



## IN OUR PRAYERS...

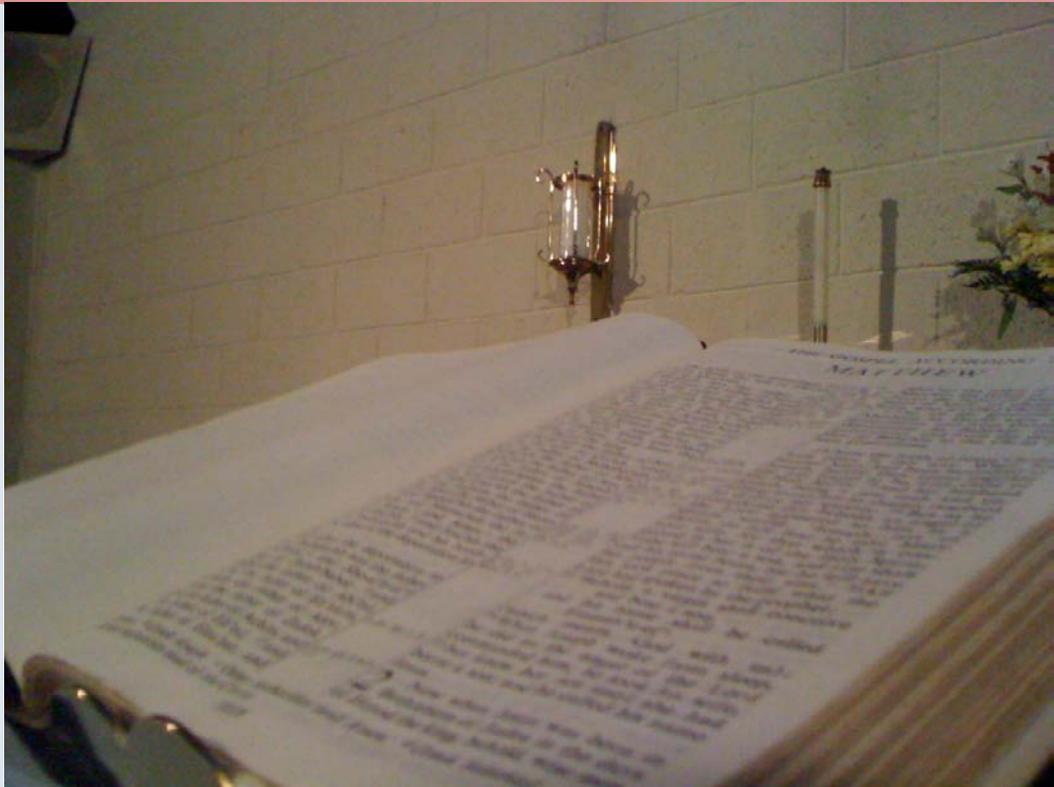
Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, we pray especially for the children of the Carpenter's Kids program in Tanzania, for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem, for our service men and women on active duty, and for Sandy, Jeanine, Becky for safety in childbirth, and we give thanks for the baptism of Maximus David Hohwald on August 28, 2011. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, give them hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Your prayers are asked especially for Andreana, Horace, Jose, John, Esther, Sam, Dick, Josephine, Joan, Harrison, Ryder, Susan, Billy, Sari, Margaret, Barbara, David, Melissa, Marybeth, Rubye, Ruth, Henry, Delia, Emily, Josephin, Jim, Nancy, Ron, George, Donna, Carolyn, Franca, Robert, Madeline, Maria, Kathleen, Jennifer, Dan, Mike, Debbie, and Donald. 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 Korey Gross and Jennifer Delahoz!!! Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs Fetzer!! They were married on Sunday, August 14, 2011. Two photos from the wedding are inside this issue of the Voice.

## NOMINEES: BISHOP COADJUTOR

Throughout the year Father Matt has served on the Committee To Elect A Bishop. We are electing a new Bishop Coadjutor (who will eventually become the next Bishop of New York when Bishop Sisk retires) on Saturday, October 29, 2011. The Nominees chosen by the Committee will be announced on Monday, August 29. On Monday, please visit: <http://www.diocesenyny.org/> and click on the link for Bishop Coadjutor in the grey/brown box on the left of the main page.



## Back to School!

*The Reverend Matthew Mead*

In our first year in Seminary at Yale Divinity School, most of my classmates and I took a year-long Introduction of the Old Testament. One of the first passages that we looked at in discussion/study sections was Noah and the Flood. Our section TA, John Ahn passed out two sheets of paper. The first was the scriptural passage of the Flood.... so was the second. Each passage narrated the familiar story of Noah, but the details were quite different. John explained that the Noah account was one of many places that the earlier written sources which went into Genesis could be discerned. In this case, it was possible to pull two complete flood stories out of the text.

As a lifelong Christian and Episcopalian, I think it's fair to say that I had taken the Scriptures for granted. They had always been there and I had never really done more than hear the lessons on Sunday or read the occasional book. I was very familiar with the Bible, but until that moment I didn't realize that familiarity and understanding were two very different things. It had never occurred to me that there were or even could be sources for Genesis.



## Dinner for Eight

**The Fall Dinner for Eight rota will be announced on Monday, August 29. If you are interested in joining up (Summer Dinner for Eight members are already in the mix), please speak to Nicole Mead this weekend!**

## Roof Update

**The Roof replacement is moving along quickly – thanks to the mostly sunny weather on weekdays! The insulation and weather proofing has been installed on the Parish Hall and most of the Church. Shingling will begin in the next few days. The Shingle color (charcoal) was chosen by the Vestry to match the Rectory.**

After giving us these different texts to read, John said something that I will never forget. He said (as far as I can recall): “All of you have come to Yale Divinity School to learn about your faith. You were probably good Christians who helped out in your churches and you cherish your faith. For most of you, your faith is a lot like a beautiful crystal ball. You hold on to tightly and occasionally you show it off to a few people, but in reality, your faith, like a crystal ball, is as delicate as it is beautiful. For many of you, it might seem like I just knocked that beautiful crystal ball out of your hands and smashed it on the floor. Over the next few years we will pick up the pieces, and we will slowly glue them back together, and when you leave Yale, you will have a crystal and glue ball - like a beautiful basketball - that you can easily pass to others and that won't break when someone tries to knock it out of your hands.”

The experience was eye opening. As someone who was training for a ministry in the church, I suddenly realized what a great responsibility I had. People would be coming to me for answers about things. It was at that moment that I realized I had a lot to learn, and it would take far more than the three years of Seminary that I had ahead of me. I also came to the realization that being a priest wasn't where the responsibility lay, it was being a Christian. How many times had I heard friends or friends of friends say something about the Bible or about the church that I knew was wrong but I didn't know why? How many times



could a little bit of education about my faith have made a difference in someone else's understanding and view of the church? How many people had I encountered who were seeking an answer and had found in me only silence or a shrug of the shoulders?

My faith was greatly strengthened by learning about the Bible. We didn't just read it and reflect on it - come to think about it, we did very little reflecting at Yale - what we did was dissect it and immerse ourselves in it. And by doing that, I began to be able to speak about the Bible without worrying that someone might know more about it than I did, without worrying that someone who wasn't a Christian might ask me something about my faith that left me without a response.

I believe that Christians have a responsibility to learn about the Bible and about their church. At any moment one of us may be called on to answer that age old question: "Why do you go to church?" - and it's not only friends who ask that, most of the time it's phrased "Why do we go to church?" and it's asked by members of our family. At any moment any of us could be given the chance to correct a false assumption about the church or about the Bible. Any week at Good Shepherd can bring an opportunity to make a decision as a vestry member or step in to help with a Sunday School class or as a reader. As Episcopalians, we elect our leaders, and we teach our children (at home and at church), and that means that we share in the responsibility of running and growing our church.

## Boiler Update

**The new Boiler has been installed.**

## Work Session

**We will have a work session on Saturday, September 17 (from 9AM to 4PM). We will be installing insulation in the attic and bricks into the Memorial Garden. We are also planning to do some masonry work on the back steps. If you have any questions about the Work Day, please contact Bruce Barber. Lunch will be provided and we will celebrate a day well worked with a late afternoon beverage in the Rectory Back Yard. In the event of rain, we will reschedule to Saturday, September 24.**

## Morning Prayer is BACK!

**Beginning at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, September 13, Morning Prayer will once again be offered Tuesday through Friday. The time has been moved on weekdays to 8:00 AM due to the Primrose Bus Schedule. Sunday MP is still at 7:40 AM.**



**Thursday, September 1, 2011**

Rector's Vacation (All Day)

**Friday, September 2, 2011**

Rector's Vacation (All Day)

**Saturday, September 3, 2011**

Rector's Vacation (All Day)

**Sunday, September 4, 2011**

Rector's Vacation (All Day)

Father Robert Dresser Guest Celebrant & Preacher (All Day)

Said Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM

Sung Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

Senior Fellowship Lunch 11:15 AM

**Monday, September 5, 2011**

Rector's Vacation (All Day)

Labor Day Holiday (All Day)

**Tuesday, September 6, 2011**

Rector's Vacation (All Day)

**Wednesday, September 7, 2011**

Rector's Vacation (All Day)

**Thursday, September 8, 2011**

Rector's Vacation (All Day)

**Friday, September 9, 2011**

Rector's Vacation (All Day)

WOCOGS (At the Jones home) 7:00 PM

**Saturday, September 10, 2011**

Rector's Vacation (All Day)

**Sunday, September 11, 2011**

Morning Prayer 7:40 AM

Said Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM

Outreach Committee Meeting 8:45 AM

Sunday School Registration 9:45 AM

Sung Holy Eucharist with Blessing of

Backpacks 10:00 AM

Sunday School Registration 11:00 AM

Outreach Committee Meeting 11:15 AM

**Monday, September 12, 2011**

Committee To Elect A Bishop Meeting 1:00 PM

**Tuesday, September 13, 2011**

Election Day (All Day)

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

Thinking Episcopalians 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, September 14, 2011**

HOLY CROSS DAY (All Day)

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

Said Holy Eucharist with Hymn 6:00 PM

Chicken Wing & Lemonade Festival 6:45 PM

**Thursday, September 15, 2011**

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

Vestry Meeting 7:00 PM

This Fall and Winter I am offering a series entitled "Thinking Episcopalians". It is a class for all of us, from those being confirmed in 2013 to those adults who know they need to learn more about their faith but haven't gotten around to it, to those who have continually found ways to keep learning and move deeper and deeper. We will read and dissect about half of the New Testament (The Gospels and the Pastoral Epistles - if you don't know what the Pastoral Epistles are you are required to come to this class). We will learn about the Episcopal Church, its Canons & Constitution, its Prayer Book and Hymnal, and why we do some things, don't do other things, and can't do some things even if we wanted to. We will also learn about the Sacraments and our own liturgy.

There are two things that I guarantee you. First, if you come to these classes you will learn a lot of things that you never knew before, and you will then be more comfortable in speaking about your faith and answering that basic question that you have been asked over and over in so many different ways: "Why is it that you go to church?" Second, you will have fun and you will get to know other members of Good Shepherd in ways you never thought. Learning with others is a blast. Each Tuesday that we meet, we will gather for two hours. It will be time well spent, and my hope is that after the 2011-2012 Academic year concludes, we will all be able to handle our faith more easily in adversity and pass on our faith to others with confidence.

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## Malawi Reflection from 6-26-2011

*Nancy Haensch*

As many of you know, I have just returned from a mission trip to Malawi and I am truly honored to be asked to speak with you this morning...in prime time, no less! First, let me offer my apologies to those who are expecting to hear amusing or shocking anecdotes about my day to day life in Africa. Trust me, I do have plenty of those stories and would love to talk about them, but that just didn't seem like the message I wanted to bring today. I am so grateful for this opportunity to share a part of this journey with you.



My relationship with Malawi began about 6 years ago. On one particular Sunday I was sitting in my church listening to the Bishop of Southern Malawi talk about the challenges currently facing the Anglican Church in his country...the dire poverty, the unrelenting HIV epidemic, the growing number of AIDS orphans, and precious little hope of relief in sight. Those horrible statistics weren't what motivated me to get on a plane to southern Africa the first time, though. It was this. Near the conclusion of his presentation, Bishop Tengtenga seemed to look me right in the eyes and said, "If you really want to help Malawi, you have to go there, visit the country, and meet the people. Please allow us to show you our homes and lives". I know it sounds strange now, even to my own ears, but I can tell you with absolute certainty that I knew in my heart with such clarity that God was speaking to me and that I had to respond to that call.

I've made three trips to Malawi now. The first was a two-week overview, visiting different areas of the country in 2007 which left me completely overwhelmed. I was so moved by the hardship and suffering I had seen there that it felt like my heart was actually bruised. My emotions were so raw after the trip that I could barely even talk about it...not without a lot of tears anyway. I still had the sense of being called back to Malawi, though, and I had now found the exact location to which I wanted to return. On that trip I was captivated by a group of 13 Malawian women who were providing meals, tutoring, and a loving environment to about 120 orphans at a place called Kwithu Community Based Organization in Mzuzu. I longed to understand how the women and children there continued to find such joy in their daily lives in the midst of terrible suffering, hardship, and loss.

I began planning and preparing for my second trip, which was to be a six-week pilgrimage to Kwithu in 2008. I very deliberately used the term pilgrimage because my reason for going was simply to deepen my experience of God through my relationships with the women and children at Kwithu. I had grown to appreciate that my purpose in going to Malawi wasn't about stuff, but rather about the human connections I would make with the people there. Believe me when I tell you that many of my North American friends had a very hard time understanding this concept. It seemed odd to some that I didn't have big plans to build a school, library, or clinic like Madonna or Oprah! I found that I needed to justify myself and the purpose of my trip many times. Here in the global north, we sometimes get so caught up and

**Friday, September 16, 2011**  
Morning Prayer 8:00 AM  
Rector's Day Off (from 8:15 AM onward)

**Saturday, September 17, 2011**  
All Parish Work Session 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Sunday, September 18, 2011**  
Morning Prayer 7:40 AM  
Said Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM  
Sunday School 9:45 AM  
Sung Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

**Monday, September 19, 2011**  
Rector's Day Off (All Day)

**Tuesday, September 20, 2011**  
Morning Prayer 8:00 AM  
Thinking Episcopalians 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, September 21, 2011**  
SAINT MATTHEW'S DAY  
Morning Prayer 8:00 AM  
Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM

**Thursday, September 22, 2011**  
Morning Prayer 8:00 AM  
Committee To Elect A Bishop 2:00 PM  
Diocesan Council 6:00 PM

**Friday, September 23, 2011**  
Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

**Saturday, September 24, 2011**  
All Parish Work Session RAIN DATE

**Sunday, September 25, 2011**  
Morning Prayer 7:40 AM  
Said Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM  
Sunday School 9:45 AM  
Sung Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM  
Carpenter's Kids Presentation 11:00 AM  
All Parish Organizations Meeting 12:00 AM

**Monday, September 26, 2011**  
Rector's Day Off (All Day)

**Tuesday, September 27, 2011**  
Morning Prayer 8:00 AM  
Thinking Episcopalians 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, September 28, 2011**  
Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

**Thursday, September 29, 2011**  
MICHAELMAS (All Day)  
Morning Prayer 8:00 AM  
Sung Holy Eucharist with Bishop Sisk 6:00 PM  
Oktoberfest 7:00 PM

**Friday, September 30, 2011**  
Morning Prayer 8:00 AM



## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Father Matt is planning to lead a trip to the Holy Land (Israel & Jerusalem) in 2013. The dates will be June 28, 2013, to July 8, 2013. Are you interested? Please speak to Father Matt or Amanda Slattery... and mark your calendars!

## Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND

distracted by big, flashy projects that we forget being the body of Christ in the world all comes down to just one person loving another and being loved in return. I found I could best realize my relationship with God through the loving relationships I had with others. During that six-week visit, I spent so much time getting to know the women and their families. We worshiped together, harvested and prepared food for the children at Kwithu, danced, sang, laughed and cried. I witnessed how their daily hardship and struggle gave them a profound faith in God. When faced with poverty, disease, and hunger, they put their complete trust in God to provide their needs from one day to the next. I began to reflect on my own spiritual poverty. When living in such abundance as we do here, how easy it is to overlook the grace of God that touches our lives every day. Without the distractions of our fast-paced world, those six weeks together allowed us to bond very deeply...even calling each other sisters by the time I left for home. I had gone with empty hands in search of love and returned with an overflowing heart. They told me that they loved me and in return, asked only that I not forget them!

During the three years that passed after my pilgrimage, I spoke about my experiences to several church groups and to my family and friends until they were probably wishing I would stop! I also organized various fund raisers to benefit Kwithu and kept my parish updated on the projects. I didn't forget my sisters in Malawi, but I did begin to have doubts about the beauty and



simplicity of our relationship...just love them and allow them to love me in return. As I was preparing for this most recent trip, a few months ago, my focus gradually started to be about stuff. I just wasn't able to ignore the voices, both internal and external, advising me about all of the stuff I needed to take. I couldn't just show up empty-handed after all this time... they may have forgotten me...it's been so long...they've had many other visitors since then... Of course, the truth is I could never carry enough stuff to make any sort of sustainable difference in the poverty of the Kwithu families. What they really wanted and needed from me were the things I already carried in my heart...love, compassion, and a willingness to help them carry the burdens of their lives for a short time by listening. It turns out that once I recognized these to be precious gifts from God, I understood their value. In a place with so little material wealth, the greatest gift I could offer was being present and sharing of myself. The conversations with my sisters continued right where we had left off three years ago. I was so happy to realize that those bonds had remained strong, as though no time had passed.



If there's one thing I have learned from 4 years of EFM and 3 trips to Africa it is that everything in this world comes down to relationships...to love others and to allow ourselves to be loved in return. As we celebrate Corpus Christi today, I hope you will join me in feeling a renewed sense of commitment to our outreach ministry at Good Shepherd. Every Sunday we meet here to share the bread and wine of the Eucharistic celebration, in a perfect expression of God's love for us. Our work begins as we walk out the doors though, taking that love out into the world. As the arms and legs of Christ in this world, we have to respond with love and compassion for others on this same journey. We are the body of Christ when we leave this place and we must act where there is suffering and injustice.



**The Outreach Committee will meet on  
Sunday, September 11!**

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## Sunday School: Back in High Gear!

The Sunday School program will formally resume for the 2011-12 year on September 11 with our annual "Blessings of the Backpacks" at the 10am service (also available at 8 am), followed by the annual registration process. Each child who registers will receive a small gift!

Sunday School will then be held weekly starting September 18, ending with a Family Sunday on October 23, when the children will perform most of the duties at the 10am service.

A change this year: we will start Sunday School at 9:45am this year, instead of 10am, so please have your children arrive by then. It's much appreciated. We are expanding on our lectionary-based curriculum this year, particularly for grades 4-6. This will involve deeper and more meaningful discussions and activities, so the extra time is needed with the goal of still bringing the children into church in time for communion.

Thank you so much to Cindy Rubino, Courtney Velzy and Paul Miller who have agreed to teach the first session. We can use at least one more teacher, plus assistants, to help with the younger children (pre-k through 3rd grade). Please talk to any member of the Sunday School Committee or anyone who has taught before, and visit the signup sheet on the bulletin

# 9:45 AM

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*From the Sunday School article on this page.*

# 9:45 AM



## 17th Annual Support-A-Walk

The "Sheep of the Good Shepherd" will be participating in the 17th Annual Support-A-Walk again this year. The walk will take place on Sunday, **October 2, 2011 at 9:00am** at the FDR Park in Yorktown Heights.

Support Connection is an organization whose whole mission is to provide emotional, social and educational support services to women, their families and friends affected by breast and ovarian cancer. All proceeds are to help fund the organization's free and confidential services.

All are invited to come and walk with us and if you are not able to participate in the walk you are more than welcome to donate to our team or do both. You can also donate online <http://www.firstgiving.com/> and type Sheep of the Good Shepherd on the search tab. It will bring you right to our page. Vilma Mulholland is the Captain of the team and Arleen Flury the Co-Captain. She will be passing the donation forms and walkers registration forms this Sunday, August 28th and every Sunday thereafter.

On October 2, the 8:00 AM service will include a special prayer for all of our walkers. If you are planning to walk... come to the early service that day!

board to see what is needed for sessions throughout the year. It's a guaranteed rewarding experience. The children are growing fast and are more curious than ever, as well as a lot of fun to be with.

We expect to be giving an improved and dynamic Christian education to nearly 30 children this year, and have many plans and ideas to integrate into our curriculum. But we can only do it with a special group of volunteer teachers. That's where you come in. Please join us.

In closing, a very special thank you to those who taught lessons and crafts during the summer and made our Sunday School into a year-round program for the first time: Sybil Barnett, Suzanne Bracken, Carly Bracken, Arleen Flury, and Gwen Greene! And thanks to the parents who brought their children to these special sessions! Attendance was excellent!

*Glenn Hintze for the Sunday School Committee (Suzanne Bracken, Jan Corning, Fran DiBernardo, Arleen Flury, Leslie Fulton, and Father Matt)*

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## Carpenter's Kids

*Jan Corning*

We all know what a smile is, and what sadness looks like, but it is hard to draw a picture of faith. Or it was for me. But after our pilgrimage, we know faith.

Faith is the absolute joy on someone's face, when they have nothing of material value. Faith is heard in beautiful music, from the heart and made from what we would throw into our compost heap or trash pile. Faith is felt when a child puts their hand in yours after you have been trying to make them smile for an hour. Faith is seeing an entire culture of people living in the moment, and being grateful for every



single thing they have! And faith is returning home, and knowing that we can and must share what we have learned with those who did not make the journey.

We, as a culture, are rarely faced with questions of faith. The last time I can remember was after 9-11. I distinctly remember standing in the church later that week. My husband Jim was out of town, and there were about twenty of us. We were frightened and felt alone. Even surrounded and in a crowd, we felt alone. Deacon Norm was leading the service and it was in the evening. I remember nothing of the service except for Norm saying "sometimes we walk by faith, not by sight"

My son Matt went to Chimuli, a small village adopted by Mother Dawn (who may be the farthest thing from what you would picture a mother to look like). When you arrive in a village, you are greeted – sometimes a mile outside of town, sometimes just by the church. The greeting takes about 30 minutes. Then you go to tea with the Priest. Generally, you will take a tour of the town and then go back to the center of town for the presentation. In this particular presentation, the Carpenters Kids sang a song roughly translated to "my mother has died, my father has died, I am alone." Many of them were crying by the time the song was over. I don't think that anyone on that particular village trip came home unchanged.

And yet, those same children – truly alone for much of their life – have faith in something much larger than themselves. They have faith that their basic needs will be met. They have faith that some God will care for them. Some are Muslim, some still





## OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee is meeting on Sunday, September 11, 2011, after both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services.

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## BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & SUNDAYS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

On Sunday, September 11, we will offer the Blessing of Backpacks and registration for Sunday School. The services that day will also include special prayers in remembrance of the victims of 9-11-01.

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## BISHOP SISK, MICHAELMAS & OKTOBERFEST

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2011

believe in the African spirit world. But they all believe in something. And in a world very different from ours, they do have food and they do have a roof over their head and they do have school, and a uniform, and books!

And they walk, first by faith, then, as time goes by, they see – and their faith lights the way. That is the biggest lesson that we bring back to you: the gift of faith.

**Jan will offer a presentation on the Carpenter's Kids on Sunday, September 25!**

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## THINKING EPISCOPALIANS

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.



## THINKING EPISCOPALIANS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### 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 hymns of TEC

### October 11, 2011

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

Part 2: The Holy Eucharist: Why 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 15, 2011

Part 1: Comparing 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 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 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 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 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, September 4

Chalice	Jim Corning
Acolytes	Abbey Vesperman
	Emily Vesperman
OT Reader	Marshall Kidder
NT Reader	Wilfried Haensch
Prayers	Jan Corning
Ushers	Glenn Hintz
	Arleen Flury

### Sunday, September 11

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

### Sunday, September 18

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

### Sunday, September 25

Chalice	Dorothy Baeder
Acolytes	Jessie Lewis
OT Reader	Rick Vesperman
NT Reader	Jan Corning
Prayers	Bernie Sotter
Ushers	Bob Velzy
	Bernie Sotter

## 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 soon!



## 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!!!!**

- 09/01 Kidder, MaryLou
- 09/03 Pinkney, Phillip
- 09/04 Ciallela, Jennifer
- 09/04 Siemerling, Anne
- 09/08 Murphy, Sara
- 09/09 Gannon, Sara
- 09/09 Parsons, Eric
- 09/11 Wright, Robert
- 09/13 Corcione, Melissa
- 09/13 Alexander, Vernon
- 09/14 Samborski, Muriel
- 09/15 Galloway, Michael
- 09/15 Corning, Jan
- 09/15 Hohwald, Cathryn S.
- 09/17 Galloway, Elizabeth
- 09/17 Nygard, Olivia
- 09/19 Rubino, Robert
- 09/20 Barnett, Sybil
- 09/20 Buschel, Douglas
- 09/21 Hohwald, Dylan
- 09/23 Buschel, Daniel
- 09/30 Simpson, Taylor
- 09/30 Buschel, Diane

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

- The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, August 7, 2011: 79
- The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 14, 2011: 220\*
- The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, August 21, 2011: 80

\* Includes Wedding

**Total Weekday Attendance for 2011: 539**  
**Total Sunday Attendance for 2011: 3490**  
**Average Sunday attendance for 2011: 103**

**DON'T FORGET... Morning Prayer on Tuesday – Friday resumes on September 13. Weekday Morning Prayer will be offered at 8:00 AM. Sunday Morning Prayer will continue to be offered at 7:40 AM.**



## Outreach News

*Wilfried and Nancy Haensch*

Outreach activities at Church of the Good Shepherd have not slowed down a bit during these summer months. Please continue to remember our food pantry collection when you go grocery shopping (they always need boxes of cereal)! Thank you for the generous donations that keep appearing every Sunday.

We will have the first meeting of the Outreach Committee on September 11th after both services. We hope to make it convenient for as many people as possible by offering two meeting times. No need to worry that this is something only for 8 o'clockers or 10 o'clockers!

Ideas for new outreach projects are coming in and we invite everyone to continue thinking about this. Please bring your ideas to the meeting or send them to us at [haensch5@aol.com](mailto:haensch5@aol.com).

Don't miss reading Jan Corning's article about experiencing God's love at work with the Carpenter's Kids during her recent pilgrimage to Tanzania in this issue of the Shepherd's Voice! You are also invited to hear more about her journey in a presentation during coffee hour on September 25th.

In the near future (date to be determined), Jan will be offering some parish activities to bring us all a little bit closer to the Carpenter's Kids. We are so fortunate to have first-hand reporting about this wonderful program!! Thanks, Jan!

Hope you will join us for the first Outreach Committee meeting on September 11th after either service.

## Hurricane UPDATE

Due to Hurricane Irene, we will offer a short & sweet Holy Eucharist, on Saturday, August 27, at 4:00 PM. If you are worried (and most people are) that you will be unable and unwilling to travel on Sunday due to weather, please come to this Saturday service at 4:00 PM. Please be careful on Sunday when the hurricane is supposed to hit, and please pray for everyone affected by the hurricane (and for our still unfinished roof). Sunday services will not be cancelled unless the Rector cannot get to the church on Sunday (about 150 feet away from the Rectory).

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## Holy Day Reception Donors

Throughout the year we offer several Holy Days with small or large receptions afterwards. Due to budgetary overindulgence in 2011 and looking ahead for a leaner and meaner budget in 2012, we are transitioning into a new way of celebrating Holy Day Receptions at Good Shepherd.

We hope to continue offering these great events to the wider parish community without asking for a "cover charge" from everyone at the event, and so we are asking for donors to "adopt" whole or parts of these events. To ensure that those receptions are as great as they have been in the last few years, we are asking for donors to support single elements of each reception (this will not affect the regular pot luck portions of these events which we plan to continue). Donors do not need to sign up publicly, though we happy to acknowledge any donor in the Voice and in the Holy Day bulletin if the donor wishes. Please contact the Rector if you are interested in "adopting" an entire event (either with someone or as part of a group). Events with donors needed for 2011-2012 are below (prices are estimated and when we know we have a donor already it is listed):

- September 14, 2011: Holy Cross Day: Chicken Wings & Dip (**\$75**)
- September 29, 2011: Michaelmas with Bishop Sisk & Oktoberfest: Commemorative Glasses (**\$200**); Pork (**\$200**); Beer (**DONATED BY THE BROTHERHOOD**)
- November 1, 2011: All Saints' Day: Firewood & Plastic Bowls (**\$25**)
- December 24, 2011: Christmas Eve: Full reception (**DONATED BY THE VESTRY**)
- January 6, 2012: Epiphany: Small Wine & Cheese Reception (**\$75**)
- February 2, 2012: Beer (**\$140**) (Plastic Utensils & Plates & Bowls for the year (**\$50**))
- Ascension Day 2012: Steak (**\$200**) & Wine (**\$100**)
- Father's Day 2012: Pork & Dry Rub (**\$175**) & Beer (**DONATED BY THE BROTHERHOOD**)
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**If you or your parish group is interested in "adopting" any of the above events, please contact the Rector! We are looking, in the short term, for help on September 14 and 29.**



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