

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD I SHALL NOT WANT HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES • HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS • HE RESTORETH MY SOUL • HE LEADETH ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE • YEA THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH I WILL FEAR NO EVIL FOR THOU ART WITH ME • THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME • THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF mine ENEMIES • THOU INNOCENTS SHALL FEAR THE LORD • ALL PRINCES SHALL OBEY • SURELY GODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD • FOREVER •

Church of the Good Shepherd

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Our Mission:

To share a place of
worship and fellowship
where our hearts meet
God's Light ...

Our Vision

To be a vibrant
community that knows
Christ and makes Him
known.

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From Reverend Susie Skinner

Great Vigil of Easter A Reflection on the Water of Baptism

Water...

Over it the Holy Spirit spread her wings and
Hovered in the beginning

Water...

Brought us to life in the beginning
Cradled us in the safety of a womb

Water...

For all our life
It will flow over us
For all our life we will
Feel it, see it, taste it

A new water flows this night,
It flows and sparkles on the grass of a silent garden
A garden that holds a sealed tomb

Tonight water becomes Holy Water
As it gushes forth in promise from that emptied tomb
and frees us for new life
As it calls and claims us as God's own

This night the Holy Water of Baptism calls us—
each one of us -
To awaken to New Hope in Christ Jesus
To come alive in the Risen Lord
To live the life of Resurrected Easter people
and celebrate the Joy of the Risen Christ!

(The Easter Vigil is designated by the Prayer Book as a time especially appropriate for baptisms. Throughout the Easter Season we give thanks for the water of Baptism and remember the vows we made as we entered those Holy Waters.)

From the Bishop

*Wheat that springeth green
Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green
Hymnal 204*

The time for this enigmatic Easter text in our Hymnal sounds like something very old, and indeed the music is an adaptation of a fifteenth-century French carol. Many of us will get to sing the hymn this Easter season, and many others will hear a choir sing its four verses as an anthem. The text is quite modern, written by John M. C. Crum in 1928, though it too echoes something antique and poetical, almost primordial.

The hymn gives voice to an urgent aspect of Christian faith in our day, the notion that Jesus Christ's resurrection has consequences beyond human life. Resurrection touches on nature itself, and touches on all creation. The song is sung at the Easter Vigil, at the lighting of the Pascal Candle, includes these words: "Rejoice and sing now, al the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King." Easter invites the whole cosmos that is being saved.

Some people have made much ado about the coincidence of Good Friday and Earth Day falling on the same date this year. (Be of good cheer, for it will happen again in 2095.) I do not want to argue pro or con, about Earth Day and the Church's agenda. But he was very clear about this: The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and what these mean for the life of the world make the fate of the earth our agenda, Earth Day or not.

The cosmic scope of what God has done in Jesus, and what God in completing in him, is a crucial theological understanding, ancient in its articulation, which we do well to recapture in our own time. For it is about the life of the world.

Bishop Wayne Smith
May 2011

VESTRY MEETING APRIL 13 2011 SYNOPSIS

The Vestry of The Church Of The Good Shepherd held its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 13 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Susie Skinner called the meeting to order and began with prayer.

The agenda as submitted by Susie Skinner was approved.

The minutes of the March 2011 meeting were approved.

Lesley McIntire gave a report for the Search Committee.

Susie commented on recent positive activities, including the Vestry Retreat, Taize service and the service and music on Sunday April 10th. Susie is very pleased with attendance and the positive things that are taking place during this time of transition. The list of committee chairs and members needs to be up dated. Each Vestry member was asked to follow up on his or her areas.

Mary Mercurio discussed the financial statement for March.

Linda Eveland commented on the Taize Service and the Vestry Retreat.

Mickey Harrison explained in detail the insurance claim and settlement of that claim Mickey went over the repairs that need be made to the home occupied by the Sexton and replacement of windows in the choir loft. The Vestry approved the repairs as submitted.

Mickey then went over in detail the grant proposal he would like to write. The details of his proposed renovations were included in his written report to the Vestry. Some of the items to be addressed, if the grant is approved, include replacing the railroad ties with a new retaining wall and a ramp and handicap accessible entrance to the church.

The Vestry gave approval for Mickey to apply for the grant money from the Dioceses.

Susie distributed and discussed the 2010 Parochial Report. The report was approved and will be submitted to the Diocese

We concluded with prayer and adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Brooke H. Forsyth
Secretary

Dates to remember:

Next Vestry Meeting: May 11 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Please remember your Vestry is here for you. Do not hesitate to contact us.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Foundation

The reward for our walk faith is life eternal while our walk in life on earth is merely temporal. Just as we are instructed to prepare for our eternal life through prayer and worship, we should prepare for the end of our temporal life on earth by ordering our affairs through an estate plan and other life directives.

While some of you may have already addressed these estate planning and end of life issues, the task of beginning the process may seem like a daunting challenge. To assist you in assuring that what you have is up to date or in getting under way, we are offering a "Dessert and Discussion" to be held at The Church of the Good Shepherd at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening, June 15.

The seminar will be led by Jennifer Davis, a trust and estates attorney with the firm of Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale as well as our own Carrie Kennedy and the Reverend Susie Skinner.

Topics to be covered:

- Creating a well conceived estate plan That addresses the myriad of complicated estate and tax laws within the context of passing on your assets in a way that reflects your values, dreams, and life experiences.
- Creating a "living will" and "medical directive" that instructs your loved ones on that medical treatments you wish if you are critically ill and unable to communicate your wishes.
- Having a thoughtful conversation with your priest that can help you decide what you would like to include in your will or other directives about your funeral and/or memorial service arrangements and other faith issues.

Please RSVP to the Church of the Good Shepherd if you will be attending.

The Directors of The Church of the Good Shepherd Foundation

Church of the Good Shepherd - Opportunities

An Eastertide Taïze Worship Experience

Sunday evening, May 22nd, at 7:00 p. m. "Confluence: A Center for Spirituality" and the Church of the Good Shepherd will offer a time for prayer and reflection based on the worship service of the Taïze Community in France. This quiet, candlelight service of prayer, scripture, silence and chant invites us to enter the depths of our inner self where we may be still and know that God is God. Join us on May 22nd and enrich your Easter celebration through this quiet, contemplative worship experience

Susie Skinner

Adult Choir

All adults are welcome!

Our adult choir currently meets on Thursday nights at 7PM for rehearsal, and warms up before the service at 9:30AM on Sundays. We sing most Sundays from September through May, for special services, and occasionally during the summer. We'd love to have you join our group; no audition necessary.

Handbell Choir

Our bell choir adds to our services through the ministry of bell music. This group generally meets twice a month on Saturdays from September to May and plays once a month for worship. Contact the music director if you are interested in this group.

Christian Education

What Can I Give?: Outreach Opportunities at the Church of the Good Shepherd
May 1-May 29: Led by various guest speakers

Food Pantry

We collect food each month to donate to Trinity Episcopal Church Food Pantry. All are asked to participate in providing the less fortunate in our community with contributions. Donations are taken to the Food Bank regularly, and volunteers are always welcome to assist with the delivery of the food.

Our Church

Welcoming In ...
Birthdays ...
Anniversaries ...

Anniversaries:

Robert & Joan Coots
Wayne & Linda Eveland



O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His church; send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Birthdays:

05/01 Rick Wall
05/01 Any Terris
05/01 Bonnie Daniels
05/03 Mitch Moran

Watch over thy child, O lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen