

# *The Voice of the Good Shepherd*

**September 2014**

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*Open Minds ... Open Hearts ... Open Hands*

**MINUTES** for August 11, 2014 Council meeting, 7:00PM

**council members present:** Steve Miller, Sharon Oberkehr; Stephanie Dall; Lou Medici; John Dall ; Karl Torjussen; Pastor Rachel;

**council members absent:** Marion Schloemer (excused absence); Tom Tehve (absent); Jamie Antonacci (absent)

Devotions - Pastor Rachel

Approved the [agenda](#)

Approved [minutes](#) of July 14, 2014 council meeting

Approved July 31 [Treasurer's Report](#), by Clem Hergenhan

(Congregation "General Contributions" (as of end of July) are \$19K lower in 2014 compared to 2013. A special finance committee is expected to meet, as discussed below, and report at the next council meeting)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Pastor's report - Pastor Rachel

"Creation Care" Environmental Committee - **NANCY FITCH** to convene an Aug 17 planning meeting; Styrofoam collection is planned last 2 weeks in Sept

Social Ministry - no report

[Property](#) - John Dall:

- Next property day will be Sept 13, 9AM-3PM.
- **JOHN** to contact Phil Petrone for details of \$150 invoice for playground cleanup;
- **STEVE** will upgrade Pat Dunn's office PC to Windows 7; Steve will also evaluate "Super Spyware" in addition to Security Essentials for PC protection.
- **JOHN/STEVE** to have Pat Dunn notify the exterminator about additional problems with bees, which are present:
  - in soffit (outside double doors),
  - under playground walkway (a child was stung),
  - living in hive near playground

[Christian Education](#) - Sharon Oberkehr:

- VBS is underway; banner was created by children; VBS week will close with a pool party at Dora Howard's house.
- Sunday School kickoff (Rally Day) will be Sept 14. Children's games will be in playground; food will be grilled (**STEVE** to leave a grill & propane); food tables will be setup in Frank Hall; sign-up is placed in Narthex. Frank Hall cleanup will be provided by **John/Stephanie Dall and Sharon Oberkehr**
- **Pastor Rachel** will convene Confirmation class, combining GS and King of Kings- probably Tues, beginning 3rd week of Sept

Spiritual Renewal and OutReach (Evangelism)-Karl Torjussen - no report

Evangelism - Marion Schloemer (cards for the sick) - no report

Mission Support (Stewardship) - Karl Torjussen - 8/20/2014 meeting planned by the special finance committee

Fellowship - Debbie Blackburn/Kathe DaGau/Germaine Scarborough - no report

Finance - Clem Hergenhan/Dick Alberti/Tom Tehve -no report  
Worship and Music -Andy Mathisen - (see discussion, below)

## OLD BUSINESS

- OLD Action Items; ([Oct 14](#) ; [Aug 12](#) ; [june24](#) ; [Nov 11](#); [Dec9](#) ; [Feb 10, 2014](#) ; [Mar 10, 2014](#)) ;
- [Apr 14](#) action items; [May 12](#) action items; [Jun 9](#) action items; [Jul 14](#) action items
- Create action plan for pastoral transition: congregation [background & resources](#); plus [minutes](#) from May 19, 2014 Special Meeting. In particular: invite Rev Scott Schantzenbach, Asst to the Bishop on Stewardship issues, to come to preach at Good Shepherd (the Reverend's time is very busy in the fall!).
- Steve completed the annual audit of Workmans Comp. The church policy is provided by Hartford Insurance
- STEVE MILLER, KATHE DAGIAU, and GERMAINE SCARBOROUGH are planning a postcard mailing by end of August to (~200?) new residents around Good Shepherd (council authorized \$200)
- Complete "Ministry Site Profile" - **GIL VATTER** gave the previous (2009-10) profile to **LOU MEDICI**
- Manage a "Congregation Survey" - 1st 3 weeks of September? **MARION SCHLOEMER ACTION**
- Appoint a 6 member "Pastoral Call Committee" by end of September. Council suggested following candidates: Mack Scott (youth); Diane Mathesen (choir); Gil Vatter (past president); Clem Hergenhan (Asst Treas); Marion Schloemer (church Council); and Karl Torjussen (church Council)

## NEW BUSINESS

- Ensure church is opened on Sunday morning. **Andy Mathisen** volunteered for month of August. (**Miae Park** will automatically handle September openings, since she arrives at ~9:30AM)
- Report by special financial committee headed by **MARION SCHLOEMER** (report expected after August 20 committee)
- [Supply Pastors](#) have been lined up through end of Sept (**ANDY MATHISEN**)
- **Publicity for Sunday School Rally Day**. **SHARON** to create draft highlights; **MIAE** is creating a special music program; **KARL TORJUSSEN** will write and distribute a press release; **STEVE** will add appropriate copy to the "new arrivals" postcard. **KARL** was authorized to pay \$99 for \*99 web site advertising (Karl stated he might research further)
- Pastor Rachel observed that new members are most likely to visit, after receiving a personal invitation
- Council's ideas to make the church more visible:
  - cut back trees
  - shine light on church (light could be shape of a cross)
  - add light string (shape of a cross) on Mansard roof

**ADJOURNED** with Lords Prayer (Minutes submitted by Steve Miller, Council Secretary)

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HAS SUCCESSFUL WEEK

by Sharon Oberkehr

This year, the 2014 Vacation Bible School was planned for only the students of the Good Shepherd Sunday School. The theme for the week was "The Lord's Prayer" and everyone had a wonderful week. On Monday, the main project was the preparation of a new banner, which is now hanging in the narthex. The banner lists the words from the logo of the congregation: Open Minds, Open Hands, Open Hearts. The students also did some crafts, worked on puzzles and made their own pretzels (yummy).

Tuesday was the day for finding fossils at Poricy Park in Middletown. The children found many fossils and had a wonderful time searching for them. Wednesday was "movie day". Each child brought a sleeping bag, stuffed animals and pillows and wore their pajamas to church. Using their sleeping bags, they sat on the floor while eating popcorn and enjoyed the movie "Heaven is for Real".

Thursday was an outdoor day at Dorbrook Park in Colt's Neck. The children played all over the enormous park and splashed around in the park's "sprayground". The week was ended on Friday with a pizza and pool party at Dora and Keith Howard's home, which we all enjoyed very much.

Thanks go to Karen Rajala, Trudy Miller, Dora Howard and Darcy Wilgus who gave their time and energy to teach and entertain a great group of kids.

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**AROUND THE PARISH**

by Gil Vatter

**GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH**

1. Happy birthday to *Shirley Jackson, Barbara Hafer and Pastor Jack Elstad.*
2. Happy anniversary to *Gayle and Bud McKnight and Ellen and Tom Tehve.*

Ole - "You call that a hat? I'll never stop laughing."  
Lena - "You will when the bill for it comes." (Grace Brinkman)

3. The congregation contributed more than 160 cans of food for the *Bayshore Lunch Program* in July plus other food. Year to date, we have delivered over 1050 cans of food to the Keyport soup kitchen as well as rice, pasta, coffee, tea and baby food.
4. Through August, the *BLP Sponsors* have given over \$1,250 to help feed our hungry neighbors.

I've learned that when there is something unpleasant to do, I should do it first. (Bill Wehrli)

5. *Bob Fulmer* lost the brakes on his truck at Route 34 and Conover Road on the way to church last month. Fortunately, he made it to church without any problems.
6. The congregation welcomed *Pastor Aaron Richter*, Assistant to the Bishop of the New Jersey Synod, on Sunday August 3. Pastor Richter spoke about Good Shepherd's future.

Lena waited patiently while Ole played a round of golf on their 18th anniversary. They went to dinner at a very nice restaurant and talked about the many happy memories they had shared during their 18 years together.

Lena said, "Want to go for another 18?"  
"No", Ole replied, "It's too dark out there now."

7. *Miae Park* reports that she and her family had a very nice trip to Korea in July to visit family and friends. (P.S. The weather was beautiful.)
8. Did you know - Good Shepherd presented a check for \$1,396 to the Bayshore Lunch Program in August. This was money contributed at *Miae Park's* annual spring concert plus funds added by Thrivent.

Patient - "Oh, Doctor, people keep ignoring me."  
Doctor - "Next, please."

9. The congregation welcomed its new Vice-Pastor, *Rachel Semovoski*, who will preach at the second service of each month. Her sermon topic was, "Take the First Steps".

10. The Ladies Luncheon Group met at the Off the Hook Restaurant in the Highlands on Friday August 15. For a September up date on the groups activities, *see Barbara Haher*.

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and keep slamming the door until Saint Peter say, 'For heaven's sake, Jimmy, come in or stay out.'"

11. *The Monmouth Civic Chorus* held its "Summer Sing" at Good Shepherd Church on Wednesday August 13. The Chorus sang the oratorio, "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn. *Pat Miller* is a member of the Chorus.

12. Good Shepherd sent some of its young people back to college in September:

Julia Blackburn  
Kelsey Kazmac  
Jonathan Kim  
*Kirsten Mathisen*  
*Kurt Mathisen*  
*CJ Miller*  
*Amanda Westerweller*

How come we were able to put a man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage? (Bunny Kuhl)

13. It's good to see *Linda Burns and John Crump* in church more often since John retired and doesn't have to make the long trip back-and-forth to Baltimore.

14. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd chapeau to *Jonathan Kim* for his music on Sunday August 10. *Jon*, who is off to Carnegie-Mellon in Pittsburgh to study Biology, played the prelude, offertory and postlude. Like old wine, Jon gets better with age.

What did Cinderella say when she was told her photos weren't ready?  
"Some day my prints will come."

15. *Bob Fulmer* recently attended his 63rd high school reunion.

16. Former member *Dick Havill* married *Rachel Harter* at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Durham, North Carolina during the Sunday worship service of August 10. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Cross country skiing is easier if you live in a small country.

17. *Ellen and Tom Tehve* spent a week in Maine during August.

18. The news on *Bill Wehrli* is very good. He now expects to be home by the end of the first week of August. He's positively "skinny", having lost over 30 pounds during his recent illness.

Ole - "Last month Lena gave me an ultimatum - 'It's me or going fishing'."  
"It's been five weeks and I really miss her."

19. The congregation welcomed *Pastor John Melin* on August 17 and *Pastor Dallas Dorward* on August 24 and 31.

20. *Kathe Da Giau* attended the "Noah" show in Strasburg, Pennsylvania in August. During the first act, the scenery fell down and the show was cancelled. The theater refunded her money and gave her tickets to a future performance. My goodness, *Kathe*, that's the least they should have done.

*DON'T FORGET - THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14 - SIGN UP NOW*

21. *Ellen and Tom Tehve* will take a river cruise of the French Riviera in late August. Bon Voyage.

22. Thanks and a tip of the Good Sheoherd fedora to *Jessica Hong* who played special cello music for the last three services in August.

The Swensons went to see the dentist. Ole made it clear that he was not going to spend a lot of money .  
"Nothing fancy - no gas - no needles - just pull the tooth and get it over with."  
"Wow, that's very brave", said the dentist. "Now which tooth is it?"  
"Lena", said Ole, "Show him your tooth."

23. *Rachel Mathisen and First Lieutenant Mike Fink* have moved to Texas, where *Mike* was recently assigned. *Rachel* is returning to school to study for her Nurse Practitioner degree.

24. Did you know - You can buy a 12 can carton of green beans or corn at Costco for only \$7.99. That's about 66 cents a can. Some super markets also have monthly specials on canned goods by the carton. Remember your hungry neighbors when you shop for food.

*SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14 AT 9 AM*

25. *Walter Keyl* is reading "The Furniture Man". It's about the move of the furniture business from the U.S. to China and some of the resulting problems.

26. Have you seen the *Vacation Bible School* banner in the narthex. It lists the theme of this year's study: OPEN MINDS - OPEN HEARTS - OPEN HANDS

*SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY*

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**COG (Community Outreach Group)                      Back to School Drive**

By Nancy Fitch

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Many thanks to our Good Shepherd Church Council for providing a donation of \$500 to COG for this Back to School Drive. The money will be used to aid working parents provide some of the basic back to school supplies for their children this Sept.. In addition Good Shepherd members are encouraged to also support this effort by donating gently used children clothing to either the Calico Cat Thrift Shop or the Calico Cat Cupboard and Pantry. Both are located at 96 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ.

The other item is voice styrofoam drive attachment.

Thanks,                      Nancy

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# BRING YOUR STYROFOAM “TRASH” FOR RECYCLING SEPT. 21 and 28.

By Nancy Fitch

Good Shepherd’s Creation Care Committee is requesting congregational members to bring in their EPS (Expanded PolyStyrene) “trash” to Good Shepherd on Sunday Sept 21st and Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. The collected items will be transported by our committee to **Foam Pack Industries**.

To minimize small particles from escaping into the air your smaller items should be placed in large clear plastic garbage bags. These bags will be provided to you as needed. Larger items should be placed in cardboard boxes. Weather permitting the designated collection spot will be in the parking lot outside the church.

If you are interested in participating in this project follow these

**GUIDELINES:**



- Identify the foam by the recycle symbol #6 stamped on its bottom
- **Remove any foreign matter such as tape, stickers, labels and card board**
- All block foam EPS is acceptable. General rule of thumb: usually furniture, appliances and electrical fixtures are packed in EPS.
- Food service products such as cups and food shipping coolers. **All foam that has come in direct contact with food and/or drink must be washed thoroughly before it is discarded.**
- Polystyrene packing peanuts (not marked with #6) and some supermarket packaging is made from polystyrene – e.g. yogurt pots, pre-packaged fruit or vegetable container – look for the #6 stamped on the bottom.
- NOT ACCEPTED foam egg boxes

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**A FEW NOTES FROM THE CHOIR**

by Gil Vatter

*Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands. We are an offering.*

The 2014-2015 choir season begins with the first rehearsal on Thursday September 4 at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend and become a member of the choir.

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**Contributions Update** by Clem Hergenhan

Here’s some info from the monthly Treasurer’s Report given to Council at their meetings. The General Contributions are used for our yearly budgeted items. Note that we are considerably behind our 2014 budget expectation and our contributions from last year!!

	Jul 2014	YTD 2014	YTD Budget	YTD 2013
General Contributions	8,336	61,210	78,750	78,625

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# September 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
				7:30 - Choir Practice		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10 - Service	Little Chief First Day 7pm Council Mtg			7:30 - Choir Practice		9am-3pm Property Work Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9- Sunday School 10 - Service Synday School Picnic after Service		7:30- Compassionate Friends		7:30 - Choir Practice	12:30 Ladies Luncheon at Windandsea	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9- Sunday School 10 - Service				7:30 - Choir Practice		
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
9- Sunday School 10 - Service						