

# *The Voice of the Good Shepherd*

**January 2012**

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*The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is a Christian community empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness to the good news of Jesus Christ through worship and service, in faith and with love, to all people.*

## **From The Pastor**

To all the saints at Good Shepherd,

As we anticipate the beginning of a new year I share with you the prayer appointed for New Year's Eve with the hope its words will serve to inspire and encourage us both in our individual lives and as a congregation during the months of 2012.

*“Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever – the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

This past year has been one in which this congregation has continued its ministry in a manner that has been positive and effective, and thus has provided a strengthened foundation upon which our work in 2012 can be built. In this regard it is important to note that in April we will be marking Good Shepherd's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A great deal has occurred over the past forty four years, but because of the faith and determination of those who sought to keep the ministry of Word and Sacrament alive they have provided ample evidence of God's graciousness- especially in difficult times. May their faith and example be the inspiration which will undergird all we undertake in the coming year to honor God through worship, fellowship and service.

Ruth and I are most grateful for the opportunity to serve in this wonderful congregation. What makes it so special is something that has been mentioned numerous times previously: it's the people. Not only is their welcoming spirit amply evident, but there is also a willingness to share in the work being done. It is only fitting to extend thanks to all of those who serve as council members, choir members, ushers, counters, acolytes, altar guild members, coffee hour servers and cleanup people, committee personnel, lectors and communion assistants, Sunday School staff, and others, who when asked to assist in some manner, do so readily and enthusiastically. Your gifts of time and abilities are invaluable. Hopefully in the coming year we can expand opportunities for others to further share the gifts God has given them. Then, too, we must recognize how fortunate we are to have two important staff members whose abilities are invaluable: Miae Park, our Music Director, and Pat Dunn our Church Secretary whose faithfulness and readiness to do all that is necessary so as to assure quality in two very important aspects of the work which is done week by week. In addition many thanks are due to Ruth Elstad and her friend, Elizabeth Haggerty, who did a great job in conducting what proved to be 10 very well-received sessions of a program titled Courage in Aging.

May you all undertake the coming new year with this passage from the book of Ecclesiastes, which like the prayer offered above, is appointed to be read on New Year's Eve: *“I've had a good look at what God has given us to do – busywork, mostly. True, God made everything beautiful in itself and in its time – but he's left us in the dark, so we can never know what God is up to, whether he's coming or going. I've decided that there's nothing better to do than go ahead and have a good time and get the most we can out of life. That's it – eat, drink, and make the most of your job. It's God's gift. Eccles. 3: 12-13. “The Message”*

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Jack

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## **COURAGE IN AGING**

COURAGE IN AGING will meet on Tuesday, January 10 at 1:30 in our church library. Our topic will be the role of faith in our lives and learning from holiday pressures. Please plan on joining us. All are welcome. Please feel free to call Ruth Elstad at 732-864-0616 with any questions.

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### **Council Meeting Minutes December 19, 2011**

In attendance were the following: Andy Mathisen, Garry Westerweller, Steve Miller, Pat Miller, Andy Lichter, Pastor Jack

Absent: Lil Nemcik, Sharon Oberkehr, Tom Tehve, John Crump, Karl Torjussen, Mike Carp

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer

November minutes were unanimously approved

#### **Reports were submitted as follows:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat presented the budget for 2012 with several question marks. Council members in attendance then discussed the budget and the items Pat had questions about. As there was not a quorum present, it was decided that council would make budget recommendations and then present them via e mail to the remaining members of council for review. Once reviewed, Pat will run the numbers again so that they can be presented to the congregation.

Several items of note: Pledges exceeded the number from last year. Budget for contributions was raised from 130K to 138k as we have come close to that number for the last two years.

**Property Report:** Steve submitted a detailed property report that is attached. Roof campaign has gone well as approximately \$11,850.00 of the \$16,000.00 needed, has been raised. First half of the repairs, (Slope Sanctuary roof), has been completed and leaks have stopped. We failed a recent fire inspection and repairs are underway to correct the issues.

**Worship and Music:** Note was made of the excellent job done by the young people of Good Shepherd.

**Social Ministry:** No Report was submitted.

**Evangelism, Christian Education, Stewardship:** No reports were submitted.

**Youth Committee:** Garry reported that over the past two years the youth group has gone from basically no members to now an active 11 young people. As Elizabeth Westerweller has resigned from the committee, Sharon Oberkehr has agreed to step in as chairperson. Thanks to Sharon.

**Pastor's Report:** The 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Good Shepherd will be celebrated on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Pastor suggested we look in to possibly bringing in the "Singing Boys of Pennsylvania" for a concert on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as part of our celebration. Also discussed were pending changes in the way communion is presented. Will follow up in January on this. Finally, the pictorial directory is moving forward. More news to come on this.

**Old Business:** Christmas gifts for the staff were discussed and approved.

**New Business:** Annual reports for the upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting are now due. They should be in by month end to Pat Dunn. The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, following the service.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

Garry Westerweller

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## GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH USHERS IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH GALA PARTY

by Gil Vatter

More than 70 people crowded into Frank Hall on Sunday December 11 to begin the congregation's celebration of the Christmas season. Preparations for the evening were made by Debbie Blackburn and her Fellowship Committee. The hall was brightly decorated in reds and greens and the tables were covered with red table cloths and each had a red glass vase illuminated with a candle. The aroma from the many dishes prepared by the members of the parish greeted each family as they arrived for the fun. To begin the evening, everyone sat at one of the tables placed on each side of the room and sang a medley of old, familiar carols, accompanied by Dick Alberti at the piano. Dinner began with a selection of savory hors d'oeuvres served with a variety of beverages. Pastor Elstad offered prayer and the diners chose their food from an array of tempting salads, entrees and side dishes on a long serving table in the center of the hall.

After each person visited the dessert table, the master of ceremonies and Good Shepherd Poet Laureate, Garry Westerweller, led the group in more Christmas carols, including a special "Christmas Party" song, written by him and sung to the tune of "Winter Wonderland". Garry then divided everyone into nine separate groups in preparation for the annual and dreaded "Westerweller Christmas Quiz". (Who knew that egg nog was invented in England?) With many moans and complaints but with a plethora of giggles and laughs from the participants, Garry read 36 questions to the contestants, after which, each table corrected their own answers. The winners of the Quiz, with 33 correct answers, were seated at table nine and included: Dick Alberti, George Frank (yes, that George Frank), Shirley Jackson, Karen Lichter, Randi Stetz, Gil Vatter and Marian Williamson. The winners each received a Dunkin' Donuts gift card.

To an appreciative round of applause, emcee Garry presented his coveted, special annual award certificates to: Sharon Oberkehr - Christian Education Award; Steve Miller - Tool Time Award; Andy Mathisen - Multi-Task Award; Maureen Bartlett - Helping Hands Award; Pat Dunn - "Get 'Er Done" Award; Ernie Brinkman - Good Sport Award.

The evening ended with a drawing for two prizes, contributed by Mike Carp and won by Andreas Lichter and Vivian Sislian, with the proceeds going to local food pantries. Thanks for a delightful evening go to the Fellowship Committee, Dick Alberti, Garry Westerweller, Debby Blackburn, Maureen Bartlett, everyone who brought food or beverages all those who decorated or set up the room and those who helped clean everything up after the party. It was a memorable continuation of an old Good Shepherd tradition and a great way to kick-off the season.

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### **Community Outreach Group COG** by Nancy Fitch

*Again thank you all for your generous response to Good Shepherd's October jewelry collection project - cog for COG (collectable old gems for Community Outreach Group). The letter sent to Good Shepherd upon receipt of our donation says it all -*

Dear Pastor Elstad and friends,

We greatly appreciate the recent donation of jewelry that we received from your church's "jewelry collection" for the Calico Cat Thrift Shop. Jewelry is one of the favorite items that people enjoy buying in the shop and it brings in a lot of revenue for our organization, so your contribution toward this effort was a wonderful thing!

It is so gratifying to see the spirit of God's people working together in partnership for the purpose of bringing light to those that are walking in the darkness of troubled times. Our sincere thanks to everyone at Good Shepherd for providing gifts to us so we can pass them along to assist others who are in need.

Christmas joy and peace to all,

Janice Liebenow, Vice President, Community Outreach Group, Inc.

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## Twas' the Gathering at Christmas by Gary Westerweller at the GS Christmas Party

Twas the gathering at Christmas  
Once again it is time,  
To compose this here prose  
Another Holiday rhyme.

A poem and some thoughts  
In this now third edition,  
That has quickly become a  
New Christmas tradition.

I know last year I said  
"Don't expect one this year"  
But how can I stop  
Spreading Holiday cheer?

This rhyme is such fun  
For the Holiday Season,  
I get to pick on Herr Brinkman  
For frankly, no reason.

I have singled out Ernie  
for what amounts to three years,  
so instead of the joking,  
let me offer three cheers.

You've put up with my nonsense  
Without a retort,  
Merry Christmas my friend,  
You're a heck of a sport

Now to the part of the evening  
Where Debbie Blackburn and crew,  
Serve congregation's creations from  
Potatoes to stew

If you entered here hungry  
And for food you were looking,  
Get ready to enjoy  
Some good Lutheran cooking

The food here is so good  
So let me be blunt.  
Here we don't chose the back,  
We go right to the front.

Cause Lutheran's you see  
Are a wonderful brood.  
Just don't try to get between  
us and our food.

But enough of the kidding  
The time has now come,  
For me to explain  
How the evening is done.

The food will come out  
As Dick plays us some songs,  
It's the time of the night  
Where we all sing along.

Then we will sit down and dine  
Enjoy our great Christmas Feast,  
Then you all know what's coming  
It's last but not least.

For the fourth year and counting  
It's always the same,  
We switch up the seating  
For our Holiday Game.

Review all the questions  
Do the best you are able,  
And the prize will be given  
To one winning table.

Then to close out the night  
And to wind down this rhyme,  
We'll take a few moments  
For some short "reward" time.

So many to thank  
But we just chose a few,  
And for those who aren't mentioned  
Thanks to all of you too.

And now let's reflect on  
This time in December.  
A month, oh so special  
A time to remember.

The birth of a baby  
Of one so adored,  
The birth of our savior  
The Birth of our Lord.

So in the Spirit of Christmas  
In the Spirit of love,  
May God grant you favor  
From Heaven above.

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## **Christmas Party** by Gary Westerweller (Sung to the tune of Winter Wonderland)

Let's all sing, while Dick's playing.  
For the music, is saying.  
Come one and come all, we'll all have a ball.  
At the Christmas Party in Frank Hall.

So let's join, Grace and Ernie.  
Larry Jackson and Shirley.  
Gil, Andy and Lou, the Hergenfans too.  
At the Christmas Party in Frank Hall

In the meadow we can build a snowman,  
and pretend that he is Pastor Jack.  
He'll ask, Are you Lutheran, we'll say yeah man.  
Now you can take your seat way in the back

Later on, we'll conspire.  
and before, we retire.

We'll face unafraid, the quiz Garry made,  
At the Christmas Party in Frank Hall.

Debbie Blackburn's crew, is really able.  
Helping us spread lots of Christmas cheer.  
Hurry now beat Ernie to the table,  
It's just a joke, we kid him every year.

Though the weather, is chilling.  
The Christmas Party, is thrilling.  
We'll frolic and play, the Good Shepherd way.  
At the Christmas Party in Frank Hall.

At the Christmas Party in Frank Hall.

We wish you Merry Christmas one and All!

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## **AROUND THE PARISH**

by Gil Vatter

### **GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH**

1. In 2011, the Social Ministry Committee delivered over 1,400 cans of food to St. Mark's Food Pantry as well as many jars of peanut butter, grape jelly, baby food, cereal, pasta and sauce, some clothing and at least one frozen turkey. A tip of my coonskin cap to everyone who contributed.

2. Happy Birthday to - Pat Dunne, Bob Horlacher, Andy Mathisen, Pat Miller, Fred Oberkehr, Ellen Tehve, Bill Theune, Kim Wehrli, Bill Wehrli and Marian Williamson. (Wow, that's a lot of candles).

Being young is wonderful, but being old is comfortable. (Dick Havill)

You know that Christmas is over when you have more tinsel and pine needles on your carpet than on your tree. (Bill Wehrli)

3. Happy wedding anniversary to LOIS and former Pastor GEORGE FRANK, who worshipped with us on December 11 and attended the parish Christmas party that evening.

4. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd GAT (that's a traditional Korean hat, if you were wondering) to MIAE PARK for her concert with ROBERT PARK at the Holmdel Community Church for the benefit of world wide eradication of malaria.

I've learned that just one person saying to me, "You've made my day", makes my day. (Ernie Brinkman)

We could learn a lot from crayons - Some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have strange names and all are different colors....but, they all exist very nicely in the same box. (Bill Theune)

5. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd sombrero to SHARON OBERKEHR and the Sunday School for planning and monitoring the Emanuel Cancer Foundation Christmas gift program and thanks also to everyone who participated in this very worthy project.

6. I hope you heard PASTOR JACK'S children's sermon "Evergreens Live Forever" on Sunday December 4.

Lutheran relics - People who have been coming to church so long they actually know when to sit and when to stand.

Manger - Where Mary gave birth to Jesus because Joseph wasn't covered by an HMO (Holiday travel has always been tough).

7. BILL THEUNE has been under the weather - Send him a card and remember him in your prayers.

8. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd stetson to everyone who contributed to the "Holey-Roof" project. A lot of the work has already been finished.

How the heck are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet? (Dick Havill)

What is a "free gift"? Aren't all gifts free? (Carol Seip)

9. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd beret to MAUREEN BARTLETT for all her work and dedication to this congregation.

10. The Ladies Luncheon Group met at Bamm Hollow Country Club on Friday December 16. The next get-together is scheduled for Friday January 20. See BARBARA HAHER for time and place.

Procession - The ceremonial formation at the beginning of the service, consisting of the Pastor, the lay assistant, the choir and late members of the congregation looking for seats.

You know Christmas is over when you sleep in after an all-nighter because of the words, "SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED" (Bill Wehrli)

11. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd panama to the 27 families who provided 34 poinsettia plants to beautify the altar at Christmas. It was spectacular.

12. TRUDY and CHARLIE MILLER sang with the Enclave and Fairway Chorus, a 17 voice choir, mad up of people from their area.

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for. (Dick Havill)

Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone (Carol Seip)

13. PASTOR JACK spoke on "A Light in the Darkness" on December 11.

14. BARBARA HAHER was honored as the 1,000,000 (that's six zeros) "customer" at the Middletown Public Library. They took her picture and served cake.

I signed up for an exercise class and the instructor told me to wear loose fitting clothes. I told him, "If I had any loose fitting clothes, I wouldn't have to sign up for this class". (Bill Wehrli)

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty....but everything else starts to wear out, fall out or spread out. (Phyllis Diller)

15. I nominate LOU MEDICI for the grand prize for the wildest Christmas ties.

16. ANDY MATHISEN helped at the annual Holiday Train Ride at the Middletown train station on December 10. Children and their families boarded the train ride and enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus and his friends; jugglers, carolers, clowns, magicians. Each child received a "Goody" bag.

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to step anywhere. (Billy Crystal).

Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue-Ray? I don't want to have to start my collection again for the umpteenth time.

17. Thanks and a tip of the Good shepherd boater to SHARON OBERKEHR and her elves, KAREN RAJALA, ANDY MATHISEN, DORA HOWARD, ELAINE SEDAN and DARCY WILGUS for the terrific annual Christmas pageant presented by the children of the Sunday School on December 18, during the 10 o'clock service. Everyone did a wonderful job.

18. Great to see LIL NEMCIK in church after so many weeks away.

You know that Christmas is over when your credit card is smoked along with the turkey and the ham. (Bill Wehrli)

Eventually, you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. I love to hear people say, "You don't look that old." (Dick Havill)

19. We welcomed PAT and BRIAN DUNNE to the service on December 18.

20. ANDY LICHTER has been re-elected as Worshipful Master of his Masonic lodge. Congratulations.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

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**GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH PROVIDES HELP FOR FOOD KITCHEN** by Steve Miller

The Kitchen at Saint Mark's, located at Myrtle Avenue and Kennedy Way in Keansburg, has been offering a daily, hot meal to needy families in the Keansburg area for many years. It has also become well known as a source of groceries for those who can prepare healthy and nutritious meals for their families in their own homes. The Kitchen at Saint Mark's is an independent, non-profit organization that relies heavily on private donations to operate. They have recently expanded their services to include evening meals twice a week, and a family night twice per month with dinner and a craft. Over the past year, Saint Mark's has served over 17,000 meals and expects to see that number rise to over 20,000 lunches and dinners in 2012.

For the past fifteen years, Saint Mark's Food Pantry has become an important annual project for the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Holmdel. For more than ten years, the church provided food and personnel each month to cook and serve a hot meal at Saint Mark's Kitchen and for the past four and a half years, Good Shepherd has delivered a load of groceries each month to Saint Mark's Food Pantry. In addition, a monthly monetary offering is made to the Kitchen by a family in the Good Shepherd congregation who is a part of the church's "Saint Mark's Sponsors Program".

It has also become a custom for the members of Good Shepherd's Congregation Council to send a year-end gift to help Saint Mark's Kitchen make a difference in the lives of those most in need in the Bayshore area. The Rev. John M. Elstad, Pastor of Good Shepherd, recently remarked, "We make it a point at Good Shepherd to provide as much care and support as we can to those organizations in our area who help us help the growing group of less fortunate people of our communities."

Over 120,000 people in Ocean and Monmouth Counties are now receiving emergency food, an 84% increase over just 5 years ago. Without the efforts of organizations such as Saint Mark's Kitchen and Saint Mark's Food Pantry, many families in the Keansburg area would find it difficult or impossible to secure the basic of all necessities – food.



Good Shepherd representatives Gil and Patty Vatter (on left) present \$1K check to Nancy Mester and Doreen Minutella, co-directors of St Mark's Food Kitchen.

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## Table Talk

Bible Discussion Group  
Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.  
beginning  
January 4

This is not a lecture series but rather an open discussion of the appointed lessons for the upcoming Sunday.

Participants are encouraged to read the appointed scripture in advance of the group meeting and to share their questions, insights, and ideas during the discussion.

All are welcome.

The readings for January 4 are: Genesis 1:1-5, Acts 19:1-7, Psalm 29, Mark 1:4-11.

The readings for the following Wednesdays will be given out at the end of each session.

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## **A FEW NOTES FROM THE CHOIR**

by Gil Vatter

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you....we are an offering.

Miae Park - Minister of Music

December 4 - "Rejoice in the Lord Always" - Henry Purcell

December 4 - Malaria Benefit Concert - Miae Park, Organ Robert Kim, Piano - Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt

December 11 - "Every Valley" - John Ness Beck

December 18 - Sislian Brass Trio - Robert A Sislian and Robert J. Sislian, Trombone - Dave Corsello, Baritone Horn

Prelude - "We Three Kings - O Come, O Come Emanuel Medley" - Arr. Dave Corsello

Postlude - "Christmas Medley" - Arr. Dave Corsello

"O Come, O Come Emanuel" - Arr. David Cherwien - Jonathan Kim, Cello accompaniment

December 24 - "Gloria" - Antonio Vivaldi - Jonathan Kim, Cello accompaniment

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## **GOOD SHEPHERD CHILDREN PRESENT "BRAND NEW" CHRISTMAS PLAY**

The children of Good Shepherd did it again! Sharon Oberkehr, head of Christian Education, wrote and directed a brand new version of the traditional Christmas play. Costuming, roles, and positioning were perfected with assistance from Karen Rajala, Andy Mathisen, and parents. The eleven children enjoyed their multiple roles, costume changes, and "clowning around" through 4 or 5 Sunday rehearsals. Pastor Jack provided the "golden ear" to fine tune audio quality with proper placement of the microphone which enabled the actors to "tell their story loud and clear". Andy described the first rehearsal as "sketchy", and observed Sharon fretting and "nervous" with her newborn play. But the Christmas play quickly came together on December 18 during Good Shepherd worship.

Karen Rajala said "This is a keeper- and we intend to repeat again in 12 months".

If you missed the Dec 18 performance, see an instant reply on YouTube video:

<http://goo.gl/EPKzF>

(article and youtube video by Steve Miller; recording by Tam Tammaru)

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## **MIAE PARK OFFERS MUSIC TO HELP FIGHT WORLD-WIDE MALARIA EPIDEMIC**

by Gil Vatter

Malaria is a mosquito-borne, infectious disease which, among other things, causes headaches, fever, comas and, in many cases, leads to death. In 2009, world-wide, there were 225 million cases of malaria and 780,000 of those afflicted, died. In rural Africa alone, about 150,000 children die from malaria every month. 90% of the African deaths occur in sub Saharan regions, where poverty, ignorance and a lack of local and national government concern or will hastens the spread of the disease.

All is not lost, however; if mankind resolved to fight malaria, it could be eliminated from every country on earth by using tools which are already available, tools such as insecticide-treated bed-nets, insect repellants, mosquito sprays, improved sanitation and by draining "standing water" where mosquitos breed. Scientists estimate that malaria could be completely eradicated using these easy-to-provide methods for about \$3 billion per year in aid to those sub-tropical nations where the disease is now rampant. The really good news is that, in addition to mosquito nets, quinine and several other medications that are now in use to treat malaria, great progress is being made on the development of a universal malaria vaccine which will be the key to totally control and eventually eliminate this deadly illness.

On Sunday December 4, more than 65 people met in the sanctuary of the Holmdel Community Church to enjoy an afternoon of piano and organ music, provided by Good Shepherd's Minister of Music, Miae Park, an accomplished organist, along with 15 year old pianist Robert Kim. The concert was planned and presented by Ms. Park in order to raise funds to fight malaria. She has offered annual concerts in the past to benefit the victims of the tsunami in Japan, Haitian earthquake relief, the hungry in Monmouth County and other worthy causes. Mr. Kim is well known to members of the congregation, having been an occasional violin soloist at Good Shepherd Church in the past.

The program for the afternoon began with a duet, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J. S. Bach, a beautiful match between piano and organ, which filled the church with Bach's familiar melody. Ms. Park displayed her mastery of the organ with Bach's "Tocatta, Adagio and Fugue in C Major". Ms. Park is a Bach specialist and has given us an opportunity to enjoy this old master on a number of occasions in the past. Her interpretation of this work included extensive pedal work. If you have missed hearing her play Bach on a pipe organ, you have missed a musical treat.

After a short intermission, Robert Kim continued with "Ballade No. 1 in G Minor" by Frederic Chopin. Because of his musical ability, at times it is difficult to remember that he is just a teen-ager and not an undergraduate music student. He displayed effortless competence in his interpretation of Chopin and the audience responded with a long ovation. Miae Park presented the "Prelude and Fugue on Bach" by Franz List, an unfamiliar work to me, which, as the name implies, echoed the genius of J. S. Bach and allowed Ms. Park the latitude to demonstrate the nuances of the wonderful Community church instrument.

Robert Kim ended the program with "La Campanella" by Franz Liszt, an interesting number with the flavor of Spain. It was the proper way to end the day, permitting Mr. Kim to demonstrate his dexterity and interpretation of a challenging piano work. After a hearty ovation, the two musicians offered George W. Waring's "God of Our Fathers", a hearty version of the old patriotic favorite.

Miae Park was able to help support the fight against malaria with a gift from the audience of over \$775. If you were unable to attend the concert, it is still possible for you to help her combat malaria. Place your offering in an envelope and bring it or send it to church. Make the checks payable to Good Shepherd and mark the envelope, "Malaria". While you are reading this sentence, six sub-Saharan children have died from malaria. Help today.

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### CAROL SEIP TO EXHIBIT IN MIXED MEDIA ART SHOW

The "*A Blend of Art Society*" will display a variety of art works at the Monmouth Beach Cultural Center from January 8 through February 4. The Cultural Center is located on Ocean Avenue (Route 36) in Monmouth Beach. The mixed media display will include the works of Ernie and Helen Antholis, Mary Christensen, Rose Korman, Marie Monahan, Sol Hara and **Carol Seip**.

A special reception is planned for Saturday January 28 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. All are welcome

# January 2012

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
10 – Service			1:00 – Bible Study	7:30pm-9:00 choir practice		1pm – 4 NJ State Youth Orch
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
9 – Sunday School 10 – Service	7pm – Council Meeting	1:30 – 3:00 Courage In Aging	1:00 – Bible Study	7:30pm-9:00 choir practice		1pm – 4 NJ State Youth Orch
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
9 – Sunday School 10 – Service, Annual Cong Meeting to follow		7:30 – 9:00 Compassionate Friends	1:00 – Bible Study	7:30pm-9:00 choir practice	12:30 – Ladies Luncheon Group @ Huddy's in Colts Neck	1pm – 4 NJ State Youth Orch
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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