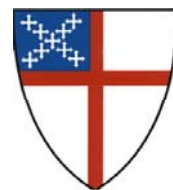


The Shepherd's Crook



The Church of The Good Shepherd
Pitman, NJ

Mother Patricia Daniels Pierce-Rector

September 1, 2010

"We Love Our Church"



Bible Study

Bible Study has started again. We are reading one of the books in the Church's Teaching Series, Welcome to the Bible by Black & Wenner. We will be discussing the role of the Bible in the life of the Church and its people. Please join us on Tuesday nights from 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 **September 7th**. Call 856-589-8209 for more information.

Janice Gowland

Remember

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



Deadline

The deadline for the October Crook will be on September 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

Baptisms

Jackson Cole Di Santos
August 15, 2010
*Infant son of Michele Ross
& Jason Di Santos*

*"...sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as
Christ's own, forever." BCP p. 308*



Burial Office

Nicholas Anthony Roash
August 25th, 2010

"May his soul rest in peace." BCP p. 502

Becoming an Episcopalian

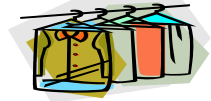
A lot of our parishioners are faithful to Good Shepherd, regularly attending the Holy Eucharist, supporting Good Shepherd and being a part of our ministries and activities. The Episcopal Church welcomes all, with no formal membership requirements, "just come, be a part of us" as many of you have heard me say. It is a good thing to have an identity, to be able to say, "I am an Episcopalian." When Bishop George comes in September for his Visitation, if you would like to become an Episcopalian that is the time he will "receive" you and officially welcome you into the Episcopal Church. If you are interested, please see Mother Pat.



BACK PACKS

With school beginning, we once again have collected filled backpacks to give to kids in need, to give them a head start for the school year. Many thanks.

Outreach



Thank you for your continued support of "Your Food Shelf" in Camden with all your wonderful donations of clothing! Please keep in mind that they need men's clothing and shoes and infant clothing right now. Please hold off on donating any winter clothing right now until October. If you have anything that can be worn in warm weather, please leave it in BAGS on our front porch at 223 Highland Terrace, Pitman. We will be happy to take it to Camden for you! Thanks so much!

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.

St Nick's Shop

Fall hasn't yet begun, but the Holly Fair is just around the corner. Please consider contributing your time and talents to the St. Nick's Shop this year. The St. Nick's Shop offers holiday crafts and activities for the children. We are in need of helpers to prepare the crafts, donate materials, set up the tables in advance of the big day, and work with the children during the exciting Holly Fair day. Please contact Lori Bathurst at 856-415-9283 if you can provide any assistance this year. Planning ahead will ease the busy lead-up to a special time of the year for our church family. Thank You!

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 Councill, 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
George Opel	Lucy Hansen
Salvatore Chillari	Bollendorf Family
Laurie	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 Cercuiro	Betty Jane Sliben
Nora Wilson	Rosetta Milbury
Debbie Russo	Gloria Rubino
Stephanie Uibel	Jullian Shallock



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

* 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.*”

~

Prayers for the Parish Families

For September

Winship Family, Wolk Family, Wynkoop
Family, & Yahnke Family.

September Happenings

Sept. 1 – 7pm Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

Sept. 2 – Fun with Friends, 1 – 3pm
7pm Choir Practice begins

Sept. 4 & 5 – Pentecost 15

Sat. 5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Sun. 10am – Holy Eucharist



Sept. 6 – Labor Day – Parish Office Closed

All Tuesdays – Bible Study, 7 – 8:30pm

Sept. 7 – Ruth's Children, 7:30pm

All Thursdays - 7pm Choir Practice

Sept. 11 – 8:30am Tidy-up Morning

9am, Confirmation Rehearsal

Pentecost 16 – Saturday, 5:30pm Holy

Eucharist

Sept. 12 – Bishop George Councill's

Visitation & Confirmation, 10am

Followed by a desert reception

Sunday School Registration

Sept. 13 – Women at the Well, ECW, 7pm

Sept. 14 & Sept. 28 - 1pm Caring Hands

Ministry

Sept. 16 – Fun with Friends, 1 – 3pm

Sept 18 – Altar Guild Meeting, 9am

Pentecost 17 – Saturday, 5:30pm Holy

Eucharist

Sept. 19 ,Sunday – 10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday School classes begin

Parish BBQ

11:30am, Vestry Meeting

Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

2:30 pm – Supper Group

Sept. 22 – Good Shepherd Quilters, 6:30pm

Pentecost 18 – Sat. Sept. 25, Holy

Eucharist, 5:30pm

Sunday – 10am Holy Eucharist

Altar Guild Re-dedication

Sunday School

11:30am Sunday School Teachers' Meeting

Page Turners' Book Group

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

It is that time of year again when we are gearing up for the start of Sunday School. September 19th is the first day of class, registration the week before.

Our Ministry to our children is so important, teaching them of the Love that Jesus has for each one of them.

Why don't you be part of it? We give you the SS plan, all the materials, and what ever support you need. Please speak to **Mother Pat, Lori Bathurst or Pat Braidwood** if you are interested.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING DAY & BARBEQUE-SEPTEMBER 19TH

Our first day of Sunday School Classes will be on September 19th. Registration will be the Sunday before. We will also be holding our Annual Barbeque on the 19th. So come, join the fun and a delicious grilled lunch.

We are known for our excellent and happy Sunday School. This year we have many exciting events planned for our kids. Be sure to say "Hi!" and welcome our new Sunday School leaders, **Lori Bathurst and Pat Braidwood**.

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 31st - A Plague of Doves

November 28th - Little Bee



SUMMER PROJECTS–PAINTING

We hope you notice how wonderful all of the red doors look on our church and adjacent buildings. Jr. Warden, **John Opel** has spent considerable time in prep and painting them. Many thanks.

Also, another HUGE project, our Property person, **Wayne Szalma** along with **Lee Braidwood** and **Maria Szalma** have re-done and painted the Sunday School classrooms in the education wing. This has also enabled us to move the Sunday School Office downstairs, which just makes more sense for the running of the Sunday School.

Summer Projects - Attic Staircase

We thank Stu Lynd and Claude Coulson for installing our new attic staircase. We also thank Gen Portocalis for covering the cost of the stairs.

INQUIRERS' GROUP

Because the Labor Day Weekend, the Inquirers' Group will not meet in September. We are reading the book *Evidence of the Afterlife* by Jeffrey Long, MD with Paul Perry. If you would like to read this with us please ask Mother Pat for one of the copies of the book, which were given to the group by Len Fedullo. We will be discussing this subject in October.



SUMMER PROJECTS – Handicap Bathroom

Since we have now a ramp that makes our Parish Hall and Office Wing Handicap accessible. We have also done some conversion to the up-stairs bathrooms in order that we provide a user-friendly bathroom facility for those who use wheelchairs or walkers. The Women's Room is now Unisex and Handicap accessible. It will be for single use only, and the door will have an inside lock. The Men's Room, next door has been changed to be a Women's Room.

Our men may use the Unisex Bathroom, or the other Men's Room, which is located on the lower level.

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.

SUMMER PROJECTS – Moving the Nursery

The up-stairs nursery room has been moved down to where the unused chapel room is. It is a nice, bright room with carpeting. And it is in the same area as the Sunday School classrooms. A better idea having all our younger kids together on one floor. **Maria** spent a lot of time, getting the nursery reading for September. It will be up and running the same time as the Sunday School.

ALTAR GUILD RE-DEDICATION

On September 25th we plan on having an Altar Guild Rededication Day at the 10 Holy Eucharist.

Our women serve this Ministry with faithfulness and dedication. It will give our Parish the opportunity to recognize their contribution to the Worship of our parish

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



Sunday School

As we prepare to begin an exciting new Sunday School year, we invite you to consider getting involved in our children's spiritual development. We are still in need of a pre-school teacher for our Fall and Spring sessions, a kindergarten teacher, for our Winter and Spring sessions, and a 3-4-5 teacher in the Winter. We also need teacher assistants who are willing to help the teacher and students with the classroom activities for the younger classes throughout the year. Substitute Teacher Volunteers are needed. Donations of arts and crafts supplies (crayons, colored pencils, glitter glue, construction paper, glue sticks, tissue paper, etc.) and snacks/juice are always welcome. Please contact Lori Bathurst or Pat Braidwood with any questions. Thank You!

September Birthdays

02 – Justin Fortney
04 – Isota Potter
04 – Stephen Vadino Jr.
05 – Jeff Bathurst
06 – Aiden Barnes
08 – Mark Nicolle
11 – Dimitri Cappello
13 - Thomas Miller
13 – Skyler Wilson
16 – Hayden Vogel
17 – Sandra Ayers
19 – Janice Gowland
19 – Chelsea Richmond
20 – Carrie Jordan
21 – Elena Clark
21 – Beth Wynkoop
22 – Phillip Wall
23 – Joyce Brown
24 – Tryg Farestad
28 – Jackie Jordan
28 – John Jordan
28 – Elizabeth Nelson
28 – Richard Smith
29 – Ryan Derkoski



Christian Rock & Bowl

Here is some info about the Christian Rock and Bowl at Wood Lanes in Woodstown. It is only about 20 minutes from the church/Pitman to the bowling alley. It costs \$8.00 per person, which includes shoes, two hours of bowling, cosmic lighting, special colored pins that if you strike with them, you are entered in a contest for CD's. You also get a raffle ticket when you come in and if your number is drawn, you get a coupon for a free game of bowling. It is from 6-8pm and the next one is September 4. I think not just the youth of the church would like this, but people of all ages. There are some regular churches that do this as a fun outing every month.

Treasurer's Blog - August 2010
Results through July 2010

Total Income:

Here is a breakdown of our total income for 7 months into 2010:

	Budget	Actual
Loose Plate	1,690	1,282
Envelopes	113,010	108,313
Special	4,400	6,317
Other	175	75
Deficit support	0	0
Income	119,275	115,987

Our envelope giving (both pledged and unpledged) is falling behind the target for seven 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 7 months into 2010.

	Budget	Actual
Expenses	119,513	119,409

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 July, we're slipping a bit behind target in our envelope giving (\$113,010 target vs. \$108,313 actual) after staying slightly ahead in the first quarter of 2010. 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 7 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 roll through the summer months with vacations taking us away from our normal attendance.

Holly Fair

We have volunteered to organize the Good Shepherd table at the Holly Fair in December and would like to ask you to consider making something for us to sell. The items that you have made in the past for us to sell have made a nice addition to the profits of the Holly Fair. Thanks for your help. Please call if you have any questions.

Greg and Sodie Potter 589-8026

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:

Sept 22	Jan 19	Apr 20
Oct 20	Feb 16	May 18
Nov 17	Mar 16	June 15

Shelly Harris & Sodie Potter



Our New Handicap Ramp

Is there “magic” going on at Good Shepherd?

The brass is gleaming, the Altar hangings match the liturgical calendar, the wine and wafers are ready, the Chalice is draped and the Eucharist “table is set”. The oil in the candles keeps the flames going at each service. The flower vases are full and colorful. The Lady Altar is prepped. The stoup is filled with Holy water. The service leaflets are ready to be picked up.

For Baptisms the font and Paschal candle are ready and the Holy Water is set out. Weddings are celebrated with white hangings & the special white kneelers for the couple (with or without aisle candles). The Altar is set for this joyous occasion.

And for funerals, the Altar and hangings are ready for that service as well, with many preparations for the departed and family. At Easter time beautiful flowering plants adorn each window ledge and surround the lectern. The incredible hangings flow from above. Christmas is filled with the scent of pine and the knowledge that the Christ child is present among us and the Advent banners are switched that have been lovingly designed and created by a former parishioner.

When you enter Good Shepherd and everything looks as if it appeared by “magic”, it is due to the tireless and dedicated work of our Altar Guild members. Our motto comes from Luke 22:27b: “But I am among you as one who serves”.

Please take time to let our members know that their efforts are appreciated:

Audrey Buck, Diane DeLooff, Lorraine Merryman, Ann Peel, Kathy Rogers, Edwina Siebold, Avril Miklavcic, Becca Spellacy, Gail Morton, Gloria Moulthrop, Nancy Johnson, Beth Snodgrass, Marie Rigg, April Winship, Sally Bierman, Ruth Adams, Judy Taylor, Carrie Jordan, Connie Parent, Maryalice Ross, Sister Cass Lavin-Spouse, Cindy Taglienti, and Sean Woodward-Hills.

-Shelly Harris; Altar Guild Director



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

We are still receiving positive comments about last year's 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 Potluck Lunch immediately following the 10 AM Service
12:00 noon – Pageant begins

Tom Rigg

PARISH CALENDAR 2010 – 2011

The Calendars are ready, filled with a lot of ministry and fellowship for the coming year. Please pick up your calendar at the back of the church.

Stockings for Soldiers

7th Annual Stockings for Soldiers

Once again Good Shepherd will be helping to send some holiday cheer to our troops.

Our brave Troops in Iraq & Afghanistan would love to receive a special Christmas stocking from Home. We all can let them know that we are thinking of them while they are away from their families for the Holidays. These stockings are being sewn and decorated by many area volunteers – including the Good Shepherd Quilters & Deptford Designers. We need your help to fill them up. Thank You for helping to spread some Holiday Cheer to our wonderful men and women in the military.

Suggested Items to Donate

- Christmas candy, gum, fruit roll-ups & gushers, cracker jacks, Beef Slim Jims, pretzels, lemonade & flavored drink mixes
- Individual flavored teas, hot drink mixes, commercially packaged Trail Mix, nuts, cookies, (Sorry, no home-baked items)
- Chips, Ramen soup, small cans of tuna, lasagna, Beefaroni, canned fruit, any small size of anything to eat, pocket games
- Puzzles, DVD movies, music CD's, current magazines, Beanie Babies, AT&T phone cards, paperback books, dominoes
- Disposable cameras, lip balm, foot powder, small sizes of toiletries & lotions, crew socks, hand & foot warmers, fly swatters
- Holiday Greeting Card with your messages of Support & Friendship. If you include your return address, (email or snail) you might hear back from the soldier who receives your card. Please try to include some type of personal sentiment for the soldier to read. Do not seal the envelope.

Financial donations are greatly needed and appreciated to help cover mailing costs. Checks can be made out to Stockings For Soldiers - Delaware, Inc.

501(c)(3) Tax # 27-0604668

For more information contact us at info@stockingsforsoldiers.org

Donations will be collected from September until November 17th, 2010 and taken to the location so that all boxes will be sealed & mailed December 1st, 2010.

Pop-tarts, TastyKakes, and other soft cakes do not survive the packing and shipping process. No hardback books, due to shipping costs. No glass, please. Toiletries are greatly appreciated, but small sizes are required in order to fit them in the stockings. **No soap products, please.**

Collection boxes will be found at the back of the church as you enter. Perhaps neighbor and friends might like to participate as well.

Thank You for your generosity.

“Sending Stockings Filled With Joy To Our Soldiers In Harm’s Way.”

-Shelly Harris

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1><u>September 2010</u></h1>						
			1 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Brotherhood of Saint Andrew	2 9 AM Morning Prayer 1-3 PM Fun with Friends 7 PM Choir Practice	3	4 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
5 <u>Pentecost 15</u> 10 AM Holy Eucharist	6 <u>Labor Day</u> Parish Office Closed	7 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM Ruth's Children	8 9 AM Morning Prayer	9 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Choir Practice	10	11 8:30 AM Tidi-Up Day 9 AM Confirmation Rehearsal 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
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19 <u>Pentecost 17</u> 10 AM Morning Prayer 10 AM <u>Sunday School Starts</u> 11:30 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew 11:30 AM Vestry 2:30 PM Supper Group	20 10 AM Morning Prayer	21 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	22 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 - 8 PM Good Shepherd Quilters	23 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Choir Practice	24	25 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
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