

The Shepherd's Crook

The Church of The Good Shepherd
Pitman, NJ



Mother Patricia Daniels Pierce-Rector

February 1, 2011

"We Love Our Church"



Bible Study

We are continuing our study of the New Testament book, The Acts of the Apostles. This Book gives us a picture of the early Church. Its struggles and its glories. It shows us *not* men and women who were living serene and peaceful lives, but intense and Spirit driven as the Christian takes its place in the world, often at odds with the society of that time.

We meet each Tuesday evening from 7 to 8:30 pm, ending with the praying 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 **2/7/11**. Call 856-589-8209 for more information.

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

We try our best to keep our Prayer list current. At times we do slip up. Would you please, to help us, take a moment to peruse the list below and if there are any changes to be made, please let Maryanne the Parish Secretary, know. The office number is 856/589-8209 or email Goodshepherdpitman@comcast.net or Carmen Russo at truejoymin@aol.com. Thank you, Mother Pat+

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, 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	Edward Pfaff
Sheila Prage	William Szalma
Janet Knoebel	Diane Volberg
Mary Fischer	Marvin Dawley
Steve Fama	Theresa Swam
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
Laurie	Salvatore Chillari
Mr. Matthews	Joe Rocco
Josie Fletcher	Craig Stern
Melissa	Kelly Clemment
Joe Rome	Mary Still
Joe & Dawn Cameron	Stephanie
Sandi Geller	Maureen Guzzetti
Tait Family	Kara Guzzetti
Diane Ceruiro	Betty Jane Sliben

Nora Wilson	Debbie Russo
Gloria Rubino	Stephanie Uibel
Jullian Shallock	Maria & Bob
Tim Hughes	Bill Schwiegart
Fran	Elizabeth Albinson
Helen Born	Paula
The Fritz Family	Avril
Flo	Pam Godwin
Charles Weatherby	Angie Lesinski
Virginia	Betty
Shirley	

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
Tom DeVore	

* 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 February

Bradley Family, Braidwood Families, Brent Family, Behm Family, & Broesler Family

I take the above names from the "Prayers of the People" sheet. If you see a mistake or omission, or if there is a name that can be removed please e-mail me.

Thank you,
Carmen Russo
truejoymin@aol.com

Remember

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



THE CHAPEL OF THE HOLY CROSS

The moving of the chapel to next door to the Conference Room is almost completed. The Chapel is always open for you to use. It is a quiet place to offer prayer and reflection.

We say Morning Prayer there each day also.

Outreach



Thanks again for all of your fine donations of clothing to Your Food Shelf in Camden! You are so generous! Please keep in mind that they are in desperate need of men's clothing and shoes and also of infant clothing. If you have anything to donate, please drop it off – in bags – on our front porch and we will make sure that it is delivered to Camden. We are located at 223 Highland Terrace, Pitman.

Thank you,
Carl and Ellie Dunn

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.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP



Our next few books that we will be reading and discussing are:

Feb 27 – Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

Mar. 27 – The Magic of an Ordinary Day by Ann Howard Creel

Apr. 17 – In the Sanctuary of Outcasts by Neil White

May 29 – The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Jul. 24 – This Much I Know Is True by Wally Lamb

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

John Opel - 609/221-0722

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

February Birthdays

- 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
- 25 – Betsy Dunn
- 26 – Ruth Adams
- 27 – Paige Bathurst



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:

Feb 16	May 18
Mar 16	June 15
Apr 20	

Shelly Harris & Sodie Potter

Help Needed



With the new Winter Sunday School Semester beginning, we need a new "Hall Monitor." No experience necessary.

Qualifications: To be available to the Sunday School classes and teaches, in case they need an extra hand; supplies from the SS Office; need to have **Lori Bathurst** or **Pat Braidwood's** attention, or any other helpful assistance.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING ELECTIONS

Our Nominating Committee, which is made up of the out-going members of the Vestry, after deliberation and contacting possible candidates, provided the initial list of persons in the Parish and who are will to serve; to have their names put forth to be elected to be members of Good Shepherd's Vestry.

The Committee members are **Terry McCallum, Harvey Corbett, Roger Baker** and Bill Lundahl.

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

At our Annual Meeting held on January 30th elections for a Senior Warden and 3 Vestry Members were held.

There being no additional nominations, the Nominating Committee is presenting the following slate.

Senior Warden – Diane Wall

Vestry Members

Bill Beard
Kristina Bergman
Charles "Chuck" Lezenby

Delegates to Convention & Convocation

Ellie Dunn
Chuck Lezenby
Becca Spellacy

Alternates to Convention & Convocation

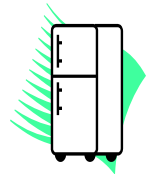
Roger Baker
Sr. Cass Lavin-Spouse
Harvey Corbett

Welcome and Congratulations

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY – EFM

After a slight blip in the schedule the EFM will be starting up again in January. If you are interested in joining this informative program please see Mother Pat. Move information to come.

THANK YOU



We thank all who gave donations toward buying a new refrigerator for the Rectory, and to **Jeff Snodgrass** for organizing the purchase. The second refrigeration in the church kitchen died recently and so we were able to replace it with the old Rectory appliance, thus, the need for a new refrigerator for the rectory.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE TRAINING

Once again Good Shepherd has been the training site for a Special Olympics Group. **Keith Rigg** is a proud member of this group. They have met every Wednesday afternoon from Dec. 8th on through January to prepare for their Annual Olympics.

Glad to have you!

Do us proud!



INQUIRERS' GROUP

The Inquirers' Group met in January to discuss why passages in Holy Scripture seem to contradict other passages. One question that was raised was in Jesus telling his followers that they must turn away from family in order to follow him (Mark 28 – 30). Doesn't this contradict our understanding of loving each other?

We also discussed the parable of the Pharisee: the rich man, and Lazarus, the beggar. Both men die; one going to heaven, the other to Hades, and the questions this passage brought to us (Luke 16:19 - 31).

Please join us the first Sunday of each month, after the 10am Holy Eucharist, for this very interesting time of inquiry.

GOOD SHEPHERD'S COLUMBARIUM SACRISTY RENOVATION

The construction of Good Shepherd's Columbarium necessitated the long-overdue renovation of the Sacristy. A committee of Altar Guild members compiled a "Wish list" of what was needed in the Sacristy to make the Altar Guild's Ministry more effective. We thank **John Opel**, our Junior Warden, for this work which has already begun. We also thank all the members of the Altar Guild for their patience and for the adjustments they have made during this time of re-construction.

You may have noticed an addition and renovation to the sacristy. This means our columbarium is close to completion! Over the last few months, members of the

Columbarium Committee had meetings with representatives from Lamb Studios to finalize the plans and progress of the columbarium.

At the end of December the sacristy was prepared by removing the cabinet and sink and there was some movement of electrical connections and wiring. On Jan 3, builders from Lamb Studio's came in and built the walls which will house the columbarium. Wiring for lighting in the columbarium and a light switch were also installed. A new cabinet and sink will replace the ones that were removed.

Now that the walls have been built and they have the exact measurements, they have started building the niches and the structure that houses the niches. Stain colors that match the pews and the pulpit are being used in the structure. A stained glass window in the center of the back wall, designed especially for our church, will be the focal point.

By the end of March we will welcome Spring and celebrate the completion of a beautiful new resting place for our loved ones.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP DAY

Sunday, Feb. 13th we will be having our Sunday School Fellowship Day again, with all our classes meeting in the Parish Hall. Topic for the day will be, Why I love.... Having these Fellowship Sundays gives our kids the opportunity to get to know each other and to share in learning about Jesus' Love for us and our Faith.

LOOKING BACK ON DECEMBER & JANUARY



VS.



Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to Kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go... hmm... where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing.

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being Disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think 'where are my priorities? And no dropped calls!

Things were very busy at Good Shepherd. The Holly Fair was a HUGE success. Everyone enjoyed working together on this special annual event at Good Shepherd. Our thanks to all who helped and supported the day.

The Vestry voted to donate this year's tithe from the Holly Fair proceeds once again to the Seaman's Church Institute.

The Lessons and Carols which our choir and readers offered, gave us an excellent and moving beginning to the Advent Season.

The Christmas Pageant was once again just a delight! Our kids did wonderfully, and we thank all who had a part in it this year.

We thank everyone who stayed to help "green" the church for our Christmas services.

Christmas was exceptional. Our family Eucharist had almost 200 people, one third being our kids. We heard the story of our Lord's Birth, had a Birthday cake and sang "Happy Birthday" to Jesus. How wonderful that our children know the "real" reason for Christmas.

Two days later we celebrated Boxing Sunday (Dec. 26th) by bringing in donations of clean, used blankets to be distributed to the needy.

In January, the Sunday School presented their collection of warm hats and mittens to be given to kids in need.

We saw a lot of snow too. Our thanks to **John Opel** (our Junior Warden), **Chris Pierce** and **Terry McCallum** to making sure our sidewalks were shoveled.

Last, and most importantly, (at this writing) we are preparing for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 30th. We thank everyone who has submitted their reports on the Ministry at Good Shepherd for 2010.

It has been a busy and good year for us.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY

All Tuesdays --7pm Bible Study
All Wednesdays -- 6:30pm Education for Ministry
All Thursdays -- 7pm, Choir Practice
Feb. 2 – 7pm – Brotherhood of Saint Andrew
Feb. 3 – 1pm – 3, Fun with Friends
Feb. 5 – 8:30am, New Vestry Member Breakfast
Feb. 5 & 6 – Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
5:30pm, Sat. Holy Eucharist
10am Sunday, Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
11:30am – Inquirers' Group
Feb. 7 – Ruth's Children, 7:30 – 9pm
Feb. 8 – 1pm, Caring Hands Ministry
Feb. 9 - 7pm, Parish Audit Committee
Feb. 12 – Sixth Sunday of Epiphany
5:30 Sat. Holy Eucharist
10am Sunday, Holy Eucharist & Sunday School Fellowship
11:30 am Vestry Meeting
Feb. 14 - 7pm Women at the Well
Feb 16 – 6:30pm Good Shepherd Quilters
Feb 17 – 1 – 3pm, Fun with Friends
Feb 18 – 6:30pm Chili Cook-off
Feb 19 & 20 – Seventh Sunday of Epiphany
5:30, Sat. Holy Eucharist
Sunday, 10am – Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
11:30am Brotherhood of Saint Andrew
2:30pm – Supper Group
Feb. 22 – 1pm, Caring Hands Ministry
Feb. 26 & 27 – Eighth Sunday of Epiphany - Teddy Bear Weekend
Sat. 5:30pm – Holy Eucharist
Sunday, 10am – Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
11:30am, Page Turners, Book Group

LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH

All Tuesdays - 7pm, Bible Study
All Wednesdays – 6:30pm, Education for Ministry
All Thursdays -- 7pm – Choir Practice
March 2 – 7PM Brotherhood of Saint Andrew
March 3 – 1 – 3pm, Fun with Friends
March 4 & 5 – Diocesan Convention
March 5 – 9am, Altar Guild Meeting
March 5 & 6 – Last Sunday after Epiphany
Sat. - 5:30 Holy Eucharist
Sunday – 10am, Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
11:30am – Inquirers' Group
March 7 – 7:30pm, Ruth's Children
March 8 – Shrove Tuesday
1pm – Caring Hands Ministry
March 9 – ASH WEDNESDAY
7am, noon & 7pm, Holy Eucharist & the Imposition of Ashes
March 12 & 13 – First Sunday in Lent
Sat. - 5:30pm, Holy Eucharist
Sunday, 10am, Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
11:30am – Vestry Meeting
March 14 – 7pm, Women at the Well
March 16 – 6:30pm, Good Shepherd's Quilters
March 17 -- 1 – 3pm, Fun with Friends
March 19 & 20 – Second Sunday in Lent
Sat. 5:30pm Holy Eucharist
Sunday, 10am – Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
11:30am – Brotherhood of Saint Andrew
2:30pm – Supper Group
March 22 – 1pm, Caring Hands Ministry
March 26 & 27 – Third Sunday in Lent
Sat., 5:30pm – Holy Eucharist
Sunday, 10am – Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
11:30am – Page Turners Book Group

SAINT ANDREW'S DAY
BROTHERHOOD
LUNCHEON

Once again we had the pleasure of our Brotherhood providing a sumptuous luncheon celebrating the Feast Day of Saint Andrew. We collected a huge amount of toys, which were brought up to St. Paul's in Camden. Our thanks to everyone who was a part of this GREAT day.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S
RETREAT

We are beginning to plan for our Third Annual Women's Retreat. It will be held again at the Stella Maris Retreat Center, at the shore in Elberon NJ, from Sunday, July 10th to Tuesday, July 12th. Please put these dates on your calendar. The previous retreats were just wonderful. Don't miss this one. More details will follow.



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention students who will be graduating from High School this June. There are some Scholarships that are available through the Church and other recourses (AAA, Automobile Association of America).

You can find them on the bulletin board outside of the Conference Room, or ask Mother Pat. With college costs so high, every bit of help is necessary. Please note the deadline dates of the various scholarships.

Don't miss out on \$\$\$\$\$

Treasurer's Blog - December 2010
Results for 2010

Total Income:

Here is a breakdown of our total income for 12 months of 2010:

	Budget	Actual
Loose Plate	3,000	2,102
Envelopes	195,915	197,384
Special	9,000	10,999
Other	300	150
Deficit support	0	0
Income	208,215	210,635

Our envelope giving (both pledged and unpledged) picked up for the last two months of 2010. Our Special offerings were very good for December. This gave us an income that exceeded our budget and expenses.

Total expenses:

Here is a recap of our total expenses for 12 months of 2010.

	Budget	Actual
Expenses	208,215	206,986

How did we do?

Thanks to everyone who kept their pledges current or brought them up to date, we finished the year on a very positive note. We had a surplus of \$3,649 which will be distributed as follows: a tithe of that amount being given toward the diocesan Fair Share, a part being given to the General Theological Seminary, and the balance being put in our reserve (a rainy day account). We proudly accomplished this with your caring consideration and made it unnecessary to call for special deficit giving this year.

For 2011 we are looking at about a 4% increase in our expenses. Your generosity will enable us to again budget for no income deficit. However, it is necessary to receive your pledge cards for without them we have to prepare our budget on faithfaith that the "unpledged" amounts will be enough to present a balanced budget.

2010 Holly Fair

The Holly Fair was held on December 4th this year, a day which was sunny but cold. We had twenty-four crafters offer their crafts for sale and the Boy Scout group who sold wreaths and grave blankets. The poinsettias which were for sale were beautiful; the bake shop abounded with many cakes, cookies, pies, and breads; the “dollar stores” were crammed with many treasures; and our Good Shepherd table of hand-made items caught the attention of many shoppers, highlighted by birdhouses made by Len Fedullo. The St. Nick’s Shop activities were a hit with the children. The live music performed by our choir warmed the parish hall throughout the day. The restaurant, which was busy as usual, offered another delightful menu with arguably the best chicken salad and soup in the area.

This year we seemed to have a steady flow of shoppers which made for a warm and cheerful event. Financially speaking, we made a profit of \$5,333. Of that profit, we will be giving a tithe, or \$533, to the Seaman’s Church Institute, and putting \$3,000 towards our capital improvement loan which has funded the Good Shepherd window restoration and the new church heating system.

The Fair is a great combination of fun and fellowship, and a nice way to put your time and talent to use. The cooperation and assistance that all of you provided was greatly appreciated. Again this year the crafters expressed what a sense of warmth they found with the Good Shepherd parishioners. Thanks to everyone who helped with the event and the Holly Fair will again be looking forward to your help in 2011.

CHESTNUT RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER EARNS BEST PRACTICE AWARD; RECOGNITION AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NYC



LORI BATHURST

Chestnut Ridge Middle School Humanities Teacher Lori Bathurst and her “Humanities Hope for Change” program has been selected for a 2010 Best Practice Award from the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations’ (CTAUN) Planning Committee. Bathurst will be honored during the group’s conference at the United Nations in New York City on January 14, 2011.

Bathurst’s project explored the causes and effects of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Her seventh-grade unit on Africa was developed with extensive use of technology by students who, through the use of the Internet, were able to locate author Ann Howard Halsey, co-author along with Rosamond Halsey Carr of *Land of a Thousand Hills: My Life in Rwanda*. Bathurst’s students read articles, watched videos and explored the website of the Imbabazi orphanage (www.imbabazi.org) that opened to care for the hundreds of orphans following the genocide. In addition, Ms. Halsey Howard came to CRMS for a presentation and question/answer session. After that event, the students created a website on prejudice/discrimination and genocide at www.humanitieshopeforchange.pbworks.com and took up a collection to help purchase photography equipment for the orphanage children to support a long-term project with which they have been involved. The photography project is described in detail at www.rwandaproject.org.

Bathurst received the New Jersey Association of School Administrators/N.J. Anti-Defamation League 2010 Aaron Flanzbaum 21st Century Democratic Heritage Award as well as the 2010 Joan Lavine Keats Social Justice Award from the Julius and Dorothy Koppelman Holocaust/Genocide Resource Center at Rider University for her “Humanities Hope for Change” program.

“Mrs. Bathurst takes her responsibility very seriously to help students develop a global civic identity and understand how their decisions have an impact beyond their community,” District Social Studies Supervisor Steve Gregor said. “By instilling a sense of global citizenship in her students, she is preparing the leaders of tomorrow to tackle the complex problems our society faces. I am very proud of the multiple recognitions that her instructional unit on genocide has garnered.”

Thank you from “Stockings For Soldiers”

Dear 2010 “Stockings For Soldiers” Friends
(From Judy Travis; Coordinator of Stockings
for Soldiers):

**We Did It ... THANK YOU to everyone
who worked to help us.**

Our 7th Annual “Stockings For Soldiers”
community project has been successfully
completed and we are so very grateful to all of
our generous volunteers.

From December 1st to December 3rd, we
filled three post office tractor trailers and sent
our **1475** boxes off to our brave and
courageous troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. It
has been a tremendous and resounding
success. We have had so many wonderful
volunteers who worked so hard and so quickly
to help us to try to “make a difference” in the
lives of our wonderful deployed troops who
are in harm’s way Serving their Country.

As in previous years, our military contacts,
who are West Point graduates, sent us so
many, names of their troops, which include
fellow Army soldiers as well as military
members from Navy, Marines, Air Force and
Coalition troops. They have asked us to
include them all in our project and we were
honored to do so. For some of these troops,
our personalized stockings will be the only
gift they will receive for Christmas.

I am so proud and pleased and thrilled to
tell you that **this year**, we have mailed **1,475**
boxes packed with **9,811 homemade,**
personalized Christmas Stockings that were
filled with over **42,000 pounds of Christmas**
Goodies. We also **made 2,500 polar fleece**
blankets and over **500 knitted hats** for our
troops.

Included in these figures are **275 large**
boxes (holding approx. **2,200** stockings) that
will go to several Chaplains in Afghanistan
and Iraq who will give out our stockings to
those who otherwise would not have received

anything for Christmas. In addition, we sent
over **8,900 personal greeting cards** and
several hundred letters of appreciation from
children from many, many schools.

**When I hear back from our troops, I will
send out their notes intended for all of us.** I
appreciate everything that all of you did to
work so hard, so quickly, so efficiently and so
successfully. I know our troops are so grateful
and will be so happy to receive our Goodies.
Because of our combined efforts, we will be
able to touch the hearts of almost **Nine**
Thousand of our most precious young men
and women who are bravely Serving their
Country.

Bless each of you for doing so much to
make a difference for our wonderful troops.
Please accept our deepest **THANKS** for each
and every donation, contribution and good
wish that we received.

Chili Night

Yes, we are planning on doing it again,
CHILI NIGHT! Friday, February 18th at
6:30 pm.

If you have a special chili dish that you’d
like to share, let us know on the sign-up
sheet in the Parish Hall.

This is a special night for our parish
families. Don’t miss out on a “taste treat”
night.

Teddy Bear Weekend February 26th & 27th



We will be collecting New Teddy Bears on
this weekend, for an outreach project. As in
previous years we will distribute them to fire
houses, EMS Units, and children's shelters.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1><u>February 2011</u></h1>						
		1 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	2 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM EFM 7 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew	3 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 - 3 PM Fun with Friends 7 PM Choir Practice	4	5 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
6 <u>5th Epiphany</u> 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Inquirers' Group	7 10 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM Ruth's Children	8 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 PM Caring Hands 7 PM Bible Study	9 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM EFM 7 PM Audit Committee	10 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Choir Practice	11	12 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
13 <u>6th Epiphany</u> 9 AM Breakfast 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School Why "I Love..." Fellowship 11:30 AM Vestry Meeting	14 10 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Women at the Well ECW	15 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study <i>Crook Info Due</i>	16 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 - 8 PM Good Shepherd Quilters 6:30 PM EFM	17 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 - 3 PM Fun with Friends 7 PM Choir Practice	18 7 PM Chili Cook-off	19 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
20 <u>7th Epiphany</u> 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Brotherhood 2:30 PM Supper Group	21 10 AM Morning Prayer	22 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 PM Caring Hands 7 PM Bible Study	23 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM EFM	24 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Choir Practice	25	26 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist <i>Teddy bear Weekend</i>
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