

Good Shepherd

Episcopal Church of Norfolk

To Know Christ and Make Him Known with Joy, Faith and Service

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Dear Members of the Church of the Good Shepherd,

The leading message for our newsletter this week is from Gordon Tayloe, a member of this parish and the Chancellor of the Diocese (legal advisor). It describes the work of the Diocese, and how and why we must take pride in its sacred endeavors. I hope you will find it helpful.

Robert Davenport

The Diocese of Southern Virginia and for what purpose it functions:

History—The Episcopal Church (TEC) succeeded The Church of England following the successful victory of the American Colonies in the Revolutionary War. It became a separate and independent entity in the Anglican Community, consecrating Samuel Seabury, the first American bishop in 1784.

Structure—TEC is made of geographical areas known as Dioceses. Initially, the geographical area of the Commonwealth of Virginia consisted of one Diocese, The Diocese of Virginia. As time passed, the Diocese of Virginia was divided into the Dioceses of Southern Virginia and Southwestern Virginia.

The overseer (general supervisor) of a diocese is the diocesan bishop, who is elected by the clergy and the laity in separate orders (votes). A majority of each order is required to elect. The elected bishops make up a body known as the House of Bishops of TEC, who elect from their peers the “presiding bishop”, generally accepted as the leader and spokesperson of TEC.

The governing body of TEC is bicameral. The House of Bishops consists of the elected bishops of the geographical dioceses. The House of Delegates (clergy and laity) is elected to a convention of the TEC by the dioceses in each diocese’s local annual conventions (councils). All actions must pass both houses. The General Convention of TEC meets every three years.

Governing—TEC is governed by its duly enacted Constitution and Canons. All clergy in their ordination swear to obey the TEC’s Constitution and Canons as well as pledge their faithful support to their Bishop who has ordained them with the consent of the official leadership of the diocese. The clergy pledge their loyalty to the bishop as well as the doctrine, disciplines and worship of the Church and the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese for which they will serve.

Laity who are confirmed in TEC likewise take oath that they will support the Constitution and Canons of TEC and their Dioceses. Laity serving on the vestry or other elected positions likewise give oath to obey and support such Constitution and Canons.

The Episcopate or Bishop—He/she oversees the clergy, including approving who shall minister in a given bishops' geographical diocese. The bishop oversees the worship of all parishes and missions, and visits each parish or mission periodically. All property, buildings, liturgical vessels and sacred properties, and money are held in trust by the parishes for the benefit of TEC and the Diocese. All missions are property of the Diocese.

Funding of the Diocese—The Episcopate which oversees the Diocese is funded by its parishes and missions in addition to restricted gifts which have been given to the Diocese over the years. The restricted funds can be used only for purposes for which they were given.

The Diocesan budget funds compensation and benefits required by TEC and the law. In addition, the following is a highlight of how Diocesan funds are expended (Salaries and benefits to those staff involved are included):

Clergy pastoral care, development and continuing clergy education for approximately 110 clergy in the Diocese: \$268,000.

Lay education development and formation, including training of leaders: \$133,000.

Youth and College Ministries for colleges throughout the Diocese:\$460,000.

Various ministries and outreach ministries from Restricted funds only: \$301,000.

National and world ministries (including \$130,000 to TEC): \$166,000.

In reference to the payment to TEC, there are numerous missions and ministries which receive aid from TEC. It is noteworthy that TEC gives millions of dollars to the third world countries, as well as 35% of the funding of the Anglican Community.

During the turmoil from which our Diocese emerged with the election of Bishop Hollerith, the one constant criticism was there was insufficient communication between the Diocese and its convocations, parishes and missions. You are invited to visit a modernized and truly professional Diocesan web site, "www.diosova.org" to be made aware of the activities of the Diocese from Danville to Eastern Shore.

My Brothers and Sisters In Christ, the Diocese of Southern Virginia needs The Church of the Good Shepherd to fund its proportional share based upon its plate and pledges of last year. The Vestry has tried diligently to do so by pledging \$29,000 in the annual operating budget, but it has also committed to raise funds off-budget with a goal of reaching the full amount requested by the Diocese of \$50,000. If we are to reach that goal, we must raise an additional \$21,000.

-Gordon Tayloe

Around The Church in a Day...

WELCOME BANNERS

Have you noticed the new parking lot WELCOME banners???

Church banners, part of the original design concept for the parking lot, are now hanging near each of the Hampton Boulevard entrances. The Shepherd's Crook motif was modeled after the Bishop's chair located on the left side of the church's altar. "Welcome" and the Sunday service times are printed in purple on backgrounds of yellow and white for all who drive by to see. The banners were made possible by the combined efforts of the Worship, Communications and Buildings & Grounds Committees.

May 17th, the Baptism of Charlotte Shumadine. daughter of Elizabeth and Jim Schumadine and the sister of Sam Schumadine.

The First Sunday in Pentecost begins May 31st. Make sure to wear red!

NEST

I recently joined the Church of the Good Shepherd. Being far from home and usually having no blood relatives in the area, I'm apt to look for family elsewhere. Joining a new church can be somewhat disconcerting, you never know if they are going to have the same beliefs as your own. I was invited to a choir retreat, in a less than informative way, but had a good experience so decidedly came back for church on Sunday. Over the next few weeks I learned and I listened, having never attended an Episcopal church previously, I didn't want to be too quick to judge. I volunteered to work with the mission kids, and helped out where and when I could. Then N.E.S.T came around and it was the Good Shepherd's turn to Host. I like to volunteer but I also enjoy "my time", working a full time job, a part time job and being a full time student, "my time" seems to be few and far between. I heard

around the church how they needed volunteers, seems they were short this year. So I signed up for a few different things. Each night I was there I saw the faces of the people coming to receive their hot meal and warm place to sleep for the night. It was quite an experience, it really got me thinking. I seem to be a lot more thankful for what I do have and less worried about what I don't. Well anyone who knows me at all, knows that I love my Starbucks. I go almost every morning, one particularly chilly morning I went to my usual spot and there was a lady sitting outside all bundled up. So I went in, paid for my already made coffee(they saw me parking) and chatted with the manager. I told her how I recognized her from N.E.S.T, in talking to her I decided to order another coffee. I received both coffees, wished the folks behind the counter a good day and went outside. I walked over to her, coffee in hand and wished her a good morning. She looked up and introduced herself to me. I said "I know who you are, we met at the good shepherd". She immediately perked up, she hadn't recognized me in my uniform but realized who I was at that point. We had a nice conversation, she explained that she was currently staying at the church across the street. We finished our small talk and I explained that I must be going to work now. I can still remember the smile on her face as I walked to my car. Working with N.E.S.T and seeing the direct correlation with our community has definitely made this experience rewarding for myself, as I can see how my volunteering a few hours or a few dollars has made a big difference in someone's life.

Andy Tressell

G R E A T Y O U T H
O P P O R T U N I T I E S

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Project options will include some carpentry, possibly some environmental works with sea grass, and other projects suitable for youth in this younger age. Cost per person is estimated to be \$100. Contact Tricia Mckee at Good Shepherd right away to let us know your intention to serve in this way or with any questions. patricia@goodshepherdnorfolk.org Places are limited!

A N O T E F R O M T H E
D I R E C T O R O F
E D U C A T I O N M I N I S T R I E S

Adult Education Opportunities in May! Each Sunday Faith Matters will be looking at '*First Light*' a DVD study for progressive Christians pondering the life of Christ and the Kingdom of God with Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan and facilitator, Charlotte Chandler. Meets upstairs at the elevators.

Adult Forum is moving into this Easter Season with Peter Stewart, Bob Starck and others who will guide us more deeply into the Lectionary center of our worship each week. Special Visitors will come to the forum May 10th, with Sandy Bond bringing us news of the Norfolk youth project plans, efforts, and success to bring together members of the faith community, education, and all areas of our city to lift up Youth and youth at risk in Norfolk.

The Sunday evening Bible Study will be exploring the Gospel of John during the month of May and into June for two weeks. 5-6 PM each Sunday, except Memorial Day weekend.

Coming this summer for adults-

Adult Art Night will consist of working once a week in a medium of your choice, from clay to stained glass, to mosaics and to collages.

Spiritual Growth Study will consist of Images of God in our lives, and how those change throughout our lives. Through literature, art, and Scripture focus. Tuesday evenings in the Well (across from the kitchen) beginning June 9th through August 25th. (no mtg. 7/7 or 7/28) Facilitated by Tricia McKee

Adults learning together through encountering story, art, Scripture, and worship together-the best way to learn. This small group is a chance to explore and grasp for our lives in a very real way how the image of God changes throughout our lives-yet affirms our journey as a people of faith. Facilitator, Tricia McKee

Groups and Committee News

TACKLING TIGERS

Good Shepherd will be hosting another Task Tackling Tigers workday will be posted on the church bulletin board. Buildings and Grounds would like help changing ceiling tiles, working outside if weather permits, cleaning and organizing closets, repairing pews, and a host of other odd jobs depending on our numbers. We have a multitude of jobs for anyone. Come for an hour or stay for all four!! We will be in need of a wide variety of experience and tools. If you think you have a talent, willingness to help, or even motivating other, please put it on the list by the kitchen bulletin board or e-mail Keith Hope at rkhope@cox.net We will be contacting people and arranging teams to different tasks. It will be a good opportunity to meet new people, have some fun and help the church.

COMMUNICATIONS

Have you or your loved ones done something noteworthy in the local news or community? Share with your church family!! We have a bulletin board just for that.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Interested in becoming an Acolyte or just want more information on Acolyting? Come to an Introduction to Acolyting meeting on Sunday, May 31st, immediately following the 10AM service in the Chapel. All rising 6th graders and older (Adults too!) are invited. Training for new and returning Acolytes will be held in September. See Gerry Smelt or Beth Brock for questions.

The Worship Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4:30 - 5:30 PM, in the Church Library. All that are interested, are welcome to attend.

KNITTING GROUP

The process of knitting allows us to sit and settle our lives, and ponder our Creator with an outlook to something inward yet outward. It is comforting to think that we may be of help in ways that we do not even realize. Come experience this inward outward journey with the Knitting Group on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings each month at 6:30PM. We can even teach if you would like to learn. Contact Lesa Nelson at embarkuru@cox.net or 648-8291.

LAY PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

Better Living Through Christianity - No evening meetings required! In his Easter message, Robert called us to life on a higher plane. How is this accomplished? How do we move from "How are you doing?" to questions of the heart? Within the church walls is a great place to practice! Do you know everyone sitting in your pew? Try going one step deeper in your conversations. "Has God touched your life this week?" "I'd like to pray for you this week. Anything special?" Church is where we can practice forming those deeper relationships, becoming the conduit for the love of God to flow into our community. Caring for one another is our mandate; it can happen one hug at a time. No evening meetings required! Brought to you by the Lay Pastoral Care Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS...

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Jumpin' Jeremiah Hunts for a Heart! July 20-24 -- 9:00AM to 12:00PM. Challenges for body, mind, and spirit as we look at friends in the life of Jesus, and in our lives each day. All children ages 4-4th grade are welcome. Older elementary will have a class (rising third-5th) of their own, with leadership in drama. Children three years and younger welcome with parent/guardian helping during the week. Cost per child, \$35.00 Contact Tricia McKee Questions about registration contact patricia@goodsheperdnorfolk.org.

Youth and adult leadership is the strong basis of our great VBS tradition. Sign up for ministry now! Training provided.

PARISH PICNIC

The picnic is on June 7th (worship begins at 10). It will be held on the grounds of the Hermitage Museum. More information to follow.



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Contact Tricia McKee for more information or questions:patricia@goodshepherdnorfolk.org.

Name (underline: child, youth, adult)/age/grade of child/youth:

Address and email:

Home/Cell Phone:

Parent information for all children:

Emergency contact/Allergies



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