

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Last Sunday we met at Talbot Hall for a wonderful end of the year worship service and picnic held in God's great outdoors. We celebrated the past year, and especially celebrated those moving forward after graduating from high school: MacKenzie Shivar, Sam Stokes, Ben Temple and Tyler Simpson. We were inspired by the new tunes of a Church ensemble "The Shall Knots", as we were satisfied by a generously served luncheon.

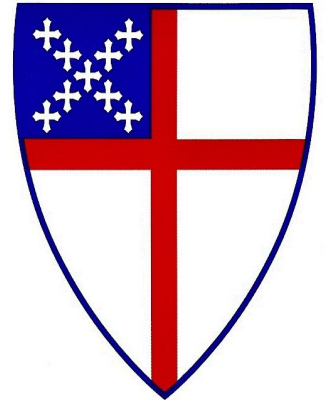
Now we are in the midst of cleaning out the buildings after a great program year. Tough decisions have to be made. What do we store, what do we recycle and what do we throw away? How is our space to be used? How can we be more faithful stewards of the space we have, and keep open for multiple programs and agendas?

One of the most challenging issues I am facing is the question of which books do we keep and which ones need to be passed along. I read the commentary on one study Bible that seemed to discount most of last year's study for an Education for Ministry Class as well as much of my seminary preparation and personal convictions. Do we have space for such an approach? As we look to our lives ahead, we struggle with not only how do we keep available our building space, but also how do we leave room in our own minds for the opinions of others. All of these spaces, whether tangible or intangible, are to be used for the glory of God.

Jesus said, "In my Father's House are many mansions...and I go to prepare a place for you." As we celebrate God's great outdoors this summer, let us remember that all spaces are from God. God's revelation, in this earth, in our lives, in humanity and in his son, our Lord, is greater than we can imagine.

Faithfully,

Robert A. Davenport



To know
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YOUTH WORKCAMP

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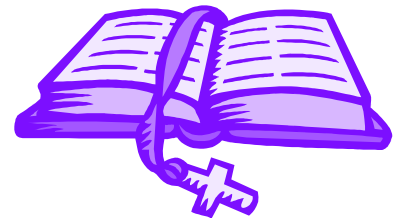
For the fourth year a group of Good Shepherd youth will travel together to the Eastern Shore for a week of hard work and fun. We will join the Rev. Churchill G. Pinder and the good folks of St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. We will be leaving Sunday afternoon, June 15th, and return Thursday evening, June 19th. The primary focus is living together in Christian community while we work in relationship with one another and some home owners to help them repair their homes. This camp is open to middle and high school youth (6th-12th grade) and is a wonderful way to have experience in outreach ministry. Also for the trip to be

successful we have committed adults (Dana Lloyd, Bob Stark, Molly Parsons, and Kelly Tuno) going along! We will sleep on the floor of a local parish hall, and enjoy fun times on the water. Please keep the group in your prayers! We will have many stories to tell when we return.

Education for Ministry

An Opportunity for Prayer, Study and Growth

All of us, as we seek to follow the Lord of life, need to purposely find ways to be on that journey of going deeper. Helpful to such quests are study of the Scriptures and other teachings of the Church, prayer, reflection on life's experiences and community. The University of the South, Sewanee, has a program of theological education at a distance known as Education for Ministry (EFM). Students sign up one year at a time for this four year program. It covers the basics of the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy and theology. Students meet regularly, usually once a week, in seminars under the guidance of trained mentors. The Rector has mentored this program in the past and now has a group that meets on Friday mornings from 9am to 11am. A new Education for Ministry (EFM) Group will meet in the evenings on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm beginning in September. If interested, please contact Tricia McKee, patricia@goodshepherdnorfolk.org. And If interested in joining the Friday morning group, please contact the Rector. Robert@goodshepherdnorfolk.org



HORIZONS IN MISSION: An opportunity in adult education

The Church is a mission field. The opportunity “To know Christ and to make Him known” is constantly before us in everything we do and say. This mission activity is most active and obvious in our families and closest relationships, and in the work of the local parish and diocese. The world is a mission field. The same opportunities and challenges are in front of us when we try to live in relationship with those in other societies and cultures. Being conscious of our own cultural assumptions enables us to rejoice in the wonderful complexities of all God’s creation. I for one have found it helpful when visiting other cultures for extended periods of time to remember that I am a guest, a seeker and a recipient of generous hospitality. As the Outreach and Foreign Missions Committee explores ways to reach out into the world “To know Christ and to make Him known”, we will prepare anew by reading together this summer a book from the Church teachings series HORIZONS IN MISSION by the Rev. Titus Presler. We will meet at 9:15 Sunday mornings beginning June 15-in the Memorial Hall.

Sunday evening Bible Study: We will not meet on Sunday, June 15th since it is Father's Day. We will plan to meet from 5 to 6 pm on Sundays June 22nd and 29th. We will finish the study of the Gospel of John on Sunday, June 22nd and plan to wrap-up and pray on June 29th, then Tricia’s Sunday Evening class begins on July 6th.

Christian Education News...



Submitted by Tricia McKee:

Summertime education-not just for the kids this year!...a time to grow, to enjoy the sun and light. What better time than summer to jump into a new pool of clear water refreshing our spirit, listening for God in Scripture story and our story.

Three opportunities for adult education this summer will challenge us to grow:

Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Memorial Hall, Beginning June 15th,
Horizons in Mission, by Titus Presler. Calling us to listen and discern our call in the world. Copies available in the church office. Led by Rev. Robert Davenport.

Christian Education News (cont'd)

Small group offerings for adults and older youth—will begin in July and continue through August:



Sunday Evenings (5:00-6:00pm) beginning July 6, a new group will meet to engage Scripture and the life,

using Walter Brueggeman's book, Praying the Psalms. – Professor Brueggeman's passion with the struggles of our lives, reads the Psalms with candor, showing us ways these ancient Jewish prayers can lead us from the disorientation of our chaotic lives, into the reorientation of transformation for our spirit connecting in dialogue with God. In other words, when we feel like prayer is a monologue with God, this approach of praying the Psalms, will show us a new way to feel our prayers as a two way dialogue. Facilitator: Tricia McKee, Director of Christian Education. Resource available now in the church office, limited supply.

Thursday early evenings- 6-7-Beginning July 10 – Using the resource Listening For God-a collection of contemporary literature and the life of faith by writers such as: Flannery O'Connor, Annie Dillard, Garrison Keillor, Richard Rodriguez, Alice Walker, Wendell Berry and others. Led by Tricia McKee and group facilitated as we progress. Five participant books available now. Call a friend and come refresh your mind and soul at Good Shepherd this summer! Child care provided upon request for either of the evening sessions-call the church office to RSVP.



Our youngest children in worship/education-this summer will gather in the Children's Chapel each week as their parents come in to the 10:00 service. (Ages 3 and up) .We will begin our weekly exploration of Scripture story there, moving to the

parish hall for more movement and activity. Each week they will join their parents at the Peace each Sunday through Labor Day. Contact Tricia McKee in the church office with any questions. Worship bags will also be available in the Narthex for those wishing to enjoy worship with their parents for the whole service. Our nursery will be staffed from 9:15 until after the 10:00 service each week.

Christian Ed News (Cont'd)

July 7-11 9am-noon

The Beach Party, 'Surfin' the Scriptures'



Is on the move and the children are coming in at high tide! Leadership openings for all ages of adults and youth in snack, recreation, art, and story still have some spaces for those willing to serve and enjoy the children. We will find a place for you to help and be a part of this great week! Youth opportunities for mentoring a group are still open, training



required—a great way to earn community service hours also.

Beach Party – VBS Launch Please Come Help Decorate-All Ages!

Sunday, July 6 1-3PM

For those who can't join us during the week—

Items needed for donation for VBS:

Beach Towels, (lots, with name for return),
shells, surf board (returnable),

Snacks: Goldfish, blue gelatin, gummy fish, raisins salted pretzels, honey grahams (large box), M&M's, graham crackers, mini marshmallows, mini chocolate chips, Rice Krispies, slice and bake sugar cookie dough.



Training for all areas of VBS will be Monday June 16, from 6-7pm. Youth and adults. Child Care Provided.

Safe Church Training –one time training required, led by Betty Wade Coyle will be offered on Wednesday evening, June 18th from 6-9. A Cost of \$10 will be paid by our church to the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Child Care Provided, RSVP 423-3230



You're Invited to a Beach Party
This Summer!

Vacation Bible School is calling
children, adults, and youth,
between the ages of

Three (must be potty trained) and
4th Grade

We'll be surfin' through the Scriptures

July 7-11 from 9-12:00

Cost per child will be \$25

Drop this form by the church office or contact Tricia McKee with all your information
patricia@goodshepherdnorfolk.org.

Children's Registration:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade _____

Parents: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Special Needs:

Special contact in emergency:

Now, we also have much room in our Beach Shack for Adults and Youth

Please listen to the call to come and play, enjoy, teach, and nurture our children at the Beach Party.

Let us know if you wish to help with:

Music, Art, Recreation, Storytelling, Snacks, Nursery, Registration

Job Descriptions for the areas available from the Church Office.

You might want to come and surf the waves with a group of your own to each activity: Youth and Adults Welcome!

Or keep the sun out of the eyes of our sweet three year olds.

Beach it with us one day or every day! (circle days available)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Name (youth or adult) _____

Phone/Email _____

Group or area you wish to help with : _____

Outreach News

Snack Attack

Each Tuesday evening during the school year approximately fifteen middle and high school youth come together for an evening of community and art. This spring Pat Tayloe has been organizing snacks and food for the group each week. Thanks so much to Pat Tayloe, Sue Hill, and Sandy Bond for providing snacks!



Summer Outreach Fun

For the past three summers Good Shepherd Parishioners have provided exciting activities with the young children from the Mission of the Holy Spirit. This year will be another year of excitement! The following activities are planned:

ZOO TRIP

Monday, June 16th 10:00-1:00

Independence Day Pool Party Celebration

Joyce Hoffman has graciously opened her pool this year for a Independence day pool party and cookout.

(3-5PM)

Good Shepherd/ Mission of the Holy Spirit

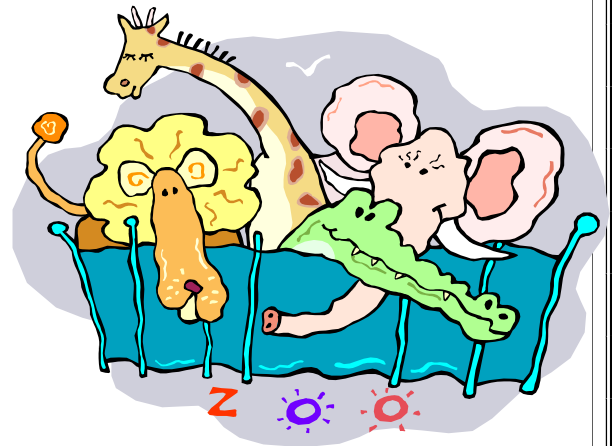
Worship and Picnic

On July 27th the youth from the Mission of the Holy will join us at the 10:00 AM worship service at Good Shepherd followed by a lunch and a very special surprise in the parish hall for all ages! This will be a Sunday you DO NOT want to miss!

Kiptopeake Sate Park on the Eastern Shore

Monday, August 11th 10:00 AM

At each of these outings we will share a meal and play together. Please call Pat Tayloe (489-8919) if you are willing to participate or help out!



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