

The Shepherd's Pipe – Fall 2008

The Church of the Good Shepherd

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Sunday Worship –in the Fall and Winter

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Sunday School

Bargain Box Thrift Shop Winter Hours

Fridays

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturdays

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Visit *The Shack* – An Invitation from your PIC

Friends, I thought I would offer you some excerpts from this book, “The Shack” by William Young, and share my compelling personal reasons for reading this book and possibly joining me in conversation, but the truth is, the endorsements from the web site do it better. So here they are, and when you finish reading them I will tell you, as best as I can, why this book so touched my heart and why I want to share that experience and how we might do that.

The Shack is a one of a kind invitation to journey to the very heart of God. Through my tears and cheers, I have been indeed transformed by the tender mercy with which William Paul Young opened the veil that too often separated me from God and from myself. With every page, the complicated do's and don't that distort a relationship into a religion were washed away as I understood Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for the first time in my life.

Patrick M. Roddy, Emmy Award Winning Producer of ABC News

If God is all powerful and full of love, why doesn't He do something about the pain and evil in our world? This book answers that age old question with startling creativity and staggering clarity. By far one of the best books I have ever read.

James Ryle, Author Hippo in the Garden

This is my most favorite book that I have ever read.

Jordyn Foster, 12 years old (Estacada, OR)

The main story was so compelling the first time through I just couldn't put it down. The second time through, what I would call the hiddenness of the book just grabbed me. The third time something new and different. When you get it into your hands, I encourage you to read it many times. This is not a one-time read and it will be forever a part of who I am.

Kent Burgess

From Rev. Dee,

I was unprepared when I began *The Shack*, and at first, I thought, “Hmmm, this is a bit obvious, hokey.” Then I started underlining and putting in tabs and saying, “yes, yes, yes”... I think it is the basic loving tenderness of this story, its clarity about God, our God who is more than we can ever imagine and yet a God who also says, overriding all our joys and sorrows, who says so clearly to each bit of creation, including, can you believe it? even me...

“I am especially fond of you.”

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From Dee: I encourage you to read the book. Stick with it; the beginning is a bit steep. And, if you would like to commit to a time of shared conversation, please let me know either by Email or by signing up on the sheet to be found in the usual place! If I get five people, we will find a time. If there are more, we will find more times. If you would like to read it and join an E-share group also let me know and we can set up a forum. I will make some copies available at the church.

I am especially fond of you, blessings from Rev. Dee

www.theshackbook.com

The Blessing of the Pets

October 26, 2008

Thanks be to God for all Creatures Great and Small. The words of God's promise and blessing, the music of God's praise, the lovely weather, the care from Nancy Fraser and Howard Hutchins, the big dogs and tiny sheep and even Punxsutawney Phil... For your photos, stories and joyful presence we give thanks.

Moss family and dog Magda May Moss



Our Schedule

November 9th - We celebrate the baptisms of Sean and Kyle Duross twin sons Paul and Meredith Duross, and Michael and Evan Jenney, twin sons of Linda and Steve Jenney

November 16th – Stewardship Sunday

November 23rd - Our Intergenerational Family Service at 10 AM to celebrate Thanksgiving.

December 7th - Pulpit Exchange. Your celebrant will be the Rev. Edgar Gutierrez – Duarte, Vicar of St. Luke's/San Lucas in Chelsea.

Christmas Eve Services will be at 5 PM and 10:30 PM.

December 28th – Lessons and Carols

January 11th - Epiphany Pageant

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY
October 2008 -Submitted by Bill Webb

Weekly, get well, birthday, anniversary and special occasion cards have been sent by card ministry to our parishioners and those visitors who sign our book.

Telephone calls, communion visits, or regular visits are done each week to our homebound, hospitalized, and nursing home parishioners by Rev. Dee , Bill Webb, Marie Field, and Corrine Castrini. Nancy Fraser assists with Sunday School projects during the year. Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving are coming up.

Outreach continued with "On the Common Boston" ministry, food pantry donations, the Bread of Life feeding ministry in Malden and special walks for charitable needs. We are grateful for Nancy Benjamin, Nancy Fraser, Ben & Judy Sands, Tony & Sharon Lopes, Howard Hutchens and Rev. Dee for key roles in these ministries. The Woodwards and the Sands walked in the Walk for Hunger, and raised \$266. Ruth Keogh ran in the Chicago marathon for pancreatic cancer. We thank all parishioners who have contributed to these ministries as volunteers and have given money.

Bereavement care in the parish family these past months includes services at Good Shepherd for Winnie Bourne & Richard Wall. Sympathy went to New Hampshire, to Gilbert Adams' family on the occasion of Gilbert's death at age 97.

Two services were held at Douglass Funeral Home for former parishioner Walter Dasho and our beloved John Batley, a faithful and loving person. Cards and telephone calls went off to Concord, New Hampshire to celebrate Florence Tolland's 104th birthday. See her photo on our bulletin Board.

We celebrated our first baptism of the fall in September for Madeline Grace Scully, daughter of Jonathan and Jennifer. Along with the above family we welcomed four other families and their children to Good Shepherd. Welcome, Mike & Nora Daly, Linda & Steve Jenney, Mike & Beth Long, and Christine & Paul Lombardi.

The flower delivery program and our Sunday altar flower donations are now under the care of Leslie McGovern as Mary Vincent has resigned after many years of that service. Thanks, Mary for a job well done. Spencer & Susan Dalby will join the ministry as along with Jen DeCristofaro Scully, now that Judy Hildreth and Margie Batchelder have stepped aside, too, after decades of devoted use of their gifts of flower delivery. We are so very grateful to Margie and Judy for their care.

Two beautiful weddings were held at Good Shepherd. Marc LeBlanc and Kristian Weatherly in September and Gina Castrini and Brian Schriver in October. We rejoice in their commitment to each other, and share our joy with their families and friends who attended the weddings; many of them parishioners at Good Shepherd. Brian Schriver returned to share his beautiful music ministry with us on the following Sunday playing, Beethoven and Mendelssohn as prelude, postlude and communion.
(cont.)

From Bill Webb. There has been an excellent response to Rev. Dee's bible study programs during the summer and program continues this Fall. We meet monthly on Monday nights at 6:15 for a light meal and for study from 7PM to 9PM. Next meeting is Nov. 24th

Bill Webb gave the "Personal Contact Technique" talk at Cursillo's Day of Deeper Understanding" in Acton and also went to Yarmouth, MA to give tribute to Rev. Bill Huess, who is retiring as priest having served our Diocese for many years as spiritual director and priest in local parishes. St. Agnes prayer group men's retreat invited Bill Webb as their Guest at Miramar in Duxbury to share on "God's Presence in our lives"

From Joan Wall

To our dear friends at the Church of the Good Shepherd,
On behalf of the entire Wall family, I want to thank you all for the kindness and care you have surrounded us with over the past weeks with Rich's passing. The collation was such a lovely event and a wonderful time to meet with friends, old and new after his service. Everything was just lovely and clearly a lot of hard work. To everyone who baked, cleaned, served, cleaned up and sent prayers our way – our deepest gratitude. We are quite humbled by such an outpouring and cannot thank you all enough.
Warmly, Joan Wall

Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance at the Chapel Altar had not been updated since 1996. After months of careful research during the spring, we have produced a list of donations to the book. A calligrapher in Wakefield, *Lady with a Pen*, has been using her talents to insert the entries into the book.

In most instances donations are made as a memorial gift. Other donations honor an individual. During the Sunday morning services, the names of those who are memorialized are read at the time of the anniversary of their death or honoring.

Making a contribution is an excellent way to honor the memory of loved ones. The gift can be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office with the notation of the person to be memorialized or honored in the Book of Remembrance.

At the celebration of All Saints Day on Sunday, November 2nd, the names of all those who have been added to the Book of Remembrance from 1996 through the end of September 2008 will be recognized. It is anticipated that future updates will occur on an annual basis.

Submitted by Dick Curtis

Altar Flowers for our Sunday services

Would you like to have your loved ones remembered or give thanksgiving for your blessings? The cost is only \$35 (plus tax) annually to add your name to the list of donors. To do this, call 1-781-438-6389 or email (mcgovern.r@comcast.net) Leslie McGovern. There are several weeks when we have no donors at all and other weeks when we have only one. The summer months, July in particular, particularly sparse. Please let me know dates that would have special meaning to you and I will let you know what is available and how it all works. After services, all flowers are delivered to those in the parish who may be shut-ins or in the hospital.

Flower Delivery Ministry – Forty Years of Service

We thank Margie Batchelder and Judy Hildreth for their many years, decades indeed, of faithful service as they delivered our altar flowers to our homebound parishioners and those in hospitals or nursing homes. Also for the times these gifts have been gifts of celebration, for birthdays, anniversaries and baptisms.

And we welcome our new delivery folks, Spencer and Susan Dalby and Jen DeCristofaro Scully. My God bless us all in the ministries we share.

Our Joyful Visit with the Hout Family

On Sunday October 18th we welcomed the Hout family back to the church to tell their story to members who are too new to remember, and to let members who do remember them catch up. As an added bonus we got to meet the newest arrival, Emily, four months old.

We continued the celebration Tuesday night with a pot luck dinner. Leap and Seak brought some delicious Cambodian food to introduce it to those that had never tasted it at their home. There was plenty for take home, and a good time was had by all.

This is wonderful chapter in the history of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and we should take great pride in it.

Report of the Junior Warden



Heat/Boiler - Chapel boiler cleaned . Broken section replaced. Winchester Mechanical assisted with installation of new boiler section. Administration boiler under repair. Repairs ongoing

Lock Repaired - To red door of Bargain Box entrance.

Paint - All old paint cans removed from back room.

Men's Basement Bathroom- Project completed.

Cleaning Company - New company started .

Mason Quotes - Two quotes received from masons for repair of Bargain Box entrance wall and walkway. Will discuss with vestry.

We Thank Mark Manzelli, the Man inside (almost) the Boiler

Development and Parish Growth News – RCTV Grant

A recent grant proposal has been approved by the Diocese of Massachusetts Congregational Development Grant Committee in the amount of \$10,000 and has been deposited in the Good Shepherd General Fund to purchase and install a broadcasting system that can record church services and other events at the church. The system includes two robotic television cameras that will be installed in the rafters and a control station at the rear of the church. The equipment has arrived and installation begins the week of October 26th.

Initial plans call for only occasional church services to be recorded for delayed broadcast on RCTV. This will allow homebound parishioners to enjoy the services. The equipment is expected to be in place before the end of the month of October 2008.

RCTV channels can be viewed in Reading by those who have either Verizon or Comcast as a service provider. Those with Verizon in North Reading, Wilmington, Wakefield and Stoneham can also receive the Reading channels.

Training will be provided for those interested in recording the service at the church.

Submitted by Dick Curtis

Parish Pictorial Directory – Submit Your Picture Please

Our new data base – called “Church Windows” - is awesome. We now have a parish directory and the ability to print our almost any sub-list of parishioners as long as we have the data entered. It looks good. In addition, we can produce, if we get your picture, a pictorial directory. To do this, we will be asking you to submit a digital picture of you, or of your family, or even your family and your dog. We can also take you picture right here at the church. Digital pictures can be filed in our data base and then printed out as a photo directory. What a good idea this is!

2008 Stewardship Campaign

How many of you have read the passage from I Corinthians on the bottom of your pledge Envelope? "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." Important words - giving back to God in thanks for the many blessings bestowed on us.

To paraphrase Paul, "Upon the beginning of November, let every one of you fill out your pledge card and set aside what you can, as God hath prospered you. You should receive the committee's letter and pledge form shortly. Please think and pray on this and pledge as generously as you can. Bob Stasonis - Stewardship Committee (Randy Dunnell, Ben Sands)

Mystic Valley Deanery News

Closing Celebration at St. Luke's in Malden

St. Luke's sanctuary was packed Sunday evening, September 7, for the final service, closing the parish's 126-year history. It was a joyously bittersweet occasion: Bishop Shaw and members of the parish spoke eloquently of St. Luke's Bishop Shaw celebrated the Eucharist, assisted by clergy from St. Luke's and St. John's Church, Saugus (the new home of St. Luke's people).

Our New Dean

The Rev. Michael Dangelo was installed as Rector of St. Paul's Church, Lynnfield, at 7:00 PM on September 23. The bishops have appointed The Rev. Dangelo as our new Dean to succeed The Rev. Robert Trache, who has left the Parish of the Epiphany, Winchester, to accept a call to St. Mark's Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Emmanuel, Braintree

The Rev. Matthew Cadwell's installation service as Rector of Emmanuel, Wakefield, on October 9th, was attended by many clergy, including your PIC, their former Rector, Kay Evans and two of their former interims, including our friends the Rev. Libby Berman, and the Rev. Anne Minton. It was a truly spirit filled service, led by Bishop Bud.

Youth Formation Program at the Church of the Good Shepherd

At the May 4, 2008 Christian Education Leaders Meeting, with regard to confirmation, I, your PIC Dee - said that I would like to wait until 2009 –2010 in order to have a larger group. A suggestion was made that we then do a two year program that was less intense.

Our initial event, the Bishop's B-SAFE program was a success. Unfortunately, none of our youth were able to participate in our second event, the Walk for Bread, although the adults did support us. For our third event, please see the Christian Education article for information about the Jr. Hi Retreat at the Camp.

Personal Note from Dee: To all of our youth for your support of this parish. As I read down my list of your names, I see that each and every one of you does your part in making Good Shepherd Good. So, acolytes, Sunday School Teachers, Musicians, --- Thank You. – You Are Stars.

Outreach Opportunity

Support our Troops with Pack A Box Donations

The Luddy family have brought to our attention this program supporting deployed troops from Reading or with Reading connections. **P. A. B.** Pack a Box for our troops. Donations may be brought to church and placed in the box in the front hallway.

Contact Ray Luddy at raymonluddy@comcast.net Or Founder: Frank Driscoll at 781-944-1519

Items requested by our troops:

Postage money	Powdered Drink Mix	Tissues
Cup of soup	Hot Coffee and Tea Bags	Hand/Foot Warmers
Chunky soup	Hot Chocolate	Sunscreen
Chef Boyardee	Sugar Packets	Hand Sanitizer
Pretzels	Creamer	Socks
Raisins	Gum/Candy	Movies VHS/DVD
Granola Bars	Instant Oatmeal	Crossword Puzzles
Rice Krispie Treats	Lip Balm	Playing Cards
Flashlights	Shaving Cream	Magazines/Books
Batteries	Mach 3 Razors	Band-Aids
Peanut Butter	Stick Deodorant	Feminine Products
Jelly	Shampoo/conditioner	Stationary
Twizzlers	Foot Powder	Hairbrush/Combs
Sunflower Seeds	Ear swabs	Windshield Cleaner
Chex Mix	Mouthwash	Wipes
Beef Jerky	Nail Clippers	International Phone Cards
Toothbrush	toilet Paper	Toothpaste
Baby Wipes	Home Town Clothing	Footballs
Gloves	T-shirts and Longjohns	Anything else!

submitted by Linda Hank

Classes have been off to a great start. We have some new families joining Sunday School, old families returning and new volunteers. It is wonderful to see how our program is growing.

Diocese Visit

We love the enthusiasm of all of the children and are working to balance the classes so that we can provide the best experience possible for all. We have contacted the Head of Christian Education Resources of the Diocese, Amy Cook, to come and meet with us to discuss our needs as a growing parish as a whole, but specifically to evaluate how we can help the youth programs grow. She will be meeting with all available Sunday School teachers and volunteers after the 10:00 service on 12/14/08 and then returning to speak at the service on 2/1/09.

We are so lucky to have such a valuable resource person available to us!

Pageant

Last year we had to postpone our Advent Pageant due to poor weather, and we were thrilled to learn that having the pageant on Epiphany was so much easier for all. Therefore, we have decided to hold the pageant on January 11, 2009. This is a "down time" for many after the hectic pre-holiday season. More information will be coming, but suffice it to say this won't be for kids only. We will be needing the input from all generations!

Junior High Retreat

CGS is hoping to offer our Junior High Students (Grades 6-8) the opportunity to worship and grow during a Junior High Retreat to be held at the Barbara C Harris Camp from Friday 11/21 - Sunday 11/23.

Below are the links providing information about the weekend. Please take a look and discuss this with your child. I will be trying to contact each of you to hand you the printed pages of these links, but did not want to miss anyone I may not see.

Retreat Information

<http://www.diomassyouth.org/jrhighretreat08.htm>

Sample Schedule

<http://www.diomassyouth.org/jrhighretreat08.htm>

We may need chaperones depending on the numbers and genders of participants, and can find a way to make scholarships available if needed.

If you could let me know as soon as possible if your child may be interested in participating that would be great. I would like to gather the group together to plan things if we are going to do this. In February, there will be Senior High Retreat for grades 9-12.

Kids Page - Sunday School Families and Volunteers

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We Need Your Help for our Epiphany Pageant

We want to know what Christmas was like when you were a child. Please answer the questions below. These responses may be used in our Epiphany Pageant! You can answer all of the questions, or just a few if you prefer. You can either email responses to Linda Hank at lhank@comcast.net, give them to her at church, or leave them in her mailbox in the office.

Name : (You can remain anonymous if you prefer) If you give us your name please include your preferred contact information.

1. Tell us about when and where you were born.
2. What was it like when you were a kid? How was it different from the way things are now?
3. What do you remember about Santa Claus? Did you visit Santa at a department store, or did he come to your school or church?

