



# The Shepherd's Voice

SEPTEMBER

2010

## **IN OUR PRAYERS...**

Your prayers are asked for Norma, Carolyn, Julie, Franca, Robert, Harriet, Bill, Madeline, Tom, Maria, Kathleen, Mike, Margaret, Debbie, Phil, Dan, 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 and Brandon. Your prayers are asked for Kristen, Alexandra and Rachel for safety in childbirth.

## **CELEBRATE OKTOBERFEST & MICHAELMAS: 9/28...**

We will celebrate the Eve of the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels (aka Michaelmas) on Tuesday, September 28. Our celebration will begin with Sung Holy Eucharist at 6:00 PM; our guest preacher will be the Reverend Andrew Mead, rector of Saint Thomas Church, New York City. The celebration will continue following the service with our first Annual Oktoberfest! German food and beverages will be potluck (and provided!). Child care will be provided!



## **FROM THE RECTOR: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*The Reverend Matthew Mead*

This autumn there will be a variety of opportunities for Christian Education at Good Shepherd.

Sunday School for children resumes in September. Registration will take place on Sunday, September 12, after the 10AM service. The ever-popular Blessing of Backpacks will also be offered that Sunday at the 10AM Sung Holy Eucharist and (due to special request) at the 8AM Rite I Holy Eucharist as well. Following the 10AM service there will be a special Pancake, Egg, and Sausage breakfast. Sunday School classes begin on Sunday, September 19, at 10AM. More information on Sunday School is available below.

Adult Christian Formation also resumes in September. Classes will be offered on Tuesday evenings at 6PM. Each class will be about 45 minutes followed by time for questions and comments.

On Tuesdays, September 7 and 21, I will teach a class

# The faces of Africa

Quick! Close your eyes. Picture what you think when you envision Africa. My trip to Africa to visit the Carpenter's Kids was the farthest I have ever traveled, as measured by miles and, frankly, distance from my comfort zone. I encountered so many things that will stay with me forever – some sad, but mostly wonderful! So, in order to whet your appetite for my presentation after service on **Sunday, September 19**, I am including a few pictures that I hope will begin to share my journey with you. Bright colors! Bright smiles! Wonderful faces! I hope you can be there for the presentation. There's more where these came from. Much, much more! - Jan Corning



entitled: **The Gospel according to Saint John : A Crash Course in the 4<sup>th</sup> Gospel.** The Gospel according to Saint John is quite distinct from the other Gospels according to Matthew, Mark and Luke (commonly grouped together as the Synoptic Gospels). It contains events in Jesus' life that are not narrated elsewhere, it contains teachings and sayings, such as "The Good Shepherd", "The Way, the Truth, and the Life", and "The Word" which are uniquely Johannean, and the timeline of events is difficult to match with the timeline in the Synoptic Gospels. Whether you have never read the Gospel of John or you have read it many times, this class is for you. The class will offer participants a starting point if they are new to the 4<sup>th</sup> Gospel, and it will offer those who are familiar with it the opportunity to move ever deeper. A list of suggested reading is available on the parish website calendar or from the rector.

On Tuesday nights, October 5, 12, 19 & 26, at 6PM, I will offer a class entitled **Liturgics & Worship: Why we do what we do (and we don't do some things other Christians do) in church.** The class is designed to offer answers to any and all questions you have ever had about why we do certain things on Sunday (and also why we don't). "Why do we kneel?" "Why do we have seasons?" "Why does Easter move around?" "Why is Christmas in December?" "What is incense and why don't we use it all the time?" "Why does the priest

wear such an extravagant poncho?" "Why can't we skip certain parts of the service?" "Why do we do the Confession sometimes and not other times." "Why do we use water in Baptism?" "Why can't we always sing hymns everyone knows?"... You can find the answer to these and many more questions you might have... but only if you come to the Tuesday evening class in October!

On Tuesday nights, November 9, 16 & 23, at 6PM, we will have **Tuesday Night Dinner & Movie Series: The Gospel of John (2003) (uncut and unedited)**. Join a jovial group of Bible Watchers on Tuesdays in November to watch a complete cinematic take on the Gospel according to John, narrated by Christopher Plummer, on the big screen in the Parish Hall. The movie is approximately 3 hours long, so we will divide it into three parts, each about one hour long. Food and beverages are potluck. A signup sheet for food and beverages is available in the hallway.

**Breakfast Bible Study** returns Wednesday mornings at 8:00 AM in September, October, and November. We will study the Prophetic Books of the Old Testament. This class is the second part of last year's breakfast Bible Study, when we studied the prophets found in the Old Testament histories. You do not need to have completed last year's class to participate in this year's class. All are invited, breakfast is BYOD (Bring Your Own Donuts!). Coffee is provided by

## **FALL CLEAN-UP DAY: SEPTEMBER 18, 2010**

Our Fall clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2010, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (rain date is September 25, 2010). This time, the day is dedicated to cleaning up our "back yards" or more specifically, the area immediately behind the church which presently includes large tree stumps, an asphalt walkway to ?, a dumpster, etc.. As most folks park in the rear parking lot, the idea is to have this area look nice as we get out of our cars and head into church.

The second "back yard" spot we are going to work on is immediately behind the rectory. As part of our prior clean-up days, a large (and I mean large) down tree was cut up, branches and weeds taken away and trash (and I mean a lot) was removed from this area. Father Matt has been working diligently to remove the weeds that keep coming back (and back). So, it is time to restore this area to a grassed back yard with steps leading down from the driveway. It will be a nice spot for our Rector and his family to relax and play.

So please do come. Come for an hour or two, or come for the whole day. We have always worked hard and had a great time together on prior work days. Oh, and of course there will be food and beverage so at least come for that if you can. It will be great to see everyone as we continue to beautify and improve our church grounds! There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway and please give me a call if you have any questions (914-299-5293).

Thanks,  
Bruce Barber, Property Warden

# STEWARDSHIP

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer! As is typical in the summertime, we have seen a moderate decline in weekly pledge donations due to families being away on vacation. This letter is just a reminder to catch up on your pledge, if you haven't already done so. Financial statements will be sent out at the beginning of the month to help you review your pledge commitment. Also it's still not too late to make a pledge for 2010! Pledge cards are available at the back of the church or from Bob Bubeck, the parish Financial Secretary.

Please keep in mind some Stewardship dates for the fall:

## **Sunday, October 24th: Stewardship Luncheon**

This will be a potluck luncheon so bring a dish to share. Sally Stevens, our Treasurer, will discuss the budget for the coming year.

## **Saturday, November 13th: 24-Hour Prayer Vigil**

Our 22nd year! The Prayer Vigil starts at 8:00 am on Saturday November 13th and ends at 8:00 am on Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign up to spend an hour in prayerful meditation at the church.

## **Sunday, November 14th: Covenant Sunday**

Pledge cards for 2011 will be presented at the altar during the services. A special coffee hour will follow the 10:00 am service.

*Maria Kaprielian for the Stewardship Committee*

the rector!

I am pleased to announce that Good Shepherd will host an **EFM (Education For Ministry) Group**. Participants study the entire sweep of Christian tradition from the earliest period to the present, covering biblical exegesis and interpretation, systematic theology, church history, ethics and liturgics. The group will meet at the Church on Monday evenings from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Participants in EFM commit to the class for the entire academic year. The enrollment fee for this year is \$460. For more information please speak to Wilfried Haensch in church or at 914-945-3913.

Finally, I'd like to give brief advertisement for the **Saint Gabriel's Conference**. Though it will not be an official parish retreat, I hope that we can send a group of parishioners to the Conference at the end of October at which I have been asked to be this visiting priest. Saint Gabriel's is a conference/retreat for adults located in Massachusetts that began as an offshoot of the Saint Michael's Conference for high school and college age young people; my wife Nicole and I both attended Saint Michael's Conference, as did a number of my best friends. Saint Gabriel's will take place over two nights and two days, beginning on Friday evening, October 29, and concluding Sunday, October 31 – I will be back for Sunday services at Good Shepherd, but the Conference

doesn't end until around noon on Sunday. The Conference will feature two class periods (with a selection of classes for each period) and a discussion group period (also with different options for discussion), Evensong on Friday and Saturday nights, and Sung Holy Eucharist, on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Registration forms are available in the church office and the enrolment fee is \$225. Enrollment before September 10 is discounted by \$10.

I invite you to take one or more of these opportunities for education this autumn. Some of my favorite memories are the Christian education classes I have taken at Conferences, Churches, and of course, in Seminary. I have also enjoyed teaching many different classes as a priest, classes that I may have led, but classes I also learned a great deal in. Learning about what I believe in has strengthened my faith and made it possible for me to do more every-day evangelism. I hope that these classes will be opportunities for everyone at Good Shepherd to grow in Christian faith and knowledge. If you are interested in any of these classes, but you cannot be present when they are offered, please speak to me and we can work something out (I am willing to double up on when the classes are offered if need be). *Matthew Mead*

**Sunday, September 12, 2010**  
**Blessing of Backpacks**  
**& Sunday School Registration**

## ***The Daily Office!***

**Morning Prayer is offered every Sunday and every Tuesday through Friday at 7:40 AM.**

**Evening Prayer is offered at 5:30 PM on Tuesdays.**

**If you are interested in becoming a Lay Reader (someone who leads at Morning or Evening Prayer) please speak to the rector... the goal is Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer every weekday!**

**Everyone is invited to pray the Daily Office at the church!**

### **WOCOGS | (Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd)**

Book Club Meeting | Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at the Kaprielian's | We will be discussing the book *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen | All are invited to attend

## MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATE

The Memorial Garden Committee has worked very hard this past summer and made great progress! The location of the garden has been determined. It will be located in the wooded area to the right of the main church driveway as you head back towards the rear parking lot (you may notice some orange flags marking the general location in this area). The committee envisions two access points; a woodland path starting near the front of the church and a more direct path off the rear parking lot for folks that are a little less mobile. The garden itself will be located at the intersection of these two paths, in the wooded area at the back corner of the church property. The goal of the committee to have a private, peaceful and wooded setting which will be constructed with minimal impact to the land has been achieved.

The committee spent a great deal of time developing the "paperwork" or "rules and regulations" of the garden which provide details regarding maintenance, interment and cost.

Lastly, the committee put together a fundraiser which will be used to help construct the garden. Stones (and possibly bricks) will be available to be purchased starting September 19. The stones can be inscribed with your remembrance or message and will be placed in the walkways leading up to the memorial garden. More details will be available on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

The garden was discussed at the Vestry meeting this past August and they are reviewing the documents for further discussion this month. In the meantime, I am sure that everyone will have a lot of questions so please feel free to ask any of the committee members. Our goal remains to have a service in the garden in November. We are grateful for your support and prayers as we move forward.

*Bruce Barber for the Memorial Garden Committee*

## Sunday School Ready for Another Memorable Year!

After the summer break, the Sunday School program returns September 12 with the annual registration of students and the traditional "Blessing of the Backpacks" from Father Matt during the 10am service. All current and former Sunday School students and their friends are invited to bring their backpacks and participate!

Sunday School continues to grow. With the addition of several new families, we expect to have more than 25 students registered this year. Because of this increase, we will split the students into two groups each week, after first conducting our traditional children's worship service.

Like the last few years, we will again use a "lectionary based" curriculum as the basis for our weekly classes. This means that the children will be learning about and discussing, at their level, the same lessons the adults are experiencing in the worship service. We have found that this makes for some great discussions between parents and children after church and at home during the week!

The first session begins September 19, led by teachers Fran DiBernardo and Suzanne Bracken (thank you, ladies!) and will conclude with the first of our "Family Sundays" (where the children assume the duties at the 10am service) on October 24. You'll be seeing the children perform in church several times this year!

We need teachers for the remaining four sessions of the 2010-2011 school year. Everyone should have received a letter and calendar from the Sunday School Committee in an August mailing. We hope you will sign up on the hallway board to teach a session this year.

Each sessions lasts 5-6 weeks, and all materials and assistance from the committee are provided. With so many students divided into two groups, we ideally need 3-4 teachers for each session, especially during the Christmas Pageant session (October 31 to January 8, when we present the annual pageant and our 12th Night celebration) . The exception to committing to teaching a full session is the spring "Christian Living" session, after Easter, when you can sign up for just one week (or hopefully more!). Sunday School alumni are strongly encouraged to volunteer to assist!

The rewards will be many. The children are very bright and love to work on crafts and projects after their lessons. They also enjoy singing and learning about hobbies and skills that our congregation members have shared with them. Please join us and give your gift of talent this year!

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

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

At Coffee Hour after church on Sunday, September 12, Cecilia Sparacio, our Music Director, will offer a signup sheet for any who are interested in joining/forming a children's choir at Good Shepherd. She will also answer questions and gauge interest in the hope that we can form a Children's Choir in the near future.

WOOOOOoooooooo!!!!!!!!!!!!

## 20s & 30s (and up) Group

*A group of Good Sheeple (Sheople?) in their 20s & 30s (and up) will gather at the church to COOK, EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY!!!! All are invited; the entertainment is aimed at those of us in our 20s & 30s (and up).*

*Join us on Saturday Evening, October 9, 2010, at 5PM for an evening making Pizza (to be eaten on site) and Hot Sauce (to be taken home in large or small bottles you bring).*

*BYOB and/or a \$10 donation to cover food is requested.*

# Congratulations!!!

Blessings on Seth and Jackie Stebbins, married on August 6, 2010. The photo below is the Groom (Seth) and the Mother of the Groom (Carol Stebbins) dance!



# Happy Anniversary!!!

September 6: Diane & Douglas Buschel

September 15: Vilma and Pat Mulholland

# Happy Birthday!!!

September 1: Mary Lou Kidder

September 3: Phillip Pinkney

September 4: Jennifer Ciallela

September 4: Anne Siemerling

September 9: Eric Parsons

September 13: Vernon Alexander

September 14: Muriel Samborski

September 15: Jan Corning

September 15: Michael Galloway

September 15: Cathryn Hohwald

September 17: Elizabeth Galloway

September 17: Olivia Nygard

September 19: Robert Rubino

September 20: Sybil Barnett

September 20: Diane Buschel

September 21: Dylan Hohwald

September 21: Robert Wright

September 23: Daniel Buschel

September 30: Douglas Buschel

September 30: Taylor Simpson

## Tuesday, September 14: Holy Cross Day

**Morning Prayer 7:40 AM | Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM**

*BYOD (Bring Your Own Donuts) Breakfast with the Rector after the service.*

**Evening Prayer 5:30 AM | Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM**

*A small reception of wine and cheese will be offered after the service.*

***On Holy Cross Day Fr. Matt celebrates his first anniversary as rector of Good Shepherd.***



## CHURCH MAINTENANCE BOX

A box labeled "Church Maintenance Needs" has been placed at the back of the church. If you see or "experience" anything that requires repair would you please write it down and put it in the box. The box will be checked weekly and items needing repair addressed as quickly as possible. Of course if there is an emergency, or you prefer to contact me directly, please feel free to give me a call. My number is 914-299-5293. Thanks for your help! Bruce

## Join a Group of Good Shepherd Walker for the 16th ANNUAL SUPPORT-A-WALK

**10:00 AM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2010 at FDR State Park**

The Walk is held to raise breast and ovarian cancer awareness. All proceeds benefit Support Connection's FREE support services for people affected by breast and ovarian cancer. The three-mile Walk will be held at FDR State Park (Route 202 off Taconic State Parkway) with pre-Walk activities beginning at 9:00 am. At 10:00 am, the ribbon will be cut and the Walk begins. People walk in teams or as individuals. Some walk in memory of or in celebration of people affected by breast and ovarian cancer. There is a warm-up session preceding the Walk and refreshments and entertainment after the Walk. Join us for this uplifting experience. **Please speak to Vilma Mulholland for information about the Good Shepherd Walking Team.**

*Special thanks to the Reverend John Merz for celebrating and preaching at Services in July. Since his July at Good Shepherd, Father Merz has been very busy! He was married at the beginning of August and he has been called by the Bishop of Long Island to serve as Vicar of the Church of the Ascension in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.*

*Thanks so much, Congratulations and God bless!!!*

## ***Sunday & Holy Day Attendance in July & August***

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, June 27, 2010: 70  
Independence Day, Sunday, July 4, 2010: 70  
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 11, 2010: 56  
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 18, 2010: 42  
The Feast of Saint James the Apostle, Sunday, July 25, 2010: 45  
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 1, 2010: 68  
The Feast of the Transfiguration, Friday, August 6, 2010: 6  
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 8, 2010: 53  
The Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin, Sunday, August 15, 2010: 67  
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 22, 2010: 53  
Saint Bartholomew the Apostle, Tuesday, August 24, 2010: 7  
**Total Weekday Attendance for 2010: 1453**  
**Total Sunday Attendance for 2010: 2954**  
**Average Sunday attendance for 2010: 87**

### **REST IN PEACE: CYNTHIA LYNNE SOTTER June 27, 1942 – June 30, 2010**



Your prayer are asked for Cindy Sotter, who died on June 30, 2010. Cindy Sotter was the parish Secretary for many years. Her funeral was Saturday, July 10, 2010. In lieu of flowers the family asked for contributions to be submitted to the Good Shepherd Memorial Garden Fund. Please keep Cindy, her husband Bernie, her daughter Jen, her son-in-law Lonnie, her grandchildren Paige and Joseph, and all of her family and friends in your prayers.

# 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 or Roast Pork, Potluck Sides, Potluck German dishes, Soda, and German beverages. All are invited!*

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

### Sunday, September 5 - Baptism

Chalice	Diane Buschel
Acolytes	Melody Rubino Liam Kenny
OT Reader	Wilfried Haensch
NT Reader	Gretchen Hintze
Ushers	Sally Stevens Rick Vesperman

### Sunday, September 12 - Backpacks

Chalice	Gwen Greene
Acolytes	Kayleigh Kenny Liam Kenny Jesse Lewis
OT Reader	Fran DiBernardo
NT Reader	Sarah Corning
Prayers	Arleen Flury
Ushers	Sally Stevens Glenn Hintze Bob Velzy Bernie Sotter

### Sunday, September 19

Chalice	Phil Levy
OT Reader	Jim Corning
NT Reader	Alexander Weig
Prayers	Wilfried Haensch
Ushers	Arleen Flury Bernie Sotter

### Sunday, September 26 - Baptisms

Chalice	Diane Buschel
OT Reader	Julia Bacal
NT Reader	Emily Barber
Prayers	Wilfried Haensch
Ushers	Sally Stevens Bob Velzy

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