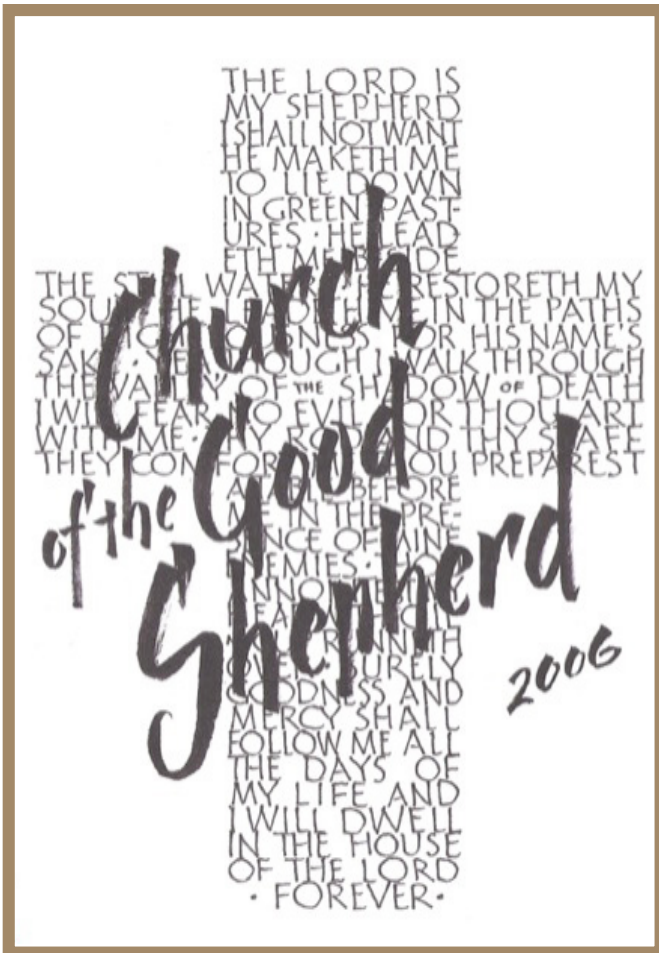
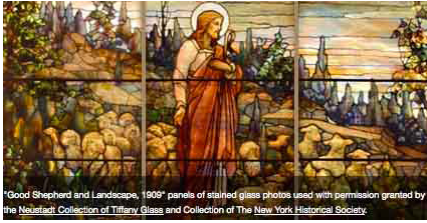


January 2012

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD



...and the sheep follow him because
they know His voice - John 10:4



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January Happenings

- 1/8 Food Bank Sunday
- 1/10 D.O.K. - 7 PM
- 1/11 Vestry Meeting - 7 PM
- 1/14 EpiscoPals - 11:30 AM
- 1/22 Taize Worship - 7 PM
- 1/29 Annual Meeting

Note: All Mondays - December
AA Meeting 7- PM

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From the Desk of Pamela Dolan

Getting to Know You

I wear a clergy collar and I am female. In St. Louis, that is enough to get second and third looks at events such as my daughter's Catholic Youth Council basketball game. I have lost count of the number of times someone has taken a look at my collar and then looked into my face and asked, "What are you?" The question is very often followed by some form of, "So what do people call you?"

After I explain what I do (I am a priest, of course, and now I am a rector as well), I then generally tell people to call me by my baptismal name, Pamela. But sometimes people want to know what else they can call me besides just my name.

Underneath all these questions is usually the concern about what to call a priest who is also a woman. The truth is that there's no "right" answer, but here are some suggestions: If you were writing my name on the front of an envelope you would write, "The Rev. Pamela Dolan." If you're addressing me in person, you can either just call me "Pamela" or you can call me "Mother Pamela," just like you might call a male priest "Father."

I hope that to most of you this sounds like much ado about nothing. By now you're used to calling me Pamela, and that's that. Great! Just keep doing what you're doing. I simply wanted to clear up any confusion about using "Reverend," "Pastor," or other titles.

And while I'm talking about names and forms of address, I have a request: please don't forget to wear your nametags. I'm doing my best to get to know you and put faces and names together, but nametags definitely help. And it's a good habit for when we have visitors and guests, as well. The Good Shepherd knows us all by name...but I'm still learning!

I look forward to seeing you all at Annual Meeting on January 29th.

Faithfully,
(Mother) Pamela+

Vestry Meeting Synopsys

The Vestry of The Church Of The Good Shepherd held its regular meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Pamela Dolan called the meeting to order and began with a brief meditation and prayer.

The agenda as submitted by Pamela Dolan was approved.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Tim Jansen gave an update on the Choir and music program. A discussion followed concerning how to build a more consistent program. If you have ever thought about singing with the Choir please contact Tim; the rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. You do not need formal music training, just a desire to participate in the worship service this way. The Choir is the only group in the church that meets every week. This tends to build very strong relationships. The Rector and Jr. Warden are working on possible office space for Tim.

The Rev. Pamela Dolan thanked everyone for a very smooth transition and the warm welcome on her first Sunday. Pamela will be scheduling meetings with all of the church committees. Moving forward in the New Year, Pamela discussed the possibility of using social media for promoting the church and raising its visibility. Pamela also asked the Vestry to start thinking of community-orientated events. February 18, 2012 was selected as the date for a Vestry Retreat.

Kathy Wall reported that at the time of the meeting the stewardship results were incomplete. Rick and Kathy will be meeting with Pamela. Kathy also told us that there will be a service on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. and two Baptisms will be included.

Lesley McIntire reported that the youth group would go caroling on December 22nd. Lesley is also working on plans for an exciting Christian Formation program for the spring and already has at least one good speaker lined up.

Brooke Forsyth reported that the Outreach committee has designated \$400 to St. John's Church on Arsenal for the Peace Meal program, \$380 to Trinity Episcopal Church on Euclid for the Food Bank and \$220 in support of World Food Day.

A Parish Directory will be printed soon after the Annual Meeting. Brooke also gave a brief report on the Diocesan Convention.

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Bishop Wayne Smith

Rooted in Scripture: Synodical Governance

How do the Churches of the Anglican Communion practice their governance? Despite the notable differences in governance among the thirty-eight Provinces of the Communion, there remains a simple answer, though with a rarified word: Anglican governance is by synod. That is to say, Anglican governance includes laypeople, priests and deacons, and bishops, all meeting together in a decision-making body. Typically, and historically, representative laypeople together with priests and deacons constitute a synod, with a bishop serving as president of the assembly. Our tradition invests substantive authority in its bishops, but properly, bishops exercise no authority apart from the whole People of God. The term “bishop-in-synod” best describes the seat of episcopal authority within Anglicanism.

This collaborative style marks the Episcopal Church at every level of governance. Parish meetings, required by canon, gather at least once per year. The rector—not a bishop, in this case—presides, and all adult confirmed laypeople of the parish receive seat, voice and vote in this key parish body. Diocesan Conventions include all active clergy canonically resident in a Diocese, along with representative laypeople from the various parishes, missions, and other faith communities. The General Convention of the Episcopal Church meets every three years and has a distinctive synodical style, in that it is bicameral. The bishops meet in one House, while the representative laity and clergy (deputies) from the 108 dioceses meet simultaneously in another House. Resolutions must pass both Houses to be binding. The Lambeth Conference, an assembly of all active bishops in the Anglican Communion who meet once each decade, though important, is not a synod, since it excludes laypeople and the other orders of ministry from its deliberations.

These musings are pertinent, coming on the heels of a very fine Diocesan Convention in November, and with the anticipation of Parish Meetings almost everywhere in January. Plus the General Convention meets in July 2012, this time in Indianapolis.

Angels Among Us

Stewardship takes many forms and for parishioner Pam Finch, it's in the form of the inspirational and informational bulletin boards that grace our church. Pam first began this work back in 1987, which makes this her 25th year! She's been honored with the Diocesan In-House Communication Award twice for her work.

Most of the boards she creates follow the seasons of the church or events going on in the church. Often, she'll read a quote during her morning Bible study that will spur an idea. One of her recent favorite boards was the one for All Saints' Day (pictured). It contained the names of 180 people, some from Good Shepherd, some family and friends, and some from her Preschool Pen Pals.

The Preschool Pen Pals is an outreach project Pam is involved in at the Mt. Zion Preschool, where she has been a teacher since 2000. They have more than 100 children, many with life threatening illnesses, to whom they send monthly Happy Mail. Although the preschoolers do not know that our Pen Pals are sick, they know they have friends thought he United States and in Scotland, Australia and Canada for whom they pray and who enjoy receiving their gifts.

Before her work at Mt. Zion, Pam taught at Rohan Wood School and Head Start and also taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She received the Partner in Education Award from The World Affairs Council in 1997, was the Worldways Children Museum's Award Wining Curriculum Recipient, and in 2000 was honored by the Childhood Education Department from Beijing, China. She was also awarded the Mt. Zion UMW Mission Recognition for ministries with women, children and youth in 2003.

Pam's volunteer activities also include singing in the Church of the Good Shepherd choir, the Mt. Zion choir, and the Junior League Nightingales (which sing for retirement centers). Pam is also a member of the Creve Coeur Women's Club, where she was one of the Club Women of the Year for 2004.

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Youth Group Caroling

On December 22, just as school let out for the holidays, the Good Shepherd Youth Group met at the church for their annual Christmas caroling event. We began the evening with pizza and introductions as many friends joined the festivities. Their addition meant that we could have a much more robust sound as we sang for our neighbors! We also welcomed Annabel Dolan, and her mother, The Rev. Pamela Dolan as new members of the Good Shepherd Youth Group.

Caroling in the neighborhood south of the church, we serenaded people just as they were getting home from work. "Joy to the World," "Away in a Manger," and many other traditional carols and Christmas songs greeted the residents. For many, this was the first time they remembered carolers singing in the area at Christmastime. At each house, we handed out a card with the church name and address, Christmas service times, and Robert Louis Stevenson's Christmas Prayer. (see below). After singing throughout the neighborhood, we returned to church for cookies and several rounds of our favorite game, "sardines in a can." The evening concluded with a short compline service.

Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be

merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.



The Church of the Good Shepherd

| Date | 1/1 | 1/8 | 1/15 | 1/22 | 1/29 |
|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1st Reader | Annie Vogt | Pat Wieneman | Nannette Musgrave | Jack Ross | Pam Evans |
| 2nd Reader | Rick Braznell | Carrie Kennedy | Caroline Gilje | Diane Stirling | Stevia Schenck |
| Crucifer | Mollie Mercurio | Lindsey Eveland | Audrey Kennedy | Maddie Eveland | Sophie Kennedy |
| Usher | Eveland | Eveland/ Wilson | Wilson | Schenck | Sant |
| Greeter | None | Sant | Kennedy | Eveland | Wilson |
| Collection | Caroline James & Jack Ross | John Sant & Pam Evans | Don Kennedy & Diane Radford | Annie Vogt & John Sant | Mary Mercurio & Jack Ross |

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Save These Dates

January 2012

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|-----|------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 City Voices & COGS Choir Practice 7 PM | 6 | 7 |
| 8 10 AM Holy Eucharist Food Bank Sunday | 9 AA Meeting 7 PM | 10 D.O.K. 7 PM | 11 Vestry 7 PM | 12 City Voices & COGS Choir Practice 7 PM | 13 | 14 EpiscoPals 11:30 AM |
| 15 10 AM Holy Eucharist | 16 AA Meeting 7 PM | 17 | 18 | 19 City Voices & COGS Choir Practice 7 PM | 20 | 21 |
| 22 10 AM Holy Eucharist Taize Service 7PM | 23 AA Meeting 7 PM | 24 | 25 | 26 City Voices & COGS Choir Practice 7 PM | 27 | 28 |
| 29 10 AM Holy Eucharist Annual Mtg & Potluck | 30 AA Meeting 7 PM | 31 | | | | |

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| January 8 | Food Bank Sunday | 10 AM |
| January 10 | Daughters of the King | 7 PM |
| January 14 | EpiscoPals | 11:30 AM |
| January 22 | Taize Service | 7 PM |
| January 29 | Annual Meeting and Potluck | After 10 AM service |

Report on The 172nd Diocesan Convention

It was my privilege to attend the 172nd Annual Convention of The Diocese of Missouri as a delegate from COGS along with The Rev. Susie Skinner and Pat Wieneman. I found it very interesting to start to learn the legislative process involved in running the Diocese. All of the resolutions before the Convention, including a balanced budget, were passed.

We were privileged to have several very special guests attend the Convention: The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts-Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, and her husband, Robert Schori, as well as the Rt. Rev. Stephen Dokolo and his wife Lillian. Bishop Dokolo is from the Diocese of Lui in the Episcopal Church of Sudan, in the new country of South Sudan.

I had the pleasure of speaking with Bishop Katharine and her husband at the reception on Friday evening. I found her to be a very warm person to speak with.

Bishop Smith addressed the convention on Friday afternoon. I thought the highpoint in his address was the part concerning God's Mission. Bishop Smith spoke of "engaging God's Mission in a neighborhood in St. Louis City." This would involve establishing an Intentional Christian Community. "Intentional Christian community: people who live together, eat together, pray together, and work together. Residents commit to a rule of common life, so much so that this strategy is often called 'the new monasticism.' The model has found great success in cities around the USA and in the United Kingdom. People do not literally become monks and nuns with the goal of making life vows, but they do live an avowed life for a time certain, usually for a year."

A likely neighborhood for this would be in Old North St. Louis. The Bishop is proposing the use of money from The Thompson Fund to start this program. I would encourage you to read the full address found on the Diocesan web site. The Convention supported this effort by resolution on Saturday.

On Saturday morning the Convention opened with a celebration of The Eucharist. Bishop Wayne was the Celebrant and Bishop Katharine was the Preacher. A copy of her address can be found on the Diocesan web site. It is always a very uplifting experience to attend a service at Christ Church Cathedral. --Brooke Forsyth



Angels Among Us, Continued

Pam's creative talents also extend to sewing. Since 2008, she's sewn more than 200 jumpers that have been distributed by St. Michael's Mission Trip to Nicaragua. She also enjoys bridge and gardening.

Pam's husband Bart passed away in 1986; she has two stepchildren, three grandchildren and seven Godchildren.

We give thanks to God for Pam and how she uses her gifts and talents.



When the song of the angels is stilled
When the star in the sky is gone
When the Kings and Princes are home
When the shepherds are back with their flocks
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost
To heal the broken
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoner
To teach the nations
To bring Christ to all
To make music in the heart.
--Howard Thurman

From the Senior Warden

ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 29th

Please plan to attend the Church of the Good Shepherd Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch on SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th!!! Not only will this be a great time for fellowship and food, but even more important a time to hear committee reports, receive information on a variety of church subjects, get an understanding of finances, and learn what is going on at your church. The meeting will be held immediately following the church service at 10:00, and then we will have our Pot Luck Lunch (no theme to this - so just bring whatever you would like to share).

The slate of those to be presented for Vestry positions to either join or return to the Vestry are Carie Kennedy, Paul Mercurio and Linda Eveland.

Please mark your calendars for this important meeting!!!! This is a day that should be shared by all of our parish family.

Blessings,
Linda

Christian Formation Classes

Classes will begin on Sunday, January 15. This will be an opportunity for you to meet our new rector, The Rev. Pamela Dolan. Class on January 22 will be led by John Musgrave. There will be no class on January 29 because of the Annual Meeting. Classes will resume on our regular schedule beginning February 5.

In February, Good Shepherd will welcome Dr. Jamieson Spencer for 3 weeks (Feb. 5, Feb. 12, & Feb 19) Dr. Spencer is a recently retired professor of English at St. Louis Community College where he continues as an adjunct professor, teaching courses in film and English Literature and Composition. He also offers classes at Washington University's Lifelong Learning Institute. He is the author of a book on Christian ideas in literature, titled *Fictional Religion*. His three-week class at Good Shepherd will take a look at three 17th-century poets, John Donne, George Herbert, and Andrew Marvell, exploring their always original takes on both religious and humanistic principles.

Bishop's Column, Continued

The synodical style of governance looks to Acts 15 for inspiration, and a glance at Galatians 2 gives an interesting and alternative slant on the Acts account. Reflection on these passages makes good preparation for any Church meeting.

Synods are by no means unique to the Anglican way, but they characterize our method of governance at every level. They find their roots in scripture, and they take into account the insight of everyone involved. At its best, synodical governance results in decisions transcending the mere sum of the individual insights. Here is Spirit- inspired collaboration at its best.

Let Freedom Ring

In honor of Dr. King's birthday, Christ Church Cathedral is holding its third annual daylong reading of his writings and speeches on Monday, Jan. 16 – so his own words can re-enter our consciousness and continue to form us today.

Come to the Cathedral any time between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to sit and listen and let the words wash over you. You can also come to read – you can sign up for a 1/2 shift ahead of time by going to -



[http://
letfreedomring2012.wikispaces.com/](http://letfreedomring2012.wikispaces.com/)
-- or just come up to the front and approach whomever is reading and indicate you wish to take over. There will be someone ready to take over for you when you wish to stop.

Pamela Dolan will be taking a reading shift from 1 to 1:30 p.m. She hopes to see lots of friendly faces in the crowd!

Vestry Synopsis, Continued

Mary Mercurio submitted the November financial statement by e-mail and it was accepted as submitted.

The Jr. Warden's report for November was filed by e-mail and accepted. Mickey also informed the Vestry that the overhang on the entrance door should be completed by January 15, 2012.

The Nominating Committee reported on their progress toward putting forward a slate of nominees for the 2012 Vestry. There was discussion about the process for identifying new leadership in the parish and about encouraging people to put names forward for leadership positions.

A motion was made and passed that the date for the Annual Meeting be changed to January 29, 2012.

There being no other business, we closed with a period of silent prayer and then the Lord's Prayer. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Brooke Forsyth
Secretary

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



Our Church:

Welcoming In ...

Birthdays ...

Anniversaries...

Anniversaries:

- 1/1 Daniel & Lisa Lacroix
1/14 John & Nannette Musgrave



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 blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Birthdays:

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| 1/1 | Peggy Beard | 1/20 | Joanne Owen |
| 1/10 | Jerry Braznell | 1/22 | Ruth Harrison |
| 1/11 | Kathy Moran | 1/23 | Joyce Motherway |
| 1/13 | Midey Sant | 1/29 | John Musgrave |
| 1/19 | Barbara Wolfson | 1/29 | Chris Thompson, Jr. |

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 live; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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