

The Shepherd's Crook

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Pitman, NJ



Mother Patricia Daniels Pierce-Rector

February 2012

"We Love Our Church"



Bible Study

On each Tuesday night we gather for Bible Study in the Conference Room at 7 – 830pm. Right now we are reading the Gospel according to Saint Luke. Come and join us for interesting discussions.



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 **2/6/12**. Call 856-589-8209 for more information.

REMEMBER

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

Janice Gowland



Deadline

The deadline for **March** Crook will be on February 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
5:30 PM – Holy Eucharist

Daily, Monday-Thursday
9:00 AM Morning Prayer



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, Our Bishop
Patricia Daniels Pierce, Our Priest
Carl and Sally, Candidates 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	Maureen Guzzetti
Sheila Prage	Kara Guzzetti
Mary Fischer	Betty Jane Sliben
Steve Fama	Gloria Rubino
Makayla Healey	Maria & Bob
Dane Dougherty	Paula
Kathy Napier	Marlene
Barbara Ann Helman	Bill Aymen
Joe Abate	Angela Gattuso
Donald Scott, Jr.	Charles Weatherby
Jeanne Longmire	Carol Andersen
Salvatore Chillari	Bob
Josie Fletcher	Marie
Mary Still	Tom Poitras
Stephanie	Greta Daczowski
Tait Family	Cindy Kelher
Diane Cercuiro	Dorothy Adams
Mike Gorman	Stephanie Uibel
Edward Pfaff	Lorraine Yetter
William Szalma	Jenny Hudock
Diane Volberg	Joann Kennison
Theresa Swam	Jim Harris
Alexander	Sandi Groppenbaucher
Mike Anderson	Eileen Jumikis
Judy Clements	Francine Nichols
Mark & Jacquie Daley	Gordon Ellis
Paul	Ruth DeLoreto
Laurie	Jack Pierce
Mr. Matthews	Sandi Geller
Joe Rome	Barbara Leonardis
Jeremy Liter	Heather
Hobie & Alice Swan	Dot

Prayers for all Military Personnel



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

* 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.*"

Helping Women Project

Our ECW, Women at the Well has begun a new Outreach Project, collecting toiletries for a local Women's Shelter. There is a box at the back of the church for you to leave your donations. Thank you in advance.

Prayers for the Parish Families

For February

Fortney Family, Frazier Family, Froio Family,
& Funk Family

From the Parish Register

Baptisms

Eliza Marie Vis

Infant daughter of William & Fiordaliza Vis
&

Anthony Vito Chimenti

Infant son of Robert & Nina Chimenti

January 8, 2012

*“sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as
Christ’s own, forever.” BCP p. 308*

Burial Office

Helen Born

December 9, 2011

Doris W. Klein

December 22, 2011

*“rest eternal grant to them and let light
perpetual shine upon them.” BCP p. 502*



Outreach

Thank you for all of your donations of clothing to “Your Food Shelf” in Camden, NJ. They are in dire need of men’s shoes and clothing! If you have something that is in good condition that you would like to donate, we will do it for you! Please place it on our front porch, in BAGS ONLY, at 223 Highland Terrace, Pitman.

Thanks again!

Carl and Ellie Dunn

Inquirers’ Group



The Inquirers Group will meet on Sunday, Feb 5th immediately following the 10am Holy Eucharist. Our range of discussion is very broad, from Church Tradition & Practices, to Theology and beliefs, as well as contemporary ethical issues from an Episcopal viewpoint. Please come and join us.

MORNING PRAYER

Remember Morning Prayer is read on Mondays at 10am. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 9am. Even though our Chapel of the Holy Cross is not quite finished, that is where we gather for Morning Prayer so please join us. It is an excellent way to begin the day.

Church Ministry Leaders

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

Senior Warden

Diane Wall - 856/374-9081

Junior Warden

Wayne Szalma - 856/582-7225

Treasurer

Lee Braidwood - 856/228-0737

Assist. Treasurer

George Funk - 856/232-0941

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Wayne Szalma - 856/582-7225

Women at the Well

Cindy Taglienti - 856/227-1566

Altar Guild

Shelly Harris - 856/589-8160

Newcomers

Joy Lundahl - 856/863-8365

Youth Group

Kris Bergman - 856/521-0029

Chuck Lezenby - 856/728-7721

Maria Szalma - 856/582-7225



What's Happening in February

All Wednesdays – 6:30pm, EFM
All Thursdays -- 7pm, Choir Practice
Feb. 1 – Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, 7pm
Feb 2 & 16 – Fun with Friends, 1 – 3pm
Feb. 4 & 5 – **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**
Saturday, 5:30pm – Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10am, Sunday School
Holy Eucharist
11:30am – Inquirers' Group
Feb. 6 – Ruth's Children – 7:30pm
All Tuesdays -- 7 – 8:30pm – Bible Study
Feb. 9 – Audit Meeting
Feb. 10 – Chile Night
Feb. 11 & 12 – **Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany**
Sat., Holy Eucharist – 5:30pm
Sunday, Holy Eucharist -10am
"I Love My Church" Newcomers Welcome Sunday
Sunday School, 10am
Vestry Meeting – 11:30am
Feb. 13 – Women at the Well, 7pm
Feb. 14 & 28 – Caring Hands Ministry, 9am
Feb. 15 – Good Shepherd Quilters, 6:30pm
Feb. 18 & 19 – **The Last Sunday After the Epiphany**
Sat. 5:30pm Holy Eucharist
Sunday – 9am Parish Breakfast
10am – Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Youth Group Meeting
Feb. 21 SHROVE TUESDAY
10am – ECW District Meeting, Holy Eucharist & Luncheon
NO Bible Study
Feb. 22 ASH WEDNESDAY
Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes, 7am, Noon & 7pm
Feb. 25 & 26 – **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**
Sat. 5:30pm – Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10am, Holy Eucharist
Sunday School
11:30am – Page Turners Book Group reading **Unbroken** by Hillenbrand

Looking ahead to March

March 1 & 15 – Fun with Friends, 1-3pm
March 2 & 3 – Diocesan Convention, Cherry Hill
March 3 & 4 – **Second Sunday in Lent**
Sat. - Holy Eucharist, 5:30pm
Sunday – Holy Eucharist, 10am
Sunday School
11:30pm Inquirers' Group
March 5 -- Ruth's Children, 7:30pm
All Thursdays – Choir Rehearsal
All Tuesdays – Bible Study, 7pm
All Wednesdays – EFM, 6:30pm
March 7 – Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, 7pm
March 10 & 11 – **Third Sunday in Lent**
Sat. 5:30pm – Holy Eucharist
Sunday, 9am – Parish Breakfast
10am – Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
11:30 Vestry Meeting
March 12 – Women at the Well, 7pm
March 13 & 27 – Caring Hands Ministry, 9am
March 18 & 19 – **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
Sat. 5:30pm, Holy Eucharist
Sunday – 10am Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Youth Group
March 21 – Good Shepherd Quilters, 6:30pm
March 24 – Altar Guild Meeting, 9am
March 24 & 25 – **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Sat. Holy Eucharist - 5:30pm
Sunday, 10am – Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
11:30am – Page Turners Book Group reading **Room** by Emma Donahue

A VERY wise thought for us to hold

Before you say anything . . . think . . .
Is it time?
Is it kind?
Does it *really* need to be said?

February Birthdays

02 – Eric Long
04 – Stu Lynd, Sr.
07 – Patricia Fortney
08 – Amanda Beard
08 – Susan Burkhard
10 – Larry Powell
10 – Maryalice Ross
11 – Tom Rigg
17 – Meg Dutil
18 – Dan Snodgrass
19 – Megan Chimenti
19 – Nancy LaBarge
19 – Stephanie Pierce
22 – Valerie Baker
23 – Kristi Chimenti
23 – Brian McNally
23 – Keith Rigg
25 – Betsy Dunn
26 – Ruth Adams
27 – Paige Bathurst
29 – Steve Parker



“The minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, of 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

Burying the Alleluias

As we usually do before Lent begins, the Sunday before [weather permitting] our Sunday School kids help Mother Pat bury the Alleluias. Once Lent begins, we do not say A-----a! until Easter comes. The Alleluias are buried under the Black Maple Tree right outside the church door in the courtyard.

Love Our Church Day

Love is in the air this February, and Good Shepherd is no exception. On Sunday, Feb. 12th, Good Shepherd will celebrate 'Love our Church Day' during the service and the coffee hour afterwards. Newcomers who have joined us in worship will be recognized and celebrated, and all members will join in appreciating each other and this wonderful church of ours. Wear red, pop on an 'I love my church button' or just wear a smile to church that day. Join us for coffee hour and greet our newcomers. If you want to bake some yummy Valentine goodies for our celebration, that would be much appreciated! E-mail me at joylundahl@verizon.net with any questions or if you want to bring us something yummy! **Joy Lundahl**



COOKING CLASS

We had such a wonderful time at our first Cooking Class that we are planning to do it again and again. On Friday night, Feb. 24th, 6pm, Jenn Harrington will be teaching us how to make 2 very different soups, Italian Wedding Soup and Chowder. Of course then we get the pleasure of trying out and tasting what we've cooked too.

Now since this has been such a fun program, Jenn will be offering the **Class again in March, only this time it'll be for the guys.** Look for the sign-up sheets in the parish hall. Remember, the classes are limited to 10 – 12 people.



**Family Promise of
Gloucester County
Helping homeless families
help themselves**

The Gloucester County affiliate of Family Promise, an Interfaith Hospitality Network is headquartered right here in Glassboro. The Gloucester County unit is 1 of 171 affiliates nationwide. This is a private, non-profit organization that provides sleeping accommodations, hot meals and comprehensive case management for Gloucester County homeless families. Family Promise services include education, employment training and housing search assistance. The networks' goal is simply to return families to a stable and self-sufficient lifestyle.

Currently there are over 20 interfaith congregations participating within Gloucester County and our group has approximately 700 volunteers that participate and support the organization. It is exciting to think that the next Family Promise publication may boast 21 interfaith congregations with The Church of the Good Shepherd and its volunteers added to the list.

John Jordan has recently taken a position on the Board of Trustees and will serve as our contact person. The Family Center is located at 206 Ellis Street, Glassboro NJ and the organization can be found on the web at www.familypromisegc.org or by calling 856-243-5971.

There are many ways to help homeless families with children. Most immediately, on February 11th, there will be a "Basket Auction" at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Sicklerville NJ. The proceeds will go directly to Family Promise of Gloucester County. Good Shepherd will be donating a basket(s). If you would like to donate your own basket on behalf of the Church of Good Shepherd or wish to make a monetary donation, please contact John Jordan, 856-

582-0918 for additional information. John also has tickets for purchase to the February 11th event. It would be wonderful to show our support and fill a table with Good Shepherd members at the "Family Promise Basket Auction" on February 11th.

ASH WEDNESDAY

To mark the beginning of this most solemn season in the Church Year, we will have the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes on February 22nd, at 7am, Noon and 7pm. Our ashes are made from the burning of our palms from the previous year's Passion/Palm Sunday.

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and Everlasting God, your 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, 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

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Chili Night

Save the date!!! Friday, February 10th is our annual Chili Cook Off night at 7 PM in the Parish Hall! Come and join us for a fantastic sampling of homemade chilis and vote for your favorite!

We are looking for entries into the contest too...so if you have a great chili recipe and are willing to make a batch to share, please let Jenniffer and Rich Harrington know at 856-383-0823 or e-mail them at chefjenniffer@comcast.net by February 1st...we need your help!!!

SOME CATCH-UP

The **Holy Fair** was a huge success as well as being a fun day for everyone who was involved in it. We made over \$5,000 in profit. The Vestry voted to split the “tithe” (10%) from the profits to The Woodbury Women & Children Shelter and to The Pitman Pantry. Thanks to all who did so much.

The **Christmas Pageant** was once again just the most wonderful and memorable happening for all of our Good Shepherds. We especially thank **Marie and Tom Rigg** for the efforts and organization of this huge annual event in the life of our Parish. Wonderful memories are made from this.

A few words about the **Christmas Services** which were just wonderful. Because of a suggestion made to Mother Pat, the ½ hour Christmas Carol Sing, before the 7pm Holy Eucharist was omitted. The reason being, the length of the service as it usually is, is kind of long for our youngest parishioners, who make up the majority of the congregation at that service. We thank **Jenna and Corrine Sobolewski** who played a short melody of carols as the Prelude and **Vivian Prieto** who sang “Ava Maria” at the Offertory. Of course our kids (and families) sang Happy Birthday to Jesus, which is the reason for our yearly celebration of His Birth.

TREE DAMAGE INSURANCE

Last summer when the tree outside the office wing split in half, the Church Insurance Co. settled with Good Shepherd in our to repair the damages. The settlement paid for the tree removal, the roof and gutter repairs and the replacement of the water-stained carpeting in the office area.

We are very thankful that considering how big the tree was that the damage done to our building was minimal.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the Episcopal Church there are a number of scholarships available for our graduating seniors:

- The Bishop Van Duzer Scholarship, application **due March 1st**
- The Episcopal Church Women Student Service Award, **due April 1st**
- Good Shepherd/Nancy Wasilnak Scholarship, **due May 1st**
- Pitman Council of Churches Scholarship **due May 15th**

Please note the application deadline dates. Forms are posted outside the Secretary’s Office.

For the Pitman Council of Churches Scholarship, you must be a student at Pitman High School

Any questions, see Mother Pat+

Annual Meeting & Election

At our Annual Meeting which was held on Sunday, January 29th we heard and read the reports of our Ministries in 2011. The Budget for 2012 was presented as well as an overview of our finances for 2011.

Elections were held for positions for the Vestry:

Jr. Warden – **Wayne Szalma**

Vestry Members **Jenn Blake, Art Dilworth, and Patty Fortney**

And filling the unexpired term of Wayne Szalma, **Ellie Dunn**

*We thank our outgoing members for their efforts and dedication to our parish: **John Opel, Jenn Harrington, Darrell Grantham and Nancy Johnson.***

Also elected as **Delegates to Diocesan Convention & Convocation** were: **Chuck Lezenby, Becca Spellacy & Ellie Dunn**

Alternates to Diocesan Convention & Convocation were: **Roger Baker, Sister Cass Lavin-Spouse & Harvey Corbett**

LENT

Speaking of Lent, it has long been the custom and tradition to “give up” something for Lent, in remembrance of how our Lord, Jesus ‘gave up” his life on the Cross for our sins. I’d like to suggest that perhaps you “add on” instead of giving up, things that will enhance you Lenten Time. This could be in prayer, Scripture reading, joining in Morning Prayer in the Chapel, and being faithful each week at the Holy Eucharist. The weeks in Lent give us a wonderful opportunity to look inward to our souls, account for how we’re doing, and perhaps let go of those behaviors and attitudes that need some attention and replace them with positive and good works.

You will find an array of devotional booklets at the back of the church for your reading and meditation time during Lent.

Holly Fair 2011

The 2011 Holly Fair which took place on Saturday, **December 3rd** was another financial success thanks to all of your help. We realized a net profit of \$5,309.54.

The first tenth (a tithe) of our proceeds from our biggest fund raiser went to local charities. This year we sent \$265 to the Pitman Pantry and \$265 to the Women’s Shelter of Gloucester County. The next \$3,000 went towards our capital loan, with the balance being put into our capital improvement fund

The 2012 fair will be held on Saturday, December 1st.

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Results for 2011

Total Income:

Here is a breakdown of our total income for 12 months of 2011 as reported at the Annual Meeting.

	Budget	Actual
Loose Plate	3,000	1,939
Envelopes	201,001	204,758
Special	9,000	10,697
Other	300	492
Deficit support	0	0
Income	213,301	217,886

Our envelope giving (both pledged and unpledged) was running \$4,000 behind our target in September 2011. The last three months of 2011 saw an increase of \$7,500 over the target. Thank you to everyone for keeping their pledge up to date or who exceeded it. Also, thank you for your Special Offerings.

Total expenses:

Here is a recap of our total expenses for 12 months of 2011.

	Budget	Actual
Expenses	213,301	207,337

Our expenses finished lower than target mainly due to lower utilities, some savings with the new copier, a reduction in property insurance premiums, and having guest players substitute during the summer while we searched for our new organist.

How are we looking for 2012?

Our budget for 2012 is \$215,764. Of that amount, \$203,464 is budgeted from envelope giving. 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 based on their last year’s contributions). This year’s pledge total \$173,270 from 97 pledges. It is through faith that we expect to make up the difference of \$30,194. Thanks in advance to all of you who help us meet our budget for 2012.

If you hadn’t already picked up your 2011 offering statements, they were mailed out during the last week of January. Please let the office know if you didn’t receive yours.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1><u>February 2012</u></h1>						
			1 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM EFM 7 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew	2 9 AM Morning Prayer 1-3 PM Fun with Friends 7:30 PM Choir Practice	3	4 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
5 <u>Epiphany 5</u> 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School	6 10 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM Ruth's Children	7 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	8 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM EFM	9 9 AM Morning Prayer 9 AM Caring Hands 7 PM Audit Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice	10 6 PM Chili Night	11 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
12 <u>Epiphany 6</u> 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Vestry Meeting I Love My Church Sunday	13 10 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Women at the Well ECW	14 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	15 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM EFM 6:30 – 8 PM Good Shepherd Quilters <i>Crook Info Due</i>	16 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 - 3 PM Fun with Friends 7:30 PM Choir Practice	17	18 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
19 <u>Last Epiphany</u> 9 AM Parish Breakfast 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Youth Group	20 10 AM Morning Prayer	21 <u>Shrove Tuesday</u> 9 AM Morning Prayer 10 AM ECW District Meeting & Eucharist No Bible Study	22 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 AM, Noon, 7 PM Ashes & Holy Eucharist NO EFM	23 9 AM Morning Prayer 9 AM Caring Hands 7:30 PM Choir Practice	24 6 PM Cooking Class	25 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
26 <u>Lent 1</u> 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 Sunday School 11:30 AM Page Turners	27 10 AM Morning Prayer	28 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	29 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM EFM			

