

The Shepherd's Crook

The Church of The Good Shepherd
Pitman, NJ



Mother Patricia Daniels Pierce-Rector

October 1, 2010

"We Love Our Church"



Bible Study

We are now discussing the book Welcome to the Bible by Vicki K. Black and Peter W. Wenner. Episcopalians for the most part are very insecure about their knowledge and understanding of the Bible. This book shows how much the Church utilizes Scripture through our worship and in our Book of Common Prayer. We are also discussing the importance that the Bible plays in our spirituality and in our day-to-day lives. Please join us each Tuesday, 7-8:30 pm.



Ruth's Children

Ruth's Children is a support group for the adult children of the elderly. We meet on the first Monday of each month at the Church from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. The format is a free flowing conversation in which we offer understanding and comfort to all who are facing the difficult task of caring for our aging parents. There is complete privacy and no judgment is ever made. If you are the adult child of an elderly parent or you know someone who is, please join us on **October 4th**. Call 856-589-8209 for more information.

Janice Gowland



Deadline

The deadline for the November Crook will be on October 15, 2010. Please e-mail all articles to me at:

Truejoymin@aol.com

Thank you,
Carmen Russo
Editor

Services

Sundays

10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist

Saturdays – CASUAL DRESS

5:30 PM – Holy Eucharist

Daily, Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

CONFIRMATION

September 12, 2010

Stephanie Marie Pierce
Jamie Leigh Kurkian

RECEPTION

Janice Engstrom
John Watson

TRANSFERS OUT

Robert & Regina Thompson
to
Saint James Episcopal Church, Ormond
Beach, FL

Remember

If you need to get in touch with **Mother Pat**, please call the Rectory phone at 856/582-6712.

COLUMBARIUM

We are pleased to tell all that because of the response of so many to the building of a Columbarium in our church, that we are moving forward with this project. The well-respected Lamb Studios are handling the design and construction.

As you know columbariums are for the inurnment of human cremains. We will have 58 niches, so there will be room for many of you to reserve for your final resting place. There are brochures in the pews for more information on this. Please see **Diane Wall** or **Janice Gowland** if you have any questions or would like to reserve your place at Good Shepherd for perpetuity.

Outreach



Thank you again for all the amazing donations of clothing to Your Food Shelf in Camden! They are in dire need right now of men's clothing, men's shoes and infant clothing! Please, pack anything that you have in bags and leave them on our front porch and we will deliver them for you. We are located at **223 Highland Terrace, Pitman**. Please hold off on coats and cold weather clothing until the beginning of October. Right now it is still too warm and they don't have anywhere to store them, and neither do we. Their space is quite limited.

Thank you,
Carl and Ellie Dunn

EFM

Our Convocation EFM (Education for Ministry) program, which has been offered here at Good Shepherd for the past two years has had a temporary set-back. Our mentor has moved to another site. So we are re-grouping and hope to be up and running again this November at Good Shepherd. Watch for the new details.

Holly Fair 2010

Just a reminder that the 2010 Holly Fair is not that far away. On December 4th, the church parish hall, choir room, and Sunday school rooms will be transformed into a holiday bazaar with wonderful food, music, decorations, poinsettias, and lots of things for sale. **Please visit our table on October 3rd at the Ministry Festival for sign up sheets, handouts, and ideas on how you can help with our Good Shepherd Craft table.** Also, keep your schedules clear for Dec. 4th as we need lots of help to make the event a success. The first tenth (a tithe) of our proceeds go to local charities, with the next \$3,000 going towards our capital loan. There will be much more info coming out in the Sunday bulletins and the weekly tri-folds over the next month and a half.

Church of the Good Shepherd

Prayers of the People

Prayers for the Church and Clergy

For all Churches in the Diocese of NJ & Ecuador
Katherine Jefferts Schori, the Presiding Bishop
George Edward Cuncell, Bishop
Patricia Daniels Pierce, Priest

Carl and Sally, Postulants for Holy Orders
Sister Cass, AF

Prayers for the Nation

Barack Obama, Our President
Chris Christie, Our Governor

Prayers for the Sick and in Need

Ruby Waters	Edward Pfaff
Sheila Prage	William Szalma
Janet Knoebel	Diane Volberg
Mary Fischer	Marvin Dawley
Steve Fama	Theresa Swam
Dolly	Alexander
Makayla Healey	Ashley
Dane Dougherty	Mike Anderson
Kathy Napier	Judy Clements
Barbara Ann Helman	Jessie
Joe Abate	Mark & Jacquie Daley
Donald Scott, Jr.	Paul
Jeanne Longmire	Greg Williams
Salvatore Chillari	Mr. Matthews
John Wisniewski	Patricia Russo
Josie Fletcher	Joe Rocco
Craig Stern	Melissa
Kelly Clemment	Joe Rome
Mary Still	Joe & Dawn Cameron
Stephanie	Sandi Geller
Cindy Kehler	Maureen Guzzetti
Tait Family	Kara Guzzetti
Diane Ceruiro	Betty Jane Sliben
Nora Wilson	Rosetta Milbury
Debbie Russo	Gloria Rubino
Stephanie Uibel	Jullian Shallock
Laurie	Viola Damask



Prayers for all Military Personnel

Curt Townsend	Buzz Parish
Scott McPherson	Peter Larrabee
Charlie Hiemeril	Andrew Ten Eyck
Brian Almondrod	John A. Lukacs
Shaun Hoffman	Raymond Harris, III
Joe Sheridan	Greg Bentancourt
Steven Sanders	Hal Wagner
Matthew Cushinotto	Matt Spangler
Matt Rebecca	Theresa Cushinotto
Lynn Spangler	Jon S. Lehr
Mike Grzybowski	Scott Thomas
Keith Tucker	Dale Marta †
Glen	Dave McElwain
Greg Murphy	Tim
Hugh Robinson	Don Bollinger
Dan Hurlbut	Andrew Olsson
Sandreno Plutino	Zak Bartelt
Joshua Albright	Ted
Alex Driscoll	Ted Pickering
Ryan Brinkerhoff	Brian Randazzo
Zachary Guise	Mike McHugh

* We pray for our enemies and for those
with whom we are at war. *

“Almighty God, we commend to your
gracious care and keeping all the men and
women of our armed forces at home and
abroad. Defend them by day with your
heavenly grace; strengthen them in their
trials and temptations; give them courage to
face the perils, which beset them; and grant
them a sense of your abiding presence
wherever they may be;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*”

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Prayers for the Parish Families

For October

Ziegler Family, Adams Family, Amato
Family, Anderson Family & Ayers Family



October Happenings

Stewardship Month

Oct. 2 & 3 St. Francis Day

Sat. Holy Eucharist – 5:30pm

Sunday – Holy Eucharist 10am

Sunday School and School picture

11:15am – Festival of Ministries

Pageant actors registration

4pm – Blessing of our Pets

Oct. 4 – Ruth’s Children, 7:30 – 9pm

All Tuesdays – 7pm Bible Study & Compline

Oct. 6 – 7pm – Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

Oct. 7 – Fun with Friends, 1 – 3pm

All Thursdays – 7pm, Choir Practice

October 9 & 10 – Pentecost 20

Saturday, 5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 10am, Holy Eucharist

Sunday School

11:30am, Vestry Meeting

Oct. 11 – Women at the Well (ECW), 7pm

Oct. 12 – 1pm, Caring Hands Ministry

October 16 & 17 – Pentecost 21

Saturday, 5:30pm - Instructed Eucharist

Sunday, 10am - Instructed Eucharist

Sunday School

11:30am - Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

Pageant Adults Meeting

2pm - *Crop Walk*

2:30pm – Supper Group

Oct. 20 – 6:30 – 8, Good Shepherd Quilters

7pm – Woodbury Convocation Meeting

October 24 – Pentecost 22

Saturday – 5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday – 10am, Holy Eucharist

Presentation by Jessica Wolk

Sunday School

11:30 – Stewardship Luncheon

Oct. 26 – 1pm, Caring Hands Ministry

October 30 & 31 – Pentecost 23

Saturday, 5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday School Fellowship Day

W/ UNICEF Party

11:30am Page Turner’s Book Group



PAGE TURNER’S READING GROUP

Please plan on joining our Book Group. We meet once a month, dates to be announced. We have read some very good books and our discussions are always thoughtful and interesting. Come, bring a snack and enjoy yourself.

The next few books that we will be talking about are:

October - The Plague of Doves - Erdrick

November - Little Bee - Cleave

December - When Everything Changed - Collins

January - Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet - Ford

February - This Much I Know is True - Lamb

MINISTRY DAY

That first Sunday (Oct. 3) will be an exciting day at Good Shepherd. Immediately after the 10am Holy Eucharist, we invite everyone to take a walk through our Ministry Day displays.

Come, learn more about our ministries. See just what we’re are doing here and learn how you can be part of it too, if you’d like.

CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERS

*These are some of their names and numbers,
if you have any questions.*

Senior Warden

Terry McCallum - 856/589-0370

Junior Warden

John Opel - 609/221-0722

Treasurer

Lee Braidwood – 856/228-0737

Assist. Treasurer

George Funk – 856/232-0941

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Harvey Corbett - 856/582-3448

Women at the Well

Cindy Taglienti – 856/227-1566

Altar Guild

Shelly Harris - 856/589-8160

Eagle Scout Project

Joe Taglienti will be doing his Eagle Scout Project in October 2010. His project will be the reconstruction of landscaped beds in the church courtyard. He will also be creating a meditation garden adjacent to the handicap ramp. In order to complete his project, he is asking for contributions from the parishioners. He will post his project plans and display it in the parish hall. Donations may be made out to the Church of the Good Shepherd. Please note on check for Eagle Scout Project. Please contact Joe if you are able to volunteer your time. If you or someone you know can donate materials (flowers, bulbs, mulch) please email him at tagsjc@comcast.net. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

October Birthdays

10 –01 Maria Black
10 –02 Eric Long
10 –02 Bryan Lundahl
10 –04 Jim Taylor
10 –05 Rachel Cefaratti
10 –05 Victoria Scull
10 –07 Robert Peel III
10 –08 Ethan Conover
10 –09 Melissa Buono
10 –11 Joshua Buono
10 –14 Kaitlyn Braidwood
10 –16 Roland LaBarge
10 –16 Kelly Lynd
10 –17 Carl Dunn
10 –24 Emily Long
10 –25 Millie Corbett
10 –25 Deacon Jim Gowland
10 –26 Gabrielle Buck
10 –26 Marissa Buck
10 –28 Colleen Broesler
10 –28 Kevin Ridge
10 –28 LuAnn Ziegler
10 –29 Robert Ayers
10 –30 Mark Holland



THE SAINT FRANCIS DAY: BLESSING OF THE PETS

Sunday, Oct. 3rd at 4pm, [weather permitting] we will have our annual Saint Francis Day: Blessing of our pets.

It is a wonderful time when we sing to and pray for those dear animals that love us so much.

It is the day when we give thanks to our Lord for them and bless them.

Bring your dog, cat, birds, hamsters, snakes, gerbils and horses for their special time with our Lord.



Good Shepherd Quilters

Good Shepherd Quilters will begin a new project using the book "Still Stripping After 25 Years" by Eleanor Burns. I bet that got your attention!

This is part of her Quilt-in-a-Day series of publications. Sodie & I will lead our intrepid and enthusiastic quilters in the creation of a quilt block pattern from that book.

We have a dedicated group of about 25 quilters who meet on the 3rd Wednesdays in the Parish Hall. We also do many philanthropic projects: Stockings for Soldiers, Konker Cancer Pillowcase projects for children, and premie quilts for neonatal units.

You are welcome to attend out meetings from 6:30 to 8 pm on the dates below:

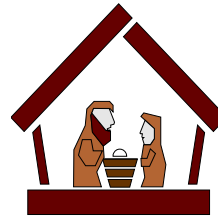
Oct 20	Feb 16	May 18
Nov 17	Mar 16	June 15
Jan 19	Apr 20	

Shelly Harris & Sodie Potter

Altar Flowers

Making an offering for Altar Flowers is a wonderful way to give Thanksgiving or to remember a loved one who has passed away. There is a new sign-up sheet and forms on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

The cost Good Shepherd \$50 per week for the 2 bouquets. What ever you can give to help defray the cost of the flowers is appreciated. Please make your check out to The Church of the Good Shepherd with Altar Flowers in the memo.



O Come! All Ye Faithful. *Get Ready for the 2nd Annual* *Christmas Pageant*

We are still receiving positive comments about last years' pageant! The children did such a great job as did all the volunteers. Since we have all the set, props, and costumes from last year, this year will be a lot easier!!

Any student who wishes to participate will be given a part. Parts are assigned by grade level and students' interest. Students **MUST** be available for practices and all participants must be at dress rehearsal unless it has been cleared with us.

October 3 – 17, 2010 Students and volunteers sign up for participation. Forms will be available in class rooms, parish hall and directly from us.

October 17 Parent & Friend Volunteer meeting after 10:00 service

November 7, 14, & 21st 15 minute small group practice in classrooms following the 10 AM Service

November 28 & December 5 Full practice in church following the 10 AM Service

December 11 – Saturday Dress Rehearsal - 10:00 AM

December 12 Lunch immediately following the 10 AM Service
12:00 noon – Pageant begins

Tom Rigg

ALL SOULS' DAY –
November 2

As is our custom, we will celebrate All Souls' Day with the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd at 7pm.

This is the special day that the church sets aside for us to remember those people who we have love, those who have touched our lives in special ways, who are no longer with us. They live, now with our Lord.

If you would like the names of those whom you would like to be remembered by name at the Altar that evening, please fill at the attached coupon and return it to the Church Office, or email them to Goodshepherdpitman@comcast.net

Names to be remembered:

Your name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

THE CROP WALK
October 17

The Annual Crop Walk will be held in Pitman on Sunday, October 17th at 2pm.

If you would like to participate in the Walk, it is open to all ages as well as our Youth.

Please speak with **Connie Parent**.

Fall is here and with it the Annual Crop Walk which will be held on Sunday, October 17. Crop is an acronym for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty and as we all are aware the needs are great both here and in the rest of the world. The Pitman Pantry, which we at Good Shepherd support, has had an increased demand for services because of the ongoing recession and high unemployment. We can help! Hopefully many generous Good Shepherd church members will support the walk by either walking (in our red shirts) or pledging to support those who walk. The goal this year is \$8,000 and we can be a driving force to help meet that goal. Think about making it a family outing and get everyone involved. The walk can be either one mile or 5 miles. Each participate chooses for themselves. All walkers are asked to donate a jar of peanut butter or a box of cereal to the Pitman Pantry as well as the money they raise from pledges which goes to the Church World Service to be distributed in Gloucester County (25%) and international (75%). The walk is meant to symbolize the distances many people have to travel for food in many parts of the world. Mark your calendars for **1:30 pm on October 17** and be a part of the solution.

Forms will be available from **Sister Cass, Connie Parent** and at the back of the church. Let's show typical Good Shepherd spirit and have a big group participate this year.

Connie Parent

THE CHAPEL OF THE HOLY CROSS

The work on our new Chapel, the Chapel of the Holy Cross is coming along just wonderfully. Thanks to memorial gifts given in remembrance of **Charlie Higman**, we have been able to put in new carpeting, a new ceiling and we have painted the walls. The Altar and furnishings from the old Chapel have been moved upstairs and now we are looking to put on the finishing touches.

Please take a look at the progress that has been made. We are beginning to think of the different appointments that we would like to have in the Chapel. Below is our **Wish List:**

The Holy Bible
Altar Missal
Prayer Books
Altar Linens & Hangings
Candlesticks
Holy Water Stoup
Planters

If you would like to give any of the above in remembrance of a loved one or in Thanksgiving to our Lord, please see **Mother Pat+**

GALLERY OF PREVIOUS RECTORS

Over the past year, thanks to the detective work of **Harvey Corbett** we now have pictures of eleven of the Good Shepherd Rectors. Harvey also has framed them and they are hanging in the Office Wing Hallway outside the secretary's office.

The first picture is of the first rector, The Rev. Charles Bratten Dubell. He served here from 1907 to 1917. Our current Rector, The

Rev. Patricia Daniels Pierce, began her ministry here in 1999.

Unfortunately there are four rectors whose pictures we were not able to obtain. Their names will be listed in a special frame in the 'gallery.' Please take a look at this part of our history.

Our thanks to Harvey for all his time and efforts in completing this project. When BP. George made his Visitation to Good Shepherd, he suggested that we name the Gallery The Good Shepherds. A wonderful idea - we'll do it.

Good Shepherd Invites You To



Want to **help kids** in other parts of the world get the things they need to survive and grow?



You've got the power to do it!

During Autumn 2010, the children of Good Shepherd Sunday School will be helping **make Halloween count** by **Trick or Treating for UNICEF**. Doing so will help us get things like **water, education and medicine** to the children who need it most. Your efforts in **donating spare change and dollar bills** will show that you believe **ZERO** children should be without the basic necessities that we often take for granted.

Getting involved is **easy and fun!** Drop your spare change and dollar bills in the Autumn buckets that Sunday School will have in each classroom. Our offering will be presented to Mother Pat on October 31 after our Autumn Youth Fellowship event during the 10am service. **Be the difference you want to see in the world.** See Lori Bathurst or Pat Braidwood with any questions.

Our Children's Outreach Offerings

For Everyone's Information:

The offerings that our children make each week in Sunday School through October 31st will be dedicated to the UNICEF Trick or Treat Fund.

We will then be collecting new gloves, hats & scarves, socks and even pj's, which will be given to kids in need during Advent.

SPECIALS COMING UP ON THE SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

October 3rd

Ministry Day, 11:15 AM

Come and take a look at ALL the Ministries going on in our parish.

St. Francis Day, 4 PM

The Blessing of our Pets (weather permi-ting) in the church courtyard.

October 10th - **Parish Breakfast, 9 AM**

October 16th & 17th

Instructed Eucharists at 5:30 PM Sat. & 10 AM Sunday

October 24th

Jessica Wolk will give a presentation on her trip to Ghana as part of the International Healthcare Volunteers

October 31st

UNICEF Sunday School Party, 10 AM

October is Stewardship Month

Our Annual Stewardship thrust will be during the month of October. Time for us all to consider what we will be planning to give in THANKGIVING to our Lord for His Ministry here in our church, Good Shepherd.



**We LOVE OUR CHURCH!
We LOVE OUR LORD!**

Understanding these are harder economic times for all of us, we ask that you prayerfully think about all the Blessings in your lives and give thanks.

Mother Pat+

Treasurer's Blog - September 2010 Results through August 2010

Total Income:

Here is a breakdown of our total income for 8 months into 2010:

	Budget	Actual
Loose Plate	1,920	1,339
Envelopes	131,845	125,730
Special	4,500	6,372
Other	200	75
Deficit support	0	0
Income	138,465	133,516

Our envelope giving (both pledged and unpledged) is still behind the target for eight months into 2010. However, our Special offerings are slightly higher than target. On a positive note, we haven't budgeted for a deficit this year.

Total expenses:

Here is a recap of our total expenses for 8 months into 2010.

	Budget	Actual
Expenses	141,160	140,687

Our expenses are slightly lower than target which can be attributed to our awareness of keeping expenses in check across the board.

How are we doing so far?

Looking at our income through September, we're still a bit behind target in our envelope giving (\$146,913 target vs. \$142,085 actual), even with some catch up during the 4 weeks entering the fall. Envelope giving is made up of pledges (that income which we can expect on a regular basis) and unpledged giving (that which comes from parishioners who give their offering when they are in attendance). After review for 9 months, it is the unpledged amounts that we budgeted for which have fallen behind our expectations. Thanks to all of you for keeping your pledges up to date and please keep doing so as we begin the final three months of 2010.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1><u>October 2010</u></h1>						
<i>Stewardship Month</i>					1	2 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
3 Pentecost 19 <i>St Francis Day</i> 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School & Photo 11:30 AM Festival of Ministries 11:30 AM Pageant Actors Registration 4 PM Blessing of the Animals	4 10 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM Ruth's Children	5 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	6 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew	7 9 AM Morning Prayer 1-3 PM Fun with Friends 7 PM Choir Practice	8	9 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
10 Pentecost 20 9 AM Parish Breakfast 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Vestry	11 10 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Women at the Well ECW	12 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 PM Caring Hands 7 PM Bible Study	13 9 AM Morning Prayer	14 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Choir Practice	15 <i>Crook Info Due</i>	16 5:30 PM Instructed Holy Eucharist
17 Pentecost 21 10 AM Instructed Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew 11:30 AM Pageant Adults Meeting 2 PM Crop Walk 2:30 PM Supper Group	18 10 AM Morning Prayer	19 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	20 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 - 8 PM Good Shepherd Quilters 7 PM Convocation Meeting - Clarksboro	21 9 AM Morning Prayer 1-3 PM Fun with Friends 7 PM Choir Practice	22	23 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
24 Pentecost 22 10 AM Holy Eucharist Presentation by Jessica Wolk 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Stewardship Luncheon	25 10 AM Morning Prayer	26 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 PM Caring Hands 7 PM Bible Study	27 9 AM Morning Prayer	28 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Choir Practice	29	30 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
31 Pentecost 23 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School Fellowship-Unicef Party 11:30 AM Page Turners						

