

The Shepherd's Crook



The Church of The Good Shepherd
Pitman, NJ

Mother Patricia Daniels Pierce-Rector

November 1, 2009

"We Love Our Church"

BIBLE STUDY

Most Tuesday evenings we meet in the Conference Room at 7pm to read from the Holy Scripture, to discuss the settings and reasons a particular passage was written, and then share how we feel the message applies in our lives and in our times. We end at 8:30 with the praying of the Office of Compline (BCP p. 127). Please join us.

Deadline

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

Truejoymin@aol.com

Thank you,
Carmen Russo
Editor

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 **November 2nd**. Call 856-589-8209 for more information.

Janice Gowland

Services

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

Marriage

Katherine Bryson Davis &

Joseph Patrick Horan

October 3, 2009

*"Those whom God has joined together,
let no one put asunder." BCP p. 428*

**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**

Lorraine Barger
Kelly Clemment
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
The Sirisky Family
Cindy Kehler
Alexander
Dolly
Steve Fama
John Wisniewski
Ashley
The Tait Family
Diane Cercurio
Jill Caskey
Lenore
Bob Guarni
Debra Russo
William Russo
John Miller
Flo Meyers
Makayla Healey
Erin Klein
Nora Wilson
Mark & Jacquie Daley
Barbara Ann Helman
Edward Pfaff
Mike Anderson
Janice Engstrom
Ann Marie Myhre
Claude
Paul
Greg Williams
Harold & Lucy Hansen
Joe Abate
Donald Scott, Jr.
Lillian
John O'Neil

Remember

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

CELEBRATE, MEDITATE, INITIATE AND PASS IT ON

This year we are aware of the financial difficulties that many are going through. Therefore, we are keeping our stewardship a little on the subdued side out of respect for many feeling the economic crunch. That being said, if you are one of the few who are doing OK, we ask that you take up some of the slack that is surely to be had by many not as fortunate this year. Remember that what we give of our Time, Talent and Treasure is a gift from God and that it will be returned to you in ways you can only imagine.

Remember, we are the benefactors of all those who have passed before us through those red doors in the back of the church we in turn go through. For many years to come, many will be so blessed as to follow in our footsteps. The great part about this is that we do not know these people yet and quite frankly, depending on our age and circumstances, we may never know. But knowing that we have given this great gift to those who follow should be a blessed feeling.

We at Good Shepherd have always thought about the future and what it holds for others. Just look around the next time you sit in the pews and marvel at the gift that has been given to us. We take for granted the beauty and spirituality that abounds here. We celebrated Confirmation recently and the luncheon afterward was truly magnificent.

This was all done by us as a gift to God and our parish. We are truly a giving Christian community. I have had the pleasure on several occasions to show off our church to those who experience it for the first time. Their eyes light up as they look around. The neighborhood walkers make a point to pass by the lit window during their evening stroll. We are truly blessed by not only the facility but by the people who make it truly a spiritual experience.

This November, when the leaves begin to turn their colors and the Great Pumpkin comes out, we at Good Shepherd will be celebrating our 102nd year. I ask that you also think of ways that you can insure that those that follow us can experience the gift that has been given to you. We will be celebrating Stewardship month. That's right.....CELEBRATING !!!

With humility,
Jeff Snodgrass, on behalf of the
Stewardship Committee and Vestry

Congratulations!

We proudly announce that Becca Spellacy has been elected to the Diocesan Nominating Committee as the Lay Representative for the Woodbury Convocation.

The Supper Group

October found the Supper Group enjoying "October fest" at The Telford Inn. The Supper Group will be meeting on Sunday, Nov. 15th, 2:30pm at the new Guillermo's Restaurant in Pitman. Please join us.

Outreach

Well, we are gearing up for those cold fall and winter months and so Camden is already anticipating the need for cold weather gear! Carl took a load of clothes to Camden 2 weeks ago and they want us to thank you for all the wonderful items!! There were some wonderful LARGE size men's boots that they can really use! Thank you so much! Please drop off any coats, men's suits, shoes, etc, in bags, on our front porch and we will see that they are delivered to those who need them. Please make sure that they are in good condition. Many of these clothes are used to help people to be dressed appropriately for job interviews. We are located at 223 Highland Terrace, Pitman.

**Thanks again,
Ellie and Carl Dunn**

Blanket Collection

The ladies of Women at the Well are collecting used blankets for our community outreach project. Now's a good time to get rid of your old blankets as you clean out your closets for Fall.

Please make sure the blankets are washed.
NO NEW BLANKETS.

Thank you for helping others in need.

Cindy Taglienti

Sunday School

Good Shepherd Sunday School would like to announce that during adult coffee hour, there will also be a Kids Snack table with snacks sponsored by our Sunday School classes. The first group to fill our kids snack table will be the 1st and 2nd grade class, on

Oct. 25. Members of this class will bring in favorite snacks and they will serve the snacks that Sunday. Stay tuned to see what each class will offer each week!

Good Shepherd Sunday School is also seeking a volunteer to serve as Christian Ed Director, as **Joy Lundahl** will be retiring her post this year. New ideas, new projects, and enthusiasm are always welcome. If you would like to help with this very important ministry, please contact Mother Pat, Joy, Patty or any teacher.

The Winter Sunday School term begins Dec. 13. If you would like to teach, please contact **Joy, Patty or Mother Pat**.

Joy Lundahl

OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROJECT

We welcomed to Good Shepherd on Sunday October 18th **Fr. James Von Dreele**. He is the Director of the Seamen's Church Institute in Philadelphia. He spoke to us of their ministry and mission to seafarers who work on cargo ships. The Seamen's Institute is our main Outreach project for this year for our parish and Sunday School.

After School Tutoring Program

A group of our parishioners are becoming involved in an Mary Esther Williams After School Tutoring program at a Presbyterian Church in Camden. Once a week they are going up to work, one-on-one, with kids who really need encouragement and special time. If you would be interested in being part of this wonderful Outreach project, please see **Carl Dunn**.



KIDS JUICE & COOKIE HOUR

Please welcome our youngest parishioners as they now take part in our Coffee Hour, only with juice and cookies, at their own special table. With food allergies being a problem for some of our children, it was decided for their well being that they should join in the Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall, in order that their parents may supervise their “Snack Time.”

Mother Pat+

FORWARD DAY BY DAY

The new issues of *Forward Day by Day* for November – January have come in. They are in the back of the church. Please take a copy for yourself.



CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Our Children’s Choir is starting up now. Throughout the year they sing and offer musical praise to our Lord. All children are welcome to join. You don’t need to know how to read music. Choir practice is on Sundays immediately following the 10am Holy Eucharist, by the piano in church.

THE INQUIRERS’ GROUP

The Inquirers’ Group meets almost every first Sunday of the month, immediately following the 10am Holy Eucharist.

We have taken on some interesting and challenging subjects in the past months. We’ve talked about Faith and Prayer, God’s relationship with us, loving and forgiving. Last month we discussed assisted suicide and end of life issues.

Please join us on November 1st. Bring your questions.



THANKSGIVING

This year we are departing from our usual Thanksgiving practice of Holy Eucharist followed by dinner in the Parish Hall.

There will be an Ecumenical Service on Thanksgiving Eve offered by the Pitman Council of Churches. It will be held at the First Baptist Church of Pitman at 7pm. Come and join with Mother Pat and our brothers and sisters from other churches that evening to offer thanksgiving for the many Blessings which our Lord so generously gives to us.

WELCOME

We welcome our newest acolytes, **Alex Bierman, Vanessa Pierce, and Morgan Wall.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 – ALL SAINTS' DAY

8 & 10am - Holy Eucharist
10am – Sunday School
11:30am – Inquirers' Group

Nov. 2 – ALL SOULS' DAY

7pm – Holy Eucharist
7:30pm – Ruth's Children
All Tuesdays – 7pm, Bible Study

Nov. 4 – 7pm, Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

Nov. 5 – Fun with Friends 1 – 3pm

All Thursdays – 6:30 pm Education for
Ministry (EFM)

All Thursdays (*except Thanksgiving*) Choir
Practice

Nov. 7 – Holy Eucharist 5:30pm

Nov. 8 - 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist

9am – Parish Breakfast
10am Sunday School
11:30am Vestry Meeting

Nov. 9 – Women at the Well (ECW) 7pm

Nov. 10 – ECW District Meeting in

Bridgeton, 10am
Caring Hands Ministry, 1pm

Nov. 14 – Clean-up Day, 9am – Noon

Holy Eucharist, 5:30pm

Nov. 15 – 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist

10am, Sunday School
11:30am - Usher & SS Meeting
2:30 pm Supper Group

Nov. 16 - Caring Hands Ministry, 1pm

Nov. 18 – Noon Page Turners' Book Group

6:30 – 8pm Good Shepherd's Quilters

Nov. 19 – Fun with Friends, 1 – 3pm

Nov. 21 – Altar Guild Meeting, 9am

9am "Pedals & Pipes" Organ Educational
Program

Nov. 21 & 22 – LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nov. 21- Holy Eucharist, 5:30pm

Nov. 22 – Holy Eucharist, 8 & 10am
Sunday School, 10am
Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Annual
Luncheon
& Toy Collection

Nov. 24 – Caring Hands, 1pm

Nov. 25 – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve
Service at the First Baptist Church of
Pitman, 7pm

Nov. 28 & 29, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Nov. 28 – Holy Eucharist, 5:30pm

Nov. 29 - 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist
No Sunday School
11:30am Pageant Rehearsal

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 – **Stu Lynd**

856/582-0232

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 – 856/232-6842

Altar Guild – **Shelly Harris** 856/589-8160

A WORD ABOUT HOLY EUCHARIST SAFETY

The coming Flu season this year will be coupled with another health issue, the Swine Flu (aka. H1N1 Flu). Which raises the question for many on how safe is drinking from the 'common cup' at Communion.

I assure you all, it is safe. We are required to use wine with no less than 18% alcohol level. Also, our chalices are made of sterling silver, a hard surface, impervious to germs. That coupled with the alcohol content inhibits germs. So it is safe to drink from the cup. On the subject of Intinction from the Newsletter of the Diocese of East Carolina: "One interesting concern involves the practice of intinction, of individuals dipping the wafer into wine rather than drinking from the chalice. Some persons believe that this practice is beneficial in controlling disease... The answer is no... If one's hands are dirty, once one has handled the bread, viruses on the hand may spread to the bread and thus into the wine... It is safer to sip from a clean chalice..."

If you would rather not partake of the wine, please stay at the Altar rail after you receive and consume the host, and cross your hands over your chest, and the LEM will know not to offer you the cup.

Again, I'd like to say the common cup is safe. At the end of the Eucharist the LEMS and I consume what has been left, and we are all healthy.

You should also know that after every service, the Chalices which were used during the services are all thoroughly washed in hot, soapy water by the Altar Guild. The ablutions that your priest does at the Altar are basically ceremonial in nature, the Chalices are washed later in the sacristy.

The exchange of the Peace can be

problematic. Germs ARE passed along from one person to another by touch. I would suggest that you would take precautions in this area: verbally exchanging the words, "The Peace of the Lord be with you," to fellow parishioners, but not shaking hands.

Many of us follow this procedure already, when we ourselves have colds.

Extending the Peace, should be given from our hearts, through our words, it is not necessary to shake hands if you are not comfortable doing that. Above all, be sure to get the available vaccines for both types of Flu this year. If you have any questions, please see me.

Mother Pat+

Feast of Saint Andrew Luncheon

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew is pleased to invite everyone to a celebratory buffet to be held following the Sunday 10:00AM service on November 22, 2009. Lunch is on us to thank everyone for their support over the last year, admission will be in the form of an unwrapped child's toy (ages NB-18). These toys will be donated to local children's charity in December. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the parish hall beginning November 1st. We hope you can join us!

Good Shepherd Table at the Holly Fair

It is not too late to start a project for the Good Shepherd Table at the Holly Fair. With your help, we will be able to make a nice contribution to the profits of the Holly Fair. Thank you for your help.

Greg and Sodie Potter 589-8026

A Columbarium for Church of the Good Shepherd

From the earliest times Christians have buried their dead in crypts, churchyards and inside the church. What better place than in the church to place the remains of a loved one. It is where we are baptized and it is where we give our life to Christ. If the church congregation is one's center of life through baptism, Holy Communion, confirmation and marriage, then death and burial are also an integral part in completing that cycle.

The Columbarium Committee for Good Shepherd has made significant progress in planning for a potential columbarium. The next important step is to determine potential interest in reserving niches. At this point we must establish commitment from our church members to decide if we should go ahead with the project. This is going to be a self-funded project, so we cannot proceed if we cannot establish commitment for at least 20 niches. We will also be presenting our progress to the Vestry in November. At this time, upon approval by the Vestry, we are projecting the contribution per niche to be approximately \$2,000.

If you are definitely interested in reserving a niche and are ready to make a firm commitment, please complete the form below and return it to Mother Pat. Several people have already expressed an interest in reserving niches. If you have already spoken with one of the committee members, please still complete the form.

We will be keeping you informed of our progress on a regular basis.

I am prepared to reserve a niche(s) in a proposed columbarium at Church of the Good Shepherd.

Name: _____

Number of niches desired: _____

For specific questions, please see **Mother Pat** or **Diane Wall**

November Birthdays

- 01 - Barbara Ann Elliott
- 03 - Peter Ryan Holland
- 03 - Kimberly Holland
- 05 - Gene Elliott
- 05 - Kristine Powell
- 06 - Sister Kara Anderson
- 08 - Christine Smith
- 10 - Vito Chimenti
- 11 - Greta Daczkowski
- 12 - Michael Ayers
- 13 - Len Clark
- 13 - William Clark
- 16 - Catherine Ziegler
- 18 - Eleanor Copeland
- 19 - Maria Szalma
- 19 - Corrine Sobolewski
- 20 - Robert Chimenti
- 21 - Thomas Nicolle
- 22 - Alicia Fortney
- 28 - Abigail Smith
- 29 - Len Carita
- 29 - Alexander Manganello
- 30 - Matthew Martin



O Come All Ye Faithful
SPAGHETTI DINNER



Our very own chefs **Maria and Wayne Szalma** cooked up a storm preparing mountains of spaghetti and meatballs!! We made over \$500 for the pageant. Thank you for your participation.

PAGEANT AND PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Practice will begin **November 1st** and last for about 15 minutes after the 10:00 service. If the student is in Youth Choir, they should attend the Youth Choir Practice, but notify Tom or Marie of their schedule. They will still be able to participate in the pageant.

Nov 1 – Nov 22 - Actors work for approx 15 min following the service to learn lines etc.

November 8 – Following the practice with the students, there will be a quick run through using pageant parents in order to be sure stage directions work.

November 29, Sun. after service – First run thru with children. Should be done by 12:30PM

December 6, Sun. after service – Second

run thru with children. Should be done by 12:30PM

December 12, SATURDAY, 10 am – Final dress rehearsal. All children in costume. Should be done by noon (two hours).

December 13, Sunday 12:30 PM – The Pageant.

10:00 – 11:15 Sunday school and regular church service

11:30 – 12:30 lunch – Pot luck lunch (dessert reserved for reception following pageant) for adults and parents in Parish Hall. Preschool and kindergarten student parents should be served first so that they can help their children dress.

Actors will eat as group, probably pizza and then go downstairs to get dressed. If they need help one parent will go with them after their lunch. Pageant room parents and friends will be downstairs at that time also to assist with costumes.

Reception in the Parish Hall following performance.

Holly Fair 2009

Just a reminder that the 2009 Holly Fair is being held on December 5th. The church parish hall, choir room, Sunday school rooms, and office wing will be transformed into a holiday bazaar with wonderful food, music, decorations, poinsettias, and lots of things for sale. Please read the Good Shepherd Table article for ideas on how you can help with our internal craft table. Also, keep your schedules clear for the 5th 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.

Treasurer's Blog
November 2009



PITMAN PANTRY

Results through September 2009
Total Income:

Here is a breakdown of our total income for 9 months into 2009:

	Budget	Actual
Loose Plate	2,150	2,025
Envelopes	139,455	142,939
Special	4,600	5,083
Other	225	125
Deficit support	9,360	11,987
Income	155,790	162,159

Our envelope giving (both pledged and unpledged) is slightly ahead of target for 9 months of 2009. We have covered nearly \$12,000 of our projected \$12,483 deficit thanks to your caring and generosity.

Total expenses:

Here is a recap of our total expenses for 9 months into 2009.

	Budget	Actual
Expenses	157,607	153,400

Our expenses are also on target through September.

How are we doing so far?

We're doing well for the first nine months of 2009. Our income is steady for which we thank you for keeping your pledges current or exceeding them. Our expenses in total are right on target. Our projected deficit of \$12,483 has almost been met. Thank you so much for your responses so far, and if we exceed our deficit for this year, we can use any surplus towards next year.

We have a team of parishioners who help out at the Pitman Pantry every other Tuesday evening. With our economic times being such a challenge, more and more people are coming to the Pantry for help. The Pantry is always in need of pasta, canned soups and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, even toilet tissue. Whatever you can give WILL help someone in real need. Thank you, in advance.

The Pantry is also in need of help in unloading food from the delivery truck, on the second Wednesday of each month. This month coming the date will be Nov. 11th at 9:30 am. Thank you

"For I am sure... nothing will separate us from the Love of God." (Romans 8)

On Sunday, November 8th at 4pm, churches from all over the Diocese of New Jersey will gather together at the Tabernacle in Ocean Grove for a Special Service of Festive Jazz Vespers. We are invited to this special service to celebrate God's faithful and never ending Love for each of us.

We are all feeling the stress of these hard economic times as well as the fast-paced changes in our lives around us. This gathering is being held for us to praise God as Christ's Body the Church, for all the blessings we are given.

Let's get a good group together, car-pooling, to be part of this wonderful opportunity to worship and offer our praises to our Lord. Please see Mother Pat if you are interested in attending.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1><u>November 2009</u></h1>						
1 <u>All Saints' Day</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Inquirer's Group	2 <u>All Souls' Day</u> 10 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Holy Eucharist 7:30 PM Ruth's Children	3 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	4 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Brotherhood of St Andrew	5 9 AM Morning Prayer 1-3 PM Fun with Friends 6:30 PM EFM 7 PM Choir Practice	6	7 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
8 <u>Pentecost 23</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Breakfast 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Vestry Meeting	9 10 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Women at the Well ECW	10 10 AM ECW-Bridgeton 1 PM Caring Hands 7 PM Bible Study	11 9 AM Morning Prayer	12 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM EFM 7 PM Choir Practice	13	14 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist Church Clean-up Day 8:30 - Noon
15 <u>Pentecost 24</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM SS & Usher Meeting 2:30 PM Supper Group	16 10 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Caring Hands	17 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	18 9 AM Morning Prayer Noon - Page Turners 6:30 - 8 PM Good Shepherd Quilters	19 9 AM Morning Prayer 1-3 PM Fun with Friends 6:30 PM EFM 7 PM Choir Practice	20	21 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Altar Guild Meeting
22 <u>Last Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Brotherhood Luncheon & Toy Collection	23 10 AM Morning Prayer	24 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 PM Caring Hands No Bible Study	25 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Pitman 1st Baptist Church	26 <u>Thanksgiving</u>	27	28 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
29 <u>Advent 1</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist No Sunday School 11:30 AM Pageant Rehearsal	30 10 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM Vestry Webinar					

