

Good Shepherd News

January 15, 2008

Somewhere Over
The Rainbow

Parish Auction

FEBRUARY 2, 2008

6:30 PM

For Tickets Please
Call The Parish
Office.

ASH WEDNESDAY

SERVICE



February 6

7:00 PM

Good Shepherd
Parish Retreat
at Corolla
North Carolina

Feb. 22, 2008
through

Feb. 24, 2008



From the Rector...

THE DREAM OF GOD

We have great dreams and hopes for those who are God's children. Those dreams include children at baptism. They include the lost and the helpless. They include those who feel like they have already arrived. These dreams include you and me.

Listen to the yearnings of our hearts at baptism: that our hearts might be opened to God's grace and truth; that we might be filled with God's holy and life giving Spirit; that we can learn to love in the power of the Spirit and go into the world in witness to that love. Our greatest hope and dream may well be that all of humanity know the gift and joy of all God's works.

You are invited to dream such dreams, and to hope such hopes. You are invited to use the faith of the Church, the life that you have known, and your wildest imagination to experience what the dream of God might be for you and for those you love in this community, the nation and the world.

Join us for the parish retreat this February in Nag's Head as we dream together The Dream of God. Registration information is found in this newsletter. A good and challenging time will be had by all.

N.E.S.T.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Nest is currently taking place at Good Shepherd. NEST is a coalition of 30 churches and synagogues whose mission is to provide a warm supper and overnight shelter for homeless men, women, and children during the winter months.

We need (and have) many volunteers to help run the shelter each night, from preparing the meal to spending the night. Monetary donations to support this ministry are welcomed as well. Also, they can always use warm clothes so if you have clothes you would like to donate please drop them off at the church this week during the day.

We believe nest is an occasion to service Jesus as we welcome our homeless guests. We invite you to be part of this ministry. If you are able this week please email me, Elliott Webb, norloel2cox.net, or call 423-0778.

The
Dream of God
 ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

COME....DREAM... BE SURPRISED

ADULT PROGRAM REV. ROBERT DAVENPORT

YOUTH PROGRAM BEN BLANCHARD

CHILDRENS PROGRAM TRICIA MCKEE

FEBRUARY 22-24

COROLLA, NORTH CAROLINA

THE OUTER BANKS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE—FEBRUARY 8TH

Registration Form

Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Email: _____

_____ Enclosed is my check for _____

made payable to: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

_____ Adults Attending

_____ Youth 12-18

_____ Children

___ I am willing to offer transportation

___ I'll need a ride

*Once registrations are in participants will receive an e-mail with lodging, travel, and other important information.

EDUCATION MINISTRIES UPDATE 2008

From Tricia McKee

A New Year to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

A New Year to grow spiritually right where we live each day-not just in what we say we believe, but in putting that faith into action, doing. How fitting that the Gospel of Matthew, which centers our worship this year, calls us to do just that.

On Sunday mornings

Godly Play continues to serve faithfully the needs of our younger children from 3-6 in room 208 upstairs at 9:30 to 10:15. Moving to children's chapel at 10:15.

Living the Good News still serves the Elementary Children grades 1-5. 1st-3rd in room 203 and 4th-5th in room 204 from 9:30 to 10:15-when they move to children's chapel.

Many thanks to the Godly Play crew-who nurture and tell the Biblical story with the littlest class-Beth Williams, Elizabeth Hope, REXANNE Metzger, Barbara Flippen, Mary Macaffrey, Kelly Tunno, Laurie Marshall, and Heather Mills

Many many thanks, to Frank Thomas, C.C. Pitts, Michele Dinsmore, Susan Lambert, Mary Crawford-our growing leaders for Elementary children. Their dedication to be there and get to know the children makes a such a difference in our life in community at Good Shepherd. We look forward to other teachers coming into both the elementary classes in the course of the new year.

Any other adults wishing to serve by teaching in a 3 week series, please contact Tricia McKee in the church office. As the teachers say, when they teach they learn so much more week to week. Resources and supplies, training provided.

Parents please note,

Children's Chapel 10:15 in the Children's Chapel.

Many of the older elementary children and youth go to worship with their parents at 10. Younger Children will join you in worship at The Peace each week. Please come!

ADULT EDUCATION AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Adult Forum gathers in the library to explore Scripture, life and contemporary areas of interest as the body of Christ at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. January leadership includes: Tricia McKee, Dir. Of Education the first two weeks, then Peter Stewart coming in to teach at the end of the month.

Faith Matters-our upstairs class for adults is finishing their study of Walking the Bible and will be moving into a new book study in mid January. Contact Tricia McKee to get on their email list-or or join them at the top of the elevator each week at 9:30 to 9:55.

SMALL GROUPS DURING THE WEEK

INCLUDE:

Intercessory Prayer/Study group in The Well at 11:00 on Tuesday mornings.

Lectionary Study-of the Book of Isaiah led by Bishop Vache on Wednesday mornings in the Library at 9:00am.

Coming in Lent-another adult small group study, The Bible Workbench-led by Tricia McKee on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00.

CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!

If you would like to assist in worship leadership for Children's Chapel, please gather with Tricia McKee in the Rug Room at 9:30 on Sunday morning-beginning January 20.

We will prepare something fun and creative for the children in chapel for upcoming weeks.

RUACH/SACRED SOUNDS

continues on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:15 with story, music, creative activities, parent and child together. Come join us! Contact Tricia McKee with questions or to register.

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**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.

7:00 PM

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

February 19th—SPRITUALS- A lecture and song by Dr. Carl Haywood Editor of the Episcopal Hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing accompanied by the Good Shepherd Adult 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

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