



The Shepherd's Voice

MARCH

2011

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Your prayers are asked for Delia, Emily, Josephine, Vilmarie, Elvira, Destiny, Pamela, Jim, Nancy, Ron, George, Meagan, Donna, Norma, Carolyn, Franca, Robert, Madeline, Maria, Kathleen, Jennifer, Dan, Mike, Debbie, Donald, Jackie, Janice, Andy, Sonya, Angel and the children of the Carpenter's Kids program in Tanzania; we pray for an end to all war and armed conflict and for our service men and women on active duty. Your prayers are asked for Kristen for safety in childbirth. We remember and pray for the souls of the departed.

COMING EVENTS...

1st Work Session of 2011 is March 5, beginning at 9 AM . . . Chili & Chowder Festival is also March 5, at 5PM . . . Ash Wednesday is March 9. Services will be held at 8AM, 12Noon, & 6PM . . . Stations of the Cross will be offered Fridays in Lent at 6PM . . . The Annunciation and Charity Wine Tasting will be on Friday, March 25, at 6PM: a minimum suggested donation of \$30 per adult is asked at the door.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP...

Beginning in March, the Senior Fellowship Lunch Group will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the Month. In March we will meet in March 22.

CHILI & CHOWDER FESTIVAL...

The Chili and Chowder Festival will be held on Saturday, March 5, at 5PM. We had to postpone due to an ice storm. Child care will be provided!



FROM THE RECTOR: A HOLY LENT

The Reverend Matthew Mead

This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is March 9, nearly as late in the winter as it can be (the latest is March 10!). There are five Sundays in Lent (there are a number of ways to count up to and even beyond "40 days of Lent", so I tend to count by week), and the season of Lent transitions into Holy Week and Easter when we celebrate and read about the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. I like Lent. It certainly isn't a festive season like Christmastide or Easrtertide, but I think that there is much to commend about observing a holy and prayerful Lent. I believe that opening one's self to the simplicity and clarity of Lent can help to prepare and open one's heart for the Paschal Mystery celebrated so fully throughout Holy Week and Easter.

There will be some seasonal changes to the Sunday morning service in Lent. From Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday,

The Annunciation & Charity Wine Tasting Friday, March 25, 2011



On Friday, March 25, we will celebrate the Annunciation with Sung Holy Eucharist. The service will be followed by our second annual Charity Wine Tasting & Potluck dinner, hosted by the Outreach Committee.

All are invited to attend, we ask for a minimum donation of \$30 per adult at the door. Any wine that is offered for tasting may be purchased at the event at a discounted rate by the bottle, half case or case. The church receives a percentage of every bottle of wine that is sold, so if you plan to come and you like wine, this is a fabulous day to stock up your wine cellar for charity.

“Kyrie eleison” or “Lord have mercy” will replace “Gloria in excelsis” or “Glory to God in the highest” as the opening song of praise. Also, the word “alleluia” will drop entirely from the Holy Eucharist and Daily Office services. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, and continuing throughout Lent, Holy Week, Eastertide and concluding on the Day of Pentecost on June 12, we will use Eucharistic Prayer D. Prayer D is the longest Eucharistic Prayer offered in contemporary language in the Prayer Book. It is adapted from Saint Basil’s Liturgy (dated from the fourth century), and it is often called the ecumenical prayer because it is used in some form by many different western and eastern Christian denominations. This Eucharistic Prayer is particularly appropriate during Easter, which is and always has been the heart of the Christian year, because it paints a very complete picture of salvation history in Jesus Christ. Using the same Eucharistic Prayer throughout both Lent and Easter illustrates and helps us live out the reality that Lent does not stand alone; Lent prepares for and leads into Easter. Prayer D is very long and so we will use Form III of the Prayers of the People in Lent and Eastertide because that form is the shortest. The Lessons of Lent, in particular the Gospel accounts this year, are some of my favorites: in Year A, we read large passages from Saint John’s Gospel, including Jesus’

discussion with Nicodemus, the Woman at the Well, the Man born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus. Likewise, the hymn texts and music of Lent and Holy Week are beautiful and powerful.

In addition to the regular Sunday morning services and the midweek Daily Office (offered every Tuesday through Friday at 7:40 AM), there will be a few other ways offered at Good Shepherd to actively devote yourself to Christ this Lent.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. On Ash Wednesday the church will be open for prayer all day and the priest will be available to administer ashes (a small cross marked in ash on your forehead). The Liturgy of Penitence, Blessing & Administering of Ashes, and Holy Eucharist will be offered at 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon and 6:00 PM.

Stations of the Cross will be offered at 7:00 PM on Friday evenings throughout Lent, March 11 & 18 and April 1, 8 & 15 – the Annunciation is March 25 and Stations as well as most of the ritual of Lent will be suppressed that day.

Several Biblically themed movies will be shown in Lent. The first movie will be the Gospel according to John (2003, 124 minutes), shown on the First

WHY WE LOVE GOOD SHEPHERD

This article is the fourth in a series presented by the 2011 Stewardship Committee. If you are interested in submitting an article for the series, please speak to Father Matt; we'd love to print your submission! This month we continue the series with a note from Marshall and Mary Lou Kidder:

A building is not a church. How often have we heard that! But, somehow, Marshall and I feel that the walls of Good Shepherd are imbued with an aura of "be friendly with your neighbors." In the over thirty-five years that we have been members of Good Shepherd, many families have come and others have gone. Yet, the friendly, warm welcome that we received when we arrived still exists today.

Through the years we both have tried to participate in Church activities, such as being on the Vestry. In the late 1970's Marshall was much influenced by the biblical-based "The Late Great Planet Earth." Inspired, he came to know and become friends with many parishioners through his participation as stewardship chairman, search committees, choirmaster, playing the trumpet, and helping with the maintenance needed around the buildings. He has dealt professionally with water quality and septic needs and is acquainted with both the church and rectory requirements. In the Parish Hall, the Sunday school still uses the cabinet which he built.

Mary Lou was active in the Episcopal Churchwomen, the Saturday night annual meetings, choir, Financial Officer and, for a short time, the Altar Guild. Marshall and I (it took both of us) sewed eight Christmas tree skirts for the bazaar raffle, one each year.

Though not as active as we used to be (an elder citizen does have privileges), we do what we can to keep Good Shepherd on an even keel. Through lean times and not so lean times, Good Shepherd welcomes all races, ages, education and economic levels, and there is respect and love in all the pews.

We now have a fabulous photo gallery!



Visit www.GoodShepherdNY.org
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You can view pictures from events over the last year, and
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online community.

Sunday in Lent, March 13, 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM. The second movie will be The Passion of the Christ (graphic content, 2004, 127 minutes), shown on the Third Sunday in Lent, March 29, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM. The third movie will be The Prince of Egypt (animated, 1998, 99 minutes), shown on the Fifth Sunday in Lent (Family Sunday), April 10, 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM. The movies will be shown on Sunday afternoons at the church, in the Guild Room. A potluck lunch will be offered for each movie. Signup sheets are available in the hallway for each movie.

The Rector's 9:00 AM Sunday Morning Forum throughout Lent will discuss and study the Book of Genesis. The class will be divided into five parts. Part one will be Creation, Adam & Eve and Noah. Part two will be Abraham. Part three will be Isaac and Jacob. Parts four and five will be Joseph.

The Outreach Committee has two weekly goals during Lent. First, we hope to fill the **Food & Supplies Basket** at the back of the church every Sunday. We know that this is a big challenge, but we believe that working together we can provide a full basket to the Katonah Food Pantry. They need donations throughout the year. And the late winter and early spring is a time when there are fewer charity drives. The second goal is to collectively raise **\$500 in spare change** in time for the Offering for the Poor collected on **Maundy Thursday**. Traditionally the Maundy Thursday offering is given entirely to the poor, and the Vestry has determined it

will go directly to Episcopal Charities this year. We hope that six weeks of collected spare change will allow us to more than double our usual offering. A spare change basket will be placed at the back of the church throughout Lent. Collect the spare change you accumulate each week and add it to the basket. The money, together with the offering envelopes designated for Maundy Thursday that are in your envelope boxes, and the collection from the Maundy Thursday service will be blessed at the Maundy Thursday Liturgy on April 21.

Finally, the Stewardship Committee would like to invite those who have not pledged for 2011 to consider taking that leap of faith in Lent. We are very close to our goal of \$130,000 and 70 pledges. Right now, we have 61 pledges for nearly \$117,000. Pledging what you intend to give for the entire year, whatever the amount, takes faith in and a commitment to the mission of Good Shepherd. Our outreach, fellowship, and worship opportunities have increased because we are growing and thriving. I invite you to join me, the members of the stewardship committee, every member of the vestry, all of our parish officers, and over 60 families in our congregation in making a pledge to support the growth and mission of Good Shepherd.

Lent is a great time for all of us in some small way to mirror the supreme sacrifice that Jesus offered on the cross. Time spent learning and praying over the Scriptures (directly from the Bible,

The Big PURPLE BOX of Lent!!!!

40 days and 40 nights filled with things to do!

March 9, 2011, Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM, 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM: Ash Wednesday Service

Sundays in Lent

7:40 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 AM Said Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM Rector's Forum on the Book of Genesis

10:00 AM Sung Holy Eucharist

12:00 Noon (Lent 1,3,5) The Bible on the Big Screen!

Fridays in Lent (March 11 & 18; April 1, 8 & 15)

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

March 25, 2011, Friday, The Annunciation

6:00 PM Sung Holy Eucharist

7:00 PM Charity Wine Tasting

Charity & Outreach Opportunities

Spare Change Jar Added to Maundy Thursday offering.

Food & Supply Box Donated weekly to Food Pantry

Tuesdays – Fridays in Lent

7:40 AM Morning Prayer

Senior Fellowship Lunch Group

12:00 Noon, Tuesday March 22

The Big RED BOX of Holy Week & Easter!!!

7 days and 7 nights of Prayer, Worship and Fun!!!

April 17, 2011, Palm/Passion Sunday

7:40 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 AM Palms & Said Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM Palms, Procession & Sung Holy Eucharist

Tuesday – Saturday in Holy Week

7:40 AM Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon Noonday Prayer **except Tuesday*

6:00 PM Evening Prayer

April 21, 2011, Maundy Thursday

6:30 PM Agape Dinner: Mediterranean Potluck

7:30 PM Celebration of the Lord's Supper

April 22, 2011, Good Friday

6:30 PM Soup & Bread Potluck Dinner

7:30 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 23, 2011, Saturday, Easter Eve

6:30 PM Pasta Potluck Dinner

7:30 PM The Great Vigil of Easter

9:00 PM The 1st Toast of Easter!!!!

April 24, 2011, Easter Sunday

7:40 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 AM Said Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM Sung Holy Eucharist

11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt & Festive Coffee Hour

in a worship or devotional service, and even in adapted cinema) will bear the fruit of evangelism at some point. Money and donations given to the poor is a way that any of us can "love our neighbor". This year take up the chance to live a holy Lent, and pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will grow in you so that what you have taken up in Lent may become part of your regular daily Christian life.

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PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE!

From the Stewardship Committee

Great news everyone! We have \$116,722 from 61 pledges for 2011. We are 90% of the way towards our goal of \$130,000. After sending out a follow up letter to over 50 families and individuals in our greater parish family at the start of February, we have received two additional pledges! If you have not yet made a financial pledge for 2011 we hope that you will consider making one. People don't "pledge to the budget", they make the pledge to the church, to themselves, and to God, but the reality is that our budget is determined by the amount of money that is pledged. With your continued support, we are confident that we can bring in another \$13,000 in pledges for 2011.

Special thanks to everyone who has already made a pledge for 2011!

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**CHARITY WINE TASTING :
FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2011**

From the Wine Tasting Committee

The Second Annual Annunciation Charity Wine Tasting will be on Friday, March 25, 2011. You've probably heard about the date, you've probably heard about the signup sheet, you've probably heard about the tickets... but you also probably have some questions, so we thought it might be helpful to offer a few questions that we have heard and give a few simple answers...

What is the Annunciation?

Every year the church celebrates certain feasts on certain dates. The Annunciation is celebrated on March 25 (if that date falls in Holy Week or Easter Week, the feast is "transferred" to the first convenient date after Easter). The Annunciation celebrates the announcement by the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she will have a son, Jesus. Nine months later we celebrate Christmas! On the Annunciation many familiar hymns and readings are used: the classic hymn "The Angel Gabriel from heaven came" is always sung on Annunciation!

Why are we doing a Wine Tasting on Annunciation?

One of the things Father Matt began when he arrived as rector was to celebrate certain Holy Days with a big annual celebration. For example, on September 29, we have a church service followed by an Oktoberfest

***Sunday & Holy Day
Attendance for February***

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, January 30, 2010: 106
Eve of Candlemas, Feb 1, 2010: 2 (Ice Storm)

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, February 6, 2010: 114
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, February 13, 2010: 93
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, February 20, 2010: 74

**Total Sunday Attendance for 2011: 845
Average Sunday attendance for 2011: 106**

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Happy Birthday!!!

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| 03/01 | <i>Bubeck, Robert</i> |
| 03/03 | <i>Mattos, Victoria</i> |
| 03/03 | <i>Jones, Charlotte</i> |
| 03/03 | <i>Parsons, Margaret</i> |
| 03/04 | <i>Lewis, Jessie</i> |
| 03/07 | <i>Weig, Jeff</i> |
| 03/08 | <i>Corcione, Amanda</i> |
| 03/08 | <i>Jones, Lara</i> |
| 03/09 | <i>Kordys, Max</i> |
| 03/10 | <i>Mulholland, Vilma</i> |
| 03/14 | <i>Weig, Evan</i> |
| 03/15 | <i>Alexander, Brittany</i> |
| 03/17 | <i>Barlow, Thelma</i> |
| 03/29 | <i>Sciarabba, Dawn</i> |
| 03/31 | <i>Alexander, Ashley</i> |

Server & Reader Schedule

Sunday, March 6, Last Epiphany

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| Chalice | Fran DiBernardo |
| Acolytes | Abbey Vesperman Emily Vesperman Claire Hintze |
| OT Reader | Jim Corning |
| NT Reader | Marshall Kidder |
| Prayers | Jan Corning |
| Ushers | Sally Stevens Rick Vesperman |

Sunday, March 13, Lent 1

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| Chalice | Gwen Greene |
| Acolytes | Kayleigh Kenny Liam Kenny Claire Hintze |
| OT Reader | Wilfried Haensch |
| NT Reader | Gwen Greene |
| Prayers | Arleen Flury |
| Ushers | Bob Velzy Bernie Sotter |

Sunday, March 20, Lent 2

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| Chalice | Diane Buschel |
| Acolytes | Kayleigh Kenny Melody Rubino Liam Kenny |
| OT Reader | Fay Wright |
| NT Reader | Fran DiBernardo |
| Prayers | Bob Bubeck |
| Ushers | Mike Hiller Arleen Flury Bernie Sotter |

Friday, March 25, Annunciation

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| Chalice | Phil Levy |
| Acolytes | Melody Rubino Claire Hintze |
| OT Reader | Jan Corning |
| NT Reader | Sally Stevens |
| Prayers | Wilfried Haensch |
| Ushers | Arleen Flury Glenn Hintze |

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celebration (Oktoberfest officially begins at the end of September); on Ascension Day, celebrated 40 days after Easter, in the late spring, as the days are getting longer and people are getting outside more, we have a church service followed by a Grilled Steak Dinner; on Candlemas, which is celebrated in the deepest darkest part of winter at the start of February, we have a church service and then we have a HOT chili and chowder competition! Since we are generally stuck inside in March, but not quite as likely to be snowed in, it seemed like an ideal time to attach a wine tasting to a church service. The basic idea is to offer fun events that are at church, involve church, and not necessarily churchy. Good People, Good Times, Good Shepherd!

What time is church? What time is the Wine Tasting?

The Church service begins at 6:00 PM. It will be a Sung Holy Eucharist. We have generally had 35-50 people at our weeknight Holy Day services. The Wine Tasting begins at 7:00 PM. Last year we had about 70 people at the Wine Tasting. You can come to either events or both, depending on your schedule!

Is there Child Care? Is this a Family Event?

Child Care for children of any age is available beginning at 5:55PM, and continuing until 9:00 PM. In addition, we plan to show a movie (Toy Story 3) in our Guild Room for kids of all ages. That way you can enjoy the church service and you can enjoy the charity Wine Tasting! Food is available at the Wine Tasting and food will be provided for children in the Nursery (please sign up so we have a good idea who will be coming). If you have kids – and you want a night out that covers all of your bases (good church, fun people, child care, not too late bedtime, delicious food, charitable cause) then this is for

you! It's the definition of a perfect Family Event!

How much does it cost?

The church service is free. As always, there will be a collection at the Offertory, and some of the collection will likely be used to pay for the cost of child care and music for the evening. Child care for the evening is also free. The Wine Tasting is an event designed to raise money for the church and for charity. We are asking \$30 minimum donation per adult (kids are free). You can buy a ticket in advance or you can pay at the door. We hope that many people will buy a ticket in advance so we have a better idea of how many people are coming.

What is a Wine Tasting?

We are thrilled that our friends from Suburban Wine in Yorktown will be providing wine for the evening. At a Wine Tasting, adults are given a glass and move around the room sampling different types of wine. In general each sample poured into your glass is a little more than a few sips. Every table is equipped with a "pour bucket" so that those who only want a single sip can enjoy the flavor and then pour the rest into the bucket. Water is available to refresh your palette, quench your thirst, and rinse out your glass! Passed appetizers and other food are also available. In general a Wine Tasting is a lot more like a culinary journey than a trip to a local pub, the idea is to learn about different wines, and try very small samples to get an idea of what different wines taste like.

Can I buy wine? Do I have to buy wine?

You can buy wine, but you are not required to buy any wine! The wines that are tasted will be sold at the event. These wines are always discounted, so you are getting a good deal on top of everything else! You can pay by cash or

Server & Reader Schedule

Sunday, March 27, Lent 3

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| Chalice | Dorothy Baeder |
| Acolytes | Abbey Vesperman |
| | Emily Vesperman |
| | Claire Hintze |
| OT Reader | Jim Corning |
| NT Reader | Marshall Kidder |
| Prayers | Jan Corning |
| Ushers | Sally Stevens |
| | Rick Vesperman |

Saturday, March 5, 2011

9AM-4PM Work Session



We will clean up and do minor repairs to the interior of the church and parish hall. All skill levels of workers are needed! If you can come, please sign up so we have an idea how many people are working! A signup sheet is in the hall.

5PM Chili & Chowder Festival



The Chili & Chowder Festival was postponed from February 1 due to an ice storm. Join us for an evening of food and fun! Child care is provided! A signup sheet is in the hall.



credit card. Because of the nature of the event, you will have to pick up your wine a day or two later at Suburban Wines in Yorktown. Good Shepherd gets a percentage of every single bottle that is sold at the event. Last year a large portion of the money we raised came from our percentage of those bottles and cases that were purchased. This is a great time to buy a few bottles for future dinners or gifts because each and every bottle sold raises more money for the church and the charity!

What Charity does this support

All proceeds from admission fees and wine sold will go to support the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Keon Center in Yorktown. The Keon Center is a non-profit agency that has served the developmentally disabled since 1954.

Can I bring friends who don't go to church?

Yes! You can bring friends who don't go to church. You can bring friends who don't know what a church is. You can bring everyone you have ever met. The worship service is "attached" to the Wine Tasting, but that doesn't mean everyone can or will want to go to both events. Last year many of our friends came for the Wine Tasting at 7:00 PM. We are thrilled to have them here and we welcome their support!

When is the Wine Tasting?

Friday, March 25, 2011. The service for Annunciation begins at 6:00 PM. The Wine Tasting follows at 7:00 PM. All are invited. Child care is provided for both events, between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

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The Church of the Good Shepherd is the Episcopal church in Granite Springs, New York. In 1901 a worshipping community in the area of West Somers (as Granite Springs was then known) formed, gathering for prayer meetings in private homes, and the cornerstone of the original chapel, located on Mahopac Avenue just north of Granite Springs Road, was laid in 1904 (the bell in front of the present building is from the original chapel). To accommodate the growing community, a larger church was built on the present site during the 1950s and consecrated in 1958.

All are welcome to enter and pray at Good Shepherd and to join in our services of worship. In the Episcopal Church all baptized persons are invited to receive the Holy Communion: persons who do not wish to receive the Holy Communion are also invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing. If you believe God may be calling you to a new relationship with him through Jesus Christ we want to be of help. Whether you want to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, receive the laying on of hands by the bishop in the sacramental rite of Confirmation or transfer your membership from another church or denomination, joining Good Shepherd is easy, just speak to Father Matthew Mead. The Episcopal Church welcomes you!



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