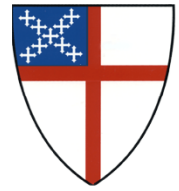


The Shepherd's Crook

The Church of The Good Shepherd
Pitman, NJ



Mother Patricia Daniels Pierce-Rector

March 1, 2010

"We Love Our Church"

Bible Study

We have been reading about the giving of the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament Books of Exodus and Deuteronomy. While both accounts are essentially the same, there are some subtle differences. Come and join us in interesting discussion and sharing, Mondays from 7 – 8:30pm. We end each with the praying of the Office of Compline, which is found in the Book of Common Prayer (p. 127.)

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

Janice Gowland

Deadline

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

Truejoymin@aol.com

Thank you,
Carmen Russo
Editor

Service Schedule

Sundays

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist

Saturdays – CASUAL DRESS

5:30 PM – Holy Eucharist

Daily, Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

From the Parish Register

Burial Office

February 9, 2010

Barbara “Bobbi” Powell

...may her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.” BCP p. 502

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 Grybowsky
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
Ryan Brinkerhoff	

“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

Bill Morris
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
William Szalma
Cindy Kehler
Alexander
Dolly
Steve Fama
John Wisniewski
Ashley
The Tait Family
Diane Cercurio
Jill Caskey
George Opel
Debra Russo
William Russo
John Miller
Makayla Healey
Bollendorf Family
Nora Wilson
Mark & Jacquie Daley
Barbara Ann Helman
Edward Pfaff
Mike Anderson
Paul
Greg Williams
Harold & Lucy Hansen
Joe Abate
Donald Scott, Jr.
Lillian
Laurie
Scott
Jane

Remember

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

Outreach

It has been a VERY cold winter so far most of the time this year! Your winter coats and blankets have meant so much for those who do not have warm houses such as we enjoy. Thank you for all your donations! Please remember that Your Food Shelf is always in particular need of men's clothing and shoes. It is not sufficient to say: "go get a job". You must be able to dress for an interview and then dress for the job every day!

Please place your donations of clothing, that is in good condition, on our front porch in BAGS. We will be happy to deliver them to those in Camden who need them. Our address is: 223 Highland Terrace, Pitman.

**Thanks again,
Ellie and Carl Dunn**

MATERIAL & READINGS FOR LENT

At the back of the church by the Holy Water Stoop are selections of Lenten booklets. Please take what you'd like and use them for your time of prayer and meditation. There is also a basket of nail with pieces of red ribbon (symbolizing Jesus' Blood, shed for us all. Carry one in your pocket or purse, a reminder of the loving Sacrifice Jesus made for us on the Cross.

March Birthdays

- 01 – Timothy Peel
- 03 – Tina LaBarge-Audio
- 05 – Vivian Prieto
- 07 – Edward Behm
- 07 – Janice Funk-Ray
- 08 – Jane Esbjornson
- 09 – Mark Sobolewski
- 11 – Dimitri Cappello
- 13 – Gregory Potter
- 14 – Ellie Dunn
- 14 – Lillian Pierce
- 15 – Faith Gigliotti
- 17 – Kyle Ross
- 17 – Alexander Bierman
- 17 – Benjamin Bierman
- 18 – Nancy LaFontaine
- 21 – Sadie Ray
- 22 – Charles McCann Jr
- 23 – Sally Bierman
- 23 – Lorraine Merryman
- 26 – Carol Mason
- 26 - Susan Nicolle
- 26 – Mia Rienzi
- 28 – Jessica Kebea
- 28 – Scott LaFontaine
- 28 – Genevieve Portocalis
- 29 – Jacob Manganello
- 29 – Joshua Manganello

Inquirers' Group

Our Inquirers' Group will be meeting on Sunday, March 7th immediately following the 10am Holy Eucharist. The main subject for the day will be Holy Scripture. We as Episcopalians DO NOT take the Bible in literal terms; we DO understand the writings of the Bible very seriously. What do we mean when we make this statement? Please come and join us for interesting and thought provoking discussion.

A suggestion has been made that we open our monthly discussions to questions from anyone in the parish. Kind of like GOOD SHEPHERD WANTS TO KNOW! If you have a question that you'd like to have answered, now's your opportunity to ask. Just e-mail your questions to motherpat@comcast.net. You do not have to be present at the Inquirers' Group to have your question answered. We'll even e-mail it back to you.

March

March 1 – Ruth's Children, 7:30pm

All Tuesdays – Bible Study

March 3 – 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
7pm - Brotherhood of Saint Andrew
Walking the Labyrinth

March 4 – Fun with Friends, 1 – 3pm
6:30pm EFM (*all Thursdays*)
7pm Choir Practice (*all Thursdays*)

March 5 & 6 – The 125th Diocesan Convention

March 6 & 7 – **Second Sunday in Lent**

Sat. 5:30pm – Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 8 & 10am – Holy Eucharist

10am – Sunday School

11:30am – Inquirers' Group

March 8 – Women at the Well, Labyrinth,
7pm

March 9 – Caring Hands Ministry, 1pm

March 13 – Altar Guild Meeting, 9:30am

March 13 & 14 – **Third Sunday in Lent**

Saturday 5:30pm – Holy Eucharist

Sunday – 8am, Holy Eucharist

9am – Parish Breakfast

10am, Lenten Cantata & Holy Eucharist

10am Sunday School

11:30am – Vestry Meeting

March 15 -- Caring Hands, 7pm

March 17 -- Good Shepherd Quilters 6:30 –
8pm

March 18 – 6:30pm, Stations of the Cross
7pm – The Labyrinth

March 20 & 21- **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Saturday, 5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist

10am Sunday School

11:30am Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

2:30pm Supper Group

**March 27 & 28 THE SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION/ PALM SUNDAY**

Saturday, 5:30pm - Blessing of the Palms &
Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 8 & 10am – Blessing of the Palms &
Holy Eucharist

(no Sunday School)

11:30am – Page Turners Book Group

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 1, Maundy Thursday – 6pm Agape Meal

7pm – Holy Eucharist & stripping of the Altar

8pm – Watch before the Altar of Repose
Labyrinth

(no Choir practice or EFM)

April 2, Good Friday

10am Children's Service and special activity

Noon, Stations of the Cross

7pm, Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

April 3, Holy Saturday

(No 5:30 Eucharist)

7pm Easter Vigil and Holy Eucharist

April 4, EASTER DAY

8 AM Holy Eucharist

10 AM Festival Eucharist & the "Flowering"
of the Easter Cross by our children

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** –

856/468-5543

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

Jenniffer Harrington – 856/232-6842

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

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention all our college-bound graduates!
If you haven't gotten your package of
church-related college scholarships, please
see Mother Pat ASAP!

Also, please note the different due dates for
the applications to be
mailed by. Don't miss out on help toward
your college expenses.

WELCOME, CHANGES & THANKS

We welcome to the Altar Guild, **Sally Bierman**. The women of the Altar Guild prepare the Altar for all Services, Holy Eucharist, funerals, Baptisms. This very dedicated group take care the church linens, brass, candles, keeping everything in readiness for use, and most especially for the Glory of Almighty God.

Dot Scott has official "retired" from being

the LEM (Lay Eucharist Minister) Coordinator and **Jeff Snodgrass** has stepped up to continue the excellent work that she has done for the past 20 years. Many thanks Dot, for your dedicated service to Good Shepherd. And Welcome to Jeff.

Len Carita will be the Acolyte Trainer for our young people who serve at the Altar. **Bill Lundahl** continues as the Acolyte Scheduler.

Joy Lundahl & Patti Fortney will also be "retiring" as co-Superintendents of our Sunday School this June. This has been their ministry at Good Shepherd for 10 years. We thank them for their commitment to the Christian Education of our children for all these years.

Lori Bathurst has prayerfully said "yes" to taking on this Ministry, this coming fall along with Pat Braidwood.

We also congratulate **Sr. Cass Lavin-Spouse** in her becoming a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, licensed by the Bishop to work with Mother Pat in making pastoral visitations and bringing home Communion to our house-bound.

We welcome **David Opel** as our newest usher at the Saturday, 5:30 Eucharist. He is filling the vacancy left by **Jack Pierce**. We thank Jack for his years of service as one of our faithful ushers.

Rich Newman has decided to give up his position as Co-Coordinator of the Ushers. We thank Rich for his dedication to Good Shepherd. **Bill Lundahl** will continue as Coordinator and Scheduler.

There also has been a change in the Leadership of the Women at the Well (ECW). **Cindy Taglienti and Jenniffer Harrington** now share the position. Congratulations!

We also give special thanks to **Kara Anderson and Sr. Cass Lavin-Spouse** as they step down, for their organization and leadership of this parish group.

SIGN UP FOR THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

On April 17 our Scholarship Committee is reviving a popular event – The Annual Progressive Dinner. The proceeds will benefit our College Scholarship Fund.

If you have never been to a Progressive dinner – here is how it works:

Everyone will come together for a social hour at someone's home. We will divide into 2 homes if we have a large enough group. The person (or persons) who host the social hour will be given supplies.

From there we will all be assigned a home to go to for dinner. Each dinner host will be given the recipe and supplies for the main course – chicken in wine sauce. Again depending on the numbers, we will need several hosts for dinner.

Finally we will all meet back at the Church for coffee and dessert. We need 2 hosts to set up for this.

Everyone will be asked to bring a dish to one of the events by the hosts.

The cost will be \$25 each, which will pay for supplies and a donation to the Scholarship Fund. We will need the money by April 4. Once the sign ups are complete, the committee will meet and you will be given locations for social hour and dinner. Your host will assign some dish for you to bring. This is an adult event, but not limited to couples.

Since we announced the event at the Annual Meeting, we have received a great response. Look for the signup sheets each week after Services or contact **Janice Gowland** – 589-8042 or jimjangowland@comcast.net. Don't miss this event – it is a lot of fun!

VESTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

Handicap Access for the Parish Hall

The Vestry is very pleased to announce that we are moving forward in making our Parish Hall, Offices and bathrooms, handicap accessible. We are able to do this with the memorial gift from **Jan Snodgrass' Estate**. While our church has been wheelchair accessible for many years, the Parish Hall is not. We are hopefully expecting that this project will be pretty much completed by Memorial Day.

We are also planning a Yard Sale to raise additional money for the ramp. It will be held rain or shine, Saturday, Mat 1st.

Good Friday for our Kids

As we usually do, we are preparing a "kid-friendly" service for our younger parishioners on Good Friday at 10am. After the Service they will go to the parish hall for a time for a special project for them to enjoy. All kids are welcome.

Supper Group

In February our Group went to the Outback in Turnersville for a wonderful dinner together.

We also celebrated Betsy Dunn's Birthday, with everyone joining in singing "Happy Birthday" to her, and enjoying Birthday Cupcakes too. For March we plan on going to one of our favorite restaurants, the Tuscan Tavern.

Please Join us, Sunday, March 21st at 2:30pm.



Easter Flowers



The beauty of Good Shepherd at Easter is made possible through the participation of many parishioners. No specific amount is required for a memorial or thank offering. Please use this form to indicate your wishes as to how your memorial/thank offering is to be listed and return it to the parish office or put it in the offering plate as soon as possible. We would like time to prepare the service leaflet. The absolute deadline for inclusion of the names in the Easter service leaflet is Thursday, March 25, 2010.

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Enclosed is a check made out to the Church of the Good Shepherd and noted "Flower Fund" for \$_____, from:

Columbarium Progress

The Columbarium Committee is now accepting pre-construction reservations for niches in the Good Shepherd columbarium. Our goal is to have approximately 20 niches reserved by March 31 to proceed with construction. At this point we feel confident we can reach that goal because several people have expressed interest in reserving niches. If enough niches are reserved, our goal is to begin construction in June and have construction completed in December 2010.

Lamb Studios, from Wykoff, NJ, is the company we will be using to construct our columbarium which will contain approximately 58 niches. This company has been in the business of stained glass for 150 years and has been building columbaria for 15 years.

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

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

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

Diane Wall

Treasurer's Blog - March 2010
Results through January 2010



Total Income:

Here is a breakdown of our total income for 1 month into 2010:

	Budget	Actual
Loose Plate	270	167
Envelopes	18,835	17,122
Special	400	245
Other	25	25
Deficit support	0	0
Income	19,530	17,559

Our envelope giving (both pledged and unpledged) is slightly behind the target for January. However, the weather wasn't the best which may have been the reason. On a positive note, we haven't budgeted for a deficit this year.

Total expenses:

Here is a recap of our total expenses for January 2010.

	Budget	Actual
Expenses	19,432	20,643

Our expenses are also higher than target, once again attributed to higher heater costs because of the weather.

How are we doing so far?

We're doing OK for the first eight weeks of 2010. Our income picked up for February for which we thank you for keeping your pledges up to date despite trudging through the snow to get to church. We can thank Terry McCallum and John Opel for keeping the sidewalks as clean as possible.

May 2010 Yard Sale

Be sure to mark **May 3, 2010** on your calendars. We are going to be holding a spring yard sale for the benefit of the construction of a handicap access ramp for entrance into our parish hall. We will be asking for your donations of items for the sale and be advising you of when to bring them to the church in the coming weeks. As always we can use plenty of help during the week leading up to the sale and on the day of the sale as well. Be looking in the tri-fold each week as well on

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Not too soon to think about our next Retreat. We are planning to return to the Stella Maris Retreat Center in Elberon, NJ, right on the ocean/beach. Our first Retreat last March was just wonderful, and so we are doing it again, only this time during the summer, Sunday July 11th through Tuesday morning July 13th.

More information will follow, but please, set aside these dates.

World Day of Prayer

W D of P will be celebrated Friday, March 5th at the First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, at 1 PM.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1><u>March 2010</u></h1>						
	1 10 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM Ruth's Children	2 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	3 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross 7 PM Labyrinth 7 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew	4 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 - 3 PM Fun with Friends 6:30 PM EFM 7 PM Choir Practice	5 Diocesan Convention	6 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist Diocesan Convention
7 <u>Lent 3</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Inquirers' Group	8 10 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Women at the Well ECW	9 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 PM Caring Hands 7 PM Bible Study	10 9 AM Morning Prayer	11 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM EFM 7 PM Choir Practice	12	13 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
14 <u>Lent 4</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Parish Breakfast 10 AM Lenten Cantata 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Vestry Meeting	15 10 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Caring Hands <i>Crook Info Due</i>	16 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	17 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 - 8 PM Good Shepherd Quilters	18 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 - 3 PM Fun with Friends 6:30 PM EFM 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross 7 PM Labyrinth 7 PM Choir Practice	19	20 9 AM Endowment Planning Meeting 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
21 <u>Lent 5</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Brotherhood 2:30 PM Supper Group	22 10 AM Morning Prayer	23 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 PM Caring Hands 7 PM Bible Study	24 9 AM Morning Prayer	25 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM EFM 7 PM Choir Practice	26	27 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
28 <u>Passion/Palm Sunday</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist No Sunday School 11:30 AM Page Turners	29 10 AM Morning Prayer	30 9 AM Morning Prayer No Bible Study	31 9 AM Morning Prayer			

