

The Shepherd

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A monthly newsletter of the people of
The Church of the Good Shepherd • Dunedin, FL

Six Months? Already?!?

— A message from Pastor Becky, our Priest-In-Charge

When the Good Shepherd community gathers for the Annual Meeting on February 27th, it will be just a couple days shy of six months since I arrived in Dunedin. Gus and I love our new neighborhood, we feel blessed to be worshipping and serving among you, and we are enthusiastic about the future of this congregation.

I am also privileged to work with a Vestry that is full of experienced, thoughtful, and highly committed people. Most are Vestry veterans who have both a sincere appreciation for our traditions and history and the clarity and willingness to explore the ways Good Shepherd will need to change and stretch to grow in the 21st century.

Over the past few months, the members of the Vestry and I have considered their roles and functions, the structure of the meetings, the optimal number of people to serve, and other factors to get us into high gear for the next program year.

One of the decisions we made to increase effectiveness was to reduce the number of Vestry members to 9 from 12. Because so many came onto the Vestry last year, this time around only two seats are opening: a one-year seat and a three-year seat. Two of the current members are standing for re-election, but anyone who meets the qualifications and who is willing to commit to full participation is certainly encouraged to run. Another article in this

newsletter explains the steps for becoming a candidate.

Sharing Ministry

Another major shift we are trying to make is to share the ministries among more and more people in the congregation in order to build up as many members as possible to become experienced congregational leaders. One result of this is that Vestry members will not automatically chair the committees, teams and groups on which they serve.

Thanks

More important than all this, however, is my profound thanks for how warmly and completely you have welcomed my family and me, and my deep appreciation for the support and energy that are already beginning to transform this congregation while we get ready to celebrate the parish's long history here. I can't tell you how much I'm looking forward to the NEXT six months!

Our Four-Week Intentional Giving Campaign

17+10=CD

On February 13 we will bring this novel campaign to its exciting close when we collect and bless the Giving Intention cards you give us.

In preparation for that we'll be talking about the Stewardship of our lives, about the power practices of disciples who follow Jesus.

- What does the "17" mean? It represents committing TIME to becoming a disciple. 17 hours a week is a tithe of our time.
- What does the "10" mean? In the Bible, the standard for returning God's gifts back to him is the tithe, 10%. This is 10% of our income.
- What does the "CD" mean? It represents Christian Discipleship. Our never ending quest to be good stewards of life and the Spirit God gave us will result in our working toward the 17 and 10!

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Are You Interested in Serving on the Vestry?

— Respond by Feb. 7

Along with the clergy, the Vestry has the privilege and responsibility of leading the congregation in worship, fellowship, service and, of course, temporal matters. As the Church of the Good Shepherd re-imagines ways of bringing the hope and truth of our ancient faith to bear on the realities of life in the 21st century, the dedication and excitement needed to serve effectively on the Vestry is obvious.

Requirements

The basic requirements are: you must be a member of the church; at least 18 years old; a giver of record; and a proven leader of a ministry. You must also be willing to commit to faithfully attend each monthly Vestry meeting; the Vestry retreats; important diocesan programs intended for Vestry members; and be active in attending and supporting parish functions. If you qualify, and are

willing to commit to the above, please get a questionnaire from the office, fill it in and return it to the office no later than February 7, 2011.

Questionnaire

To ensure the members of the congregation have what they need to make an informed decision, there will be no nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. Only candidates who complete the questionnaire will appear on the ballot; their responses will be compiled and shared with everyone. Voting will take place at the annual meeting on February 27, 2011.

The Annual Parish Meeting

will be held

Sun. • Feb. 27 • 11:30 AM

- Election of Endowment Board members
- Election of Vestry members
- Presentation of 2011 Budget



Chancel Flowers

—How to contribute for Sunday flowers

Would you like to place flowers in the church in memory of someone or give thanks for a special occasion? If so, just put your payment in an envelope and clearly write the Sunday you are requesting, names of persons you are remembering and your name(s). This can be mailed to the church office, attention Jan; or put in the Sunday offering plate. Cost per Sunday for flowers is \$25 per vase; your donation toward this amount is appreciated.



Valentine Theme

— Lunch Bunch news from Gene Metzger

Please join us on February 9th at 11:00 AM in Kirk Hall...and begin with the Wednesday weekly service at 10:00 AM. The theme will be Valentines Day and will include a card exchange. We will provide the sandwich fixings, chips, coffee, and ice tea. You may bring: a Valentine card to exchange with the group; a side dish or dessert that goes with the theme; and your favorite Valentine table decoration. Check the Weekly News for further updates. A free will donation will be accepted. If you

have any questions contact Gene Metzger by phone, 727-480-5772, or gene@churchgoodshepherd.org.

Future Plans

Future themes include:

March 9: Ash Wednesday

April 13: Holy Week Theme

May through September: Lunch Bunch Lite will meet over the summer. Everyone just brings something to share after the Wednesday service. More details coming.

Bell Choir

— Be part of this new daytime activity!

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd has many treasures and some are obvious, like our beautiful stained glass windows or our handsome Pipe organ. One of our hidden treasures is our three octave set of English Hand Bells which were cast in the White Chapel Bell Foundry in England. I am calling them a hidden treasure because we do not have an organized hand bell group at this time. We are in the process of setting up a bell room in the administration building where I hope that we will enrol a group of dedicated people to learn to play this wonderful set of bells.

Learn the Basics

I believe that we might have people who would be interested in a day time rehearsal and in fact I have two people who have indicated that they would be interested. We need at least six. It would be ideal if those people could read music, but I

believe that we might begin with a short refresher course on rhythm and notation. It is a bit different from choral singing with bells in that you are the only one playing that particular note at that given moment. It is challenging, but once you get the hang of it the challenge becomes rewarding.

Interested?

Please speak with me (Bob Shone) after service or e-mail me at Rcshone@verizon.net



Taizé Service

Saturday • February 12, 2011 • 5:00 PM



**The Order of Prayer • One of two Songs • Psalm
A Scripture Reading • A Song • Silence
Intercessions or a Litany of Praise • The Lord's Prayer
Communion • Concluding Prayer • Song**

The basis of the the Taizé form of worship is reverent community song.

Celebrations in February

Birthdays

- Feb. 2 Molly McCoy
- Feb. 4 Alan Eldridge
- Feb. 7 Fotini Koutsopanagos
- Feb. 8 Cindy Greene
- Feb. 9 Jean Bergesen
- Feb. 15 Catherine Pelletier

- Feb. 18 Irene Cross
- Feb. 20 Ed Hawkes
- Feb. 24 Sara Tomalesky
- Feb. 25 Eileen Urquhart
- Feb. 26 Ronald Zombro

Anniversaries

- Feb. 6 Nick and Betty Dieb
- Feb. 14 Ernest and Brenda Bond
Neil and Betty Lloyd



Have we missed anyone? Please call Jan at 733-4125 as soon as possible. We would like to get your name on the bulletin listings.

A partnership for Malaria prevention in Africa

NETS FOR LIFE



Parishes in this Diocese are challenged to donate 10,000 life saving mosquito nets for sub-Saharan Africa.

- The cost is \$12 per net.
- Make checks payable to:

Diocese of Southwest Florida
- Write “Episcopal Charities, Nets” on the memo line.

Gus Robbins-Penniman, Parish ERD Representative, will be in Kirk Hall after worship services to answer questions and receive donations or he can be reached by phone at 470-2048.

Bagzilla

- On Sunday, Feb. 13, everyone will receive a grocery bag with a list attached of the items Religious Community Services Food Bank needs the most.
- On the following **Sunday, Feb. 20**, you may return your filled bag to be blessed before delivery to the RCS Food Bank.



The need for food is escalating in our community. With a 100% increase in people coming to RCS because of hunger, they do not have enough food to meet the growing demand. *Together we can make a difference to the hungry in our community.*

In January approximately 475 lbs. of food was collected at Good Shepherd,

Volunteer Openings

RCS Food Bank currently has an immediate need for volunteers to assist with answering phones, greeting participants, and providing clerical assistance as needed. Shifts are available Monday–Friday, 8 am–4pm, Thursday, 8am–7pm.

Join today by calling Rachel at (727)584-3528 ext. 407 or e-mail her at Rachel.Thurber@RCSpinellas.org

Relay for Life Rummage Sale

— Support our Shepherds for Life Team events

Saturday, March 26 • 8 AM – 3 PM

Once again it is time for the annual spring Relay for Life Rummage Sale. You can help by bringing your gently used items to the church over the next few weeks.

Please do not bring clothes. Clothes should be taken to the Thrift Shop.

Your items can be brought to Kirk Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. weekdays, except Tuesdays. All items should be in good condition and in working order.

Pricing will be done by Shepherds for Life team members. You may call Nancy Redd (733-5682) or Gloria Smith (773-1019) with any questions. Pick-up of large items can also be arranged.



The deadline for the
March
issue of *The Shepherd*

Sun. • Feb. 20
• midnight •



Haiti: One Year Later

— Episcopal Relief & Development reports on work done in Haiti

On January 12, 2010, a devastating earthquake hit Haiti, leveling scores of buildings and claiming over 217,000 lives. At the center of major relief efforts was the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, the largest diocese of The Episcopal Church, and long-term partner of Episcopal Relief & Development.

The Haiti One-Year Report summarizes activities and achievements in two phases of the recovery effort: Phase I (January-March 2010) activities concentrated on rescue and relief, while Phase II (April-December 2010) focused on the transition from relief to recovery. Some initiatives will continue through 2011, including Cash-for-Work projects, the construction of provisional homes and installation of water and

sanitation systems. These programs will help individuals and families increase their economic independence, and promote household and community security. Phase III programs (ongoing from January 2011) will center on recovery and sustainable development.

“Haitians have the strength and determination to rebuild their country, together as communities and in communion with their churches,” said Tammi Mott, ERD’s Program Officer for Haiti. “Episcopal Relief & Development is supporting the Diocese of Haiti as it empowers Haitians to actively engage at every stage of the recovery process.”

While Episcopal Relief & Development is primarily assisting the Diocese of Haiti with its community-focused ac-

tivities, the Episcopal Church Foundation is coordinating a Church-wide campaign, on behalf of The Episcopal Church, to raise funds for the reconstruction of the Holy Trinity Cathedral complex. For more information, visit www.EpiscopalChurch.org/HaitiAppeal.

Episcopal Relief & Development’s response to the disaster in Haiti is unique not only in size, but also in approach. Staff members have spent significant amounts of time in Haiti, accompanying and providing support to local partners as they carry out their work. To support Episcopal Relief & Development’s work, please visit www.er-d.org or call 1.800.334.7626, ext. 5129.

The Edgar Redd Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tues. • March 8 • Kirk Hall

4:30–7:00 PM



We will also be parking cars for this event and the Mardi Gras celebration in downtown Dunedin. This is an excellent fund raiser for our church and volunteers are needed. If you can help with the parking please contact Don Chandler at (442-0002) or the Church office (733-4125).

Adults \$4

Children under 12 \$2

Pay at the door!



Ash Wednesday • March 9th

Communion services will be offered at ...

7:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 7:00 PM

with the imposition of ashes.

Church Periodical Club

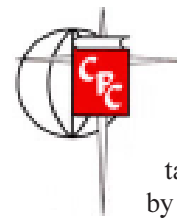
— Our Ingathering will be in February

Church Periodical Club (CPC) was started as a club by Mary Ann Fargo, wife of Mr. Fargo of Wells-Fargo in 1888 after she made a trip with him to the Dakota Territory and saw the desperate need for educational and religious materials. This group of women formed a club in their Episcopal Church in New York to send printed materials via Wells-Fargo to the West. This program is still being followed except the shipping method is different.

The work continues today as free literature, both religious and secular, is provided to people all over the world. Bibles, Prayer Books, books for seminarians, educational materials, medical textbooks, agricultural manuals and books for those in local and global mission are some of the publications the Church Periodical Club supplies.

CPC is dependent on voluntary contributions and provides free printed material to people all over the world. In

this diocese the CPC is administered by the Episcopal Church Women. CPC Sunday will be observed on February 20, 2010. On that day a collection will be taken. The funds will be used for grants for books for undergraduates,



seminarians and the national Book Fund.

Undergraduates may request information from the CPC representative at Good Shepherd by calling the church office 727-733-4125.

From the Parish Register

— Changes, blessings, and prayers for our church family

Blessings to those who have joined the family of Good Shepherd through Baptism:

Benjamin Samuel Means, infant son of Stephanie and Robert Means, Jr.

Ronald Bernard Zombro, II, adult candidate sponsored by Nancy Redd, Frank David Earnest, Jr., and David Redd.

Welcome to all who joined on Jan. 16:
By transfer...

Ronald Ellis, Jr.
716 Lyndhurst St., #702
Dunedin, FL 34698

Deborah Hill
Florida Ave.
Tarpon Springs, FL

Miriam and Joseph Nixon
2700 Bayshore Blvd., #5205
Dunedin, FL 34698

Tara Sheldon
1402 Columbia Ave.
Palm Harbor, FL 34683

And by affirmation...

Carolyn Hughes
665 Wood St.
Dunedin, FL 34698

Tisha Overend
1862 Venetian Pt. Dr.
Clearwater, FL 33755

Our prayers of thanks for receiving gifts to the Endowment Fund...

In memory of Sarge Wakefield by

Jean Herbert
M/M Charles Simmons
M/M Fred Pierce
M/M Donald Hensley
M/M Richard Benkusky
Joan Moore
M/M Harvey Getsler



The Little Thrift Shop

Hours: 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
Monday–Saturday

Location: 506 Main Street
Dunedin
(on the north side)

Phone: 727-734-8238

The Good Shepherd's Little Thrift Shop is always grateful to receive donations of clothing, household and kitchen items, books and even jewelry.

Stop by and browse. We have lots of bargains.



Activities and Meetings in February

— A calendar of scheduled meetings at Good Shepherd

Special Events

- Feb. 2 & 16 . Wednesday **Bible Study for Dummies**
6:00 p.m. in Kirk Hall
- Feb. 20 Sunday **Bagzilla Returns**
- Feb. 20 Sunday **CPC Sunday**
- Feb 20 Sunday **Newsletter Deadline**
midnight
- Feb. 21 Monday **Presidents' Day**
Office Closed
- Feb. 27 Sunday **Annual Parish Meeting**
11:30 a.m. in Kirk Hall

Monthly

- Feb. 2 Wednesday **Mease Manor Service**
3:00 p.m. in their Meditation Room
- Feb. 3 Thursday **NA Group**
6:45 p.m. in Kirk Hall
- Feb. 6 Sunday **Daughters of the King**
11:30 a.m. in the Patio Room
- Feb. 9 Wednesday **Lunch Bunch**
11:00 a.m. in Kirk Hall
- Feb. 9 Wednesday **Anglican Identity**
6:00 p.m. in Kirk Hall
- Feb. 12 Saturday **Taizé Service**
5:00 p.m. in the church
- Feb. 13 Sunday **Christian Formation**
11:15 a.m. in the Patio Room
- Feb. 14 Monday **Episcopal Church Women**
4:00 p.m. in the Patio Room
- Feb. 15 Tuesday **Communications**
6:30 p.m. in the Patio Room
- Feb. 15 Tuesday **Worship**
7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room
- Feb. 15 Tuesday **Finance**
1:30 p.m. in the Patio Room
- Feb. 17 Thursday **Membership Committee**
5:30 p.m. in Classroom 1
- Feb. 20 Sunday **Brotherhood Breakfast**
9:00 a.m. in Kirk Hall
- Feb. 23 Wednesday **Vestry**
7:00 p.m. in the Patio Room

Weekly

- Every Sunday **Worship and Communion**
8:00 a.m. in the church (Rite 1)
- Every Sunday **Choir Warm-Up**
9:30 a.m. in the Rehearsal Room

- Every Sunday **Worship and Communion**
10:00 a.m. service with music (Rite 2)
- Every Sunday **Spirit Café**
5:30 p.m. service with meal in Kirk Hall
- Every Monday **Education for Ministry**
7:00 p.m. at St. John's in Clearwater
- Every Monday **Confidential Group**
8:00 p.m. in the Patio Room
- Every Tuesday **Rotary Luncheon Meeting**
noon in Kirk Hall
- Every Tuesday **Music Lessons**
private piano lessons 3:30–6:30 p.m. in Kirk Hall
- Every Tuesday **AA Meetings**
8:00 p.m. in Kirk Hall & the Patio Room
- Every Wednesday **Communion Service**
10:00 a.m. in the church
- Every Thursday **Staff Meeting**
10:00 a.m. in the Patio Room
- Every Thursday **OSL Healing Ministry**
6:00 p.m. in the Patio Room
- Every Thursday **Choir Practice**
6:30 p.m. in the Rehearsal Room
- Every Friday **Al Anon Group**
9:45 a.m. in the Patio Room
- Every Friday **Al Anon Group**
11:00 a.m. in the Patio Room
- Every Friday **HOW Group**
7:00 p.m. in Kirk Hall
- Every Saturday **AA Meeting**
8:30 p.m. in Kirk Hall and the Patio Room

February is the time we ask all Groups and Committies to submit Room Request Forms for the year 2011!



Look for the new forms or e-mail the office to get your group meetings on the new calendar.

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Our Vision: The Church of the Good Shepherd is called by God to seek out, bring home, nurture and feed the people of God in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Our Mission: We respond to this call by: **valuing** the expression of God through all peoples – **sharing** the Word of God through the celebration of the Episcopal Liturgy – **inviting** full participation into the life of our congregation – **responding** to the needs of our parish and the greater community.

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Thank you for your submissions to the monthly newsletter. We reserve the right to edit articles submitted for content and length.

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