



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 Meagan, Michelle, Sandy and Jeanine for safety in childbirth. 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 Thelma, Keith, Billy, Alexa, Tricia, Muriel, Larry, Bill, Leslie, Andreanna, Horace, Jose, John, Esther, Sam, Josephine, Joan, Harrison, Ryder, Susan, Billy, Sari, Margaret, Barbara, David, Melissa, Marybeth, Rubye, Henry, Delia, Emily, Josephine, 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, especially William H. Barlow, Jr., and for all the departed.

GET US INTO THE BLACK!

As we wind down 2011, we are looking ahead to 2012, and we are also looking to finish off this year with a balanced budget, "in the black". Since the beginning of the year we have essentially been two months behind on our bills, meaning that we have been carrying about \$15,000 in unpaid bills and reimbursements. We have received a one time, anonymous matching gift of up to \$6,000 to help us get out of this hole. **In addition to finishing your annual pledge, we invite every member and friend of the parish to help "get us into the black" with a small, medium or large donation this November and December.** Every dollar we raise to the "Get us into the black" drive will be matched, up to \$6000. Please write "get us into the black" on your check or put a donation into one of the "Into the black" envelopes at the back of the church, and your donation will be matched. If you cannot afford anything above your annual pledge, that's ok, but if you can afford an extra \$5, \$20, \$100 or any amount at all, that amount will be matched and will help us pay off our outstanding bills.



Why are we here?

The Reverend Matthew Mead

A whole lot has happened in the last two weeks, and the weeks to come are full of many events as well. Each of these events is important in different ways to the life of the parish, and when taken together, I think they answer the question set forth in the title.

On October 27, 2011, members and friends of Good Shepherd came together to honor some of our own and raise necessary funds for capital improvements and outreach efforts. Thelma Barlow, Madeline Bronzo, Leslie Fulton, Pat Katz and Phil Levy were honored for their many and varied contributions to the church over the years. The church raised over \$5000 that evening, and we have already begun to use some of that money on necessary electrical improvements (nearly all of the exterior lights around the parish campus were broken). It was a wonderful event and I greatly look forward to next year's Second Annual Dinner!

On October 29, 2011, a freak snow storm dumped nearly a foot of wet and heavy snow on the Northeast, crippling our area for an



entire week. Power lines were down everywhere, including a line that managed to block both entrances to the church.

As a result of the storm, a number of events were canceled. The Election for our next Bishop, which was to happen on the 29th, was postponed for three weeks to November 19. All four services at Good Shepherd on Sunday the 30th were canceled – I had the unenviable task of standing out front informing those several dozen parishioners who had bravely made the trek to the church that they could not enter, not because we were without heat, light and plumbing (we were), but because there was no place to safely park or enter the parish grounds due to the downed lines. Our annual Halloween party was postponed for a week until the 6th of November. AA groups were unable to meet that night. The lines were not cleaned up until late on Wednesday, which meant that services on All Saints' Day were canceled, AA was canceled midweek, and Bright Beginnings Nursery School was canceled for three straight days.

The first event that we were able to have at the church was the Holy Eucharist at 6:00 PM on All Souls' Day. The service was said in the dark by candlelight. We read off scores of names of departed loved ones and family members of parishioners. It was a somber yet fitting way to "reopen" the church.

On Thursday through Saturday the grounds of the parish were cleaned up by a number of volunteers (thanks to Bruce Barber, Pat Mulholland, Lorne Robbins, Bernie Sotter and Bob Velzy). A number of trees fell down on the property during the storm and there were thousands of branches strewn around the property which needed to be cut, chopped up, and stacked. Also part of the cleanup was the installation of our flag pole. At about noon on Saturday the Episcopal Church flag was run up the pole. On Veteran's Day the American Flag will fly for the first time on our new pole, and when the



flagpole is dedicated on November 20, both the American flag and Episcopal Church flags will fly in front of the church day and night (the pole has a solar powered light allowing us to fly flags at night).

On Sunday November 6, 2011, normal Sunday services were held at Good Shepherd for the first time in 2 weeks. The 10:00 AM service concluded with the annual blessing of the Memorial Garden: we processed outside singing "For all the saints who from their labors rest" walking down the newly built and cleaned woodland pathway to the garden where holy water and incense were offered during the singing of "Jesus, Son of Mary", accompanied by flute. Since its dedication a year ago the ashes of Cindy Sotter and Harry Stebbins have been interred in the Garden, and for that reason this year's service took on new meaning. Quite literally... this is now our Memorial Garden.

Tragedy struck later that afternoon. At 2:30 PM members of the Somers Fire Department called on me looking for one of our parishioners – for the record, it is never good when the Fire Department or the Police Department knock on the priest's door looking for a parishioner. They informed me that her 48 year old son had unexpectedly died and they had, as of yet, been unable to find her to inform her of this horrific news. A half hour later I saw her drive by and I quickly followed to her house to see what help and comfort I could be. The rest of the day was filled with grief and contacting members of the parish to inform them of the sad and unexpected news. Billy is survived by his wife, his children, his mother, and his brother. Please keep the family in your prayers.

The pain and shock of losing a loved one unexpectedly does not ever go away nor is this something family and friends can ever "move on" from. That said, we do move through grief and sadness and though we hold on to the pain its effect on us changes day by day. I think that our





Covenant Sunday

November 13, 2011

Blessing of Pledge Cards: 8AM & 10AM

Christ the King & Harvest Sunday

November 20, 2011

Dedication of the Flag Pole: 10AM

Thanksgiving Day

November 24, 2011

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM

Christian role as Billy's friends, fellow church members, and neighbors is to continually offer support and prayers for his family and friends, constantly finding ways to show them that the love of God in Christ is more powerful than pain and death. Although none of us knows exactly what they are going through, it is important to remember that every person and every family experiences pain and tragedy. Our experiences are not the same as theirs but we all know what it feels like to cry and to feel the profound loss that death brings. We can offer the same support that we know we need when we are in pain, and our support can help make present the reality that we all share in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. At the heart of the Gospel is the truth that nothing can separate us from the love of God, not sin and not even death.

Wakes will be at Clark's Funeral Home in Katonah on Thursday evening, November 10, and Friday afternoon and evening, November 11. The funeral will be at Good Shepherd on Saturday, November 12, at 10:00 AM. Your



presence and prayers requested. Please pray for Billy, for his wife and children, for his mother, his brother and all of his family and friends.

As is necessary, the day-to-day routine of the parish will pick up again after the funeral. Our annual Stewardship Prayer Vigil will begin at noon on Saturday, November 12 (we will not begin at 8:00 AM as scheduled, but will instead pick up at 12:00 PM). Hour by hour, members of the parish will sit in the silence and stillness of the church, until the first service begins on Sunday at 7:40 AM. Our prayers will be offered for the parish, for all of her members and friends, for those who mourn, for the continued mission and witness of Good Shepherd in Granite Springs, and for all who support this church with donations of time, talents and money. On Covenant Sunday, November 13, 2011, we will bless all of the pledge cards that are turned in and we will offer prayers for the continued financial support of the Parish through 2012. The 10:00 AM service will be followed by a wonderful hot brunch prepared by Rich Murphy and Jim Corning.

At our services on Sunday, November 20, 2011, we will conclude the church liturgical year with a celebration of Christ the King. We will also celebrate Harvest Sunday – every Sunday we collect food donation, but on this Sunday we always make an extra special effort to have food and supplies for the Katonah Food Pantry. The service will end with the blessing and dedication of the flag pole.

Sunday School Preparing for Pageant

The Sunday School program rolls on with about 25 active students. They recently completed a "Family Sunday" on October 23, performing all duties at the 10am service to close out the first session of the year. Thanks to Cindy Rubino, Leslie Fulton, Courtney Velzy and Paul Miller for teaching our children!

The second session began November 6 with Glenn Hintze and Leslie Fulton teaching the younger children (grades pre-k through 3rd grade), while Courtney and Paul continue with our older students in grades 4-6. A fun-filled Halloween party for all was held after that morning's service--thanks to everyone for their contributions to a successful event!

All students will come together in late November to start preparing for a new Christmas pageant, which will be presented on Saturday evening, January 7, 2012 as part of our annual Twelfth Night celebration. Adult volunteers are still needed to help with the pageant, from scenery design and costume preparation to preparing script cards for the children. They are a joy to work with, especially at pageant time! If you would like to help please let Glenn or Diane Buschel know. Thank you!



On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, 2011, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM. We will sing great Thanksgiving hymns that morning. It is for most of us the only time we are able to leave the house that day. The month of November ends with the first Sunday of Advent. We begin a new year in the church and we look ahead to Christmas.

Beginning on Sunday, November 27, and continuing throughout Advent, our Sunday evening service at 5:00 PM will be a short service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Thus far, the service has proven to be a great success. We have a good mix of people who have not been able to come to the Sunday morning services and also those who are coming back in the evening to worship in quite a different way. Sunday evenings in Advent are great opportunities to bring a friend and introduce them to the quieter side of Christian worship. We will hear the great Advent Lessons and sing some of our favorite pre-Christmas carols.

Outreach News

Nancy & Wilfried Haensch

The goal of the Outreach Committee at Good Shepherd is for every parishioner, from the youngest to the oldest, to find an outreach activity that they enjoy. We hope to find a project that speaks to you so that you won't be able to resist getting involved! At the suggestion of the committee members, we are shifting our focus away from fundraising toward relationship building. Although we are asked to share our treasure with those less fortunate, we hope to reach into your hearts more often than into your wallets!

Our current project is the Holiday Sharing Drive, sponsored by the Junior League of Northern Westchester. Thank you to all of the parishioners who have signed up to sponsor families in need this holiday season and also to our coordinator, Kathleen Parsons. She has given the information about Good Shepherd's level of commitment to the Junior League. In the beginning of November, we will receive the profiles of our sponsored families, which will clarify their specific needs. The bins containing the requested items and the ingredients for a holiday meal (perhaps in grocery store gift card form) will need to be delivered to the Boys and Girls Club in Mt. Kisco in the first weekend of December. We would welcome volunteer drivers and large vehicles for this delivery! Please let Kathleen or Wilfried/Nancy know if you'd like to help deliver the bins.

Don't miss the annual Holiday Bazaar on December 10th! A portion of the proceeds from this event will be used for Good Shepherd's outreach ministry locally and in the world. There will also be a table of African crafts this year, from Malawi and surrounding countries. The purchase of these fair trade items can provide a significant benefit to the artisans and their communities. Please come see the beautiful jewelry, candles, textiles, woven baskets and wooden bowls from Africa!

This month we will show our support for the Keon Center, which is an organization providing safe work and living environments for special-needs adults. Mella Donofrio will be selling raffle tickets and table



sponsorships for their annual Christmas party. This is a very exciting event for the clients and is the highlight of their year. The Sunday school project to benefit the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem will also be starting soon. Keep watching for information about these and other outreach opportunities.

On December 18th, we will begin to meet quarterly to plan an outreach focus for the coming months. We welcome all suggestions. Additionally, if anyone knows of a speaker who could enrich a particular focus topic, please talk to us about inviting them for a coffee hour presentation! An outreach coming events calendar will appear each month in the Shepherd's Voice, previewing the next six weeks (see below). This will be a great reference for all outreach activities. Please send information about your activities that you would like to have included in the newsletter to us so that they can be entered into the calendar. Just send an email to haensch5@aol.com or speak to us at church if you don't have email.

Much has happened, and there are many things that are coming up. And so I am brought back to my initial question: Why are we here? We are here to support one another and spread the love of God that we know in Jesus Christ to those around us. The Church of the Good Shepherd is a place where we can gather together to worship God and join together in fellowship, where we can mourn together, where we can reach out in charity to our

neighbors together, where we can come together to offer thanks to God for the blessings of our lives. Through the ups and downs of life, through the changes of seasons, and through life and death the one constant is the love of God in Christ. Good Shepherd is here for us and for our community; it stands as a witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the power that his resurrection and love has on our daily lives. We are here to live out our calling as disciples (followers) of Christ and apostles (those who are sent out) who proclaim his resurrection in word and deed. We are Christians and we live in

Outreach Coming Events

	Project	Contact
November 6, 2011	Holiday Sharing Drive - receive profiles Keon Center Raffle	Kathleen Parsons Mella Donofrio
November 13, 2011	Keon Center Raffle	Mella Donofrio
November 20, 2011	Harvest drive - fresh produce ?? Keon Center Raffle	Jan Corning Mella Donofrio
November 27, 2011	Keon Center Raffle	Mella Donofrio
December 4, 2011	Holiday Sharing Drive - deliver bins Mite Boxes for Jerusalem distributed	Kathleen Parsons Amanda Slattery
December 10, 2011	Holiday Bazaar	Arleen Flury
December 11, 2011		



the real world and we face real world problems. Our church makes it easier for us and for our neighbors to face our challenges together. With that in mind, I invite you to support one another and the mission of Good Shepherd in as many ways and in whatever ways you are able to.

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Save the Date! December 10, 2011 Christmas Bazaar

By Arleen Flury

Believe it or not, Christmas is not far away. This year's Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The Bazaar is a great opportunity to raise much needed funds for Good Shepherd and for our Outreach programs. If you are new to Good Shepherd, it's a great place to jump in and meet people. Last year's bazaar was a big hit thanks to the participation and support of so many of you. It takes the whole congregation to make it work – we all have different gifts and different talents

Annual Awards Dinner: October 27, 2011

By Lorne Robbins

Our 1st Annual Awards Dinner turned out to be a huge success. Financially we achieved a profit of \$5,038.01 which is a wonderful achievement for the first event with earnings as follows: Dinners \$1,850, The Raffle \$1,260, Silent Auction \$1,553, and Donations \$370.

The experience at Travelers Rest was excellent and most enjoyed by all who attended. We had 77 guests in attendance which is a very good number considering the size of our congregation. However, now that we have the first event under our belts, I think we can grow that number by another 15 to 20 people to the 100 range.

I want to express my congratulations to all our honorees, the recognition is well deserved. I want to say a very special thanks to the entire congregation for the tremendous support given to this project through your attendance, selling raffle tickets and donations. We all recognize our building and facilities are getting old and requires ongoing maintenance and repair. Let us grow this annual fund raiser to meet this need.

I would like to thank the Committee, the Cornings, the Slattery's, the Velzy's, the Delahoz', Flo Barber, Father Matt and lastly my wife Christine, who really made the event happen. It was enjoyable working with all and we look forward to a bigger and better Annual Awards Dinner next year.



HONORING LOVED ONES

By Bill Greene



The sun was shining, with a brisk chill in the November air while a procession of worshipers followed the Crucifer and choir members to the Memorial Garden next to the Church of the Good Shepherd. The 10:00 AM Church Holy Eucharist had just ended. It was a time of remembrance and the group was headed to the sacred place where their loved ones and deceased friends' ashes were placed.

With bowed heads, special prayers were offered as the Rector dispensed the ceremonial incense while flutist and Musical Director Cecilia Sparacio accompanied the congregation as they sang "Jesus, son of Mary," sung to the melody of "Humbly, I adore thee."

The Incense, said Father Mead, "is a symbol of the prayer of the faithful rising to heaven and marks things as being holy. Using incense visually--and with the smell, is a powerful sign."

and there's more than enough room to use them all. (Remember, this is not just a WOCOG event, it's a Good Shepherd event, so guys---we need your help too.)

We are again planning on selling hand made Christmas ornaments and gifts, stocking stuffers, gift baskets, baked goods and candy. Several people have already expressed interest in helping with crafts and offered their ideas. We will be looking for volunteers to head up the bake table, crafts, Christmas boutique and gifts tables as well as advertising. We will need your help to set up and price items, sales people on the day of the bazaar and clean up afterward.

Watch for announcements about workshop times . They are always fun and everyone is welcome to attend. You don't need any special crafting talent, just the desire to participate. (and maybe a pair of scissors).

All ideas and suggestions are welcome...I am eager to hear from you and look forward another successful event. Save the Date ... Get Involved....Tell Your Friends...

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THANK YOU ALEX MATTOS

By Bill Greene

In the beginning of last Summer Alex Mattos was given approval for his Eagle Scout project to build a path to the church Memorial Garden.

He had to clear all of the wooded area, put down weed block and wood chip and etching borders to give it a clear and defined path. Then he, with the help from his dad, carried the extremely heavy bench material to their locations. The grueling work continued over a period of months as Alex added plants and borders leading to the Memorial site.

Alex said, "I wanted to allow people to have a place to reflect and enjoy a sense of tranquilly as they walked down the path toward the Memorial Garden."

For this future Eagle Scout hard work and difficult projects is nothing new. Working with fellow scouts, he understood the kind of effort necessary for a project of this scope. There was tedious detail and planning during each step of the process before the final presentation was approved by his Scout Masters who, he added, gave him wonderful guidance and support.

Being a Boy Scout

Has scouting given him experience or insight as to what he'll major in in college?

"It hasn't necessarily given me experience but it's helped me to understand the importance of leadership. When I'm an adult, I know I'll want to be in a leadership position. I know I can help guide people and be a good leader because of this project. So, in that sense, yes. Probably by next year I'll be an Eagle Scout. It [The Memorial Garden] has also given me a different perspective on how to treat people and how

THE SENIOR CORNER

By Bill Greene

A casual conversation between children in Sunday school with several adults led to the astonishing discovery how uninformed today youth are about their parents and grandparents' youthful lifestyles and experiences. The children's questions were particularly poignant in contrast with their experiences in today's digital revolution. On another occasion, one of my grandchildren wanted to know how did my generation communicated without cell phones? Also, What was an ice box? An eight track tape or cassette tape recorder was unheard of. Day to day daily experiences of the past were of consuming interest.

So reflecting on these revelations, the Senior Group decided to initiate a Sunday School project:*Future Generations Look To The Past*. The intention was to compare today's lifestyles with that of their parents and grandparents generation. Leslie Fulton and Florence Barber enthusiastically lead the project. Each member of the senior group was invited to bring an artifact from their youth to present to the Sunday school with question, answer and demonstrations. Flat irons, washboards, old telephones, and other memorable relics. The children appear to enjoy this intriguing experience. (See photo illustrations on facing page)



THE SENIOR CORNER Continued...

THE WESTCHESTER DINNER THEATER - The Church of the Good Shepherd Senior Group will be sponsoring a trip to the Westchester Broadway Theater on Wednesday, November 30th. It will be a matinee performance of Home for the Holidays: A Christmas Musical.

We invite ALL parish members and friends to attend this performance with us. It will be a delightful luncheon and show. The cost is roughly \$55.00 per individual. The more the merrier and--most important--will lower the cost. Please contact Kathy Martin. Tel# as soon as possible. 914-245-3219.

they should treat me. I plan to major in chemical engineering." And "I'm really passionate about math and chemistry. This project definitely helped me get through adversity and hard times. I definitely learned to persevere and get the project done and see a finished product. The project was a real inspiration for me."

Alex also added, "I'm part of the Good Shepherd."

Alex is an 11th grade student at Somers High School. What about his parents? "They are really two great people," he said, with obvious pride. Alex intends to study chemical engineering in college.

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THINKING EPISCOPALIANS

Most Tuesdays at 7:00 PM we offer a two-part class called Thinking Episcopalians. In the first part will read and discuss large sections of the Bible, with the goal of reading all four Gospels and all of the Pastoral Letters in the New Testament. In the Second part we will discuss a wide range of topics, but will focus on the Prayer Book, Canons & Constitution of the Episcopal Church, and the Sacraments.

November 15, 2011

Part 1: The Gospel of Matthew: Read chapters 13-17 (Parables & Miracles)
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 Matthew: Read chapters 18-20 (Discipleship)
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 Matthew: Read chapters 21-25 (Sunday – Wednesday in Holy Week)
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 Matthew: Read chapters 26-28 (Thursday – Saturday in Holy Week & The First Easter Sunday)
Part 2: Confession: Yup, the Episcopal Church has confession and the rite was designed specifically for you and me.

December 20, 2011

Part 1: Comparing Mark and Matthew; The Gospel of Luke: Read chapters 1-2 (The Birth of Jesus)
Part 2: The History and theology of Christmas (and Advent)

January 10, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of Luke: Read chapters 3-6 (Jesus' early ministry & the Sermon on the Plain)
Part 2: Saints: William Wilberforce 1 of 2: We will watch Amazing Grace (2 hour movie)

January 17, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of Luke: Read chapters 7-9:50 (Jesus' ministry)
Part 2: Saints: William Wilberforce 2 of 2: We will watch Amazing Grace (2 hour movie)

January 24, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of Luke: Read chapters 9:51-14 (Jesus' journey to Jerusalem)
Part 2: Saints: Martin Luther 1 of 2: We will watch Luther (2 hour movie)

January 31, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of Luke: Read chapters 15-18 (Jesus' journey to Jerusalem)
Part 2: Saints: Martin Luther 2 of 2: We will watch Luther (2 hour movie)

February 7, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of Luke: Read chapters 19-21 (Sunday – Wednesday in Holy Week)
Part 2: Scripture and the music of Bob Marley, the Rolling Stones, the Beatles, and others

February 14, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of Luke: Read chapters 22-24 (Thursday – Saturday in Holy Week & The First Easter Sunday)
Part 2: The Christian Calendar

February 21, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of John: Read chapters: 1-4 (Jesus' ministry to Jews & Gentiles & John the Baptist)
Part 2: The History of the Stations of the Cross

February 28, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of John: Read chapters: 5-7 (Signs & Festivals)
Part 2: Lord, teach us to pray: An hour of African Bible Study over the Lord's Prayer.

March 6, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of John: Read chapters: 8-10 (Signs & Festivals)
Part 2: Lord, teach us to pray: A one hour Quiet Day

March 13, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of John: Read chapters: 11-13 (Lazarus, Palm Sunday & The Last Supper)
Part 2: Lord, teach us to pray: Praying the Daily Office: How do I pray Evening Prayer?

March 20, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of John: Read chapters: 14-17 (Teachings after The Last Supper)
Part 2: Lord, teach us to pray: Praying the Daily Office: Experience Solemn Evensong

March 27, 2012

Part 1: The Gospel of John: Read chapters: 18-21 (The Passion, Death & Resurrection of Jesus)
Part 2: Lord, teach us to pray: Living into the Liturgy and Prayers of Holy Week



MONEY, POWER AND GOD

An editorial by Bill Greene

In the last ten years, specifically, there have been countless cases of white collar fraud, insider-trading, hedge fund mismanagement and incredible sums of money paid business executives who have driven their companies into bankruptcy, or worse, causing millions of innocent, hard working employees to lose their economy security. Yet many of these criminals have successfully managed to blame their grievous actions on political vendettas. This and that politician or political party is the reason. Or maybe even, "The Devil Made Me Do It?" Where, then, is their individual responsibility for their actions?

And sadly, most of these offenders claim religious affiliations and boast their religion is the greatest, the best, and should be the basis on which their constituents should cast their votes. "Vote for me because I am a Christian." But why then is money and greed their God?

This of course raises the question of the actual meaning of religion in our lives. If our business and political leaders, pillars of their communities--doctors, lawyers, ministers, engineers, accountants, policemen--lie and steal, their crimes detailed across the television and computer screens daily, what message does that convey to our children? Is it any wonder that Americans have lost their confidence in government AND business?

Apologists will say man is weak and prone to sins of the body and soul. And of course (in another context) they quote Jesus' declaration that he who is without sin cast the first stone? (John 8) But does that get us off the hook? Can we simply fall down on our knees and ask for forgiveness, take communion and go back to our daily routine? Are their consequences for our actions beyond legal definitions?





Happy Birthday to you!

- 11/03 Mead, Nicole
- 11/04 Flury, Roy
- 11/05 Holzer, Connie
- 11/10 Mulholland, Patrick
- 11/13 Mead, Liam
- 11/16 Wilson, Charles
- 11/19 Barber, Bruce
- 11/20 Barber, Florence
- 11/21 Pinkney, Madison

Sunday & Holy Day

Attendance for October

- Michaelmas, September 29, 2011: 86
- 16th Sunday after Pentecost, October 2, 2011: 96
- 17th Sunday after Pentecost, October 9, 2011: 76
- 18th Sunday after Pentecost, October 16, 2011: 103
- Saint Luke, October 18, 2011: 2
- 19th Sunday after Pentecost, October 23, 2011: 93
- Saints Simon & Jude, October 28, 2011: 2
- 20th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct. 30, 2011: CANCELED
- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2011: CANCELED
- All Souls' Day, November 2, 2011: 8
- All Saints' Sunday, November 6, 2011: 126

* Power Lines were down blocking church entrances from Sunday, October 30, until Wednesday, November 2.

Total Weekday Attendance for 2011: 720
Total Sunday Attendance for 2011: 4425
Average Sunday attendance for 2011: 98.5

Calendar of Events for November

Thursday, November 10

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Wake for Billy Barlow at Clark's Funeral Home, Katonah

Friday, November 11: VETERANS' DAY

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Wake for Billy Barlow at Clark's Funeral Home, Katonah
 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Wake for Billy Barlow at Clark's Funeral Home, Katonah

Saturday, November 12

10:00 AM Funeral for Billy Barlow at Good Shepherd
 12:00 PM – 8:00 AM (Sunday) Stewardship Prayer Vigil

Sunday, November 13: COVENANT SUNDAY

Outreach opportunities

- Holiday Sharing Drive Matching Families Day
- Keon Center Raffle
- Food Basket for Katonah Food Pantry

12:00 PM (Saturday) – 8:00 AM Stewardship Prayer Vigil
 7:40 AM Morning Prayer
 8:00 AM Said Holy Eucharist with Blessing of Pledge Cards
 9:45 AM Sunday School & Childcare
 10:00 AM Sung Holy Eucharist with Blessing of Pledge Cards
 11:00 AM Festive Brunch for Covenant Sunday
 5:00 PM Ways To Praise: A Service of Light

Monday, November 14

Parish Offices are closed

Tuesday, November 15

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 7:00 PM Thinking Episcopalians

Wednesday, November 16

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

Thursday, November 17

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

Friday, November 18

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

Saturday, November 19

10:00 AM Convention to Elect the Next Bishop of New York, Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, New York City



Sunday, November 20: CHRIST THE KING & HARVEST SUNDAY

Outreach opportunities

- Keon Center Raffle
- Food Basket for Katonah Food Pantry

7:40 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 AM Said Holy Eucharist

9:45 AM Sunday School & Childcare

10:00 AM Sung Holy Eucharist

11:00 AM Dedication of the Flag Pole

5:00 PM Ways To Praise: A Service of Light

Monday, November 21

Parish Offices are closed

Tuesday, November 22

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Thinking Episcopalians

Wednesday, November 23

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

Thursday, November 24: THANKSGIVING DAY

10:00 AM Sung Holy Eucharist

Friday, November 25

Parish Offices are closed

Saturday, November 26

Parish Offices are closed

Sunday, November 27: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Outreach opportunities

- Keon Center Raffle
- Food Basket for Katonah Food Pantry

7:40 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 AM Said Holy Eucharist

9:45 AM Sunday School & Childcare

10:00 AM Sung Holy Eucharist

5:00 PM Ways To Praise: Advent Lessons & Carols

Monday, November 28

Parish Offices are closed

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

Wednesday, November 30: SAINT ANDREW'S DAY

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

6:00 PM Holy Eucharist

Server & Reader Schedule

Sunday, November 13

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, November 20

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, November 27

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

The Convention to Elect the next Bishop of New York was POSTPONED until Saturday, November 19, 2011.

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