Help Needed with Newcomer Ministry

We are all Greeters at Good Shepherd!

We are working to organize and promote our Newcomers Program at Good Shepherd. Important parts of this program are our Greeters and our Ushers, as these people are the first to greet our Newcomers to Good Shepherd. However, it is important to remember that we should all be Greeters to our newcomers and visitors to Good Shepherd. This should be a joy and pleasure to greet and make newcomers and visitors feel at home and welcome them into our Good Shepherd Family.

Currently myself and Heather Land are working in this ministry. I hope to increase this group to six by the first of the year, so if you are interested please let me know (303-791-2613).

What can I do? What can everyone do? Here are some simple points to help us:

1. Welcome newcomers and visitors in Church and share information with them.
2. Have them sign our Guest book with their name, address, telephone number and E-mail.
3. Show them how to obtain Name Tags (the small box that has slips to put their name on is on the table next to the guest book, and their name tag will be on the name tag board the following week).
4. Provide them the folder with Good Shepherd information (on the same table next to the guest book).
5. Blue membership cards are also on the same table.
6. Invite them to coffee in the Parish Hall.

These are simple things that all of us can do. Let's all be Greeters to our newcomers and visitors.

~ *Jim Lee Wolfe*

Holiday Offering to Support Missionary Families

Every Sunday we pray for Special people working in the Mission Field. They are Kim and Cindy Hunt, and Frank and Anne Bernardi. Cindy and Anne both grew up attending Good Shepherd.

For several years Good Shepherd has supported these mission families through our annual operating budget. This past year (2011) due to the economic situation, the church was not able to support the Hunts and the Bernardis. Many Episcopal churches take a special offering at Christmas time and these funds are often designated for a certain purpose such as outreach. Although this has not been a Good Shepherd tradition, this year, with the support of the Vestry, the Outreach/Mission Committee would like to invite Good Shepherd Parishioners to make a special Christmas gift to support our two Missionary Families.

Cindy and Kim Hunt were married at Good Shepherd in 1996. They ran ministry training schools in Romania and Hungary. Their



daughter, Katie is now 10. In 2008 they moved back to the States and now live in Florida. They are still working with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) and are training young people to go and minister all over the world. Anne and Frank Bernardi were also married at Good Shepherd. They now have 4 children and live in North Africa. After Frank was ordained an Episcopal Priest, they lived and ministered to the homeless community in Pittsburgh, PA. In 2001, they fulfilled a call to be a presence in a Muslim country and moved to North Africa. Their work involves holistically sharing the Gospel in a Muslim context and sensitively working to plant indigenous faith communities.

If you are so moved, please help us by writing a check to Good Shepherd and in the memo line write "Missions." Checks may be mailed to the church or checks/cash gifts may be placed in an envelope and put in the vase next to the "Holiday Offering for Missionary Families" basket in the church narthex. Thank you!

~ *Helen Kirk and Leslie Boose*

PUMPKIN GRATITUDE!

We had a wonderful Pumpkin Patch! We made almost \$8000 for the Outreach activities at Good Shepherd and we all had a lot of fun too. We met many of our neighbors and made some new friends. We have revitalized our identity in the local community; we are now the "Pumpkin Patch Church." Families came to our patch with their children and had a wonderful time. They bought pumpkins and were very glad to hear that the proceeds go to charities.

So many people worked very hard to make this a great year. Over a hundred people showed up to offload an entire semi filled with pumpkins. Every day we had people out in the patch waving at traffic, caring for pumpkins, and selling pumpkins. Every evening two counters came over and counted our pumpkin proceeds. We had volunteers making signs, putting up signs, covering pumpkins in freezing weather, uncovering pumpkins the next morning, removing snow from

pumpkins, and this year--for the first time--we had Day Captains opening and closing the patch each day.

In addition, we had volunteers running out to Watkins to pick up hay bales and some who showed up to move pumpkins in the patch. On the day after the patch ended, volunteers helped to pile pumpkins into trucks to go to various charities. Before the patch started, we had people writing press releases (did you see we got into the Denver Post Hub this year?), creating a Facebook page, creating a flyer and then running around posting the flyers. Every person involved with the pumpkin patch deserves a huge thank you! I am personally very grateful, and I know our Outreach Partners are very appreciative for the funding from Good Shepherd.

~ Joyce Manning



Confirmation Classes to Begin in January

Starting January 8, 2012, Good Shepherd will begin a series of Confirmation classes for adults and youth. These classes will be for all adults and High School age youth at least 16 years old. The class series will consist of:

- A weekend retreat in February, date to be determined by the availability of the participants
- Sunday classes at 9:00 am from January 8 to April 29, 2012
- Attending the Vestry Meeting on March 20, 2012
- Participation in the Ash Wednesday evening service on February 22, 2012 and the Holy Week evening services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil April 5-7, 2012
- The Denver Regional Confirmation at St. John's Cathedral on May 12, 2012. Attendance at most these events will be a requirement to be recommended for Confirmation.

Confirmation is an affirmation of Baptismal Vows by the individual being confirmed. Since baptism usually occurs during infancy or early childhood, it becomes important for Christians to explore the promises made on their behalf and decide whether or not they want to confirm these promises. It is an important step in a person's faith journey and is something that should be entered into with prayer and deliberate intention. Parents are encouraged to discuss the importance of Confirmation with their youth to explore if now is the right time for them to be prepared for Confirmation. It is important to note that participation in this process does not obligate the student to be confirmed. They may withdraw at any point, or even decide not to be confirmed at the end of a successfully completed program.

If you have questions or plan on being part of the Confirmation Class, please contact Christin Olson at 303-740-2688 or Rob Polete at 720-344-0201.
~ Rob Polete

OUTREACH

Colorado Jubilee Ministries

On November 5, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori toured the St. Francis Center in downtown Denver and attended a reception for the Colorado network of Jubilee Ministries. SFC and St. Clare's Supper, both supported by Good Shepherd, were two of the many highlighted ministries providing direct social services to those in need. In her remarks, the Bishop expressed that some day the various ministries will be "put out of business" when God's abundant gifts of food, health, and housing is extended to all people on earth. It is with this hope that we continue to live out our faith by serving those in need.

For more information on the Jubilee Ministries in Colorado, visit <http://colorado-jubilee.org>.

~ Karin Elsen



Special Thanksgiving dessert treats made for the St. Clare's ministry dinner in November--the St. Clare's dinner guests were thrilled! Thanks Joan Polete for your hard work on these festive cookies!

Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries



JEFF BARLOW	12/5
DAVID WOOD	12/6
JANET GILBERT	12/7
JOHN SODERLUND	12/7
BOB MCKENNA	12/9
DIANE SAATJIAN	12/9
TOM MATTHEWS	12/10
LORI DELUE	12/11
SUE KELLEY	12/11
ALEX RALEY	12/11
CARRIE MOUNTAIN	12/12
BETTE SHATWELL	12/12
BEN JOHNSON	12/13
BILL HENWOOD	12/14
KARYN ROACH	12/16
CATHY CONLEY	12/17
DEBBIE NAZARRO	12/17
JULIA THORNHILL	12/18
BOB THOMSON	12/19
MAUREEN SANZO	12/21
HELEN WILLIAMS	12/21
KATHERINE RAYNE	12/23
TERRELL GREEN	12/24
GABRIELLE ROCHE	12/25
MARK STRATFORD	12/26
KAREN WOOD	12/27
LINDSEY BEHLER	12/28
JIM LEE WOLFE	12/28
PATRICIA THOMAS	12/29
RON JOHNSON	12/30
NODIN TILSON	12/30
ALEX WYNN	12/30
STEVEN LARSEN	12/31
BONNIE SHEK	12/31

Wedding Anniversaries:



Forest & Joyce Frakes 12/19
Jack & Marjie Rogers 12/21
Paul & Kathy Hampton 12/22
Jack & Patricia Thomas 12/26
Ed & Sara Morgan 12/30

Hungry Flock Pictures



Good times at the November Hungry Flock at the Moons' house! December's gathering will be 12/10 at the Rodens!

Men's Retreat

Mark Your Calendars - Good Shepherd
Men's Retreat – January 27-28

The Annual Men's Group retreat will be held on January 27-28. The format will be the same as it has been in recent years. We will meet at the Church for dinner on Friday evening at 6pm and our first session and ending by 9pm. On Saturday we will travel to the Pines at Genesee (just west of Evergreen off I-70), leaving the Church at 7:30am, enjoying breakfast and lunch at the Pines with our program and ending by 4pm.

The Theme for this years retreat is My Influences – where, what events and whom. We have divided our life into five segments and will have music, a speaker, and small group discussions for each grouping.

We will lead off on Friday evening with our own special speaker, Bob Truhlar, sharing his influences from the time he was born to the time he entered High School. Jeff Barlow will share his influences in High School and College; David McLaughry will share about his influences in his 20's and 30's. Vorry Moon will share on his influences

in his 40's and 50's and Bill McLaughry will share his influences after 60. For those young men at Good Shepherd this will be a great time to hear about how some men have had significant influences later in life. Also, in our small group discussions everyone will have the opportunity to share their influences in each of these time periods.

I am thankful to our speakers and Whitney Hill for coordinating dinner on Friday evening, John Michel to act as our Treasurer, a music team of Jono Shuster, John Mumford, and Jason Merillat. We are estimated the cost of the weekend at \$40 and it may be less based on contributions we have made all year to our retreat fund. We will set the final cost January 1st. Sign up sheets will be available in the Church starting December 1 with posters advertizing the weekend and bulletin announcements. This should be a lot of fun and informative as we get to know each other better and is open to all Men in the Parish. We will provide a challenge to all the attendees as we close the program.

~ *Jim Lee Wolfe*

Music News

Join us for the "Festival of Lessons and Carols." Mark your calendar for December 18th at 7:00pm!



Concert Series Schedule reminders:

This is the second year of our series, and we invite you to mark these dates on your calendar:
December 18: Festival of Lessons and Carols

January 22: Good Shepherd showcase concert, performed by Good Shepherd's parishioners and friends

February 12: Chamber music concert, performed by David Green and friends

April 22: John Mumford jazz ensemble concert

Lessons and Carols will be at 7 PM, all other concerts will be at 2:00 Sunday afternoons.

~ *Sara Blake*

Treasurer's Report



Greetings to all,

As we approach the end of the year, our financial position has not improved from where we have been for the entire year. For the year to date, we are under budget in Plate income by \$4,200, and under budget in Pledge income by \$8,000.

Our year to date expenses are under budget in salaries by \$1600, under budget in benefits by

\$1800, under budget in other expenses by \$1,600, and under budget in Administrative expenses by \$760. Unfortunately, we are over budget in buildings and grounds by \$3,000 and in mortgage interest expense by \$2,900. This nets us out at \$154 over budget for total expenses.

The net effect of our income and expenses is that we are running behind by \$12,700, with two months remaining.

Please take this time to bring your pledges up to date so that we can continue to meet our responsibilities for the year. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

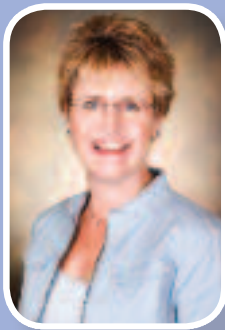
- Mark Dunlap

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church								
Financial Highlights								
As of October 31, 2011								
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	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance
Plate Income	\$ 27,447	\$ 23,265	\$ (4,182)	-15.24%	\$ 2,718	\$ 2,657	\$ (61)	-2.24%
Pledge Income	357,229	349,268	(7,961)	-2.23%	39,538	35,758	(3,780)	-9.56%
Pre-paid pledges	-	-	-		-	-	-	n/a
Fundraising Income	-	-	-		-	(150)	(150)	
Grocery Certif. Sales/Other	12,616	12,304	(312)	-2.47%	1,261	1,978	717	56.86%
Investment Income	250	191	(59)	-23.60%	25	-	(25)	-100.00%
Total Income	\$ 397,542	\$ 385,028	\$ (12,514)	-3.15%	\$ 43,542	\$ 40,243	\$ (3,299)	-7.58%
Salaries	\$ 188,996	\$ 187,412	\$ 1,584	0.84%	\$ 19,142	\$ 18,707	\$ 435	2.27%
Benefits	71,316	69,531	1,785	2.50%	6,981	6,633	348	4.98%
Administrative	29,867	29,109	758	2.54%	2,979	2,538	441	14.80%
Building/Grounds	24,423	27,416	(2,993)	-12.25%	2,366	1,957	409	17.29%
Mortgage Interest	35,625	38,549	(2,924)	-8.21%	3,562	3,623	(61)	-1.71%
Other Expenses	36,499	34,863	1,636	4.48%	4,133	5,228	(1,095)	-26.49%
Total Expenses	\$ 386,726	\$ 386,880	\$ (154)	-0.04%	\$ 39,163	\$ 38,686	\$ 477	1.22%
Net Income	\$ 10,816	\$ (1,852)	\$ (12,668)	-117.12%	\$ 4,379	\$ 1,557	\$ (2,822)	-64.44%

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Schedule

7:45 AM Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM Adult Education

10:05 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Holy Eucharist

6:00 PM Holy Eucharist

(with contemporary music)



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