



The Shepherd's Voice

JULY/AUGUST

2010

IN OUR PRAYERS...

We give thanks for the birth of Matthew Charles Rubino! You prayers are asked for Tom, Maria, Cindy, Edwin, Kathleen, Jennifer, Carol, Dan, Mike, Margaret, Debbie, Phil, Mary Lou, Donald, Jackie, Janice, Andy, Sonya, Angel and Shamyra; and the children of the Carpenter's Kids program in Tanzania; we pray for an end to all war and armed conflict and for our service men and women on active duty, especially William, Tanya and Brandon. Your prayers are asked for Alexandra, Maggie, Rachel and Cindy for safety in childbirth. We also pray for the repose of the soul of Arthur Travis, who died on June 1, 2010

JULY SCHEDULE...

Father Matthew Mead is away in July. Sunday Schedule in July: 8:00 AM Said Holy Eucharist (Rite 1) & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite 2) with hymns. Morning Prayer will not be offered in July. No services will be offered during the week (Monday-Saturday) in July. **THERE WILL BE NO 9:00 AM SERVICE IN THE SUMMER THIS YEAR.** (Please see pages 2-3 for more info).

RECTOR'S VACATION...

Father Matthew Mead, the Rector, is on vacation during the month of July. If you have an emergency or if you are in the hospital, please contact Jim Corning or Bruce Barber, the wardens. They know how to reach Father Matt or another priest if needed.



FROM THE RECTOR: OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

The Reverend Matthew Mead

A topic of discussion at the most recent Vestry Meeting was the future of a Youth Group at Good Shepherd. It seems obvious that we have enough kids to have a youth group: we had 8 young people, ranging between thirteen and sixteen years of age, Confirmed by the Bishop on Sunday, June 20. Those eight do not exist in a vacuum; there are a good number both of slightly younger children and older teenagers. Beyond that, our Sunday School and Nursery are both booming... a Youth Group begun now would be built on a solid foundation and would be able to continue and grow for years to come.

The Vestry has made the formation of a Youth Group a priority for this Autumn, but the Youth Group is only one of several groups that we hope to support, form or reconstitute in 2010. The agenda of the August meeting of the Vestry will feature a discussion of a Youth Group, a Twenty-Thirties Group, the Men's Group, the Women's Group, and a Seniors Group. Some of these groups have existed in the past, some exist and thrive now. The



plan for the August meeting is to see what can be done to jumpstart groups like the Youth Group and the Seniors Group that are already viable but not yet organized in any way and also to find ways to support current groups, like the Men's Group, whose members successfully took on the all-night Smoked Pork Vigil, and the Women's Group, whose members are already planning for the Annual Christmas Bazaar and who meet regularly for a book club. I don't know where the discussion will lead us, and I don't know what the future hold for groups that currently do not exist at Good Shepherd, but I am thrilled that the Vestry is taking this on. I would like to share a few ideas that I will throw into the discussion at next month's meeting, based on conversations I have had with parishioners and members of the Vestry this past year. These are by no means all that we could do, but they might serve as food for thought. If you have more ideas, please let me or someone on the Vestry know before our mid August meeting.



I would love to start a Youth Group with a trip because I think that in terms of bonding there isn't much like a long car ride (especially if the rector has banned iPods and cell phones in the car), a day and night spent in a new and unfamiliar place. I have lots of connections at churches from Boston to Washington, DC, and at least one church in Boston is willing to host us for an overnight; maybe, if all works out, we can have a Youth Group trip this fall or winter. We could travel to the location (Boston or maybe somewhere else), sightsee, worship together, sleep in sleeping bags on the floor of a church hall, and then come home the next day. An event like that can often serve as the foundation for other events. The group has been formed and solidified by the trip, after that, it's much easier to plan smaller events, like a morning volunteering at a local soup kitchen or an afternoon hiking, because everyone already knows everyone else. When I grew up, the memorable Youth Group events were the overnight events. What I most remember was getting to know everyone else, and from there our friendships developed and grew.

My father is an Episcopal priest and rector in a parish in New York City. This past year he started a Seniors Group which meets monthly at the church. They meet for lunch, and each month there is a different program or speaker (the programs vary from a simple “introduce yourself to the group” to a formal speaker talking about an number of issues relevant to the group). The meetings regularly have fifty or more people in attendance. The only problem that they encountered was figuring out what age a person had to be to receive an invitation. I think that eventually they decided that anyone who was interested in being a part of the Senior Group, was welcome to come. I think something similar to that would work at Good Shepherd, and I know that there is interest for such an event. I hope that this fall Good Shepherd will host its first Senior Group event.

There are more than a handful of Twenties and Thirties at Good Shepherd – I am thirty-three – and I think we also need a group. I have the feeling that simply putting a date on the calendar and asking “Who is up for pool or bowling?” would probably work for this group.

The point of these groups is not to create cliques. The point is to facilitate fellowship and friendship at church. Our greatest resource is the people who worship at, are friends with, and are members of Good Shepherd. There are lots and lots of us, and we don’t all know each other. We have different tastes and different needs, but we all share the common desire and need for fellowship, community and friendship. Most of my best friends were made at church; I even first met Nicole, my wife, years ago at the Saint Michael’s Conference (a retreat for high school and college age youth). The friendships that were started by a church event being penciled into my calendar are too many too count. I spent this past year getting to know the people at Good Shepherd. After almost a year here, I can say that I love Good Shepherd because of the people I have gotten to know. It’s my hope that supporting some more groups will allow for everyone to be able to say the same thing!



Financial Report through May 2010

Income

Yandersitz Fund Income	\$21,500.00 <i>(includes \$15,000 one time loan)</i>
Donations	55,112.51
Income from Use of Property	8,945.80
Fund Raisers	1,478.00
Rectory Improvement	1,000.00
Rector's Discretionary	2,525.10
Parish Support Fund	140.00
Memorial Garden	3,914.00
Memorial Funds	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$95,615.41

Expense

Advertising	\$239.00
Church Receptions	4,268.51
Worship Supplies	491.52
Diocesan Assessment	4,630.96
Choir Music	102.20
Supply Priests/Organists	450.00
Office Expenses	2,866.60
Payroll Expenses	218.50
Utilities	9,837.88
Insurance	1,689.84
Maintenance	7,344.11
Roof Loan	417.78
Rector's Stipend	44,419.33
Travel Allowance	1,381.47
Staff Salaries	8,065.17
Sunday School	286.45
Altar Guild & Yander.Flowers	1,007.15
Rectory Improvement	350.00
Rector's Discretionary	370.00
Outreach	678.00
Carpenter's Kids	2,662.50
Fund Raisers	428.62
Parish Support	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$91,824.12

Difference **\$ 3,791.29**

Please remember to keep up your pledges during the summer. Our bills still need to be paid!

Sunday & Holy Day Attendance in June

Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2010: 98

The Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday, June 6, 2010: 88

The Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 13, 2010: 90

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 20 (Bishop Sisk), 2010: 130

Total Weekday Attendance for 2010: 1274

Total Sunday Attendance for 2010: 2448

Average Sunday attendance for 2010: 98

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Memorial Garden Update

Leslie Fulton, For the Committee

For several weeks now, a group of volunteers has been meeting to plan the construction of a Memorial Garden for Good Shepherd. As you may (or may not) have guessed, the most difficult task has been selecting a location for the Garden. While this task is ongoing, we are pleased to announce that a plan for funding is moving forward.

It is proposed that bricks be offered for sale to make up the walk-ways. These bricks can be inscribed with names, dates and other short remembrances of your choosing. Costs have not yet been determined, but it may be a good idea for you to begin thinking about buying a brick (or more) for your own personal memorials. We'll have some sample bricks available for you to look at as quickly as possible.

It is so exciting to see this long-dreamed-of project come to life. Our goal is to be well underway by September. Bruce Barber is the property warden for the Vestry, so if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to speak with him.

Sunday, August 15: The Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin

Morning Prayer (Rite 1) 7:40 AM
Said Holy Eucharist (Rite 1) 8:00 AM
Sung Holy Eucharist (Rite 2) 10:00 AM

*Following the 10:00 service a special reception,
featuring Hot Dogs & Hamburgers,
will be held in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Tuesday, September 28: Eve of Saint Michael & All Angels

Sung Holy Eucharist (Rite 2) 6:00 PM

*Guest Preacher: The Reverend Andrew Mead (aka the Rector's dad).
Father Mead, the elder, is rector of Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in New York City.*

2010 OKTOBERFEST 7:00 PM

Following the service we will celebrate Oktoberfest, the traditional German festival. We will serve German Sausages, Potluck Sides, Potluck German dishes, Soda, and German beverages. All are invited!

Child Care will be provided during the service and for the reception.

<p>Sunday, July 4: Independence Day</p> <p>Chalice Fran DiBernardo Acolytes Abby Vesperman Emily Vesperman OT Reader Gwen Greene NT Reader Gretchen Hintze Prayers Glenn Hintze Ushers Sally Stevens Rick Vesperman</p>	<p>Sunday, August 1</p> <p>Chalice Fran DiBernardo Acolytes Abby Vesperman Emily Vesperman OT Reader Marshall Kidder NT Reader Joe Corcione Prayers Bob Bubeck Ushers Sally Stevens Rick Vesperman</p>
<p>Sunday, July 11</p> <p>Chalice Diane Bushel Acolytes Jesse Lewis Liam Kenny OT Reader Amanda Corcione NT Reader Emily Barber Prayers Bob Bubeck Ushers Bernie Sotter Arleen Flury</p>	<p>Sunday, August 8</p> <p>Chalice Gwen Greene Acolytes Liam Kenny Jesse Lewis OT Reader Bernie Sotter NT Reader Emily Barber Prayers Arleen Flury Ushers Sally Stevens Arleen Flury</p>
<p>Sunday, July 18</p> <p>Chalice Jim Corning Acolytes Abby Vesperman Emily Vesperman OT Reader Sarah Corning NT Reader Amanda Bracken Prayers Rick Vesperman Ushers Bob Velzy Mike Hiller</p>	<p>Sunday, August 15: St. Mary's Day</p> <p>Chalice Jim Corning Acolytes Abby Vesperman Emily Vesperman OT Reader Sarah Corning NT Reader Jim Corning Prayers Rick Vesperman Ushers Bob Velzy Mike Hiller</p>
<p>Sunday, July 25: St James' Day</p> <p>Chalice Gwen Greene Acolytes Liam Kenny Melody Rubino OT Reader Gretchen Hintze NT Reader Emily Barber Prayers John Kaprielian Ushers Glenn Hintze Bob Velzy</p>	<p>Sunday, August 22</p> <p>Chalice Diane Bushel Acolytes Melody Rubino Liam Kenny OT Reader Gretchen Hintze NT Reader Fran DiBernardo Prayers Bob Bubeck Ushers Glenn Hintze Bob Velzy</p>
	<p>Sunday, August 29</p> <p>Chalice Jim Corning Acolytes Abby Vesperman Emily Vesperman OT Reader Marshall Kidder NT Reader Julia Bacal Prayers Rick Vesperman Ushers Bob Velzy Mike Hiller</p>

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