



PRAYER LIST

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, we pray especially for the churches and clergy of the Saw Mill Clericus, 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 especially Adam and James, for Adrienne and Robin for safety in childbirth, for Monique, Mike, MaryLou, Marshall, Beverly, Ellen, Larry, Jay, Bob, Nancy, Marty, Debbie, Donald, Muriel, Rubye, Tommy, Anita, Joan, Ron, Walter, Bob, and Delia, and for the repose of the soul of Leslie.

DAILY PRAYER

Prayer is essential to a Christian's life and witness to Jesus Christ. Through prayer we grow closer to God. Good Shepherd offers daily Morning Prayer on Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:30 AM, and also Morning and Evening Prayer on Sundays. Stop by the church and join us some morning! If you want you can also read the Daily Office each morning and evening online: Click **Daily Office** under the **Prayer Resources** tab on the parish website.

BISHOP DIETSCH

On Friday, September 28, Bishop Dietsche will be with us for Michaelmas. Sung Mass is at 6:00 PM that night, and if you are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, please contact Father Matt.

The Gifts of God **by the Rector**

On Sundays when we gather for worship, the Gospel is proclaimed, we are fed and nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, and we are called by Christ as members of his living Body in the world to live out that Gospel by using the gifts that God has given us. How each of us lives out our calling looks as different as the varying gifts that God has given to each of us. As Saint Paul says:

The body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the organs in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single organ, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those parts of the body which we think less honorable we invest with the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior part, that there may be no discord in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Corinthians 12:14-27 RSV)

I believe that a visitor to Good Shepherd could easily discern this reality by coming to church on any given Sunday and seeing what is going on. Take a quick look at the calendar of coming events for September and you will see opportunities for worship, fellowship, outreach, and education. Each event is evidence of the different gifts

Welcome Back to Sunday School!

A reminder that the 2012-13 Sunday School year will formally begin on September 9 with the annual Blessing of the Backpacks and registration at the 10am service. We're looking forward to welcoming back more than 25 children! The first session will start on September 16.

We will divide the children into two groups again this year. One will include pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade students, the other will be for 4th through 7th graders. Yes, we have expanded beyond sixth grade after last year's sixth graders, who would normally have "graduated," asked if they could stay on!

Jan and Sarah Corning will instruct the younger students in the first session, while Paul Miller and Courtney Velzy have signed on for the full year again to teach the upper grades. Thank you so much, Paul and Courtney!

Again this year, we will use a lectionary-based curriculum (where students learn the same lessons that we experience in church) and hold five sessions of approximately six weeks each. They will feature Family Sundays (where children perform most of the 10am service duties), the Christmas Pageant/Twelfth Night on January 5, , the Spring Concert in May and other special presentations. There will be crafts offered on select Sundays throughout the year when there is no formal instruction. A full calendar will be provided at registration to all Sunday School parents.

We are looking for more teachers for pre-kindergarten through 3rd grades. We need at least two per session, starting at the end of October. Anyone teaching will have plenty of support from their fellow instructors and the Sunday School Committee. Please consider doing so---it is a most rewarding experience. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, and you can talk to any Sunday School Committee member.

See you at the Blessing of the Backpacks!

--Glenn Hintze

lived out in our community, but without exception every event builds up the church and helps us to spread the good news to more and more people.

- September 2, Sunday - Senior's Group Meeting after 10:00 AM Mass
- September 8, Saturday – Leslie & JR Katz Memorial Service 10AM
- September 8, Saturday – Loaves & Fishes (CANCELLED)
- September 9, Sunday - 10:00 AM Blessing of Backpacks, Sunday School Registration after 10:00 AM Mass & Potluck Coffee Hour
- September 14, Friday, Holy Cross Day 6:00 PM Said Mass & Chicken Wing Festival
- September 14, Friday – WOCOGS book group 7:30 PM
- September 16, Sunday – Budget Committee Meeting at 8:45 AM
- September 16, Sunday – Wills & Bequests Presentation after 10:00 AM Mass
- September 17, Monday – Poetry Group 7:00 PM
- September 21, Friday, Saint Matthew's Day – Said Mass 6PM
- September 23, Sunday – Outreach Meeting & (tentative) Presentation by Community Center of Northern Westchester after 10:00 AM Mass
- September 27, Thursday – Vestry Meeting at 7:30PM
- September 28, Friday – 6:00 MP Sung Mass for Michaelmas, Oktoberfest, Bishop Dietsche Visitation & Great Collection for Food Pantry at Community Center of Northern Westchester
- September 29, Saturday – Work Day 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- September 30, Sunday – Senior's Group Meeting after 10:00 AM Mass

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On the first Sunday of every month the Senior's Group meets (the October meeting has been moved to the last week of September). What do they do? They discuss issues that face the elderly, find ways to address as many of those issues that they can, and bring concerns facing the elderly to the wider congregation. They have organized fellowship outings (to a museum, on a cruise, to a play, etc.) which are invaluable opportunities for people who might not be able to do it on their own to "get out and hang out with the gang". They have brought in speakers who offered information on services offered by the government or by local organizations to the elderly. This ministry is a great gift, on its own it is a wonderful thing,

but it is just one of the many members of the Body of Christ that is living and active at Good Shepherd.

September 8, Saturday – Leslie & JR Katz Memorial Service 10AM

The funeral service for Leslie Katz and Harry Katz Jr., children of Pat Katz, will be on September 8. Leslie died in August after being diagnosed with brain cancer late last year. Harry Jr. died a few years ago, but for a variety of reasons a formal memorial service had never been offered for him. We are offering a memorial service/funeral for both of them at 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 8. The service will be followed by a reception, hosted by Pat and her daughter Ellen, in the parish hall.

Though we all have many different gifts, there are a few that God has given to all of us. Our ability to be present with our brothers and sisters, especially in times of sorrow, is a great gift indeed. Whether you know Pat or knew her children well doesn't matter, and I invite you, if you are able to, to be present with her on this day. The gift of prayer is likewise given to us all. Whether you are at the service or not, I invite you to offer prayers and supplications for Pat, Ellen, Leslie, and Harry. Your prayers and presence are requested.

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

September 8, Saturday – Loaves & Fishes Fish Fry and Food Pantry Collection (CANCELLED/POSTPONED)

We had originally scheduled a Loaves and Fishes Fish Fry for September 8. Once the funeral had been scheduled it was moved to later that afternoon, but unfortunately, because of other scheduling problems unrelated to the funeral, we have been forced to cancel the Fish Fry and postpone the food pantry collection. The plan was to have a fun afternoon feast where everyone brought food to share at the event and also brought canned and dry food supplies for the food pantry at the Community Center of Northern Westchester. The food pantry collection will take place on Michaelmas/Oktoberfest (more about that below).

SAVE THE DATE

2nd ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012

LOCATION: The TRAVELER REST

COST: \$65.00 per person

The Dinner will include a four course dinner including Soda, Wine and Beer. A Silent Auction will be held, and Raffle Ticket sale will be carried out in conjunction with the Dinner.

Lorne Robbins will put together a working committee in the coming weeks and will keep the congregation informed as we progress in the planning of another successful AWARDS DINNER.



Good Shepherd, Granite Springs

Michaelmas 2012

Outreach News

By Nancy Haensch

Dear God. We ask that you show us how to be the arms and legs of Christ in the world today and to follow where you lead without fear or hesitation. Amen.

Loaves and Fishes Fish Fry

******CANCELLED******

We are sorry to report that the event has been cancelled because of excessive, unexpected business travel for the cook! The fish fry was conceived as a chance to gather from our abundance to share with the food pantry, and we were sad to lose this opportunity. Fortunately, the Michaelmas and Oktoberfest event on September 28 offers a perfect replacement opportunity!! **We're now asking that parishioners bring non-perishable food items for the food pantry to Oktoberfest.** Jesus was *abundantly hospitable* to the 5000 hungry people joining him by the Sea of Galilee long ago. After everyone has eaten their fill at the Oktoberfest, let's see if we can gather 12 baskets of food just as the disciples did!

Community Center of Northern Westchester (CCNW)

The food pantry we support through our donations is part of CCNW in Katonah. We are currently trying to arrange a guest speaker from the Center to come talk to our parish about how Good Shepherd can become more involved. The date and time will be announced when the details are finalized.

As I mentioned last month, our donations have dropped since this time last year, from 569 lbs. to 358 lbs. In the last Shepherd's Voice, we challenged the parish to try to hit the 100 pound

September 9, Sunday - 10:00 AM Blessing of Backpacks, Sunday School Registration after 10:00 AM Mass & Potluck Coffee Hour

The 2012-2013 academic year begins on Sunday, September 9. We will offer our annual Blessing of Backpacks at the 10:00 AM service. Bishop Frank Griswold, the previous Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, said to me once when he was asked to bless an icon for a house and a cross for someone to wear (I am paraphrasing from memory), "Matthew, if you are ever going to bless anything at all, then bless it with holy water and bless it on the on the altar." And so we pile up about 30 backpacks on the altar and sprinkle them and the kids who are mobbed around the altar with holy water. It's officially called the Blessing of Backpacks, but our prayers at the altar on this Sunday aren't really about backpacks:

Heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Eternal God, giver of life and love: bless all parents, guardians, and teachers; grant them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that they may be strength to those in need, counselors to those in perplexity, comfort to those in sorrow, and companions to those in joy, and so knit their wills together in your will and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may live in love and peace all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and knowledge: bless these backpacks and the children who bear them as they begin a new year in school: May their backpacks be filled with great books of learning; may the friendships that are made this year be lifelong; may their hearts and minds be enlightened by your Holy Spirit; and as they grow in knowledge may they grow ever closer to your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are blessed with many children at Good Shepherd, and we are also blessed with many people who have the gift of caring for and teaching children. We are all given the gift of being evangelists. No, most of us we don't write gospels, and I doubt any of us will ever have our words added to the New Testament, but each of us has the opportunity to teach our friends and family members about the Lord, and when we do we are using the exact same gift given to Saint Matthew, Saint Mark, Saint Luke, and Saint John.

September 14, Friday, Holy Cross Day 6:00 PM Said Mass & Chicken Wing Festival

On Friday, September 14, we will celebrate Holy Cross Day. Our festivities begin with Said Mass at 6:00 PM, followed by our second annual Chicken Wing Festival. Holy Cross Day is a special day for me because it marks my third anniversary as rector at Good Shepherd. I can think of nothing better than having church and chicken wings to celebrate! A signup sheet is in the hallway for the Chicken Wing Festival. If you want to help financially support this event, please see the article below on the "FELLOWSHIP FUND".

I believe the liturgical calendar is a great gift given to the Church. Observing the lesser and greater celebrations and holy days of the year teach us to pray in different ways, help us learn about the different saints who set so many great examples for us, and allow us to live into a pattern that follows the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus.

It is a happy coincidence that I began as rector at Good Shepherd on Holy Cross Day. My anniversary serves to remind me every year that it all begins with the Cross and it always comes back to Jesus. We have chicken wings because chicken wings make me happy, but they don't make me as happy as being rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and so I am also reminded each year what a gift this church is and all of you are to me.

September 14, Friday – WOCOGS book group 7:30 PM

The Holy Cross Day Mass and Chicken Wing Festival will be followed by the regular WOCOGS Book Club meeting at 7:30 PM. The women's group meets every month to discuss a book. I haven't attended any of their meetings, but I think that the book is just an excuse to meet so that they can plan many other events and solve most of the problems that the parish faces. I have been at churches that do not have active women's groups, and I can tell you with certainty that our congregation is blessed to have the WOCOGS. Without our active women's group, Good Shepherd would not have a Tag Sale, a Christmas Bazaar, a Birthday Card Committee, an Altar Guild, a team for Support Connection, or really anything other than church and chicken wings.

September 16, Sunday – Budget Committee Meeting at 8:45 AM

The Budget Committee is meeting on Sunday September 16, at 8:45 AM. About 90% - if you want the exact figure come to the meeting - of our budget goes to operational expenses (heat, light, salaries, etc.). Ensuring that the

mark for our August donations and **WE DID IT!!** Our food collection for August was **103.8 pounds!!** Way to go, Good Shepherd. Now we challenge you to keep up this great, giving momentum...maybe even top that amount! If you just think of the pounds of hot dogs we've consumed at coffee hour over the summer, this should be a realistic goal! The collection bin has been moved back to the church entrance for enhanced visibility and hopefully this will also help us turn the trend around. Please keep the food pantry and the families they serve in your prayers. Always remember that we are the arms and legs of Christ in this world and that something as simple as buying an extra bag of rice is sharing God's love!

Current pantry needs are: peanut butter, pasta/sauce, cereal, dried beans, canned fruit, baby food, and diapers. Please buy something extra for the food pantry on your next trip to the supermarket! **Let's see if we can get top 100 pounds next month!!**

Your feedback needed

Many of you participated in our support of the Northern Westchester Junior League's Holiday Share Drive last winter. We would value some honest feedback about the project before committing to another year. Did you love it? Did you hate it? Please tell us why. **Send your comments to haensch5@aol.com!**

Good Shepherd Drivers

We are happy to begin a trial of offering rides for parishioners who need some help getting around. I will be the contact person and will try to match the ride request to an available driver. If you need a ride or would like to be a volunteer driver, please call Nancy Haensch at (914) 419-3721.

THE FELLOWSHIP FUND

Brought to you by the Fun Bunch

It is known throughout the world that Good Shepherd has the best church Holy Day celebrations!

These events are different from our regular Coffee Hour. Coffee Hour is hosted each week by a family or a team of families or individuals. Each week a basket is put out which funds supplies and coffee for weekly Coffee Hour. Our planning and funding for Coffee hour is separate from our planning and funding for Holy Day receptions. When a major Holy Day reception falls on a Sunday (like Father's Day) we plan for and fund it as a Holy Day reception rather than as part of Coffee Hour.

Holy Day receptions are open to the wider parish community without asking for a "cover charge" from everyone at the event. Some of these events are potluck, some are partly potluck. Either way, certain supplies, entrees, and mainstays are provided and paid for by any number of donors who "adopt" whole or parts of these events.

An easy way to support an event is by offering a donation to the "FELLOWSHIP FUND". Money donated to this fund will be noted by the church as a donation separately from your regular pledge or given amount. When a donation basket is placed out at these events, any donations that are put into the basket will go towards the Fellowship Fund. Another way to sponsor an event is simply to look at the list below and find an item that you want to donate. If, for example, you want to donate the champagne on Christmas Day, just tell the rector, and he will be grateful and we will not have to buy champagne.

On the facing page, we have listed the Holy Day celebrations Good Shepherd offers throughout the year. The estimated cost for food and supplies that is purchased before the event is listed. Wherever possible, we have noted how the event is sponsored. For example, Oktoberfest needs a total 13 \$50 sponsors, and we already have 7 of those 13 sponsors. If you want to sponsor that or any event, please let Father Matt know. You can be a double sponsor or triple sponsor if you would like, or you can give any amount at any time to the Fellowship Fund which will help to sponsor an upcoming event. Note that the first of the two dates is for the Eve of the Feast Day. We celebrate the Eve whenever a Holy Day falls on a Wednesday or Saturday.

buildings are habitable and usable and that the church is staffed may seem like "operational expenses", but without the building and without the staff, not a single other event that we are doing in September happens. Making sure we are paying our bills on time, spending our money wisely, and communicating the necessity and effectiveness of our operational expenses and program expenses, respectively, is a gift. We are blessed at Good Shepherd that some of our members are good with numbers and have the gift of understanding and, most importantly, helping others to understand our budget.

September 16, Sunday – Wills & Bequests Presentation after 10:00 AM Mass

After church on Sunday, September 16th, local attorneys John Buckley and Paul Hashim of David Lerner & Associates will present on the following: Advance Directives (POA's, Health Care Proxies and Living Wills), Medicaid Planning (Irrevocable Trusts, residence transfer techniques), Wills and charitable contributions and finally, a 30,000 foot view of estate planning, Long Term Care Insurance and its use with Trusts, money management services, trust services/products and retirement planning services.

The Prayer Book (pg. 445) states: *The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.*

The worldly gifts that we have can be passed on to support the mission of Good Shepherd and other religious and charitable organizations. Our endowment funds are limited, but they are essential to the daily life and work that Good Shepherd does. By putting the church in your will you can ensure that the gifts that God has given you will continue to help spread the love of God to our community, even after you have died.

September 17, Monday – Poetry Group 7:00 PM

The Poetry Group will meet on Monday, September 17, at 7:00 PM. They normally meet on the 1st Monday of each month, but due to Labor Day (September 3) they have moved their group's meeting to the 17th. Every Sunday we sing Hebrew Poetry (psalms) and poems set to music (hymns). Our fledgling poetry group might not have produced a hymnal yet, but it is through such creative poetry and prose outlets that many of the most

well known hymn writers, Christian novelists, and poets first began to share their gift for writing and poetry with others.

September 21, Friday, Saint Matthew's Day – Said Mass 6PM

Saint Matthew's Day is on Friday, September 21. We will celebrate my favorite saint with Said Mass at 6:00 PM. There will be no reception afterwards (I am planning on having a steak dinner at home!). The name Matthew means "gift of God". Matthew's gift to all of us was that he wrote down what he knew about Jesus. What does your name mean? And what gift has God given to you that you can pass on to someone else?

September 23, Sunday – Outreach Meeting & (tentative) Presentation by Community Center of Northern Westchester after 10:00 AM Mass

On Sunday, September 23, the Outreach Committee is tentatively planning to have a speaker from the Community Center of Northern Westchester (CCNW) come to Good Shepherd. The speaker/date/time have not yet been finalized and final details will be announced when we know them. The speaker will tell us about the CCNW. We already know about and support the Food Pantry, but the CCNW does much more. The Chairs of the Outreach Committee are hoping to establish a formal relationship between Good Shepherd and the CCNW, and this is the second step in that relationship (the first is our ongoing support of the Food Pantry). We are not sure of the exact time (or date) that the speaker will be here, but as soon as we know, we will let you know so you can mark your calendars.

September 27, Thursday – Vestry Meeting at 7:30PM

The Vestry Meeting in September is Thursday, September 27. We normally meet on the 4th Thursday of each month, and if you would like to attend a vestry meeting, you are welcome to. Please let me know in advance so I can make sure we have enough chairs, etc. The vestry has canonical authority over the finances of the parish. In a very real sense, they represent a cross section of the different gifts that the parish has, and they also administer the financial donations that each of us gives to support the work of the church.

September 28, Friday – 6:00 MP Sung Mass for Michaelmas, Oktoberfest, Bishop Dietsche Visitation & Great Collection for Food Pantry at Community Center of Northern Westchester

On Friday, September 28, we celebrate Michaelmas & Oktoberfest. For the second year in a row we welcome

September 13/14: Holy Cross Day & Chicken Wing Festival: (Chicken Wings & Dip \$75)

To have this event, we need 3 \$25 sponsors. Right now we have 0 of 3.

September 28/29: Michaelmas & Oktoberfest: (Commemorative Steins \$400); (Whole Pig \$200); (Sausages \$100); (Beer \$150)

To have this event, we need 13 \$50 sponsors and 1 Pig sponsor. Right now we have 7 of 13, and the pig has been sponsored.

November 1, 2011: All Saints' Day & Slow Cooked Potluck: (Firewood & Plastic Bowls and Plates \$20)

To have this event, we need 1 \$20 sponsor. Right now we have 0 of 1.

December 24: Christmas Eve: (Wine/Cheese/Dessert reception \$100)

The vestry sponsors this event each year.

December 25: Christmas Day: (Bagels & Lox \$30) & (Champagne \$45)

To have this event, we need 1 \$30 sponsor and 1 champagne donor (\$45 for three bottles). Right now we have 0 of 2.

January 5/6: Epiphany (Wine \$30) & (Cheese \$20)

Not offered in 2012. Epiphany is a Sunday.

February 1/2: Candlemas & Chili Competition (Beer \$150) (Bowls \$10) (Cheese & Sour Cream \$20)

To have this event, we need 6 \$30 sponsors. Right now we have 0 of 6.

March 24/25: Annunciation & Chowder Competition (Bowls \$10)

To have this event, we need 1 \$10 sponsor. Right now we have 0 of 1.

Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner: (Lamb & Chicken Kabobs \$200)

To have this event, we need 8 \$25 sponsors. Right now we have 0 of 8.

Ascension Day: (Steak \$250) & (Wine \$100) & (Beer \$150)

To have this event, we need 10 \$50 sponsors. Right now we have 0 of 10.

Father's Day: (Pork, Beef & Dry Rub \$225) & (Beer \$150)

To have this event, we need 6 \$25 sponsors for the beer, and a BBQ sponsor. Right now we have 0 of 6. And the BBQ has been sponsored.

THANKS!!!!

We just wanted to thank everyone who has helped make coffee hour so wonderful. I have heard many times that no other church has a coffee hour like ours. It really is unique and I appreciate all that everyone has done to make them all so special. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Bernie, who comes early on Sunday mornings to help me set everything up.

A very big thank you to the following people who have hosted coffee hour during July and August:

Faye Wright & Jeff, Xe, and Evan Weig
Adrienne & Hugo Pizzuti
Christine & Lorne Robbins
Sally Stevens
Bernie Sotter
Tom & Cindy Rubino
Ric & Teresa Larson
Arleen Flury
Cecilia Sparacio & Mike Markumus
Luis & Iliana Delahoz
Carol & Katrina Stebbins
Nicole & Matthew Mead
Pat & Vilma Mulholland

Also, thank you to Dorothy Light for providing some supplies for coffee hour. Thanks to all who help clean up as well!

We do have a coffee hour wish list. If you would like to bring in any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated:

Coffee
Plasticware
Plates
Napkins
Plastic disposable containers
Plastic bags (assorted sizes)

Thanks, again ~

Diane & Bernie

the Bishop of New York as our celebrant and preacher. Last year, Bishop Mark Sisk was with us with his chaplain, Canon Andrew Dietsche. Since then, Canon Dietsche has become Bishop Dietsche and Bishop Sisk has retired. It is a great pleasure and honor to have Bishop Dietsche with us for Michaelmas. Our evening begins at 6:00 PM with Sung Mass. The service will include Confirmations & Receptions of adults. If you want to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, please email me at mead@goodshepherdny.org. I know a number of people have expressed interest, now is the time to confirm.

After church we will have our annual Oktoberfest. Wilfried Haensch is again preparing the Roasted Pork and we will also have smoked bratwurst. Sides (ideally German/Oktoberfest themed) will be potluck. We will also have draft ale from Captain Lawrence (thanks to the Brotherhood). Childcare will be provided all evening (Ms. McKenna will watch the kids and we will show a movie in the guild room). We will once again have a commemorative stein from the Oktoberfest, and they will be on sale as soon as they arrive. Proceeds from the steins will pay for the steins/beer/brats. If you want to help support this event, please see the article below on the "FELLOWSHIP FUND". A signup sheet for Michaelmas/Oktoberfest is in the hallway. Don't forget to bring dried and canned goods!

This year, and hopefully in future years, Michaelmas will also be a major outreach day. That evening we are hoping to bring in lots of canned and dried goods that we can bring to the Food Pantry. If everyone brings a few pounds of dried or canned food, we will have more than enough. 100 – 200 pounds is our goal. To put that into perspective, this past month's collection (an overflowing basket) was 103 pounds. We are hoping to double that in one night.

Having the Bishop on a night when we celebrate the angels and when we are working together on a major outreach project highlights in many different ways that we are never alone, and God has given us the gifts of fellow companions in the Way. Good Shepherd is part of a larger diocese and the work done in the other churches around us is as important and wonderful as it is different from ours. Just as our church is packed full of people with different gifts, so too is each of those other churches. Likewise, the Bishop is not alone. There are other dioceses, and other denominations all doing God's work in different ways. Just as we support our communities through outreach, so too they support

theirs. On this night we will celebrate the fact that we are supported in many ways by angels and other people that we cannot see and often never even meet.

September 29, Saturday – Work Day 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

You might say that our penance for having such a wonderful feast on Michaelmas is that we are having a work day on Saturday, September 30. We begin at 9:00 AM and we will work until 4PM. Feel free to come for a few hours or the entire day. We will probably have leftovers from the Oktoberfest for lunch. I think that the image of a Good Shepherd work day is a good metaphor for all that we do as the Body of Christ.

Some are carpenters, painters, garbage collectors, wood chippers, log splitters, leaf blowers, rug cleaners, furniture polishers, and together we do so much more than any one or two of us could ever hope to do alone. Is that really far off what how Saint Paul concludes his comments on the Body of Christ? Paul writes:

God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. (1 Corinthians 12:28-32 RSV)

None of us has every gift, but God has given to each of us many gifts. A visitor stopping by Good Shepherd during the month of September would hear and see the good news of Jesus Christ being lived out in many different ways. September is just another month in the year and it doesn't look much different from any other month. You are a member of the Body of Christ and God has given you many gifts, just as he has given many different gifts to those around you. Those gifts are obvious in the many events and opportunities for worship, fellowship, education, and outreach this month at Good Shepherd.



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GOOD SHEPHERD EVENTS.**

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BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

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

IN MEMORIAM

Styak, Julia - 09/26/1939
Finch, Stanton - 09/02/1944
Menke, Edward - 09/07/1960
Corsa, William - 09/03/1962
Meyer, Theresa - 09/08/1962
Tompkins, Lillian - 09/23/1966
Whiting, Elizabeth - 09/23/1972
Boyce, Alma - 09/15/1977
Wynkoop, Douglas - 09/23/1977
Schult, Nancy - 09/28/1981
Fogarty, Dorothy - 09/22/1985
Dandreano, Pat Jr. - 09/30/1985
Simendinger, Charles - 09/02/1987
Kalmes, Adolph - 09/13/1989
Norburt, William Sr. - 09/10/1993
Kavanaugh, Rhoda - 09/14/1993
Meyers, Beatrice - 09/13/1996
Robbins, Emily - 09/13/1996
Smith, Ida - 09/14/1996
Light, Amber - 09/28/1996
Shelah, Karen - 09/26/2003



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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Once in a lifetime the opportunity comes to journey on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with family, friends, and fellow Christians. Our group of pilgrims will travel from New York to Israel on June 28, 2013 for a twelve day pilgrimage through the Holy Land. We will walk on the same hills, paths and roads where Jesus walked, we will see and touch the waters in which Jesus was baptized and upon which he walked. We will visit and pray in the same holy places where Christians have worshipped for two thousand years. In the summer of 2013 you have the opportunity to become a pilgrim and walk in the footsteps of Christ and his apostles.

The itinerary includes visits to Zababdeh, Nablus, the Western Wall, the Dome of the Rock, the Israel Museum, the Shepherds' Field, Bethlehem, the Holy Sepulcher, the Judean Desert, Jericho, Nazareth, Sepphoris, Shefa-Amr, the Jordan River, the Sea Of Galilee, Mount Tabor, Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Dead Sea, Saint George's Cathedral, Dominus Flevit, Gethsemane, the Way Of The Cross, and Emmaus.

We will celebrate the Eucharist together in ancient churches, with Palestinian Christians, and even in the middle of the desert. We will swim (or float) on the Dead Sea, sail on the Sea of Galilee, and renew our Baptismal Vows in the Jordan River. We will eat together (all meals are provided), sleep in great accommodations in Jerusalem and Galilee, build lifelong friendships, explore the City of David in our free time, and walk where Jesus walked.

Our Pilgrimage Leader and Organizer is Matthew Mead. He is an Episcopalian priest and Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Granite Springs, in Westchester County, New York. This is his first pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Our Guide will be Iyad Qumri. He is a certified Israeli guide and a Palestinian Christian. He has led many pilgrims through the Holy Land. His deep love for the land, his knowledge of the Bible and of the political and religious history of this land, give depth and insight to his pilgrimages.

If you would like more information about the pilgrimage, please contact Matthew Mead at mead@goodshepherdny.org or 914-248-5631. The complete brochure is available online at www.goodshepherdny.org

Good Shepherd Tag Sale

Too much stuff? Here's the answer – Good Shepherd Community Tag Sale – Saturday, Oct. 13

Good Shepherd will be holding a community tag sale on Saturday, October 13 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM on the Church grounds – both inside and outside on the lawn. The cost to reserve a space for the day will be \$35.00 per space which will go to the church's general fund. Spaces are available to all church members, their families, friends, neighbors and outside vendors. You will need to bring a table and whatever you wish to sell. Please remember as you select your items for sale, that you cannot leave anything behind at the end of the day, so you will need to take home anything that is not sold.

There are limited spaces still available inside in the Parish Hall. These will be assigned on a first come basis. All other spaces will be outside on the lawn. The sale will take place Rain or Shine, so be prepared to bring some kind of covering if you are outside. (But of course, we are planning on a great, sunny, crisp, Fall day!)

If you are not able to purchase a space you can still contribute. Good Shepherd will have a few tables where we will sell items (including books) donated by parishioners. All of the proceeds from these sales will go to the Church. Since space is limited, please keep your donated items smaller in nature. Check with Nancy Anderson or me if you have any questions about what you would like to donate. We will also have a bake table so we will be looking for donated cakes, pies, cookies, candy, breads, etc. And we will also be selling hot dogs and soda.

This will be a fun event -- one where everyone can benefit.

- . Save the date
- . Sign up early to get a good spot
- . Tell your family, friends and neighbors
- . Donate baked goods or small items for sale
- . Volunteer to help at the church sponsored tables
- . Come and shop

Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to participate so we can get a good idea for planning space layout. Fliers will be available for you to distribute. Watch for more details in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, would like to help with the planning or have any great ideas to enhance the day – I'm happy to discuss them with you.

Looking forward to a fun day!
Arleen Flury

SERVER & READER SCHEDULE

First Sunday of the Month

Chalice	Fran DiBernardo Diane Buschel
Acolytes	Claire Hintze & Melody Rubino
Readers	Chris Palmer & Fran DiBernardo
Prayers	Arleen Flury
Ushers	Bernie Sotter & Sally Stevens

Second Sunday of the Month

Chalice	Jim Corning Gwen Greene
Acolytes	Abby & Emily Vesperman
Readers	Wilfried Haensch & Jim Corning
Prayers	Jan Corning
Ushers	Glenn Hintz & Rick Vesperman

Third Sunday of the Month

Chalice	Phil Levy Diane Buschel
Acolytes	Claire Hintze & Melody Rubino
Readers	Fay Wright & Gwen Greene
Prayers	Sally Stevens
Ushers	Bob Velzy & Sally Stevens

Fourth Sunday of the Month

Chalice	Diane Buschel Gwen Greene
Acolytes	Abby Vesperman & Emily Vesperman
OT Readers	Julia Bacal & Eric Parsons
Prayers	Bruce Barber
Ushers	Rick Vesperman & Arleen Flury

Fifth Sunday of the Month

Chalice	Phil Levy Diane Buschel
Acolytes	Claire Hintze & Melody Rubino
Readers	Fay Wright & Gwen Greene
Prayers	Sally Stevens
Ushers	Bob Velzy & Sally Stevens



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