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Our monthly newsletter • Dunedin, FL

The First, the Last, the Best

— A message from our Rector, **Becky Robbins-Penniman**

The First

Well, OK, our congregation isn't quite the first church established in Dunedin, but almost! (The Presbyterians beat us by a year) Nonetheless, in an era when the pace of change in marriages, businesses and addresses is faster than a hot knife through warm butter, our congregation has been following the Good Shepherd, loving, serving and celebrating in Delightful Dunedin for 125 years.

To commemorate this amazing milestone, we are planning not just one festive occasion, but a whole series of them. We'll begin with the Spaghetti Dinner on the afternoon of October 2nd, and continue on with special worship services, community events, and a time-warping dinner in January when we'll feast at Bon Appétit and enjoy music from each decade of the generations that make up our church family. Be sure to find the schedule in this newsletter, or on the web site, and get everything on your calendar: there's something for everyone, so Join the Party!

But this emphasis on our anniversary isn't just about enjoying each other's company today. It's also about getting ready for our tomorrows. To say the world around us is different than it was when Bishop Weed officiated at the first service is patent, and the rate of change just gets faster every year. We need to be prepared to keep following Jesus into whatever comes next. As it says in Matthew 13:52:

And [Jesus] said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Some churches are too slow to appreciate and acquire fresh, innovative treasures, and they die; an average of 40 Episcopal congregations close every year. However, I believe that this parish's pride in our rich heritage is coupled with a willingness to explore possibilities, adapt them, and so thrive in our evolving environment. But we need to be strong, connected and thankful about our life together to do it.

These anniversary activities aren't simply social opportunities; they are also a sign of the kingdom of heaven. As we gather, these events will create the glue that binds us together, the energy that powers our ministry, and the spirit that animates our parish, so that we can joyfully follow our Good Shepherd for at least another 125 years. Whether you are old or new to our family, come to as many as you possibly can.

The Last

I mentioned the generations of people in our congregation; church is one of the few places where people of many ages still gather and observe the milestones of various life stages. Our last personal milestone is, of course death.

I've found over the years that many people are reluctant to talk about death, even though no one is exempt from it. Beginning October 23rd, we are going to have a series of conversations about this essential, inescapable topic, and help you talk about it and plan for it. Why are we doing this?

If you die without planning your memorial service, do you know what happens? Usually your family doesn't have the first clue what to choose for readings, music, or type of service. So what you get is what the priest likes. Although I put together a nice service, it may not be at all what you would have preferred. So the first session is about planning your own memorial service, and the basics of your obituary.

If you die without making any plans for your estate, do you know what happens? Again, other people make decisions for you. If your family is not associated with Good Shepherd, they may not think to honor you with a gift to the church. Remember, it was

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Following our Good Shepherd in Delightful Dunedin for 125 years! Join the Party...

Blessing of the Animals Service

**Sunday • October 2
10:00 AM
Albert Street Lot**

- All pets should be leashed, caged or in some way restrained.
- Children who do not have pets may bring a stuffed animal.
- Each pet will receive a Certificate of Blessing.



Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday • Oct. 2 • 3 PM
Adults: \$10 • Children: \$5
[10 and under]

Dinner includes: salad, bread, spaghetti, and beverages. Tickets will be sold after the services on Sunday or contact Cheryl Sharpe: clsharp1959@tampabay.rr.com



Trunk or Treat



**Friday, October 28
5:00 - 8:00 PM**

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| Nov. 5 | | Pass out water bottles on Pinellas Trail | Dec. 11 | 8 & 10 AM | Bishop Smith will be at both services • Reception following |
| Nov. 20 | 9 AM | Community Breakfast | Dec. 18 | 9 AM | Breakfast with St. Nick |
| | 10 AM | Celtic Festival Service | Dec. 21 | 5:30 PM | Drum Circle |
| | 2 PM | Celtic Storytelling | Dec. 28 | 10 AM | 125th Anniversary Service Lunch will follow the service |
| Nov. 24 | 10 AM | Thanksgiving Service followed by Thanksgiving dinner | Jan. 21 | 6-10 PM | Dinner and Decades Party at Bon Appetit |
| Dec. 3 | TBA | Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show | | | |
| Dec. 10 | | Christmas Parade | | | |

To help with any event, contact **Cheryl Sharpe** at clsharp1959@tampabay.rr.com or join us at our meetings following the 10:00 AM Service in the Patio Room.

Outreach Opportunities

Undies Sunday

Our Undies Sunday collection will be October 23. Clothes To Kids is having an underwear drive the month of October to help provide for school age children in Pinellas County schools. Clothes To Kids gives out approximately 1,250 pair of underwear each week, between the Clearwater and St. Petersburg store. So please “Drop Your Drawers” on Sunday, Oct. 23, to help them.

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



Pack-A-Sack 4 Kids

Each week during the school year we deliver ten bags of nutritious small snacks to Dunedin Elementary School. They are given to children on Friday that are at risk of having nothing to eat on the week-end.



Each sack contains items such as cereal, fruit rollups, chicken vienna sausages, peanut butter, crackers, apple sauce, fruit or pudding cups, granola bars, raisins, cookies, and milk. The cost is around \$45 each week. We welcome any help: monetary donations, contributing food from our list, or helping assemble the sacks each Wednesday. If you are interested please contact any of the following: Deborah Bouvier (727) 736-2979; Carol Cretella (727) 736-1102, or Betty Fraley (727) 474-2885.

Community Event Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to man the toll booths at the entry to Honeymoon Island State Park for the **14th Annual Halloween in the Park** event. Volunteers will be collecting the entry fee on Friday, Oct. 28, and Saturday, Oct. 29, for a two-hour shift beginning at either 5:30 or 7:30 p.m. No prior experience is required and costumes are encouraged. If you are interested, please contact Joe Nixon at (917) 304-8459.

Bagzilla

Our monthly support of Religious Community Services — Food Bank

- On Sunday, October 9, everyone will receive a grocery bag with a list attached of the items Religious Community Services Food Bank needs the most.
- The following **Sunday, October 16**, return your filled bag to be blessed before delivery to the RCS Food Bank.



Together we can make a difference to the hungry in our community.



Shepherds for Life

Relay for Life Rummage Sale

It's that time of year again... Time to get ready for our Relay for Life Fall Rummage Sale.

This year the sale will be on

Saturday, Nov. 12, from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Help us fight to find a cure for cancer, by bringing your gently used items to the church over the next few weeks. Please do not bring clothes. [They should be taken to the Thrift Shop at 506 Main St.] Items can be brought to Kirk Hall between 9 AM and 1 PM weekdays, *except Tuesdays*. All items should be in good condition and working order. Pricing will be done by Shepherds for Life team members. You may call either Nancy Redd (733-5682) or Gloria Smith (773-1019) with any questions. Pick-up of large items can also be arranged.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event, to be held in the spring (dates to be announced) at Florida Auto Exchange Stadium.



A Traveler's Guide to the New Testament

— Christian Formation opportunities at Good Shepherd

Living the New Life

During the Sunday School, hour **Pastor Bill Roen** will continue a course intended for those who are interested in reading through the New Testament in a disciplined and intentional way.

Sunday sessions will place the New Testament writers in their historical context and suggest the ways they are in harmony and in tension with one another. Classes will deal seriously with the Bible as the active Word of God which challenges us to live "The New Life" modeled on the life of Christ. Again and again, in the light of the Gospel witnesses, we will be asking the es-

sential question of Christian discipleship—What does the Lord want me to do with the rest of my life?

Pastor Roen's blog on the Old Testament books of Genesis through Malachi is available online at <http://PastorBillRoen.blogspot.com>.

Youth Sunday School

We're looking forward to another spirit filled year with our New curriculum—*Living the Good News*, a Lectionary based program. There is also a preschool program available that we will use for our drop in preschoolers.

We are always looking for Teachers if

you are interested please email the Church office. For more information contact Jane Morris at 784-4669.

Trunk or Treat

It is that time again... October 28th at 5:00 PM! Time to start planning your Halloween Trunk or Treat costume. This is how it works, children come to the Good Shepherd parking lot where we all have our trunks (and ourselves) decorated and we pass out treats. There will be a bounce house, spooky storytelling and hotdogs!!! Please email Jane Morris—Rustydogg1300@aol to reserve a parking spot.

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people who did remember to plan ahead who created the Endowment Fund that is helping us to flourish in these tough economic times. Hearing the fascinating and inspiring story of that legacy will be the topic for the second week. The third week we'll learn how each one of us can take part—no gift is too small, and every gift has a lasting impact.

The final week will be about, not death, but the realities that surround dying. An old piece of wisdom is that our most expensive times on the planet are our first 2 days and our last 2 weeks, because of the high medical costs surrounding birth and death in the Ameri-

can health care system. If you do not plan ahead, your last illness can consume a huge chunk of your assets. Fortunately, there are ways you can control what happens to you through advance care directives. An expert in this field, **Dr. Cynthia Paganini**, will be our guest speaker on this topic.

We are making these presentations as convenient and accessible as we possibly can by giving each presentation twice—once on Sunday immediately after the late service, and again on Thursday evenings at 6:30. EVERYONE is encouraged—perhaps even expected, to attend. Yes, you may bring guests.

The Best

Every once in a while, I stop to think about how many people in this parish work to make things happen – there are dozens of you, and 99.9% are volunteers. The entire staff and I know we could not possibly do this all by ourselves. Although I hope and want to thank each of you personally, I want you to know that I am blessed and honored and pleased to be serving in this parish, and deeply grateful for your labors in the Lord's vineyard. They may be unsung, but they are not unnoticed or unappreciated.



The deadline for the **November**
issue of our newsletter
Sun. • Oct. 23 • midnight

Funding a Future

— Phyllis Sipos, Endowment Board member

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” Heb 13:16

As a person of modest means, I think of the future, my life expectancy, and if I am financially set for today’s economy. All that I have comes from God’s blessings. Good Shepherd has been a part of my life for 30+ years and I would like to help ensure the church’s future through some type of gift. Planned giving can be a very tangible, meaningful expression of love for my family, as well as for my church. Through certain gift

planning instruments, this decision will be easier to make as to what would work best for me.

You may have read in the September newsletter, that the Endowment Board will be sponsoring a four-week program called “Last Things First which will deal with various topics on end-of-life issues as well as planned giving choices. We strongly encourage you to attend each session at whichever time is best for you. Qualified persons will be there to answer your questions.

The Endowment Board Presents...

Last Things First

an adult seminar series

- **Planned Giving and End Of Life Celebration**

Presenter: Pastor Becky
Sun., Oct. 23, at 11:45 a.m. and Thurs., Oct. 27, at 6:00 p.m.

- **History and Purpose of Endowment Fund**

Presentors: Endowment Trustees
Sun., Oct. 30, at 11:45 a.m. and Thurs., Nov. 3, at 6:00 p.m.

- **The How’s and What’s of Planned Giving**

Presenter: representative from ProVise Financial
Sun., Nov. 6, at 11:45 a.m. and Thurs., Nov. 10, at 6:00 p.m.

- **Advanced Care Directives**

Presenter: Dr. Cynthia Paganini, M.D.
Sun., Nov. 13, at 11:45 a.m. and Thurs., Nov. 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for these one-hour presentations each week. For your convenience, the Sunday presentation is repeated on Thursday evening.

*This message is brought to you from the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund:
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Nov. 5

Women’s Ministries:

A Mini Miracle Day...
A half day of Inspiration,



Praise, Music, and
Fellowship

will be held at

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church

2301 Deltona Blvd.

Spring Hill, FL 34606

Canon Michael Durning will be the keynote speaker. The event will be co-sponsored by Women’s ministry, Diocese of Southwest Florida and the Women of St. Andrew’s.

We are asking for a \$6 donation. For details contact either

- Carolyn Wallner at thewallners@hotmail.com

- Jackie Robe at jrobe18413@aol.com.

Help!

If you would like to volunteer as a nursery attendant please contact Jane Morris or the church office [733-4125].



Activities and Meetings in October

— A calendar of scheduled meetings at Good Shepherd

Special Events

- Oct. 2: **Spaghetti Dinner**
3:00 p.m. in Kirk Hall
- Oct. 2: **Missio: Engage**
5:00 p.m. in the Patio Room
- Oct. 10: **Columbus Day**
Church office closed
- Oct. 16: **Bagzilla Returns**
- Oct. 17: **Mary Kay Event**
- Oct. 21/22: **Diocesan Convention**
- Oct. 23 & 30: **Last Things First**
11:45 a.m. in the Patio Room
- Oct. 25: **Newsletter Deadline**
- Oct. 27: **Last Things First**
6:00 p.m. in Kirk Hall
- Oct. 28: **Trunk or Treat**
5:00 p.m. in the parking lot

Monthly

- Oct. 2: **Daughters of the King**
11:30 a.m. in the Patio Room
- Oct. 5: **Mease Manor Service**
3:00 p.m. at Mease Manor
- Oct. 8: **Eventide Service** • 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 9: **Christian Formation**
11:15 a.m. in the Patio Room

- Oct. 9: **Brotherhood of Good Shepherd**
11:15 a.m. in Classroom 1
- Oct. 10: **Episcopal Church Women**
4:00 p.m. in the Patio Room
- Oct. 11: **Building & Grounds**
5:00 p.m. in the Patio Room
- Oct. 12: **Lunch Bunch**
11:30 a.m. in Kirk Hall
- Oct. 16: **Brotherhood Breakfast**
9:00 a.m. in Kirk Hall
- Oct. 18: **Finance Committee**
1:30 p.m. in the Patio Room
- Oct. 18: **Worship Committee**
7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room
- Oct. 20: **Membership Committee**
5:30 p.m. in Patio Room
- Oct. 20: **Communications Team**
6:30 p.m. in the Patio Room
- Oct. 24 & 31: **OSL Birth of Peace**
TBD in the Patio Room
- Oct. 24: **Vestry**
6:00 p.m. in Kirk Hall



Weekly

- Sunday: **Worship and Communion**
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
Bible Journey with Pastor Roen
9:00 a.m. in the Patio Room
125th Anniversary Planning
11:30 a.m. in the Patio Room
- Monday: **Chair Yoga**
11:00 a.m. in the Patio Room
- Tuesday: **Yoga Class** 10:00 a.m.
Rotary Luncheon Meeting
Music Lessons 3:30–6:30 p.m.
Education for Ministry
6:30 p.m. in the Patio Room
AA Meetings 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: **Communion Service**
10:00 a.m. in the church
- Thursday: **Staff Meeting** 10:00 a.m.
Yoga Class 10:00 a.m. Classrm. 3
Music Basics 11:30 a.m. Choir rm.
- Friday: **Al Anon Group**
9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Patio Room
Yoga Class 10:00 a.m. Classrm. 3
HOW Group 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: **AA Meeting**
8:30 p.m. in Kirk Hall

Can Good Shepherd Participate in the Dunedin Green Market?

— From Gene Belote, Brotherhood of Good Shepherd

The answer to the subject question is YES! However, to do so, we need people who are willing to give their time working the booth. With enough people it would be an easy schedule of two or three assigned teams. We plan to serve crapes and have promotional materials on our table.

The Brotherhood of Good Shepherd is interested in this as an outreach project that will help promote Good Shepherd and our 125th Anniversary.

The Brotherhood would furnish a tent, table, crape makers, supplies and permits with no cost to the church budget. Crape sales would pay for our initial cost and begin to earn a profit for other outreach programs. If all goes well here, we could work other events in Dunedin.

Only six more weeks until the Dunedin Saturday Green Market re-opens on October 29th.

The Friday market re-opens November 11th. Both markets will run from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Are you interested? If so, please contact Gene Belote, Brian Sharpe, Don Chandler or Gus Robbins-Penniman.

Come, Sing in the Choir!

Contact our organist, Bob Shone, for more information.

Reminders, etc.

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.



Tee Shirts

Tee shirts with our church logo and the 125th anniversary celebration are now available. Contact Maureen Belote to order yours.

Church Sign

Thousands of people see our sign on Edgewater Drive every day. The Communications Committee is looking for a Witty Word Wizard to take on the weekly challenge of advertising events and entertaining passers-by with snappy copy. It's easy, and fun, and you'll get to work with the delightful church staff. Call Jan in the Church Office [446-5026] if you're interested.

Music Basics

Would you like to freshen up your music knowledge and learn the basics of music notation? **Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.** we 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 any Thursday at 11:30 in the choir room for Basic Music Notation.

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.

Help with Reception

There will be a reception following a **Story Tellers presentation** on Sunday, November 20th. We are looking for people to make finger desserts and to help out with set up, serving and clean up. Please contact:

- Joanne Forsythe 727-787-1869 or joanef@onepost.net
- Lela Highsmith 727-725-1026.

Thank you!!

Chair Yoga

A Chair Yoga class is now being offered every Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the Patio Room.

Seated chair yoga is perfect for those with balance issues or who can't get on the floor. Wear something comfortable. Shoes are optional. Class donation is \$5.

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!

Eventide Service

Saturday
Oct. 8
5:00 PM



Celebrations in October

Birthdays

Oct. 1 Richard Fraley
Oct. 7 Hulan Whitehead
Oct. 13 Fred Yocher
Oct. 17 Gloria Smith
Oct. 19 Doug Forsythe
Oct. 23 Patsy Cravens
Val Slattery
Carolyn Hughes

Oct. 26 Hilda Myers
Oct. 28 Miriam Principe
Robert Van Ham
Oct. 29 Nancy Redd
Oct. 30 Susan Niedermeier

Anniversaries

Oct. 11 Richard and Debra Grubb
Oct. 18 Mark and Jacqui Quinn

Oct. 22 John and Mary Connell
Oct. 23 Doug and Joanne Forsythe
Oct. 28 Michael and Briony Tomalesky

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.

The Church of the Good Shepherd • Dunedin, Florida

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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