

The Shepherd

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A Bishop, a Baptism and Our Bond

— Calling Becky as our Rector

Notoriously, the Sunday after Easter is a day of low attendance, low energy, and low expectations. Not so this year at Good Shepherd! On May 1st, we had a joyful morning as the Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith, Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, made his first official visitation to our congregation since Becky arrived last September. Bishop Smith presided and preached at both morning services, reminding us that the Risen Lord still meets us where we are, and fills us with the Holy Spirit to be his disciples. At the 10:00 a.m. service, we rejoiced as five people were brought into the Episcopal Church family, one through baptism, and four through reception (a fuller description is elsewhere in this newsletter.)

The Vestry Meets with Bishop Smith

The good times didn't end, however, when the worship services and beautiful reception concluded. Bishop Smith

then met with the Vestry. Each person regaled him with the programs, events and celebrations Good Shepherd has undertaken recently, which brought a broad, approving smile to his face. The event that made him break out in a grin, however, was when Junior Warden Betty Fraley told the bishop that the Vestry had voted to call the Rev. Becky Robbins-Penniman as the Rector of Good Shepherd.

When Becky came to the congregation in September, she was serving as the "Priest in Charge," with a two-year contract. Under that agreement, any time during the two years, with the bishop's approval, Becky could be named permanently as the Rector. Based on the wonderful way we have bonded together as a community, the Vestry had decided unanimously at the April meeting that the time was ripe to call her to that office. All that was then needed was the Bishop's authorization and Becky's acceptance.

An Installation Date is Picked

Bishop Smith assented immediately—and so did Becky. When he asked how soon the Vestry wanted the official installation to take place, the response was, "As soon as possible!" That date turns out to be soon indeed. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, June 2, at 6:00 p.m.**, when Bishop Smith will return for another round of festive worship and fellowship. In addition to the people of Good Shepherd, everyone from the other Episcopal churches in the Clearwater Deanery, as well as clergy from neighboring denominations, will be invited to attend. This is our chance to do one of the things we do best here at Good Shepherd: throw a great party!

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The church now has a personal hearing system available for use on Sunday mornings. The ushers can assist you in the use of the equipment.

Reminders, etc.

Looking for Home Stay

Our language school is looking for families or people without children, who would be interested to house a foreign language student during the month of July and/or August.

Students pay \$ 150.00 per week for their stay.

Please contact the following from Florida English Language Institute if you are interested:

Isabelle Leibrecht – 727-656-9695 or
Jillian – 727-330-7884

We are located next to the Dunedin Public Library. Florida English Language Institute: 201 Douglas Avenue Suite C, Dunedin, FL 34698.

Altar Flowers

On any given Sunday, flowers will be ordered for the chancel only if there are sponsors for **both vases** for that week. If you would like to sponsor and pay for our two vases, the cost is \$50 per

week. A sign-up sheet is on a clipboard in the back of the church.

Amazon

If you access your Amazon account for an order from the Church Web site main page www.churchgoodshepherd.org by clicking on the Amazon link, the Parish will receive a commission on your purchases at no charge to you. You still use your own account for the orders.

Room Requests

If your group or committee would like to reserve a room at Good Shepherd, please remember to contact the church office at

- 733-4125 or
- goodnews@churchgoodshepherd.org.

You may either complete a 2011 Room Request Form or give the office the following information: name of group, contact person (phone, e-mail), meeting day, start time, stop time, and what room

you would like to use. Any special set-up instructions should be given to our Sexton, Garry Lumm, by calling his cell phone: 415-0737. Rooms are limited, so we ask that you make requests early!



Remembrance Service

11:00 AM

Mon. • May 30

All are welcome.

Celebrations in May

Birthdays

May 5 Brian Zeman
May 6 Ralph Miller
May 7 Betty Dieb
May 8 Gene Metzger
May 9 Ann Marie Kuratnick
May 13 Elsa Juliano

May 19 Wes Pullman
May 24 Mark Quinn
May 26 Betty Lloyd
May 29 Cathy Jacobson
May 30 Jeannette McDonald
Pat Smith
May 31 Laurie Wiedemann

Anniversaries

May 14 Joseph and Ethel Hall

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 for May.



The deadline for the **June/July**
issue of *The Shepherd*
Sun. • May 22 • midnight

Undies Sunday



On Sunday, May 22, we will be collected NEW underwear and socks. They must be in unopened packages! All items collected will be donated to Clothes To Kids...they offer clothing to children in Pinellas County in any grade K–12. Sizes should be appropriate for children or young adults.

Clothes To Kids

Clothes To Kids is a “store” where everything is free to eligible children! The shopping at Clothes To Kids experience:

- Parents and children shop by appointment.
- Staff and volunteers are always on hand to provide friendly assistance. Spanish speaking staff and volunteers available on select days.
- Eligible children may shop for a week’s wardrobe twice in a 12 month period.
- Eligible children must be enrolled in a Pinellas County School, or Home Schooled, and be in financial need or crisis.
- A family can be referred to Clothes To Kids by a social worker, school teacher, or pastor from a place of worship.

For more information on how you can support this organization, please visit their website at www.ClothesToKids.org.

African Team Ministries



On Sundays May 1, 8 and 15, 8:30–11:30 a.m., the Outreach committee is selling the beautiful jewelry and crafts supplied by African Team Ministries in Kirk Hall. Your purchase supports the churches in East Africa:

- making it possible for orphans to go to school
- training 5000 lay elders in Kenya, in the AIDS prevention ministry. After the training, each elder will visit a family weekly to educate them in preventing AIDS.
- it provides food, blankets, shelter and support for people in Kenya who have been forced from their homes due to the political unrest.

Florida Blood Services

Our Tampa Bay community’s blood supply is in *urgent* need of more Type O negative, universal donor blood. (All types are needed but there is an urgent one for more Type O negative.) If you are healthy, age 16 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds, chances are you can help. Call your Florida Blood Services at 1-800-682-5663 or visit www.fbsblood.org for donation locations.

Dominican Republic Mission Team



Ryan Stollenmaier, Gus Robbins-Penniman, and Vickie Stevens will be on the Dominican Republic Mission Team this July!

Fundraiser Dinner

Holy Trinity will host a Dominican Fund Raising Dinner on June 18th at 6:00 pm. Cost will be \$15, prior purchase, or \$20 at the door. It will be a Latin dinner with pulled pork, rice & beans, etc. prepared by Master Chef, Ernie Trophy. There will be music and entertainment.

Music Basics

—For Singers and Hand Bells

Would you like to freshen up your music knowledge and learn the basics of music notation? **Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.** we will meet in the choir room for a music refresher course. Bob Shone will take you through the basics of counting and notation along with how to relate this material to singing and playing hand bells. Show up this Thursday, May 12th, at 11:30 in the choir room for Session #1: Basic Music Notation.



Taizé Service: Sat. • May 14 • 5:00 PM

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

EVERYONE May Contribute to the Endowment Fund

Last month we focused on “**why**” as responsible Christians we need to ensure the well-thought-out distribution of our estates and “**why**” we should provide for Good Shepherd through a planned gift. A planned gift is remembering The Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund, Inc. in our estate planning...designating a gift **now** to be given at a later date.

This month let us focus on the “**what.**” What kinds of gifts can we offer? There are many ways for parishioners to offer a Planned Gift to the Endowment Fund, provide for their families and, in some cases, provide an ongoing income for themselves. Some of the most common Planned Gifts are:

- † A bequest in your Will
- † A gift under your Revocable Trust
- † A gift through a life insurance policy
- † A gift through a retirement plan
- † A gift providing fixed or variable payments annually to you and your family.

Let us consider the first two:

A bequest in your Will; A gift under your Trust

Perhaps the easiest and most common way of offering a planned gift is through your Will/or Living Trust. Do you have a Will and/or Living Trust? Without it, your assets will be divided in a way you do not choose. Unfortunately, some 50–60% of adults in the U.S. have no Will/Living Trust. The Endowment Committee will be presenting additional information regarding Wills and Living Trusts later this year.

A bequest in a Will or a gift from a Living Trust can take the form of a set amount of money, a percentage of an estate, a specific asset, or the naming of The Good Shepherd Endowment Fund as a contingent beneficiary.

Sample language for including the Endowment Fund in your Will might be: “I give, devise, and bequeath (state amount, asset, or percentage of the estate) to The Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund, Inc., 639 Edgewater Drive, Dunedin, FL 34698, Tax Identification Number (TIN) 59-6140984 to be used (describe use) or as the Endowment Fund Board of Trustees and Vestry deems appropriate.”

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Please direct your questions to Pastor Becky or a trustee on the Board.

Our challenge to you in 2011:

Name the Endowment Fund of Good Shepherd Church as a beneficiary in your estate plans. And if you already have, please share your plans with Pastor Becky.



This message is brought to you from the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund. We'll talk again next month!

From the Parish Register

Blessings to those baptized at Good Shepherd:

Ripken Ted Sullivan, infant son of Jennifer and Matthew Sullivan

Mae Joretta Pilkey Orwig, adult candidate sponsored by Deborah Bouvier.

Charles Peter Cassino IV, infant son of Julia Hall Martin and Charles Peter Cassino III; great grandson of Dick and Betty Fraley.

Blessings to all who were received into the Episcopal community during the Bishop's visit on May 1:

Deborah Hill, Jorgelina Amada Serra Solari, Maureen Estelle Auman, John Patrick Auman

Everyday Prayer for Everyday People

Praying is entering a conversation that God has already started. But, what do we “do” when we pray? I will be guiding us through different ways of entering this divine conversation — no prior experience necessary!

**1st and 3rd Wednesdays
in May and June
(May 4 & 18; June 1 & 15)
6:00 PM**



Bagzilla

— Our support of Religious Community Services

- On Sunday, May 8, 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, May 15**, 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.

Letter Carriers' Food Drive

With more than one hundred tons of food expected to come in during a six-hour time span on **Saturday, May 14**, the RCS Food Bank located at 700 Druid Road in Clearwater is in urgent need of volunteers to sort food.

Truckloads of canned and boxed supplies will be delivered by area Letter Carriers throughout the afternoon. Volunteers will then sort the items so they can be distributed to individuals and families in our community.

Individuals or groups may sign up for the following afternoon shifts by calling Rachel Thurber at 584-3528 ext 407

- 1:30 – 3:30 PM
- 3:00 – 5:00 PM
- 5:00 – 7:30 PM

Volunteers are needed at local Post Offices to help load and unload trucks. Transportation can be provided to/from each post office. For safety reasons, no children under the age of 18 will be permitted at the Post offices. Please remember to **wear closed-toes shoes** in the warehouse!!

Volunteer Openings

RCS volunteers are encouraged to commit at least four hours, one day a week or month. This helps with scheduling purposes and appropriate volunteer coverage. For more information, please contact Rachel at (727)584-3528 ext. 407 or Rachel.Thurber@RCSpinellas.org

Activities and Meetings in May

— A calendar of scheduled meetings at Good Shepherd

Special Events

- May 1, 8, 15: **African Team Ministry**
8:30–11:30 a.m. Kirk Hall
- May 6/7: **Relay for Life**
- May 7: **Mother/Daughter Tea**
10:00 a.m. in Kirk Hall
- May 15: **Bagzilla Returns**
- May 15: **TPA Storytellers**
1:30 p.m. in Patio Room
- May 22: **Undie Sunday**
- May 22: **Newsletter Deadline**
- May 30: **Memorial Day Holiday**
office closed
service 11:00 a.m. in the church

Monthly

- May 1: **Daughters of the King**
11:30 a.m.
- May 4: **Mease Manor Service**
- May 4 & 18: **Prayer 101**
6:00 p.m. in the Patio Room

- May 5: **NA Group**
6:45 p.m. in Kirk Hall
- May 8: **Christian Formation**
11:15 a.m. in the Patio Room
- May 8: **Brotherhood of Good Shepherd**
11:15 a.m. in Classroom 1
- May 9: **Episcopal Church Women**
4:00 p.m. in the Patio Room
- May 10: **Building & Grounds**
5:00 p.m. in the Patio Room
- May 14: **Taizé Service** • 5:00 p.m.
- May 15: **Brotherhood Breakfast**
9:00 a.m. in Kirk Hall
- May 17: **Finance**
1:30 p.m. in the Patio Room
- May 17: **Worship Committee**
7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room
- May 19: **Membership Committee**
5:30 p.m. in Patio Room
- May 25: **Vestry**
6:00 p.m. in the Patio Room

- May 26: **OSL Healing Ministry**
6:00 p.m. in the Patio Room

Weekly

- Sunday: **Worship and Communion**
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday: **Adult Forum**
9:00 a.m. in the Patio Room
- Monday: **Confidential Group**
7:30 p.m. in Classroom 1
- Tuesday: **Rotary Luncheon Meeting**
Music Lessons 3:30–6:30 p.m.
AA Meetings 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: **Communion Service**
10:00 a.m. in the church
- Thursday: **Staff Meeting**
10:00 a.m. in the Pastor's office
- Friday: **Al Anon Group**
9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Patio Room
HOW Group 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: **AA Meeting**
8:30 p.m. in Kirk Hall

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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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