

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Dear Friends and Members of the Church of the Good Shepherd,

“As we grow in age we may grow in grace,” the old prayer goes. In order to grow in grace, to grow in the Spirit, several things are needed.

The question to 95-year-old lady “To what do you attribute your longevity.” She answered “time.” We need events, great and small to reflect on the rest of life. For the growth of our souls there is no substitute for time.

Knowledge is needed as well. Everyone needs a grasp of the story. If we are to look at our own lives and habits the best grounding I can think of is knowledge of the life of our Lord and of our Church. When the disciples came to Jesus they first sat at his feet. They listened and followed. They learned and lived the story before they told it.

Reflection may be the best teacher of all. Time is helpful. So is data, but a mature understanding and growth takes thought.

Openness to new experiences and new knowledge is not just helpful but essential. Nothing makes us more open to God, more vulnerable to God, more trusting of God than constant prayer, day after day.

Time, Knowledge, Reflection, Openness. These are four straightforward tasks for the growth of the soul that we might dedicate ourselves to this coming Lenten season. But let me give you a bit of a warning. These may be the most dangerous things you have ever done. They are hard work as well.

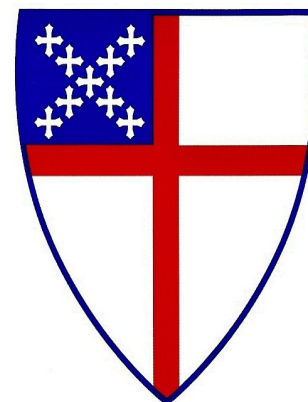
The Story tells us that some of the disciples put down their nets and followed the Lord in order to fish for people. I don't think most of us are asked to sacrifice our careers for another one. However, we are expected to be disciplined in our faith and to be sacrificial in our life's offerings. The promise, though, is that instead of just figuring out a way to get through, to make a living, we can discover a Way to truly live. One hymn sums it up better than I can:

“The Peace of God it is no peace, but strife closed in the sod.

Yet let us pray for but one thing, the marvelous peace of God.”

Faithfully yours,

Robert A. Davenport



To know  
Christ  
and to  
make  
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known



**2008 TUESDAY NIGHT**  
**LENTEN SERIES**

**SING ME TO HEAVEN**

Join us the first four Tuesdays of Lent this year for a time together to sing, pray and reflect on how music touches our lives. Each event will take place in the Nave followed by a reception in the narthex.

7:00 PM

**February 12th**—Lenten Concert by: Emmanuel Lewis, Kelly Abrams, Beth Wallace and Ben Blanchard

**February 19th**—SPIRITUALS- A lecture and song by Dr. Carl Haywood, Editor of the Episcopal Hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing, accompanied by the Good Shepherd Loft Choir

**February 26th**—Music and Film—We will view the hit film “Sister Act” and enter into dialogue about pop culture, music, and faith

**March 4th**—The Kingdom Is Near— Sing-along with The Good Shepherd Community, Tucker House Community and The Youth from The Mission of the Holy Spirit

**Submitted by: Tricia McKee**

Lent ( A season whose name means ‘lengthening of days’) has become a religious season that recalls the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, fasting and becoming strong as He thought deeply about His work in the world.

What better time for us to consider the work we see before us as people of faith also.

**So for Lent we offer from Educational Ministries at Good Shepherd:**

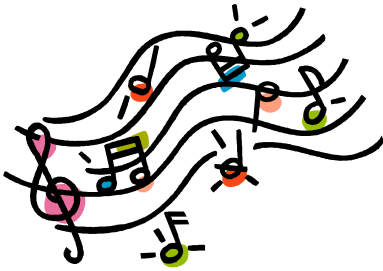
First, a series of Tuesday evening enrichment, and also, for those who wish a Wednesday evening small group study/ experience.

One of my favorite teachers of Scripture, Walter Brueggeman (now retired Old Testament professor at Columbia Seminary), encouraged us to grapple with Scripture in ways that touched our lives. From the world in which Bible story was written, to our busy hectic life today, God can still be there for us. It takes discipline to listen to God, to each other, to be community. It takes perseverance, and it takes silence-which seems futile at times.

What better time than Lent to enter a discipline of study/ prayer for our everyday lives? Sometimes we have to enter the wilderness, to nurture our own spirit given to us by our creator, to begin to get a vision of what we have to offer as ministry in our community and church. Can the message of the 1<sup>st</sup> century followers of Jesus, the wisdom of Hebrew Scripture reach us right where we live today? I think so.

I welcome any adults or even older youth to join me in encountering story and Scripture for our lives on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 6:30 PM for a time to wonder, explore, laugh and dream our way through Lent. I will be using the curriculum called, ‘Bible Workbench’ to guide this group-I hope you will join us!

Tricia McKee, [patricia@goodshepherdnorfolk.org](mailto:patricia@goodshepherdnorfolk.org)



### MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

All children ages 6-10 are invited to be part of the choir on Palm Sunday. We will have three rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. Rehearsal dates are February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, and March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:15 – 6:15. Each rehearsal will include dinner. Please e-mail Ben ([ben@goodshepherdnorfolk.org](mailto:ben@goodshepherdnorfolk.org)) to sign up. Sign-ups are necessary as we will have vestments, folders and music for each child.

### EASTER LOFT CHOIR ADULTS AND YOUTH WELCOME

Thought about being in the choir but can't make a long term commitment? The choir would love for anyone that enjoys singing to take part in the choir for Easter Sunday. Rehearsal commitments are the five Wednesday evenings during Lent beginning February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please e-mail or call me Ben ([ben@goodshepherdnorfolk.org](mailto:ben@goodshepherdnorfolk.org)) so preparations can be made for you to join us! All are welcome.



### *If you have been missing it...*

**Ruach** (all children ages 4-6) is still singing, drawing, painting, dancing, laughing, listening to story and breathing the wonderful breath and life that God has given us each Wednesday evening at 5:15-6:15. Parents and children together enjoying this great big world we live in!



**Sacred Sounds** (for Elementaries) is also gathering at the same time.

Supper together at 5:15 then everything else that comes our way!

Contact Tricia McKee for more information/ or Ben Blanchard

**Church School** classes for Godly Play and Elementary groups are weaving their way through the life of Jesus and will be preparing for Easter as we move through Lent.

A great time to stop in.

Godly Play – 208

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4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-204

Children's Chapel begins at 10:15 and joins parents in worship at the Peace.



## \*\*\*PARISH RETREAT UPDATE\*\*\*

In an effort to make the parish retreat accessible to all we have made some changes.

The parish retreat will still begin after dinner on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Theme is still- THE DREAM OF GOD

Adult program led by Rev. Robert Davenport

Youth program led by Ben Blanchard

Children's program led by Tricia McKee

The cost for the retreat is \$40 per person

Make checks payable to The Church of the Good Shepherd  
\$40 includes program costs, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday,  
and lunch on Saturday.

Dinner Saturday night will be extra



A special fun time for dreaming, drama/action and story will be had by the elementary children attending the Parish Retreat. Please plan to bring your child with you. Parents with infants and toddlers, let us know early of your reservation and we will arrange child care during keynotes for you.

### ROOM RESERVATIONS

We will gather at the

Hilton Garden Inn

5353 North Virginia Dare Trail

Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

We have a group of rooms blocked

Participants will need to make hotel room reservations on their own

When you call the Hilton (252-261-1290) the rooms are listed under

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

The cost of the rooms is \$98 per night plus tax (group rate)

Each room has two double beds

If are looking for a roommate please call Tricia McKee in the office for a list of others looking for roommates.

If you have already paid for the retreat you will receive a phone call regarding refunds and directions.

### SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

NO ONE WILL BE DENIED PARTICIPATION BECAUSE OF FINANCES Please call Ben (757-423-3230) to work out scholarship details

E-mail or call Ben in the parish office to sign up

[Ben@goodshepherdnorfolk.org](mailto:Ben@goodshepherdnorfolk.org) or 757-423-3230

## CONFIRMATION RECEPTION

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 6 followed by a parish celebration in the narthex.

Since this is such a special occasion, we are planning a luncheon to honor our newly confirmed, their families and guests.

Ham and turkey will be provided.

Please bring a side dish to share (deviled eggs, green beans, etc)

Sign up is on the bulletin board...

We look forward to seeing everyone there!!!!



There's a quiet space upstairs,  
we are calling the Children's Library.

It has been newly organized and is ready for parents/children/youth to enjoy a place to read something new, spark creativity, encounter a Scripture story in a new way they might not have heard before-or listen to an old story to hear something new.

Our books are classics and fun newer ones, not all religious in specific ways-but all touch on life, joy, challenge, and grace.

Books are welcome to go home for brief periods-just sign it out in the box provided and return in good time.

**Brotherhood of St. Andrew** will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 8:00 A.M. on February 16, 2008, for worship, breakfast, and fellowship.



**March Newsletter Deadline: February 15th**

Please send your newsletter submissions to Kristine via e-mail to [kristine@goodshepherdnorfolk.org](mailto:kristine@goodshepherdnorfolk.org).



# N.E.S.T.

Dear Members of the Church of the Good Shepherd,

We want to offer our sincere gratitude to all of those who participated in NEST last week. This massive annual undertaking involves more parishioners than any other Outreach ministry. We fed and housed between fifty and fifty-five guests every night for a week. Aside from a few minor glitches, everything proceeded quite smoothly. To all of you who gave your time, your expertise, and your financial contributions, we are truly grateful.

Special thanks go to Steve Cyrus and Woody Duffy, who not only gave us help beforehand, but also took on countless tasks this year (and were quite patient with our frequent phone questions). Our hats are off to the bus crew, some of whom have been doing bus duty as long as Good Shepherd has been involved in this ministry. Joanne Berkley was at the bus stop every night, even one night when she was sick! The guests were greeted and checked in each evening by an efficient crew of church members and then shepherded to pallets and tables for delicious dinner fare. Good Shepherd's reputation for outstanding meals remains untarnished. Cooks took over the kitchen late each afternoon and the hallways were filled with tantalizing aromas by the time the buses arrived. Dinners were served by parishioner families as well as some dedicated youth who seemed to materialize every evening, whether they were on duty or not. Evening highlights included a lovely grace delivered by Anna Winn and some beautiful piano serenades played by one of our classically trained guests.

One of our most difficult tasks was to find volunteers to staff the overnight shifts. The twenty-eight of you who stepped up to the plate deserve special thanks. All survived with the aid of some very comfy sofas in the Sunday school rooms. The morning routine started quite early. Guests were awakened and then served a delicious breakfast. The Ruach Moms did most of the breakfast cooking and a great deal of the breakfast serving as well. Mary McCaffrey was donut runner extraordinaire, picking up the donuts almost every day. Johnny Berkley and Louis Drake provided serving and clean-up duties each morning, and these two veterans answered any question that came up. The guests were sent back to the buses with a lunch and our hopes that they find a warm place to stay on one of the coldest weeks of the year. On Tuesday morning, Frank Thomas delivered the pallets and blankets to their next assignment and a quiet befell Good Shepherd.

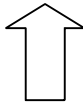
Thanks also to the many of you who made financial contributions (checks are still arriving!) to this endeavor. While much of the food is donated, there are still a number of expenses that are involved in an undertaking such as this. The massive quantities of bread, milk eggs, PB&J, and paper products tax our budget. Tables of supplies filled the old Shepherd's Corner, diminishing as the week progressed. Leftover supplies went to Sacred Heart, the church on duty the following week.

All should be proud to belong to a parish that engages in such worthwhile undertakings. Many thanks go to our wonderful volunteers and contributors.

Good Shepherd Outreach Committee



## February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday: 	8a-Holy Eucharist 8:45-Breakfast 9:30-Christian Ed. 10a-Holy Eucharist 5p-Bible Study	Every Tuesday: 9a-Staff Meeting 11a-Prayer Group 6p- MHS	Every Wednesday: 9a- Bible Study 5:15p-Ruach & Sacred Sounds 7p-Adult Choir		1 Diocesan Council 9:10a- EFM Class	2 Diocesan Council 6:30p-Auction
3	4	5 5:30-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	6 4p-LPC 7p-Ash Wednesday Service	7	8 9:10a-EFM Class	9
10 5:30p-Confirmation Class	11	12 5p-Outreach 6:30p-Knitting Group 7p-Lenten Series	13 4:30p-Worship Comm. Meeting 6:30p-Lenten Small Group	14	15 9:10a-EFM Class	16 8a-Brotherhood of St. Andrew
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