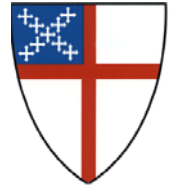


The Shepherd's Crook

The Church of The Good Shepherd
Pitman, NJ



Mother Patricia Daniels Pierce-Rector

February 1, 2010

"We Love Our Church"

Bible Study

We have begun a new topic, the Ten Commandments. Did you know that the giving of the Commandments appears in two places in the Old Testament, the Book of Exodus and the Book of Deuteronomy? Come join us on Tuesday evenings to learn all about how they were given and their relevance in our lives today. We meet each Tuesday, begin at 7pm and end at 8:30pm with the praying together of Compline. Please join us.

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 **February 1st**. Call 856-589-8209 for more information.

Janice Gowland

Deadline

The deadline for the March Crook will be on February 15, 2009. Please e-mail all articles to me at:

Truejoymin@aol.com

Thank you,
Carmen Russo
Editor

Service Schedule

Sundays

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist

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

Baptisms

January 17, 2010

William Joseph Xiaohu Clark

Toddler son of Len & Louise Clark

Lila Sophia Irving

Infant daughter of Jason & Keri Irving

Lent

The Church's most solemn Season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. We will have Services of Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes at 7am, noon and 7pm.

COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen. *BCP p. 217*

The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their

families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses. *BCP p. 445*



Prayers for Safekeeping in the Military

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

*“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.”*

**We pray for the Sick
and for those in any Need**

February Birthdays



Joe Abate
Bill Morris
Barbara Eastman
Barbara Ferrell
Kathy Napier
Jeanne Longmire
Stephanie Uibel
Sheila Prage
Josie Fletcher
Dane Dougherty
Ruby Waters
Janet Knoebel
Theresa Swam
Mary Fischer
Mary Still
Judy Clements
Stephanie
William Szalma
Cindy Kehler
Alexander
Dolly
Steve Fama
John Wisniewski
Ashley
The Tait Family
Diane Cercurio
Jill Caskey
The Bollendorf Family
Bob Guarni
Debra Russo
William Russo
John Miller
Makayla Healey
Nora Wilson
Mark & Jacquie Daley
Barbara Ann Helman
Edward Pfaff
Mike Anderson
Laurie
Scott
Paul
Greg Williams
Harold & Lucy Hansen
Kelly Clemment
Donald Scott, Jr.
Lillian

02 – Eric Long
04 – Stu Lynd, Sr.
05 – Ryan Parker
05 – Allan Simonson IV
07 – Patricia Fortney
08 – Amanda Beard
08 – Susan Burkhard
10 – Larry Powell
10 – Maryalice Ross
11 – Tom Rigg
16 – Ryan Drews
18 – Dan Snodgrass
19 – Megan Chimenti
19 – Nancy LaBarge
19 – Stephanie Pierce
22 – Valerie Baker
23 – Kristi Chimenti
23 – Brian McNally
23 – Keith Rigg
24 – Emily Parker
25 – Betsy Dunn
26 – Ruth Adams
27 – Paige Bathurst

INQUIRERS' GROUP

Our Inquirers' Group meets the first Sunday of each month, immediately following the 10am Holy Eucharist. The January meeting was packed, the subject raising a lot of interest. The subject was a recent study of religious growth trends in the United States from 2001 to 2008. All major religions lost members during this time; only one grew (slightly).

Please join us as we discuss different church/theological issues of our times. Everyone is welcomed. All questions are welcomed too.

A suggestion has been made that we open up questions from the anyone in the parish. Kind of like **GOOD SHEPHERD WANTS TO KNOW!** If you have a question about the Church that you'd like to have answered, now's your opportunity. Just email your question to Mother Pat at motherpat@comcast.com. You do not have to be present at the Inquirers Group to have your question answered.

Families in Need

With economic uncertainty and raising unemployment, the Vestry has voted to start a "Church Family in Need Fund". This fund is designed to help any member in financial need. Mother Pat will handle each request in strict confidence. This fund is not part of the Budget and will be funded through direct contributions. If you would like to support 'Church Families in Need' please make your donation out to "Church of the Good Shepherd - Family in Needs Fund". Thank you.

Darrin Buono
Cell: 609/203-6323
Fax: 609/456-4355

WE NEED YOUR PALMS!

Lent, Ash Wednesday, February 17th is around the corner.

Please bring in your palms from last Palm Sunday. We burn the palms and pulverize them to make the ashes, which we will use on Ash Wednesday. There is a box at the back of the church for you to leave your palms in. Thank you.

Outreach

We have had a cold winter so far! The snow looks beautiful from our windows in our warm homes. Please remember that there are many people who don't have heat in their homes or who live in their cars! They need warm coats, boots, gloves, etc. during this cold winter season. Please drop off any clothes, in good condition, to our front porch and we will deliver them to Camden for you. They are always in particular need of men's clothing and shoes!

Our address is 223 Highland Terrace, Pitman. Thanks so much!

**Thanks again,
Ellie and Carl Dunn**

Remember

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

Progressive Dinner to Benefit Scholarship Fund

When Jim and I joined Good Shepherd in 1994 one of the first events that we were invited to attend was the Annual Progressive Dinner. It started with appetizers at one home, and then we shared dinner with about eight parishioners at another home. We ended the evening back at the Church for some dessert and music. It was a wonderful way to get to know people who we only saw briefly at Church.

In an effort to raise additional funds for the **Nancy Wasilnak Memorial Scholarship**, the committee is reviving this popular event. At the end of each school year we offer our graduating seniors the chance to apply for this Church scholarship.

We have been blessed with a young and growing congregation, and we anticipate large graduating classes in the future. It is important that we honor the accomplishments of our youth and send them onto the next step in their education with our blessings.

You can be a part of this exciting project. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Parish Progressive Dinner on:

Saturday, April 17, 2010.

If you would like to be part of the planning, host a dinner, or share memories of past progressive dinners, contact **Janice Gowland** at 856-589-8042 or jimjangowland@comcast.net.

February

Feb. 1 – Ruth’s Children, 7:30 – 9pm
All Tuesdays – Bible Study, 7 – 8:30pm
Feb 3 – Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, 7pm
Feb 4 – Fun with Friends, 1 – 3pm
EFM (Education for Ministry), 6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Feb 6 – 5:30 Holy Eucharist
Feb. 7 – 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist
10am, Sunday School
11:30am – Inquirers’ Group
Feb. 8 – Women at the Well (ECW), 7pm
Feb. 9 -- Caring Hands, 1pm
Feb. 10 – Audit Committee, 7pm
Feb. 11 – 6:30pm, EFM
7pm – Choir Rehearsal

LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Feb. 13 – 5:30pm Holy Eucharist
Feb. 14 – 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist
9am Parish Breakfast
10am, Sunday School
11:30am – Vestry Meeting
Feb. 15 – 7pm, Caring Hands
Feb. 16 – **SHROVE TUESDAY**
Feb 17 – **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
7am, Noon, 7pm
Feb. 18 – Fun with Friends, 1 – 3pm
6:30pm, EFM
7pm, Choir Rehearsal

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Feb. 20 – 5:30pm Holy Eucharist
Feb. 21 – 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist
10am Sunday School
11:30am Newcomers’ Social
11:30am Brotherhood of Saint Andrew
2:30pm – Supper Group
Feb 23 – ECW District Meeting at St.
Thomas, Glassboro, 10am
1pm, Caring Hands

Feb. 24 – Good Shepherd Quilters, 6:30 –
8pm

Feb. 25 – 6:30pm, EFM
7pm, Choir Rehearsal

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Feb. 27 – 5:30pm Holy Eucharist
Feb. 28 – 8 & 10am, Holy Eucharist
10am Sunday School
11:30am – Page Turners’ Book Group

“BURYING” THE ALLELUIAS

As is our custom and weather permitting, our Sunday School will “burying” the Alleluias on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. We do this to remember how during the solemn weeks of Lent we do not sing or say any “Alleluias.” We save them for the great Celebration of Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord on Sunday April 4th.

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 - 856/881-5135

Treasurer

Lee Braidwood – 856/228-0737

Assist. Treasurer

George Funk – 856/468-5543

Sunday School

Joy Lundahl - 856/863-8365

Patty Fortney - 218-9757

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Carl Dunn - 856/582-9445

Women at the Well

Cindy Taglienti 856/227-1566

Jennifer Harrington 856/856-232-6842

Altar Guild

Shelly Harris - 856/589-8160

Columbarium Progress

The Columbarium Committee is now accepting pre-construction reservations for niches in the Good Shepherd columbarium. Our goal is to have approximately 20 niches reserved by March 31 to proceed with construction. At this point we feel confident we can reach that goal because several people have expressed interest in reserving niches. If enough niches are reserved, our goal is to begin construction in June and have construction completed in December 2010. Lamb Studios, from Wykoff, NJ, is the company we will be using to construct our columbarium which will contain approximately 58 niches. This company has been in the business of stained glass for 150 years and has been building columbaria for 15 years.

The cost of reserving each niche is \$2,000 and there are several payment plan options available. If a full payment is made by March 31, a ten percent discount will be applied. After establishing the construction costs for each niche, the remainder of the payment will be tax deductible.

By reserving a niche in our columbarium, you will not only guarantee an ideal location for your cremains and those of your loved ones, but you will also be contributing to the future of our church and be part of Good Shepherd forever.

For further information or to request a reservation form, please contact the church office.

Diane Wall

Treasurer's Blog - January 2010
Results through December 2009

Total Income:

Here is a breakdown of our total income for 12 months of 2009:

	Budget	Actual
Loose Plate	3,000	2,685
Envelopes	186,000	191,231
Special	9,000	10,454
Other	300	200
Deficit support	12,483	12,137
Income	210,783	216,706

Our envelope giving (both pledged and unpledged) finished ahead of our target for the year. All of you who contributed are to be commended for keeping your pledges current or exceeding your pledged amounts. We basically covered our projected deficit of \$12,483 for the year thanks to your caring and generosity.

Total expenses:

Here is a recap of our total expenses for 12 months of 2009.

	Budget	Actual
Expenses	210,783	205,917

Our expenses were below target for the year mainly due to savings in the office expenses by more use of the internet for our newsletter and other mailings.

How did we do in 2009?

With a simple calculation you can see that our income exceeded our expenses by \$10,790. That's a wonderful tribute to all who contributed this year. We are planning to give a tithe (\$1,080) of that to add to our Diocesan Fair Share for the year and a half-tithe (\$540) to Mother Pat's seminary (General Theological Seminary in New York), a practice not uncommon if you end

the year on a positive note. The balance will be put into a reserve account at this time.

Looking at 2010

For 2010 we are projecting a budget of \$208,145. This is a lower projection than 2009 for several reasons. At the Diocesan Convention last March, all the clergy voted that they take no raises including "cost of living" increases. It was felt that with so many suffering in this economy - taking raises would be wrong. Therefore Mother Pat has agreed to no increases in her areas of compensation. Our office expenses are much lower than last year's projection. Your Vestry reworked our capital loan which allowed us to fund the replacement of our old church oil furnace with a more efficient gas unit. This unit will provide some savings and the refinancing of the loan will save us another \$4,780 in annual repayment expenses. We are adding a tithe of that savings to the amount of our Fair Share giving for 2010. Our pledged income has increased by almost 6%. This increase along with lower expenses means that we do not, and I emphasize, do not have a planned deficit for 2010. Thank you all for your pledge support and I wish you all a prosperous New Year especially in these trying times.

Holly Fair 2009

The Holly Fair was held on Dec. 5th. It began as a sunny, cold day and ended with a coating of snow on the ground. In between it was another nice Fair due to the help of many people. While attendance was down from past years, the event was still a success. Our net profit for the day was \$4,305. Of those profits, we will be donating a tithe (\$430) to the Seaman's Institute Church which have helped throughout 2009. Thank you for your support again this year.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1><u>February 2010</u></h1>						
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14 <u>Last Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Parish Breakfast 10 AM Sunday School 10 AM Vestry Installation 11:30 AM Vestry Meeting	15 10 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Caring Hands <i>Crook Info Due</i>	16 <u>Shrove Tuesday</u> 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	17 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> 7 AM , Noon, 7 PM Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	18 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 - 3 PM Fun with Friends 6:30 PM EFM 7 PM Choir Practice	19	20 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
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28 <u>Lent 2</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Page Turners						