

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

The mission of Good Shepherd is to celebrate God's love and grow together in faith, to serve the world in Christ's name.

The Sheep Skin

The monthly parish newsletter

September 2011

Faith Formation Workshop Coming September 30

Have you ever wanted to learn different ways for you and your family to grow together in faith? Are you interested in seeing Good Shepherd develop ways to include parishioners of all ages in worship? Are you curious about new ways that our parish could reach out to people who are spiritually hungry? If so, our upcoming workshop Sept. 30- Oct.2, "The Joys of Lifelong Faith Formation," will explore these and many other ways that children, youth and adults grow in their faith, both individually and as a community. The workshop will be led by The Rev. Robyn Szoke, an Episcopal priest and staff member at the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, PA. Robyn is one of the Church's leading authorities on Christian faith formation for all ages and is widely acknowledged as a masterful workshop leader.

There is no cost for the event (as it is funded through Fr. Craig's sabbatical grant), but a free-will offering will be taken to defray the cost of the meals. The schedule for the weekend is as follows:

• Fri., Sept. 30, 6:30pm: Potluck dinner and program for all ages. Please bring something that is special or sacred to share.

- Sat., Oct. 1, 9am: Continental breakfast. Program from 9:30am – Noon: Small-group learning opportunities.
- Sat., 12 PM – 4pm: Lunch, followed by program for all ages to prepare the Sunday worship service. Plan readings and intercessory prayers, make vestments and banners, prepare music.
- Sun., Oct. 2: Both worship services will include elements prepared on Saturday.
- Sun. 11:30 am: Lunch in the parish hall, table discussion and demonstrations of ways to support faith development in the home, and to support each person in their life in Christ.

PLEASE NOTE: This weekend workshop is different from many parish events where people are encouraged to attend the entire program. We encourage parishioners to attend any part of the weekend, since each individual program stands on its own. Come to one program; come to all, but, most of all, come to something, even if it's only for an hour or two. You will be richly blessed, whatever portion of the weekend you are able to participate in. Childcare will be provided for all of the different events.

~ Fr. Craig MacColl

Mark Your Calendars!

September 10, 24:	Men's Group, 7:30am	September 20:	Vestry meeting, 6:30pm
Sept. 11, 18, 25:	Ministries Celebrations	Sept. 30-Oct. 2:	Faith Formation Workshop
Sept. 12-Oct. 24:	Rector's Book Study, 7pm	October 8th:	Pumpkin Offload, 9am

Pasture Tales

Thoughts from the Rector . . .



It's wonderful to be back at Good Shepherd after my 3½ month sabbatical! As you may know, the sabbatical was not intended to be a vacation, but an intentional time for me to be away from the congregation in order find renewal and refreshment in my calling as a parish priest. Our travels around Scotland connected me with my ancestral roots, and our visit to the Cotswolds and to Oxford gave me the chance to relive my days as a seminarian at St. Stephen's House. Our time in France was both educational and relaxing, as we lived in a small French town for 4 weeks. During my two weeks at Virginia Seminary in Alexandria, I audited two classes on Christian education, and consulted with a faculty member who is one of our Church's authorities on faith formation. *(Please see my "Sabbatical Journal," which is posted on the church web site, for a fuller description of my sabbatical.)*

From Virginia, Ann and I headed to the Pacific Northwest, where we have so many great memories growing up. The purpose of our week in Seattle was for me to visit two Presbyterian and two Episcopal congregations in order to learn what these churches are doing in the area of faith formation. While there we were able to squeeze in a short visit with Art and Diane Moore, and Sherry Niermann who recently moved to Sequim, Washington. From Seattle we travelled to Portland, Oregon, where Ann and I grew up. We spent the next week with our son and daughter at Black Butte Ranch, a wonderful resort near Sisters, Oregon. We finished up our time in Oregon with a very relaxing week's stay at Oceanside, a seaside village where Ann and her family used to spend their summer vacations.

Although I didn't come away with any great new insights or epiphanies during my time away, the sabbatical confirmed how lucky I am to be serving such a lively and active parish. Wherever I went and talked about the congregation, people remarked at what a healthy and vibrant congregation Good Shepherd seems to be. At the same time, through my travels, reading and reflection, I now have a much better idea of the kinds of programs and ministries that will help Good Shepherd to reach its full potential. I also realize

some of the things I can do a bit differently as a leader to foster the future growth of the congregation.

From what I have heard from Catherine Tran, this time was a sabbatical for the congregation as well. You have learned to do some things in new ways and my absence has been an opportunity for volunteers to step up and take on previously unexplored ministries. That's what should happen during a priest's sabbatical and I look forward to talking with you about the new things that are happening at Good Shepherd.

Although the major part of my sabbatical is over, the sabbatical time for the congregation is not quite done. As you may remember, one of the expectations of the Lilly sabbatical program is that the priest's sabbatical will have some long-term benefit for the parish. So, courtesy of the Lilly Endowment, we are scheduling a second faith formation workshop September 30 – October 2 led by The Reverend Robyn Szoke, the former director of the National Church's office of faith formation. On Friday night, we will eat and play together as we share stories about our lives. On Saturday we will talk about the important connection between the church and the home, and we will plan some creative things for our Sunday worship service that will involve parishioners of all ages. On Sunday, following the 10:15 service, we will have a lunch in the parish hall and invite people to experience practical ways to grow in faith, especially at home. Most of all, through this time together, we will get a glimpse of what church might look like if we were fully engaged as a parish in the ministry of faith formation.

I want to thank Catherine Tran for filling in for me while I was on sabbatical. I also want to thank Rob Polete, Louise Stratford, the Vestry, the Church staff and all of our lay leaders for carrying out the work of the parish so faithfully while I was gone. This sabbatical was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me. I feel deeply blessed for being chosen to receive this gift and my hope is that everyone at Good Shepherd has also experienced the blessing of this sabbatical time.

~ Fr. Craig MacColl

Senior Warden's Window



"Time? I have no time. And talent...Ha! I'm the least talented person around." Have you ever thought something similar yourself? This month I'd like to look through the window at our collective time and talents.

God has given us all the same amount of time in each day; we all just choose to use it differently. Steven Covey, in his program *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, encourages us to identify the key life roles we play and intentionally decide how we allocate the 24 hours we have each day and the seven days we have each week to balance how we spend the precious gift of time. (Don't forget to include time for yourself in your allocation.)

Everyone has talents. "We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us..." [Romans 12:6] "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone." [1 Corinthians 12:4-6] Work to identify your talents and be on the lookout for new ones.

September is a great time to explore how you might use your time and talents at Good Shepherd. For three weeks starting on Sunday September 11, following all three Sunday services, we will celebrate the variety of ministries available at Good Shepherd during our Ministry Celebration. Each week a different group of ministries will be featured, highlighting what they do and how you can take part. "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." [1 Peter 4:10]

Some of the ways that you can be a good steward of your time and talents are:

Serve through Worship - Help with services. For instance, be a Greeter, Usher, or Worship Commission member. Help with Communion setup & cleanup as a member of the Altar Guild. Give of your musical talents by joining the choir or contemporary music team. Develop your prayer life, both at home &

at church. Worship often, & with a community of believers.

Serve through church programs - Music, Education, Faith Forum, Stewardship, Outreach, Parish Life, Youth, Pastoral Care... Be active in the life of the church. Seek out fellowship within the church. Stop by coffee hour. Help sustain the church through fundraising like the Pumpkin Patch.

Serve through church projects - Be part of the building & grounds maintenance, coffee hour host, office helper teams. Help with the church library & garden, transport church members when needed, & work with youth. Be part of a church Bake Sale, Grocery Coupons sales, Advent Party, or other special events.

Serve through teaching - Help develop Faith Forum programs. Teach a Sunday school class. Lead a small group. Be a confirmation mentor.

Service beyond the church - Christian Stewards are to serve within their church & "into the world" at places like St. Francis Center, St. Clare's Ministry, Covenant Cupboard & House of Hope. Go on a mission trip to places like Haiti, Jamaica or New Orleans.

Help others - The young, the sick, the elderly, the handicapped, shut-ins ... the needy. "...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." [Matthew 25:40]

Promote social justice - Help change society for the better. Make the world a better place. Use your voice and vote to make a difference in the world around you.

Care for the earth - Protect and preserve God's earth and its resources. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle to preserve natural resources. Conserve energy and water at home, work and church.

Evangelize - Spread the Word. Help with church visitation. Invite friends & neighbors to church. Fund & support missionaries who are actively bringing the Word of God to other countries & parts of the United States.

Be a good steward of your time and talent:

- Seek out and recognize your gifts
- Listen for & accept God's call to use your gifts
- Use your time wisely and intentionally
- Give of your time and talents generously
- Do your best, build on success & learn from disappointment
- Develop existing talents through practice
- Flex your talent muscles - try out new ones
- Become a conduit for God's love to the world

~ by Rob Polete

Faith Forum

Building and sharing faith through faith exploration. Faith to the power of many.

The education commission continues to explore how best to engage adults in the congregation in topics of interest during the 9am hour between services on Sunday. *The Bible in 90 Days* involved the largest number of participants in adult education thus far. Building off of this momentum, the commission surveyed participants to determine next steps for adult education. Many of the congregation expressed an interest in continued exploration of the Bible. Based on this feedback, the newly named Faith Forum will launch an 8-week series entitled, "Banned Questions of the Bible." Having polled the congregation this summer, Deb Sampson took the lead in assembling the group of experts to respond to the questions which received top votes. We look forward to seeing you Oct. 8th at our first Faith Forum- a spirited dialogue- on Banned Questions of the Bible.

Between now and October, Faith Forum

will be taking a small break September 4th and 11th. Please visit our table at the September 11th Ministry Celebration. On September 18th and 25th, Larry Hitt, Chancellor for the Diocese, and Zoe Cole will present on the Anglican Covenant. The Anglican Covenant was created by a task force as recommended by the Windsor Report. Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams states that the Covenant "represents [an attempt to] intensify our fellowship and our trust... It is the basis on which Anglican family works and prays... what we hold in common." Currently the Diocese of Colorado recommends that we not adopt the Covenant but seek to strengthen relationships within the Anglican communion thru existing covenants, i.e. the Baptismal Covenant, Five Marks of Mission and the Millennium Development Goals.

Look for opportunities to become more involved in the Faith Forum at the Ministry Fair on September 11th.

~ Susie Street

Rector's Book Study begins September 12

Has anyone ever asked you the question, "Are you saved?" If so, how did you respond? If you're like me, this question can really make you think. It can be a challenge to understand what this means.

One of mainline Christianity's most sensible and prophetic preachers and teachers is Will Willimon, the Methodist Bishop of Birmingham, Alabama, and the former Dean of Chapel at Duke University. Willimon's latest book, "Who Will Be Saved?" is a "must read" for anyone (newcomers to experienced church leaders) who wants to know what the Bible says about this and to understand why this matters in our daily lives as Christians.



Willimon's writing is both wise and funny, and he has a unique ability to make sense of what often seems complex and confusing.

Beginning Monday, September 12, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, in the chapel/conference room, I will be leading a seven-week discussion of Willimon's book. I can assure you that "Who Will Be Saved?" will have an impact on your life, as it has had on mine. A sign-up list for book orders will be posted in the church entryway beginning September 4. Cost of the book is \$14.00.

~ Fr. Craig MacColl

GSEC YOUTH!

SYNC your CALENDARS:

Sept 4th: No Youth Group

Sept 11th: 10:15am Ministry Fair,
3:30-5:30pm/7-9pm Youth Group

Sept 18th: 12-4:30pm Paintballing at
Dynamic Paintball

Sept 20th: St. Clare's Youth Serving

Sept 25th: 3:30-5:30pm/7-9pm Youth
Group, 6pm Youth Sunday

Oct 14th-16th: Genesis: Hittin'
the Road



DYE WARS 2011!!

Welcome back everyone to school, beautiful weather, a routine and Sunday night youth group! We've gone and switched back to Sunday nights with middle school (6th-8th grade) meeting from 3:30-5:30pm, and high school (9th-12th grade) meeting from 7-9pm, at church. If you are new this fall and don't receive our weekly youth email please send your contact information to colson@gshep.org. I encourage you to check us out at our Christian Education Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 11th at the morning church services. By YOU, I mean those who have teens wanting to deepen their faith and find a community, those who are adults with some free time to give their talents to the youth of this church and those who just want to check out what Good Shepherd's Youth Ministry does. There will be candy!

Coming up this month the youth group takes to the fields for some Dynamic Paintball on September 18th! We will meet at church at Noon and leave from there, this outing is for middle school and high school students and youth will need to sign up

ahead of time no later than September 11th. Cost is \$30 per person and scholarships are available; contact me for more details. Cost includes your field entrance, rental fee (mask, goggles, gun, and air) and paint. Feel free to bring your own supplies but let me know ahead of time. I am also recruiting adult volunteers who would be available to help with transportation and join in the fun! Sign up on my office door by September 11th.

The youth will head to St. Clare's to serve dinner to the homeless on Tuesday, September 20th. If you'd like to be involved in this project please contact me, youth signups will be during youth group.

Genesis is just around the corner so save the date of October 14th-16th for the annual Youth Diocesan Conference: Genesis Hittin' the Road for all grades 6th and up at Frontier Ranch in Buena Vista, CO. Cost is \$125 per person with more information to come!

In faith, Christin Olson

Sunday School



Our fall Sunday school schedule begins September 11 at 10 am downstairs. The kids will once again divide into smaller classes. Starting this year, there will be 2 Godly Play classrooms, one for children aged 3 years through kindergarten and

another for the 1st through 3rd graders. The 4th and 5th graders will continue to have their own class, using a modified middle school curriculum that will challenge them to grow spiritually and enable them to take principles from Bible and apply them to their lives.

On August 28th, a demonstration of a Godly Play story (the Good Shepherd and World Communion) was presented during each of the three services. Then, on Sept. 4th, Exploration of Godly Play will allow adults to experience a Godly Play classroom from the perspective of a child. Two separate classes will be offered, one for

adults and one for kids. Everyone is welcome downstairs from 9-10 am.

New family registration forms are available. Please take a moment to fill one form out per family. These forms are used to relay any pertinent information about your child/children to their teachers and also make sure we have current contact information so you don't miss out on any communications.

There are serving opportunities available in children's ministry. We are looking for 1 door person in each of the Godly Play rooms every week (instruction provided) and are eager to train additional Godly Play Storytellers. We also need teaching teams for the 4th and 5th graders. Please contact Sue at rickandsue2@comcast.net for further information or to sign up to help. This is a great way to have an eternal impact on a child's life!

Please mark your calendars for our second Faith Formation workshop scheduled for September 30th-October 2nd, 2011. More details to come!
~ Blessings to all, Sue

Music News



The choirs (bells and vocal) will be back from summer vacation in September. First rehearsal for vocal choir will be September 1st in the Sanctuary at 7:30. Bells will start

September 15th at 6:30 in the chapel. No auditions required for either group – just show up and join the team. If you are thinking about whether you have the time in your schedule or not, or whether you have not done music for a few years or not; just come and give it a try – all are welcome. Questions? Call Sara Blake, choir director.

Summer vacation has not stopped music at Good Shepherd. We are blessed with many fine musicians, and while a new person might think from the quality of the music that we are all professionals, that is not the case. Thanks to the contemporary Music team and all the people who had a part of the U2charist, especially DeeDee Atwood and Deb Sampson. And thanks to all the summer singers and musicians for supporting all the services.

Keep October 21st on your calendars. The choir is again participating in an Interfaith Concert; more details to come. Last year was greatly enjoyed by the over 400 audience members, and 120 or so singers who were there, so circle that date now.

GOOD SHEPHERD CONCERT SERIES

We are excited to be starting our 2nd annual concert series here at Good Shepherd this fall.

We hope you will find something to enjoy in the schedule; and bring a friend (or two). Stay tuned for further updates. First concert coming in Pumpkin Season.



~ Sara Blake

Notes from the Vestry

Vestry Vision

by Rob Polete, Sr. Warden

The Vestry met on Tuesday August 23 at 6:30pm. The focus of this meeting was to welcome Craig back from the sabbatical, hear from him regarding his travels and experiences, and update him on the happenings at Good Shepherd while he was away.

Craig shared his learning and experiences while on sabbatical for most of the meeting. He is looking forward to working with all of the ministry leaders to develop a vision statement that identifies our parish's strengths while helping parishioners grow and develop their relationships with each other and with God.

Catherine Tran attended the meeting and we expressed our gratitude to her for her guidance, leadership, and support during the sabbatical. Catherine, it was a fun and wild three month trip down the river with you. Thank you!

Each Vestry member updated Craig on the happenings in their area of responsibility. Craig

appreciated the opportunity to catch up on each ministry's events while he was away.

The July financials are much improved. The income budget gap has been cut in half. Thank you to everyone who responded to the call to check your pledge and catch up. We are still \$7,000 behind in income through July. Your continued attention to fulfilling your pledge on time will help us maintain our cash flow and our ability to meet our financial obligations.

Minutes of Vestry Meetings and financial reports are posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

VESTRY MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE TO ATTEND. THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 STARTING AT 6:30. WE WILL HEAR MINISTRY REVIEWS FROM COMMUNICATIONS, OUTREACH AND BUILDINGS & GROUNDS.



Welcome back Ann & Craig and thank you Catherine!



Men's Group

In August, the Men's group will meet for breakfast at 7:30am on September 10 and for coffee & donuts on September 24 in the Parish Hall. Our program follows breakfast or coffee & donuts from 8 to 9am in the Chapel & we always stop at 9am.

The group is currently doing a mix of three programs: a discussion of current issues in the Church and in the world, a discussion of the Sunday Scriptures, and a discussion of Jesus' miracles. We also try to relate how



these subjects are present in our everyday activities and lives. We rotate these three topics and each session stands on its own. Men can come and enjoy each meeting even if they miss one or several meetings. Mark your calendars for our meetings in September on the 10th and 24th. We especially welcome new men in the Church or new men to the Men's group. You can call or talk to Jim Wolfe with questions or for more information. ~ **Jim Wolfe**

Ministries Celebration

We have developed a new format for our Ministries Celebration. Instead of having all the Ministries available on one Sunday, we have divided the Ministries into three sections and will have Ministries Celebration Sundays on September 11, 18, and 25th. These will lead into the Faith Formation Workshop that is planned for September 30- October 2.

On September 11th we will highlight these ministries that will have programs this fall:

- Christian Education (Children)
- Christian Education (Adults)
- Education for Ministry
- Grocery Certificates
- Hungry Flock
- Outreach – including the Pumpkin Patch, Haiti Project, and Missions
- Stewardship – information on this year's operating budget campaign and our ongoing capital campaign.
- Youth Group

On September 18th we will highlight our Sunday Worship Ministries:

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| Acolytes | Altar Guild |
| Choir/ Bell Choir | Coffee Hour & Kitchen |
| Contemporary Music | Flowers |
| Greeters | Healing Ministry |
| Lectors/ LEMs | Marthas |
| Ushers | |

On September 25th we will highlight ongoing Ministries at the Church:

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| Advent Party | Building and Grounds |
| Cursillo | Daughters of the King |
| Eucharistic Visitors | Legacy Society |
| Men's Group | Newcomers |
| Pastoral Care | Prayer Chain |
| UTO | Vestry |
| Women's Group (EWES) | X Marks the Spot |

Some of the groups listed above may not be represented at our three celebrations.

We believe that by spreading this Ministries Celebration over three weeks we can focus more attention on individual Ministries and not try to share 35-40 Ministries at one time. We will leave a sign up table after each week highlighting the ministries that were available that week for any families that may miss one week. The Ministries and information will be available between and after the two services on Sunday morning and we plan to have a table with information and sign-up lists available for the 6 PM service and we also plan to have at least one person available to answer questions after the 6 PM service.

~ **Jim Wolfe**



BLOOD DRIVE AT GOOD SHEPHERD

On September 11, 2011, the Bonfils Blood Mobile will be here at Good Shepherd for our annual blood donation drive. It will be open during both morning services. Please sign up for an appointment in the Parish Hall. Appointments begin at 8:30am. This is a great opportunity to help so many people.



PUMPKIN OFFLOAD! WE HAVE A DATE!

Mark your calendar. Pumpkin Offload, Saturday, October 8 at 9 am. Anyone can participate. We will be offloading an entire truck of pumpkins, and setting up the 2011 Pumpkin Patch. Everyone can be of help. Bring your friends, Scout Troop, sports team, and family. This is a great community service opportunity and great fun.

OUR PUMPKINS ARE GROWING!

Our pumpkins are growing and doing very well. We have had the right amount of moisture for good pumpkin growth. The last hot days of summer will bring them to their full glory and they should be ready for picking in September and delivery in October. Our pumpkins are grown on a Navajo reservation near Farmington N.M. You can check out our growing pumpkins on Google Earth. We have been promised the coordinates for our growing pumpkins, when we get them we will be posting them on our Pumpkin Patch Facebook page, look for us at Pumpkin Patch at Centennial.

PUMPKINS ON FACEBOOK

The Pumpkin Patch has a Facebook page! We are hoping everyone at the church will check us out on Facebook, and "like" our page. So follow us on Facebook, send us pictures to post, and comment on the good times at the Pumpkin Patch. Our Facebook page is Pumpkin Patch of Centennial. Facebook is a wonderful way to spread the word about the Pumpkin Patch to friends and neighbors.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 8: Offload for Pumpkin Patch at 9 am.
- Oct. 9-31: Pumpkin Patch at Good Shepherd, daily 10 until dusk.
- Nov/Dec: Angel Tree (Christmas gifts to needy children and families)
- Mission Sunday and Mission Month: dates to be determined.

~ Joyce Manning

PUMPKIN PATCH NEWS

Are Pumpkins a fruit or a vegetable?

Are pumpkins a fruit? We eat them in a pie! Are pumpkins a vegetable? In many parts of the world they are cooked and consumed in savory vegetable dishes. Pumpkins are versatile little plant that has many uses. Here at Good Shepherd we plan to use a whole tractor trailer full of pumpkins to raise money for the Outreach projects supporting homeless and hungry.

Here are more questions about the pumpkins coming to Good Shepherd:

1. What is the pumpkin offload? Pumpkin offload is the day the pumpkins arrive at Good Shepherd. We have a whole tractor trailer full of pumpkins to unload fire brigade style. This is when we set up the Pumpkin Patch.
2. When is the Pumpkin offload? Saturday, October 8 at 9 am. Come to the church parking lot. Bring family and friends. Scout troops, sports teams, workout groups, and teens looking for community service hours are all encouraged to participate and very welcome.
3. Who can help with the offload? Anyone can participate. This will be a great day at Good Shepherd. Last year young children worked side by side with parents and made a significant contribution, students came and brought their friends, older people came and helped set up displays and signs. Lots to do, lots of jobs, everyone is encouraged to participate.
4. What are the dates for Pumpkin Patch? Pumpkins will be for sale the minute they come off the truck. We will be set up for sales on Saturday, October 8. Officially the Pumpkin Patch is open Sunday, October 9 through 31. Everyday from 10 am until dusk.
5. Where do the pumpkins come from? We will have beautiful healthy pumpkins that are grown on a Navajo Reservation near Farmington, New Mexico.

6. What kind of pumpkins are coming? We have been amazed at the varieties of pumpkins and gourds we receive from the supplier. Last year we had the usual orange pumpkins, white pumpkins, green pumpkins, Cinderella pumpkins, and all sizes and shapes. This year we are also expecting Indian Corn.

7. What happens to the proceeds for the Pumpkin Patch? The Pumpkin Patch is a fundraiser presented by the Outreach Committee. This year most of Outreach budget will come from the Pumpkin Patch. The bulk of our proceeds will go to our four principle Outreach projects (Covenant Cupboard, House of Hope, St. Francis Center, and St. Claire's Ministry). Some funds will be set aside for Youth Group mission/service project, a Sunday School service project, and other outreach projects.

8. What happens to pumpkins we don't sell? Last year many of our leftover pumpkins went to local food banks, a horse farm, and some other local projects. If you have a favorite project and you would like them to receive some of our pumpkins after we close the 2011 Patch contact Joyce Manning. Anyone receiving leftover pumpkins needs to come and pick them up!

9. What can I do for this excellent fund raiser? The Pumpkin Patch needs to be staffed every-day from October 8 through October 31. Staffing is in three hour shifts. We sell pumpkins, wave at the traffic (to encourage people to come by), and take care of our beautiful pumpkins. Everyone has a lot of fun! Also, don't forget to come to the offload, Oct. 8 at 9 am.

For information on the Good Shepherd Pumpkin Patch follow us on Facebook @ Pumpkin Patch of Centennial. Or talk to Joyce Manning. Also, to learn whether pumpkins are really a fruit or a vegetable, Wikipedia has a long article ... I recommend it.

~ Joyce Manning



**Episcopal
Women
Enrichment
and Service**

The women's group has, for the past several months been meeting for lunch at a different ethnic restaurant. For lunch on August 26th

phone invitations were extended to our several ladies with birthdays in August, to join us at the Jade Garden. On September 30th, we will gather at La Parrel, on Broadway between Arapahoe and Ridge Roads. Please call Susan Hatch by September 26th to reserve your place.

- Joyce Kremer

Fall Sermon Series

One of the things that I observed during my sabbatical this summer was how often a person's desire to intentionally grow in their faith was the result of an experience of being changed or transformed by God's grace. I like to call these experiences "moments of transformation." Many stories in the Gospels are accounts of people who, as a result of an encounter with Jesus Christ, undergo some kind of change. As we read and become familiar with these stories, we realize that what is going on here is that, in the presence of Jesus, many people experience what Jesus calls "the kingdom of God". These are moments when God's kingdom breaks into people's lives in dramatic and not-so-dramatic ways. Sometimes, it's an experience of being freed from some kind of physical or spiritual bondage. Sometimes, it's the awareness of being called by God to go in a different direction - what the Bible calls "repentance." Sometimes, it's the discovery that God is using us for some special purpose that we were previously unaware of. What all of these experiences have in common is that people are changed and transformed in some way.

During the months of September and October I will be preaching a series of sermons that will explore what happens in people's lives when they encounter God or Jesus Christ and experience a moment of transformation. In each sermon I will also ask what implications these stories have for the people of Good Shepherd as we embark on the journey of faith formation. My hope is that this sermon series will compliment some other things that will be going on this fall, such as our Ministry Fairs, our annual stewardship campaign, the Pumpkin Patch, and the week-

end faith formation workshop Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

The topics for this sermon series will be as follows:

- September 4: Agents of Transformation
- September 11: Transformed By The Power of Forgiveness
- September 18: Transformed by Grace In the Midst of Challenging Times
- September 25: Transformed by the Hospitality of God
- October 2: Transformed Through the Gift of Faith In Baptism (with The Rev. Robyn Szoke)
- October 9: Transformed Through Prayer
- October 16: Visiting Preacher: The Rev. Gary Horley
- October 23: Visiting Preacher: The Rev. Canon Carl Andrews
- October 30: Transformed Through Service
- November 6: (*All Saints Sunday*) Transformed Through the Witness of Saints
- November 13: Transformed Through Sacrificial Giving

As I return from my sabbatical and get back into the "flow" of life at Good Shepherd, I look forward to worshipping with you each Sunday morning and sharing the good news that we have been transformed by God's love and grace to be a people of transformation.

~ Fr. Craig MacColl

Gala Event for St. Francis Center

St. Francis Center Invites You to "Be Our Guest"

Mark your calendar and plan to attend St. Francis Center's 28th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Auction. The event is to be held at the Marriott Hotel City Center in downtown Denver on October 8th, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

St. Francis Center (SFC) is a daytime refuge for homeless individuals that offers a wide range of programs and services to help meet people's basic needs and transition them out of homelessness. It welcomes all who pass through its doors as "guests," treating every individual with dignity and respect. With a theme



of "Be Our Guest," this year's gala will be a celebration of this spirit of hospitality. Attendees will have to opportunity to learn about St. Francis Center's impact in the community and hear from those who've personally benefited from its ministry. Money raised from the silent and live auctions will be used to assist the thousands of men and women who visit St. Francis Center.

Individual tickets are \$75, while seniors, volunteers, and groups of 10 are available for \$60 each. Please R.S.V.P. by September 11th, or call Andrew Spinks for more information. We'll see you October 8th!

~ Kip Travis

2011 Cursillo



Sept 14-18, 2011 Easter Seals Camp, Georgetown, Colorado

Cursillo? What does that mean? You may have heard myself, Pete Roden, Jeff Barlow or Jim Wolfe (among others) talking about

Cursillo, but didn't really know what it meant. Frankly, neither did I. But, it was one of the best weekends I have ever spent...working on my relationship with Jesus. Yes, that's right...Jesus. Who knew?

I've heard some people think it's a "couples weekend". Absolutely not! Young (18+), old (80+), single, married, widowed; it doesn't matter. What does matter is you can spend 3 days with some amazing people guiding you on your journey with Christ. For those of you who completed The Bible in 90 Days, this would complement what you were barely able to touch on while reading. It's personal, intellectual, spiritual, fun, musical....well, I could go on & on! It's all those things, plus so much more. Below, I've taken a few excerpts from the National Episcopal Cursillo website (www.nationalepiscopalcursillo.org) providing some additional info.

What is Cursillo? Cursillo is a movement of the church. Its purpose is to help those in the church understand their individual callings to be Christian Leaders. The leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities, and within the Church environment. Leadership, in Cursillo, does not mean power over others, but influence on others; all of us need to be aware that we can exert a positive influence on those around us.

What is the Goal of Cursillo? The goal of Cursillo is the goal of the Church: to bring all to Christ. This is done when informed, trained leaders set out with the support of others having a similar commitment.

What does Cursillo do? It helps to renew and deepen Christian commitment. Cursillo is one of many renewal movements. Many people have said Cursillo provides an important learning experience which causes many to feel like newly made Christians with a purpose and with support.

Please, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. ~ Deb Roden

For additional info, go to www.cocursillo.org

Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

Birthdays:

CHRISTOPHER EDGAR	9/1
LIZ PEEL	9/2
EMMA TICE	9/2
COLIN LASKARZEWSKI	9/3
GEORGINA RAYNE	9/3
JOAN SWANSON	9/3
KATHERINE WATSON	9/4
CHAR RALEY	9/5
BOB DALTON	9/6
DIANNE DRAPER	9/6
DYLAN ROCHE	9/8
SHANNON CHRISTIAN	9/11
CHIP RATHBUN	9/12
CURT WATSON	9/12
KATIE WOOD	9/13
LINDA CORSSMIT	9/14



CHRISTOPHER STREET	9/14
KATHY HAMPTON	9/15
ANN MACCOLL	9/16
BEVERLY WOLFE	9/16
ANITA SANBORN	9/17
DORIS TRUHLAR	9/18
JOSEPH SHUSTER	9/19
ROBERT SAMPSON	9/20
KENT HEACOX	9/21
ELIZABETH TICE	9/22
LAURA GIBSON	9/24
MICHAEL KEARNS	9/25
DEBRA ANDERSON-SELBY	9/26
LOUISE STRATFORD	9/26
MERRIE NEED	9/28
DAVE DIEHL	9/30
COREY OXENBURY	9/30

Wedding Anniversaries:



<i>John & Gina Rayne</i>	<i>9/1</i>
<i>Bill & Suellyn Younkes</i>	<i>9/6</i>
<i>Al & Rosie Hall</i>	<i>9/12</i>
<i>Tim Heacox & Dianne Draper</i>	<i>9/12</i>
<i>Joel & Marilee Diner</i>	<i>9/13</i>
<i>Kurt & Melissa Watson</i>	<i>9/15</i>
<i>Alex & Khar Raley</i>	<i>9/19</i>
<i>John & Louise Stratford</i>	<i>9/23</i>
<i>Mike & Joby Koren</i>	<i>9/23</i>
<i>Keith & Jody Anderson</i>	<i>9/26</i>
<i>Kevin & Jenny Suchey</i>	<i>9/27</i>
<i>Jason & Denise Merrillat</i>	<i>9/27</i>
<i>Paul & Pat Grosvenor</i>	<i>9/29</i>



WANTED: MEN WHO LIKE TO SING!

The Adhocket is looking to add new members to the singing group. If you like to sing, have fun and have one hour a week, contact Dave Diehl for more info.

Treasurer's Report



Nice to have Father Craig back with us.
All's right with the world.

For the year to date, plate income is running behind by \$4,000. Pledge income is behind budget by \$1,600 but caught up quite well in July.

Benefits are running over budget by \$1,200, as are administrative expenses by \$1,300. Bldg and grounds is over budget by \$2,700 and mortgage interest is over budget by \$2,400. Other expenses are running under budget by \$3,100.

Overall, we are over budget by \$11,500 through July, expenses over income. Thanks to all of you who brought your pledges current, we really needed that help. To those of you that are still a little behind, please try to catch up as soon as possible. Thanks to everyone for your attention to our cash flow situation. See you in Church!

- Mark Dunlap

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church								
Financial Highlights								
As of July 31, 2011								
Category	YTD				Month of Jul 2011			
	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance
Plate Income	\$ 19,215	\$ 15,163	\$ (4,052)	-21.09%	\$ 1,972	\$ 2,712	\$ 740	37.53%
Pledge Income	252,736	251,107	(1,629)	-0.64%	27,518	41,248	13,730	49.89%
Pre-paid pledges	-	-	-		-	-	-	n/a
Fundraising Income	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Grocery Certif. Sales/Other	8,831	7,143	(1,688)	-19.11%	1,261	724	(537)	-42.59%
Investment Income	175	149	(26)	-14.86%	25	21	(4)	-16.00%
Total Income	\$ 280,957	\$ 273,562	\$ (7,395)	-2.63%	\$ 30,776	\$ 44,705	\$ 13,929	45.26%
Salaries	\$ 131,892	\$ 131,465	\$ 427	0.32%	\$ 18,842	\$ 18,208	\$ 634	3.36%
Benefits	49,183	50,371	(1,188)	-2.42%	6,981	6,850	131	1.88%
Administrative	20,903	22,169	(1,266)	-6.06%	2,979	1,973	1,006	33.77%
Building/Grounds	17,717	20,422	(2,705)	-15.27%	2,398	2,517	(119)	-4.96%
Mortgage Interest	24,937	27,363	(2,426)	-9.73%	3,562	3,715	(153)	-4.30%
Other Expenses	26,659	23,590	3,069	11.51%	3,055	3,863	(808)	-26.45%
Total Expenses	\$ 271,291	\$ 275,380	\$ (4,089)	-1.51%	\$ 37,817	\$ 37,126	\$ 691	1.83%
Net Income	\$ 9,666	\$ (1,818)	\$ (11,484)	-118.81%	\$ (7,041)	\$ 7,579	\$ 14,620	207.64%

September 2011

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Monthly Planner

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