



## IN OUR PRAYERS...

Your prayers are asked for Jose, John, Esther, Sam, Dick, Josephine, Joan, Harrison, Ryder, Susan, Billy, Sari, Margaret, Barbara, David, Melissa, Marybeth, Rubye, Ruth, Henry, Delia, Emily, Josephine, Destiny, Jim, Nancy, Ron, George, Donna, Carolyn, Franca, Robert, Madeline, Maria, Kathleen, Jennifer, Dan, Mike, Debbie, and Donald, and for Jan, Matthew and Sarah on their mission trip to Isava, Tanzania, for the children of the Carpenter's Kids program in Tanzania, for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem, for our service men and women on active duty, and for Sandy, Jeanine, Becky for safety in childbirth. . And we pray for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!...

We offer great thanksgiving for the marriage of Ashley Gardineer and Adam Fetzer!!! Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs Fetzer!! They were married at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Friday, July 29, 2011.



Good Shepherd, Granite Spring



## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

*The Reverend Matthew Mead*

As I type this, the roof is being ripped off the Parish Hall. I can hear pounding and rumblings above me, I can see men working tirelessly in the back lot and behind the building, and I can smell the rot of old shingles freshly removed from our crumbling roof. I took the photo above just a few moments ago, on Thursday, August 11, 2011. Tomorrow, August 12, the new boiler installation begins. And on Saturday, August 13, I believe that the Memorial Garden Path will once again be filled with workers from Somers Scout Troop 228, led by Alex Mattos. This is the beginning of a season of physical plant renewal at Good Shepherd. There is much to tell and much to be thankful for!

The roof project began, for me, on September 15, 2009, my first day on the job as Rector of Good Shepherd. Phil Levy, then our property Warden, came into my office and told me that the roof on the church and parish hall was on its last legs. A representative from Property Support at the Diocese was scheduled to come out in the next week, and Phil wanted to make sure I was available. We ended up rescheduling the meeting, but the ground work for the roof repair had



already been laid by Phil and other members of the Vestry. Phil had gotten estimates for the roof and had begun the necessary conversation with the Diocese. We needed to get it done, but we needed to do it right and we needed to pay for it. Putting a new roof on a church is not easier said than done: it's difficult to say it too!

Bruce Barber took over for Phil as property Warden in 2010 – Phil was sidelined for health reasons for much of 2010. I remember Bruce coming into my office right after he was elected warden and sitting down to have a conversation about the roof: "Phil says we need to replace the roof, but we don't have enough money to replace the roof." The first order of business was to see how much longer the roof could last before it began leaking. Bruce got several estimates on the vitality of the roof and the unanimous professional opinion was that we could probably get through 2010 and into 2011. If we had a mild winter in 2010-2011 then maybe we could get into 2012, but the odds were against us (and in any event you may recall we did not have a mild winter in 2010-2011). We had enough time to put the project on the side-burner until we could come up with a solid plan. In the meantime we focused on smaller projects.

**On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the 10:00 AM service, the Senior Group will host a "Kids Connection". The goal is to see how many items from "our" generation we can find that have become obsolete (or out-of-date), the purpose of which will stump the "younger" generation. For example, in the Church kitchen, on the counter next to the refrigerator is an item not found in most of our homes now which many of our younger children have never used. Can you find it? If you can dig up such an item, we'd appreciate borrowing it. We'd like to have them brought to our next meeting which will be Sun. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> in the Guild Room following the 10:00 AM service. Please join us in making this a fun project, connecting generations.**

**Leslie Fulton & Nancy Anderson for the Senior Group**



In the Spring of 2010 the Vestry Grants Committee submitted a detailed grant proposal to the First Step Grant Committee of the Diocese of New York. First Step grants are designed to help parishes make that first step into financial health after a period of growth. At that time we had experienced rapid growth in attendance, membership, and pledging, and it seemed like a good time to try to deal with some of the deferred maintenance (beyond the roof) around the parish. We asked for



everything including new carpets, new paint, new electric fixtures, and even a new kitchen sink. Our grant was rejected on the grounds that we were asking for too much from a Grant Committee with very limited means. The First Step Committee felt a more appropriate venue for us was either a grant or loan from Diocesan Property Support or a grant from the Bedell Fund of Saint Matthew's Church, Bedford. It turned out that those suggestions were exactly what we needed. Our Vestry Grants Committee looked into each of these options and discussed what proposal we should submit. After discussing our needs, such as new blacktop for the lot and driveways (the rectory driveway is half broken blacktop and half weeds right now), new carpets and paint throughout the building, a completely renovated kitchen, and new bathrooms, we came to unanimous agreement that the roof, rather than any of these other less urgent deferred maintenance issues, should be the heart of our grant request.

In late 2011 the Vestry Grants Committee, consisting of me, Bruce Barber, Jim Corning, Jan Corning, Maria Kapriellian, and Sally Stevens met for an evening with the Bedell Fund Committee and secured a commitment for a grant covering half of our roof project, up to a total grant of \$50,000, pending final review of our estimates and full proposal by the Bedell Committee and Diocesan Property Support. Our initial project was estimated at about \$80,000.

Over the next few months Bruce worked tirelessly to get different estimates, and Bruce and I met several times with representatives from Diocesan Property Support. We immediately hit a snag: Property Support would not sign off on any roof replacement that didn't include insulation. You see, the roofs of the church complex have never been insulated; that is one of the reasons why it's so hot in the

## Memorial Garden Woodland Path Project Update

*Alex Mattos*

There have been two days of hard work put in so far. Many scouts from Troop 228, Somers have been working and certainly have made a difference. In two days we have worked 76 person hours. The suggested person hours is 100 so I feel I am well on my way!

The first day we got  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way done with the trail. This included: clearing the path of leaves, twigs and roots, laying and staking down weed block, and spreading mulch over the weed block. The second day we finished the trail and got rid of many stumps that could cause problems in the future.

We have made a lot of progress in two short days thanks to the many volunteers that have pitched in so far. We still have a lot left to do. Remaining on this list is, putting edging down the entire trail, installing 2 or 3 benches (donations welcome), put in plants (donations still welcomed - shade only and not a snack for deer please). I have made the entrance in between two beautiful pine trees. I think perhaps installing a sign between the trees would look amazing. Don't you??

More updates will be coming as work progresses. I'll be away at track camp for a few weeks, but I can't wait to make more progress. If anyone wants to volunteer, please drop me an email at [alexmttos54@gmail.com](mailto:alexmttos54@gmail.com).



## Outreach News

*Dear God, You sent us Jesus, whose compassion never failed; that by following his example, we may bring healing to this hurting world. We ask that you show us how to be the arms and legs of Christ in the world today and to follow where you lead without fear or hesitation. So that we are compelled to offer our very selves in loving response to those in need. Amen.*

Where do we start in answering God's call for compassion? The world is a large place and many before us have wrestled with this same question. We can focus on our immediate surroundings and then draw ever larger circles around that. Every time we look at a new circle we find more people in need. We can work in the smallest circle, our neighborhood; the next larger one, our national community - for instance, helping families in distress due to natural disasters; or the largest circle, the international community across continents and oceans. The further we reach out, the less likely it is that we have a personal relationship with those in need, unless we take it upon ourselves to meet them where they are! We can walk with them a part of the way to share the love of Christ by our presence and once we are there, we can accomplish miraculous things!

To help us focus on parts of the globe that are out of our immediate neighborhood, the Episcopal Church supports the

church when the sun is out and so cold in the winter. Putting insulation on a building that has never had insulation is not an easy thing: the insulation is several inches thick and a solution to ensuring that insulation is not left exposed has to be worked out.

At first, initial estimates of a new roof with insulation were about twice as much as what we estimated the cost would be when we met with Bedell. Paying for the roof up front was not the main problem, our real problem was being able to pay off any loans we secured. Assuming Property Support signed off on our project, they were also willing to assist us with a grant and low interest loans. That meant that if the project was \$100,000 or more we could get about \$35,000 from Property Support, \$50,000 from Bedell, and the rest would come from loans. The Vestry determined that we could realistically pay no more than \$30,000 in loans, which meant we could probably do what we needed to do, but not everything that we hoped.

Bruce worked with Property Support and several roofing contractors to work out a variety of plans covering different amounts of work for different costs. We ended up with Option 6. This plan calls for complete roof replacement over the Church and Parish Hall; the Church Nave and Parish Hall will also be insulated; the roof over the Sacristy, Office, and Boiler Room will be replaced, but due to the fact that that part of the Church has an attic, internal insulation will be done by parishioners in the Autumn; since the flat roof portions over the Breezeway and Guild Room are not in as dire shape, they will be repainted with silver coating which should give those portions of the roof a minimum of five more years before they need to be dealt with again; the entire complex will get new gutters and leaders. The total estimate for the project is \$113,935 with a total budget of \$115,000, and that is broken down as follows: \$50,000 grant from Bedell Fund, \$34,500 Property Support Grant, \$30,500 Property Support Loan, which will be in the amount of \$338.61/month for 10 years.

The Roof Project began August 10, 2011 (my birthday!). They will strip and reroof the Parish Hall first. That should take between two to four weeks. Then they will strip and reroof the Church, which will also take about two to four weeks (there will be some overlap). Finally, they will recoat the flat roof portions and finish all gutter and leader work. Construction will last throughout



August and well into September and maybe even October. My personal hope is that we have a brand new roof by the time Bishop Sisk visits us on September 29, 2011.

I cannot tell you how much thanks and appreciation Bruce Barber, Phil Levy, and the members of the Grants Committee deserve. In a very real way, they have ensured that Good Shepherd will be a warm and hospitable place for at least another generation. They put hours of time and thought into this project, and I appreciate all that they have done. Thanks so much Bruce! Thanks so much Phil! Thanks to the Vestry and members of the Grants Committee! Thanks to the Bedell Fund Committee and the people of Saint Matthew's Church! Thanks to everyone at Diocesan Property Support!

The actual roof work is only one part of a larger project. There are two major hands-on parts, as well as the installation of a new boiler. I mentioned that we need to install insulation in the attic. Our budget covers the cost of buying the insulation, but we will need your time and hands installing it. The second hands-on task that we need to do this Autumn is the creation and installation of storm windows in the Church, Office, and Parish Hall. Our windows are single pane, leaded windows, and they let out lots of heat and they are drafty. Simple wood frame and Lexan storm windows can easily be built and installed. The final part of this same project is the installation of a new boiler. The boiler, which was less than ten years old and died at the end of last winter, was under warranty so the replacement parts are free, but we have to pay for the installation. Property Support gave us an emergency loan of \$4,400, a five year loan at \$85 per month. With a new boiler, insulation on the roof and in the attic, and the storm windows installed, we anticipate that our actual out-of-pocket money spent on energy should be about 1/2 that per month. That should mean that our annual budget doesn't get hit with thousands of added expenses.

In the next few weeks, Bruce and I will begin making announcements for one or two work days this Autumn. When the date is announced, please make time to help out. The more people we have, the faster this essential work can be done.

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Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). These eight goals were established by the United Nations in 2000 to reduce the number of people living in extreme poverty throughout the world. These countries pledged to achieve the goals by 2015...which is not very far off anymore. The Episcopal Church remains deeply committed to the eight MDGs through several pathways. We encourage you to visit the websites below to learn more about the goals and our Episcopalian response to global suffering:

Episcopal Relief and Development:

[www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org)

ONE Episcopalian:

[www.episcopalchurch.org/ONE](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ONE)

Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation:

[www.e4gr.org](http://www.e4gr.org)

**The first meeting of the Outreach Committee will be September 11 after the 8:00 & 10:00 services.** All are invited to attend! We plan to discuss and create a calendar of outreach projects for the next year, so please let us know about your activities before then, if possible.

We can be reached by email at [haensch5@aol.com](mailto:haensch5@aol.com), by cell phone (914) 419-3721 (Nancy), (914) 954-3913 (Wilfried), or after church.

**Hope to see you on September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Nancy & Wilfried



## THINKING EPISCOPALIANS

*You are a person of faith and you are a person who thinks before acting. It's time to spend six hours each month this Fall and Winter thinking and learning about your church, your denomination, and your God.*

*Each month we will have several evenings of classes. Classes are scheduled so that there is a break every few weeks. Classes will always meet on Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Each evening is divided into two sessions. The first session will last 55 minutes and will be followed by a 10 minute break. The second session will last 55 minutes. The class will conclude at 9:00 PM. Participants are invited to organize a potluck dinner system or bring dinner if they would like to. A signup sheet will be in the Hallway to gauge interest in a potluck or rotational (someone takes each week) dinner.*

*The first session each class will be "The Bible". Much of this session will be taken up reading the actual texts. By the end of the class we will have read all four Gospels and all of the Pastoral Letters. In 2012-2013 we will read Acts, the Letters of Paul, and Revelation. The second session of each class will be "The Episcopal Church & Beyond". This session will cover a wide range of topics, but will focus on the Prayer Book, Canons & Constitution of the Episcopal Church, and the Sacraments.*

*These classes are designed for adults and also for anyone who is interested in being a part of the Confirmation class for 2013 Confirmations. It is hoped that all Confirmands, their sponsors and their parents will make an effort to attend all (or at least most) of these classes.*

## September 2011: THINKING EPISCOPALIANS

### **September 13, 2011**

Part 1: History of the written Gospels: who wrote what, for whom, and when

Part 2: History of the Book of Common Prayer

### **September 20, 2011**

Part 1: The Gospel of Mark 1 of 2: Read chapters 1-8

Part 2: Making a change to the Book of Common Prayer

### **September 27, 2011**

Part 1: The Gospel of Mark 2 of 2: Read chapters 9-16

Part 2: The 1982 Hymnal and the hymnody of the Episcopal Church



## October 2011: THINKING EPISCOPALIANS

### October 11, 2011

Part 1: The Gospel of Matthew: Read chapters 1-9

Part 2: The Holy Eucharist: Why do we do what we do

### October 18, 2011

Part 1: The Gospel of Matthew: Read chapters 10-18

Part 2: The Holy Eucharist: Eucharistic imagery and theology

### October 25, 2011

Part 1: The Gospel of Matthew: Read chapters 19-28

Part 2: The Structure, Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church: So, we get to elect our own bishop... how did that happen and what does it mean for me?

## November 2011: THINKING EPISCOPALIANS

### November 15, 2011

Part 1: Comparing the Gospels of Mark and Matthew

Part 2: The Canons and Resolutions of the Church: why they matter and how they affect your life

### November 22, 2011

Part 1: The Gospel of Luke: Read chapters 1-6

Part 2: Marriage & Human Sexuality (it is highly recommended that you come to the classes on September 20, October 25 & November 15 before this class).



## December 2011: THINKING EPISCOPALIANS

### December 6, 2011

Part 1: The Gospel of Luke: Read chapters 7-12

Part 2: Ordination: what does it mean to be a lay person, deacon, priest, or bishop? What do these orders do?

### December 13, 2011

Part 1: The Gospel of Luke: Read chapters 13-18

Part 2: Confession: Yup, the Episcopal Church has confession and the rite was designed specifically for you and me.

### December 20, 2011

Part 1: The Gospel of Luke: Read chapters 19-24

Part 2: The History and theology of Christmas (and Advent)

## January 2012: THINKING EPISCOPALIANS

### January 10, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of John: Read chapters 1-6

Part 2: Saints: William Wilberforce 1 of 2: We will watch Amazing Grace (2 hour movie)

### January 17, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of John: Read chapters 7-12

Part 2: Saints: William Wilberforce 2 of 2: We will watch Amazing Grace (2 hour movie)

### January 24, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of John: Read chapters 13-17

Part 2: Saints: Martin Luther 1 of 2: We will watch Luther (2 hour movie)

### January 31, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of John: Read chapters 18-21

Part 2: Saints: Martin Luther 2 of 2: We will watch Luther (2 hour movie)



## February 2012: THINKING EPISCOPALIANS

### February 7, 2012

Part 1: Comparing John & Luke

Part 2: Scripture and the music of Bob Marley, the Rolling Stones, the Beatles, and others

### February 14, 2012

Part 1: Noncanonical & Secret Gospels: Gospel of Peter, Thomas, Mary, Judas, etc.

Part 2: The Christian Calendar

### February 21, 2012

Part 1: Comparing the Gospels

Part 2: The History of the Stations of the Cross

### February 28, 2012

Part 1: The Letter of James & the Letter of Jude

Part 2: Lord, teach us to pray: An hour of African Bible Study over the Lord's Prayer.

## March 2012: THINKING EPISCOPALIANS

### March 6, 2012

Part 1: The Letters of John

Part 2: Lord, teach us to pray: A one hour Quiet Day

### March 13, 2012

Part 1: The Letters of Peter

Part 2: Lord, teach us to pray: Praying the Daily Office: How do I pray Evening Prayer?

### March 20, 2012

Part 1: The Letter to the Hebrews 1-7

Part 2: Lord, teach us to pray: Praying the Daily Office: Experience Solemn Evensong

### March 27, 2012

Part 1: The Letter to the Hebrews 8-13

Part 2: Lord, teach us to pray: Living into the Liturgy and Prayers of Holy Week



## Server & Reader Schedule

### Sunday, August 14

Chalice	Dorothy Baeder
Acolytes	Jesse Lewis
OT Reader	Jim Corning
NT Reader	Wilfried Haensch
Prayers	Jan Corning
Ushers	Glenn Hintz Arleen Flury

### Sunday, August 21

Chalice	Phil Levy
Acolytes	Claire Hintze Melody Rubino
OT Reader	Marshall Kidder
NT Reader	Gwen Greene
Prayers	Fay Wright
Ushers	Bob Velzy Bernie Sotter

### Sunday, August 28

Chalice	Diane Buschel
Acolytes	Abbey Vesperman Emily Vesperman
OT Reader	Chris Palmer
NT Reader	Fran DiBernardo
Prayers	Bob Bubeck
Ushers	Rick Vesperman Sally Stevens

## September 11, 2011, Sunday

**Blessing of Backpacks  
& 9/11/01 Remembrance Service**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

11:00 AM The Outreach Committee Meeting.

11:00 AM Sunday School Signup

## September 14, 2011, Wednesday

**Holy Cross Day**

**The Rector's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary at Good Shepherd**

6:00 PM Holy Eucharist

6:45 PM Hot Wing & Lemonade Festival

## September 29, 2011, Thursday

**Michaelmas & Bishop's Visitation**

6:00 PM Sung Holy Eucharist

with Bishop Sisk as Celebrant and Preacher

7:00 PM Oktoberfest

## October 28, 2011, Friday

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Good Shepherd Awards Dinner  
& Fund Raiser**

Dinner, Silent Auction & Raffle

\$65 per person

More information will be available in the next issue  
of the Shepherd's Voice

## Michaelmas & Oktoberfest



Thursday, September 29, 2011

Sung Mass at 6PM  
Celebrant & Preacher  
The Right Reverend Mark Sisk

*Child care is provided*

***Oktoberfest celebration following the service!!!***

*featuring traditional food and beverages:  
whole roasted pork, various (potluck) sides,  
draught ale & lager, soda & other beverages!*



## Happy Birthday to you!!!!

08/01 Luke Palmer  
08/02 Jennifer Gardineer  
08/05 Zachary Palmer  
08/06 Robert Velzy  
08/06 Daniel Galloway  
08/10 Matthew Mead  
08/11 Carolyn (Ringer) Lepre  
08/16 Scott Palmer  
08/18 Amanda Slattery  
08/23 Jean Barber  
08/31 Ashley Gardineer  
08/31 Scott Jones

### ***Sunday & Holy Day Attendance for July***

The Third Sunday after Pentecost, July 3, 2010: 70  
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, July 10, 2010: 85  
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 17, 2010: 74  
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 24, 2010: 75  
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 31, 2010: 75

**Total Weekday Attendance for 2011: 533**  
**Total Sunday Attendance for 2011: 3111**  
**Average Sunday attendance for 2011: 100**



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