

The Shepherd's Crook



The Church of The Good Shepherd
Pitman, NJ

Mother Patricia Daniels Pierce-Rector

September 1, 2009

"We Love Our Church"

Bible Study

After spending a good amount of time reading and discussing the Gospel according to John, we changed gears and began to read the Beatitudes. This proved to be so interesting that we have continued with the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 – 7).

This is really Jesus' guide for good Christian living, and it has sparked a lot of sharing and discussion.

Please join us, Tuesdays, from 7 – 8:30, ending with the praying of the Office of Compline.

Ruth's Children

Ruth's Children is a support group for the adult children of the elderly. We meet on the first Monday of each month at the Church from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. The format is a free flowing conversation in which we offer understanding and comfort to all who are facing the difficult task of caring for our aging parents. There is complete privacy and no judgment is ever made. If you are the adult child of an elderly parent or you know someone who is, please join us on **September 8th**. Call 856-589-8209 for more information.

Janice Gowland

Deadline

The deadline for the October Crook will be on September 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

Holy Baptism

August 9, 2009

Grace Elizabeth Morris

Infant daughter of John & Jamie Morris

Holy Matrimony

August 8, 2009

Lauren Elizabeth Southwick

&

David Joseph Schwartzer

Burial Office

August 8, 2009

William C. Ziehler

August 13, 2009

Grace Inman Burgin

August 18, 2009

John Edward Ruppert

August 22, 2009

Connie Elliott

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	Sandreno Plutino

Theresa Cushinotto

Greg Murphy

Andrew Olsson

“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
Linda Salisbury
Barbara Ann Helman
Lee
Mike Anderson

Remember

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

19 – Janice Gowland
19 – Chelsea Richmond
20 – Carrie Jordan
21 – Elena Clark
21 – Beth Wynkoop
22 – Nickolas Roash
22 – Phillip Wall
24 – Tryg Farestad
28 – Jackie Jordan
28 – John Jordan
28 – Elizabeth Nelson
28 – Richard Smith
29 – Ryan Derkoski

September Birthdays

02 – Justin Fortney
04 – Isota Potter
04 – Stephen Vadino Jr.
05 – Jeff Bathurst
06 – Aiden Barnes
08 – Mark Nicolle
11 – Dimitri Cappello
13 – Thomas Miller
13 – Skyler Wilson
16 – Hayden Vogel
17 – Sandra Ayers

Outreach

Thank you again for all the wonderful donations of clothing and shoes to “Your Food Shelf” in Camden NJ. Please keep in mind that until the end of September, they are not collecting clothes for the winter months. They just don’t have the room to store them until the weather changes – and neither do Carl and I in our basement! They are always in need of any kind of shoes though. You may drop donations – in bags – on our front porch. We are located at: 223 Highland Terrace, Pitman.

**Thanks again,
Ellie and Carl Dunn**

Good Shepherd Table at the Holly Fair

It is only three months until the Holly Fair, but you still have plenty of time to make something for us to sell. We would really appreciate any handmade items that you would like to donate. Your help in the past has made a real difference to the amount made at the Holly Fair. Thank you for your support. Please call if you have any questions.

Greg and Sodie Potter 589-8026

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS

We are trying to set up a young adult program in South Jersey for people between 18 and 39ish. We are going to have a planning meeting in August. If you would like to come or would like to know more please let Becca Spellacy know (either at church or email Rebecca.spellacy@gmail.com). This is a brand new program and if you would like to help shape it just let me know!

Becca Spellacy

September

All Tuesdays – Bible Study

Sept. 2 -- 7pm Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

Sept. 3 & 17, 1- 3pm Fun with Friends
7pm Weekly Choir Practice begins

Sept. 6 – 11:30am Pageant Fun-day Sunday
Inquirers' Group

Sept. 8, 1pm - Caring Hands
7pm – Bible Study

7:30pm – Ruth's Children

Sept. 10, 6:30 – EFM (Education for Ministry) begins – all Thursdays

7pm Altar Guild Meeting

Sept. 12, 9am Confirmation Practice

Sept. 13th *only one Eucharist at 10am*

Bishop Romero's Visitation

Followed by a Pot Luck Lunch & BBQ

Sunday School Registration

Christmas Pageant sign-up

Sept. 14, 7pm - Women at the Well

Sept. 15, 10am – Episcopal Church Women

District Meeting at St. Peter's Clarksboro

Sept. 16, 6:30 – 8pm – Good Shepherd
Quilters

Sept. 20, SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
BEGIN.

11:30 – Vestry Meeting

Pageant Registration

Sept. 21, 7pm – Caring Hands

Sept. 22, 1pm – Caring Hands

Sept. 27, 11:30am Page Turners, discussing
The Reader

Brotherhood of Saint Andrew
4 – 7pm – Pageant Spaghetti Dinner

October

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Oct. 4 – 4pm St. Francis Day, Blessing of the
Pets

Oct. 11 – Parish Breakfast

Oct. 18, 10am – Father Jim VonDreele
speaking on The Seaman's Church Institute

Oct. 25 – Stewardship Luncheon

SUPPER GROUP

In July the Supper Group made a slight change in its venue, and the *Ladies* enjoyed a High Tea at **Amelia's Tea Room in Mullica Hill**. Amelia's is just beautiful and quaint.

We were given a whole array of choices for tea, which was served with abundant taste treats, scones, teacakes, and sandwiches.

August brought the Supper Group to Pitman's newest restaurant **Barcelona**. The food was excellent and of course, the company and conversation was the best.

The Sunday Supper Group will NOT meet in September. We plan to meet October 18 at the Telford Inn. Please join us.

DEFICIT APPEAL

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry want to thank everyone who has contributed to this Appeal.

No matter what the amount, it ALL helps, and we are all together working for the financial stability our parish. If you haven't sent in your contribution, there is still time. It always amazes me how the good people of Good Shepherd respond when there is a need.

Thank you.
Mother Pat ☩

BISHOP ROMERO IS COMING TO GOOD SHEPHERD ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH

Bishop Romero will be making his Visitation to Good Shepherd and at that time he will be confirming nine of our young people, and Receiving one adult into the Episcopal Branch of Christ's Holy Church. We will be having a wonderful Service that day. A Potluck and BBQ Lunch will follow it. Many of our Sunday School teachers and parents will be bringing their special dishes. Don't miss the excitement!

Confirmation 2009

Each Monday evening from the end of June through August, Mother Pat met with nine of our young people to prepare for their Holy Confirmation. They were each given their own Prayer Book and Holy Bible, which they learned to use. In addition to them, the young people learned about the Life and Mission of our Lord, Jesus Christ. They talked about the Episcopal Church, Prayer, being good stewards of our creation, the Ten Commandments, and Christian living. An important topic for the Confirmands was a presentation on other religions, their similarities and differences to Christianity, and, the importance of respect.

They also had a Question Session, when they brought questions they had about the church, or religion, or even why we do what we do in church.

Their Outreach Project, (thanks to a donation of school supplies from an unknown benefactor) was to fill backpacks for kids at Saint Paul's Church in Camden.

Our special thanks to our Mentors, **Ellie Dunn, Carl Dunn, Ernie Curinga, Sally Larrabee and Shelly Harris** who all worked with **Mother Pat** in making special presentations to the class.

OUR THANKS FOR KEEPING GOOD SHEPHERD'S PROPERTY BEAUTIFUL

We thank all who so faithfully have cared for our church lawns and foliage this summer, **John Opel, Hank Delooff, Tryg Farestad, Don Burkhard** (who serviced our lawn mower).

And we give special thanks to **Sue Burkhard, Bill Beard Sr., and Bill Beard**, who put in extra duty.

We also thank **Bill Beard, Sr.** for his gift to Good Shepherd of a new lawn mower.

While there are many parishioners who contribute unconditionally to the welfare and beauty of the Church, most do it without the expectation of being noticed or singled out for their unselfish giving, and as a result "thank you" is never expressed to them for their efforts.

Recently the flower-beds in the front and on the side of the Church have received a "makeover" courtesy of **SUE BURKHART and BILL BEARD, JR.** Both of them spent almost an entire day pulling the weeds from the flower-beds. Their efforts to enhance the "curb appeal" of the Church have not gone unnoticed, and on behalf of the entire Parish I am expressing our most sincere appreciation to them.

Endowment Fund

After an informative and educational meeting with **Mr. Ken Quigley** of the Episcopal Church Foundation, the Vestry, at its July 2010 meeting, adopted an "Enabling Resolution Establishing a General Endowment Fund". The adopted Enabling Resolution also established an Endowment Fund Board, which is the custodian of the Endowment Fund. the purpose of the Endowment Fund is to "enable the parish to more completely fulfill its mission by developing its ministries beyond what is possible through its annual operating funds, and therefore distributions from the fund shall be limited to (i) maintenance and support of the physical plant of the parish, (ii) outreach ministries and grants, (iii) seed money for new ministries and special one-time projects, and (iv) such other purposes as are specifically designated by donors to the parish whose

gifts are included in the fund".

The Enabling Resolution also established a "Plan of Operation" for the Endowment Fund Board, which includes, *inter alia*, Composition of the Board, Officers and Duties of the Board, Holding of Assets, Acceptance of Gifts, Distributions from the Fund, etc.

The entire original of the entire Enabling Resolution is on file in the Parish Office and may be viewed by any Parish member.

The Vestry is seeking applicants to sit as members of the Endowment Fund Board.

At the July 2010 meeting, the Vestry appointed Harvey Corbett and Roger Baker to sit as members of the Endowment Fund Board for a term of three (3) years. There remain three positions which need to be filled. Two (2) positions are for two (2) years and one (1) position is for one (1) year. The Rector and Senior Warden are *ex officio* members of the Endowment Fund Board, and do not have a vote on any matter before the Board. Anyone who is interested in sitting as a member of the Endowment Fund Board please contact Terry McCallum, the Senior Warden, at terrylesq@verizon.net. Your name will be submitted to the Vestry for consideration of appointment.

The Episcopal Church Foundation, which oversees and assists with endowment fund investments throughout the United States, will be assisting our Endowment Fund Board, and will be providing educational and informational brochures and pamphlets to the Parish in the near future for distribution to Parish members.

Terry L. McCallum

Sunday School Begins

It's time again to sign up teachers for the new Sunday School year! September 13 will be Sunday School registration, and an outdoor barbecue, complete with hamburgers, hot dogs, and other dishes supplied by volunteers in the congregation. If you have a special salad, baked bean or picnic dish, please e-mail **Joy Lundahl** at joyful2@comcast.net so we can add it to the menu.

On September 20, our Fall semester begins. Terms run approximately 10 weeks, and we have 3 terms. Our Fall term ends on Dec. 6, which is St. Nicholas Day. Our youth will help during the service, and each class will contribute something special to this wonderful service. Winter term begins the next Sunday. The third term will end on May 23rd with a teacher recognition service.

Our students need teachers for all classes: Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade, 3rd and 4th grade, 5th and 6th grade. If you can volunteer for Fall, Winter or Spring term, please e-mail Joy or put a note in the Sunday School mailbox.

Also if you would like to serve in a more administrative capacity (planning events, ordering curriculum, making Sunday School run smoothly), please contact **Joy Lundahl** or **Patty Fortney**.

GOOD SHEPHERD LENDING LIBRARY

Now that the hot days of August are fading into the cooler days of September, please feel free to drop off any of your summer reading books in the library area in the corner of the Parish Hall. As always, we thank Bill Morris for keep our books organized.

Shelly Harris

EFM – EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

EFM will be beginning its second year of study at Good Shepherd on September 10th at 6:30pm. Please note that the day has been changed from Sunday afternoon to Thursday evenings. If you are interested in learning more about Holy Scripture, New Testament and Old, this is the place for you to be. Not only Good Shepherd people come, we also have students from some of our sister churches in the area.

For more information please call the church office, 589-8209.

GOOD SHEPHERD QUILTERS 2009-2010

Our GS Quilters begin the year on Wednesday, September 16th. We meet in the Parish Hall from 6:30 to 8pm. This year we have Joanne Enos leading us in a “MYSTERY QUILT” experience. Each month Joanne will give us the next step in directions of what to cut and sew together. We are really looking forward to this fun project. She also is a quilt instructor at the Mullica Hill Quilt Shop. Annette, the owner, is offering a 20% discount on the fabric for this project. Joanne gave out the fabric requirements at our June meeting, however, you can print these out from the GSQuilters website (bottom of June newsletter) at: <http://sites.google.com/site/gsquilters/> Please join us – contact **Shelly** at maharris1@comcast.net or **Sodie** at gpotter17@comcast.net for any questions.

Shelly Harris & Sodie Potter



Knitting & Crocheting Group

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** –
856/589-8160

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 _____

A Columbarium for Church of the Good Shepherd

“What is a Columbarium?” I asked, when first approached for the task of chairing this committee. I soon learned that it is a vault with niches that contain the ashes of cremated bodies. Over the last few months I have grown to love the concept for what it offers to our church members and for its true beauty.

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 number of Christians who are being cremated rather than buried or placed in a mausoleum is ever increasing. Often the question is asked, “What do we do with the cremated remains of our loved one?” Fortunately there is a dignified option that is consistent with Christian tradition. From earliest times, Christians have buried their dead in their church. Typically this honor was reserved for kings, heroes or other notables. The columbarium now allows us to properly honor our dead by placing their remains in our church. Several churches in our area now have columbariums and they are growing in popularity all over this country.

The committee is in the very early stage of looking at columbariums offered by different companies and determining the best placement for one. When a design and placement are chosen, we will begin to accept reservations for niches. We do not

know at this point how much a niche will cost, but it will be an option that is significantly less than a traditional burial.

One of the most common questions asked is how much is this going to cost the church? In our planning, we have determined that we will be pre-selling the niches so that there will be no cost to the church in building or maintaining the columbarium. Construction would commence only when enough niches have been purchased to provide adequate funds.

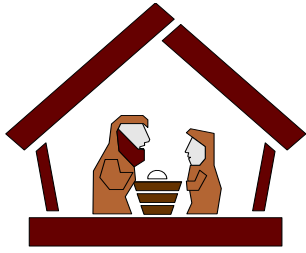
The Columbarium Committee members are Janice Gowland, Ellie Dunn, Jenniffer Harrington, Bill Morris and Mother Pat, and I as the chairperson. Several members of our church have already expressed an interest in reserving niches. If there are any specific questions related to the columbarium or you are interested in reserving a niche, please feel free to ask any one of us. We will be keeping you informed of our progress on a regular basis.

Diane Wall

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

Altar Guild swings back into its regular schedule of Team members serving each weekend’s services. Please see Mother Pat or Edwina Siebold to give donations for flowers to grace the Altar. These donations can be made in Thanksgiving or in Memorium. We enjoy serving the Lord and hope you’ve enjoyed the recipes as well!

Shelly Harris



O Come All Ye Faithful

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We would like to thank you all for your generous donations to the Pageant. To date we have collected over \$1200 giving the Pageant Fund over \$800 after expenses. It will soon be put to good use for costumes, scenery and lighting.

FUNDAY SUNDAY

On Sunday **September 6th** we will begin registration for pageant parts. There will be carnival like games, prizes, and hot dogs immediately following the 10:00 service.

Come, have fun, and get into the act!!
Donations accepted to cover food costs

COSTUME COMMITTEE

The first actual costume planning meeting is **September 20th** following the 10:00 Service. We will by that time have a better idea of numbers of costumes and sizes. We are still accepting volunteers for this committee.

SET AND PROPS

SOUND AND LIGHTS COMMITTEES

These two committees will meet to review progress following the **10:00 service on September 20th**.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Our very own chefs **Maria and Wayne Szalma** will be cooking up a storm preparing mountains of spaghetti and meatballs!!

Sunday September 27TH 4-6 pm in the

Parish Hall.

Sit down and take-out meals will be provided for your donation.

We are still accepting volunteers for this event.

PAGEANT AND PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Pageant roles will be assigned by **September 20th** in order to allow time for costuming. Late comers will still be able to participate, but not in a main role.

Practice will begin **November 1st** and last for about 15 minutes after the 10:00 service. If the young person 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.

November 29, Sun. after service – First run through with children. Should be done by 12:30PM. If you cannot attend, notify Tom or Marie Rigg.

December 6, Sun. after service – Second run through with children. Should be done by 12:30PM. If you cannot attend, notify Tom or Marie Rigg.

December 12, SATURDAY 10 am – Final dress rehearsal. Should be done by noon (two hours). If you cannot attend, notify Tom or Marie Rigg. It is very important that you make every effort to attend this rehearsal.

December 13, Sunday 12:30 PM – Final performance.

11:30 – 12:30 lunch – Pot luck lunch for parents, relatives and friends in Parish Hall. Actors will eat separately in the Sunday School Area.

12:30 – *LET THE PAGEANT BEGIN!!!*

1:30PM – Dessert and actor's reception in Parish Hall for all in attendance.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1><u>September 2009</u></h1>						
		1 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	2 9 AM Morning Prayer 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>Pentecost 14</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist Fun Day Sunday & Pageant Actors Registration 11:30 AM Inquirer's Group	7 <i>Labor Day</i> (Parish Office Closed)	8 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 PM Caring Hands 7 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM Ruth's Children	9 9 AM Morning Prayer	10 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM EFM 7 PM Altar Guild 7 PM Choir Practice	11	12 9 AM Confirmation Rehearsal 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
13 <u>Pentecost 15</u> 10 AM Holy Eucharist & Holy Confirmation & Barbeque Sunday School Registration Pageant Actors Registration	14 10 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Women at the Well ECW	15 10 AM ECW Clarksboro 7 PM Bible Study <i>Crook Info Due</i>	16 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 - 8 PM Good Shepherd Quilters	17 9 AM Morning Prayer 1-3 PM Fun with Friends 6:30 PM EFM 7 PM Choir Practice	18	19 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
20 <u>Pentecost 16</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School Begins 11:30 Pageant Adults Registration 11:30 AM Vestry 2:30 PM Supper Group	21 10 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Caring Hands	22 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 PM Caring Hands 7 PM Bible Study	23 9 AM Morning Prayer	24 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM EFM 7 PM Choir Practice	25	26 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
27 <u>Pentecost 17</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Page Turners 11:30 AM Brotherhood 4-7 PM Spaghetti Dinner	28 10 AM Morning Prayer	29 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	30 9 AM Morning Prayer			