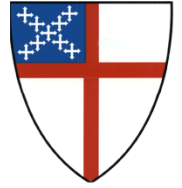


The Shepherd's Crook

The Church of The Good Shepherd
Pitman, NJ



Mother Patricia Daniels Pierce-Rector

July 1, 2009

"We Love Our Church"

Bible Study

Please plan on joining us for thoughtful examination of this Gospel and how it can be reflected in our daily life.

We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30pm. We end with the reading of the Office of Compline. Please join us.

Deadline

The deadline for the August Crook will be on July 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 **July 6th**. Call 856-589-8209 for more information.

Janice Gowland

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

Baptisms

May 17, 2009

Mia Madison McCann

*Infant daughter of Charles and Annie
McCann*

June 14, 2009

Audrey Elizabeth Duffield

Infant daughter of Michael & Janet Duffield

Holy Matrimony

May 31, 2009 – The Feast of Pentecost

**Sr. Cass Lavin-Spouse & Hank
Eigenbrood**

Food for the Poor

We thank everyone who gave offerings to Food for the Poor. **Fr. John Moulton**, our guest speaker sent a Thank You to Good Shepherd for the \$1,121, which he received, from us for the work of this benevolent organization. Many thanks.

Prayers for Safekeeping in the Military

Hugh Robinson	Curt Townsend
Raymond Harris, III	Matt Rebecca
Scott McPherson	Joe Sheridan
Peter Larabee	
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	Andrew Olsson
Theresa Cushinotto	
Greg Murphy	

“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

Juliette Gowland
Lorraine Barger
Kelly Clemment
Barbara Eastman
Barbara Ferrell
Kathy Napier
Jeanne Longmire
Stephanie Uibel
Sheila Prage
Josie Fletcher
Linda Salisbury
Dane Dougherty
Ruby Waters
Janet Knoebel
Theresa Swam
Mary Fischer
Mary Still
Ann Marie Myhre
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
Babs Phalunas
Makayla Healey
Erin Klein
Audrey Buck
Joyce Mannon
Linda Salisbury
Janice Engstrom
Nora Wilson
George Moeckel

Remember

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

July Birthdays

01 – Sara Farestad

01 - Erin Moran

02 – Alex Coulson

04 – Hank DeLooff

05 – Aimee Burgin

07 – Rachael Amato

07 – Shawn Martin

07 – James Wynkoop

08 – Jack Pierce

09 – Kevin Kurkian

10 – Lori Bathurst

10 – Alexander Clemson

11 – Ann Peel

14 – Gabrielle Buono

17 – Joseph Smith

20 – Darrell Grantham

20 – Robert Morton

23 – Emily Braidwood

26 – George Farley

26 – William Martinsen

26 – Maureen Wynkoop

27 – Sally Larrabee

27 – Maria Sobolewski

28 – Carrie Lafontaine

28 – Dot Scott

28 – Susan Somers-Farley

29 – Evan Edinger

29 – Anna Marie Forio

29 – Collin McHugh

29 – John Morris

30 – Peggy Nicolle

30 – Meagan Richmond

31 – Marie Rigg

Families in Need

With economic uncertainty and raising unemployment, the Vestry has voted to start a "Church Family in Need Fund". This fund is designed to help any member in financial need. Mother Pat will handle each request in strict confidence. This fund is not part of the Budget and will be funded through direct contributions. If you would like to support 'Church Families in Need' please make your donation out to "Church of the Good Shepherd - Family in Needs Fund". Thank you.

Darrin Buono

Cell: 609/203-6323

Fax: 609/456-4355

Outreach

Thanks again for all the fine donations of clothes and shoes to Camden! Please keep in mind that through August, we are only collecting summer clothes and any kinds of shoes. They are ALWAYS in dire need of men's shoes! You may leave any donations that you have on our front porch in BAGS. We are located at 223 Highland Terrace, Pitman. Thanks again!

**Thanks again,
Ellie and Carl Dunn**

Confirmation

On Sunday September 13th, **Bishop Sylvestre Romero** will make his Visitation to Good Shepherd. On that day we will present to him for the Sacrament of Confirmation those of our young people who have been part of our Confirmation Preparation.

The Confirmation Classes will be held through the summer, on Monday nights at 7pm, with Mother Pat. If you would like your child to participate, please see Mother Pat.

Confirmation is also available to any adults who wish to receive this Sacrament. If you come from another faith community and have been Confirmed already but wish to make your commitment to the Episcopal Church, you may be "received" in. Again, please see Mother Pat+.

INQUIRERS' GROUP

We will resume on first Sunday of the month Inquirers' Group in July. We're starting on a new subject, which will be the Catechism: An Outline of the Faith. You may find it on pages 845 – 862 in the Book of Common Prayer. I think this will be a very interesting study, one that will bring a lot of question into discussion. Please join us, Sunday, July 5th immediately following the 10am Holy Eucharist.

LAWN MOWING – We NEED your help!

It's that time of year again, and especially with all the rain we've had, the church lawn NEEDS some weekly care. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall listing the weekends of the summer. Please add you

name for a weekend that you can give some time to making our church grounds look well tended.

We have a **ride-on lawn mower** in the Parish Garage, w/fuel, so you don't even need to bring yours.

YOUR help is appreciated. Many thanks in advance.

July Happenings

July 1 – 7pm Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

July 2 – 1-3pm Fun with Friends

July 4 – Independence Day

5:30 Holy Eucharist

July 5 -- 8 & 10am – Holy Eucharist

11:30 – Inquirers' Group

July 6 – **All Mondays** - Confirmation Class,

7 – 8pm

Ruth's Children 7:30pm

All Tuesdays - Bible Study, 7 – 8:30

July 11 – Holy Eucharist 5:30

July 12 – 8 & 10am, Holy Eucharist

11:30am Calendar Planning Meeting

July 13 – Women at the Well, 7 – 8:30pm

July 16 – Fun with Friends, 1 – 3pm

July 18 – Holy Eucharist – 5:30pm

July 19 – 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist

11:30am – Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

2:30 pm - Ladies Tea

*****July 23** – Page Turners Book Group –

Noon, bring a sandwich

(please note change of date for July)

July 25 – 5:30 Holy Eucharist

July 26 – 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist

11:30 Vestry Summer Meeting

Women's High Tea

On July 19th the women of Good Shepherd will again have tea together, this time in Mullica Hill at *Amelia's Teas and Holly* located on Main Street at #26. This promises to be an exciting time in this old house decorated especially for a "High Tea" and not pizza. The price will be approximately \$22.00 including tax and tip.

Parking is in the back. We will once again dress up for the occasion to fit in with the decor. Come and join us for what will be an exceptional afternoon.

Nancy Johnson

Thank You

I would like to thank my Good Shepherd Family for all of the support they have given me and the soldiers during **Raymond's** deployment. Your prayers have uplifted me and kept me steady in my faith. A prayer each night was asking God to help me live in faith – and not in fear.

I heard someone say on TV that when a military member goes off to war, the **WHOLE** family goes off to war as well. That is truly how we feel. The stress, strain and sleepless nights take a toll. However knowing that I have the love, prayer and support of my faith family – has helped sustain me throughout a year's deployment to Afghanistan.

Raymond safely returned home on Friday, June 12th to Ft. Hood, Texas and celebrated Father's Day with his wife and my 2 grandchildren!

God is Good!

-Shelly

GOOD SHEPHERD LENDING LIBRARY

Please remember to stop by the **Lending**

Library corner in the Parish Hall and grab a book for summer reading. We also love to be the recipients of books that you have read, enjoyed and want to donate. Bill Morris does an excellent job of keeping them organized!

-Shelly Harris

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

Altar Guild goes into their summer schedule of maintaining and preparing the Altar for the services. Two recent members, **Avril Miklavcic & April Winship**, are adapting to the schedule and doing a fine job of service. Our latest members are **Becca Spellacy** and **Gail Morton**. They are beginning their Altar duties by working with experienced members who will show them the ropes.

Our motto is from *Luke 22:27b* “*But I am among you as one who serves.*”

Please take time out to thank an AG member after the service.

-Shelly Harris; Altar Guild Director

GOOD SHEPHERD QUILTERS

We take a break over the summer that allows us to shop and maybe make a quilt or two – or maybe not! We will pick up again September 16th in the Parish Hall from 6:30 to 8pm. **Joanne Enos** will lead the group in a “Mystery Quilt” project. If you are interested – prepare to join us then! Check out our web site!

<http://sites.google.com/site/gsquilters/>

Shelly Harris & Sodie Potter

Knitting & Crocheting Group

We are starting up a new ministry at Good

Shepherd this month for knitters and those who crochet. Our ministry projects will be for the needs of others: caps and/or scarves for the Seamen’s Church Institute, prayer shawls for parishioners and baby caps. If you have talents in this area, please see any of the K & C Committee, **Pat Braidwood, Sr. Kara Anderson and Beth Snodgrass.**

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 – **Sr. Kara Anderson** –
856/589-5818

Sr. Cass Lavin-Eigenbrood –
856/218-8372

Altar Guild – **Shelly Harris** – 856/589-8

Brick Memorials

We have received several comments from parishioners wondering if they will be able to purchase additional engraved bricks for the Centennial Walkway in the future.

At the present time, we were not planning to sell additional bricks this year.

But, if there is sufficient demand we could consider having another campaign.

The cost would be approximately \$50 per

engraved brick.

If you are interested, please fill out the attached form and drop it in the collection Plate or leave it in the Office. If we get a sufficient number of requests, we will consider initiating another campaign in the near future.

Memorial Brick Request Form

Name _____

Tel No. _____

Address

City _____ State

Zip _____

Number of Bricks desired _____

EFM – EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

The first year of the EFM program at Good Shepherd has come to its end.

Eight, very faithful people (from Good Shepherd and other parishes) have meet each Sunday afternoon since last September, students in the EFM first year study program. The course of study was the Old Testament. Next September they will begin a reading and examination of the Gospels and Epistles of the New Testament. Next September the day of the class will be moved from Sunday to Thursday evenings.

EFM is an intensive and informative four

year course of study. The first year is Old Testament. The second year, The New Testament. The third year is Church History. The fourth is Theology. If you are interested and would like more information, please see Mother Pat.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

At the beginning of May we were graced to have **The Rev. Dr. John Moulton** be with us at each of our Eucharists to tell us of the ministry of Food for the Poor. Fr. Moulton told us of the good works of this outreach organization in Central & South America. They not only provide food for those in need, but also tools and education.

We thank all for their generous offerings to this worthy Ministry.

We also thank **Sr. Cass Lavin-Spouse** and **Hank Eienbrood** for their hospitality to our guest.

VACATION PLANS

As you make you plans for traveling this summer, be sure to ask Mother Pat for the name of the Episcopal Church located where you'll be vacationing.

And, don't forget to bring back their Service Leaflets, it's great to see what other parishes are doing. Contrary to popular belief, this is NOT Mother Pat's way of making sure that you've attended church while on vacation!!!!



RECIPE FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

Submitted by **Connie Parent** – Yumm!



"The Favorite Snack at the BFF Retreat" (or Snicker doodles)

Mix thoroughly...

- 1 cup soft shortening (part butter)
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 2 eggs

Sift together and stir in...

- 2 ¾ cups sifted flour
- 2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ¼ tsp. salt

Roll into balls the size of small walnuts.
Roll in mixture of 2 tbsp. sugar and 2 tsp. cinnamon.

Place 2" apart on an ungreased baking sheet.

Bake until lightly browned but still soft.
These cookies puff up at first then flatten out.

Temperature: 400°

Time: Bake 8 to 10 minutes

Amount: About 5 dozen 2" cookies

Good Shepherd Table at the Holly Fair

Although it is summer now, it won't be long before winter and the Holly Fair are here. As you are enjoying the summer weather, please consider making an item that we can sell at The Good Shepherd Table. Your help in the past has made a big addition to the Holly Fair profits. Please call if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

Greg and Sodie Potter 589-8026

The PRAYER CORNER – A Forum **Shelly Harris, Editor**

Get Your God Light On!

During Ray's deployment – I would call and let my daughter-in-law know when I was going to be at church each weekend – in case she needed me.

Recently, I was trying to decide whether to go to the 5:30pm Saturday evening or the 8am Sunday service. Then on that Friday, Leah called me to tell me that Ray had safely made it to Kandahar Airforce Base in Afghanistan, as the first stop on his long road home after a year's deployment. He would arrive at the Army base, Fort Hood in Texas for the long-awaited Welcome Home ceremonies!

Right then I knew that I had to make the very first service so that I could give thanks and praise to God for delivering him safely. Leah said that I "was going to church to get my **God Light on**". What a wonderful way to sum up what it was that I needed to do!

Getting Your God Light On

1John 1:5: This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

So...it got me thinking. Are there other ways to "Get Your God Light On"? Is it going to church? Is it deeds or faith in action? Is it contemplative prayer? Is it all of these and more?

⇒ We know that the candles on the Altar give testament to the Light that is among us at each service. Every one of us comes into church with our own personal burdens. When we leave we are assured that all of us who are weary and heavy-laden can have God "lighten" our load.

⇒ The service, sermon, power, majesty, Eucharist – they are all elements that are there to glorify God and make us one with him and His beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, who is the Light of the world.

⇒ Being a Christian is an active, living faith. Free will allows us to choose: darkness or

light. If you come to church – you have already made the choice of light.

What other of your choices show you are getting your “God Light On”?

Take time to look over this list and see if anything applies to you. Or perhaps there is something that you want to consider doing in the near future. Maybe you would like to add to the list.

Doing	Considering	Check if you are already doing this OR Considering doing this
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attend church regularly
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pray each day
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Read Forward Day-by-Day
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Read your Bible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bring items for Pitman Pantry
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Participate in the Liturgy
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on a Church committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer in Sunday School
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mow & maintain the church grounds
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bring someone new to church
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase your giving in your envelope
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Getting MY God Light On

I think that from now on, that is going to be



my favorite way of saying that I am going to church! –Shelly Harris

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: 1Peter 2:9

Treasurer's Blog - July 2009

Results through May 2009

Total Income:

Here is a breakdown of our total income for 5 months into 2009:

	Budget	Actual
Loose Plate	1,230	1,189
Envelopes	78,670	80,046
Special	4,200	4,873
Other	125	125
Deficit support	5,200	1,265
	=====	=====
Income	89,425	87,498

Our envelope giving (both pledged and unpledged) is slightly ahead of target for 5 months of 2009. As our deficit grows at \$1,040 per month, we are looking for ways to meet that deficit in the months to come.

Total expenses:

Here is a breakdown of our total expenses for 5 months into 2009:

	Budget	Actual
Expenses	92,322	92,142

Our expenses are also right on target through May.

How are we doing so far?

We're doing good for the first 5 months of 2009. But the deficit is going to build month by month. While the Vestry is planning ways to assist with our budget shortfall, we are going to need your help again this year through sharing any of your "stimulus relief" that our government might

provide. I mention this each month so that everyone can give prayful thought as to how each may help our need as the year progresses.

25 Weeks into 2009

Through June 21st our income from envelopes (both pledged and unpledged) for 25 weeks: **\$88,421 actual vs. \$86,370 estimated.** With the Church School year now completed and vacations coming, it is hopeful that everyone can keep their (pledge) offerings as current as possible to maintain our cash flow throughout the summer

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<h1><u>July 2009</u></h1>						
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