

The Voice of the Good Shepherd

April 2015

(our website good-shepherd.us)

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

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MINUTES for March 9, 2015 Council meeting

ATTENDANCE: Lou Medici, Steve Miller, Mike Carp, John Dall, Pastor Rachel, Stephanie Dall, Nancy Fitch, Andy Mathisen, Marion Schloemer, Garry Westerweller

ABSENT: Marion Schloemer (excused)

- Devotions - Vice Pastor Rachel. Taken from "15 things"; Council discussed Question 2 of all topics : **“Why in the world would anyone want to come to this church?”** Highlights of the discussion: Surveys typically say attendees find a friendly congregation. Families bring their children only until graduation; as result, churches generally are constantly looking for children. Expectations of church attendance has changed over the generations. Last generation was expected to attend church. Now, don't have to physically come to a space; there is constant demand for time, such as sports. People now attend for the music & entertainment; a monthly rock service is a draw. Mega churches attract because a charismatic pastor gives whatever attendees want. When the pastor leaves, the church falls apart. Holmdel Community Church UCC attracts via an active conservation program. Other ideas: Good Shepherd could set up Scout Leagues that would time events to not conflict with other church activities; or invite "famous" guest speakers.
- Approved meeting agenda
- Approved minutes of Feb 9, 2015 council meeting
- Feb28 Treasurer's Report: Attached is the final February Treasurer's report, as of 3/16/2015. Clem's earlier report had expense estimates because Dick Alberti was on vacation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Pastor's report - Pastor Rachel reported that Marian Williamson is now at her daughters address in Ocean Grove. The Communion Class is presently preparing for April 12 first communion.
- "Creation Care" Environmental Committee- Nancy Fitch. 2014 accomplishments and 2015 plans have been in bulletin "green" inserts. On March 22, Steve Miller will provide a "Carbon Footprint" demo/quiz/display. Future activities include bee-keeping and plantings for butterflies. A Rutgers Master Gardener will give a presentation on Tuesday evening in April.
- Social Ministry - COG (Nancy Fitch); Bayshore Lunch Program (Gil Vatter); Mike Carp; Nancy reported COG food collection has been slow, recently. There is a need for food transportation, since the Scott's (now attending church in Howell) had planned to transport the COG food. Mike Carp suggested another possible mission is "Wheat Ridge Ministries". Social Ministries would like additional tracking data on direct and indirect donations. Stephanie Dall described the present treasurer's process, and is willing to provide additional financial reporting services to help satisfy the Social Ministry needs.
- Property - John Dall reported
- Christian Education - Andy Mathisen
- Spiritual Renewal and OutReach (Evangelism)- John Crump
 - Evangelism - Marion Schloemer (cards for the sick)
 - Publicity/Advertising- Karl Torjussen (see report in "new business")
- Mission Support - Marion Schloemer

- Fellowship - Ellen Tehve volunteered to head fellowship, to replace Debbie Blackburn. Previous committee members were Kathe DaGau & Germaine Scarborough
- Finance - Stephanie Dall; Dick Alberti, Treas; Clem Hergenhan, Asst Treas
- Worship and Music -Andy Mathisen is helping introduce Garry Westerweller ("Supply Pastors" to continue under Andy Mathisen)

RECENTLY RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS was discussed by Lou Medici

OLD BUSINESS

- Previous Action Items; Sept8 ; Oct 13 ; Nov 10 ; Jan12 ; Feb 9 ;
- **LOU MEDICI action items**
- Status of "Congregation Survey" **MARION SCHLOEMER/JOHN DALL ACTION:**
 - reveal survey results to congregation; what are next steps; how does this influence Good Shepherd- such as direction of advertising?
- Supply Pastors Jan-April, 2015 (Andy Mathisen)
- **GIL VATTER ACTION:** convene Council meetings with German School and Little Chief
- Constitutional Changes, mandated by ELCA in 2013: Gil vatter summarized his recommendations Jan 20, 2014
 - Stephanie Dall discussed Gil's proposed changes, and clarified responsibility. The committee (Gil Vatter, Stephanie Dall, John Dall, Nancy Fitch) needs to re-write the Constitution, gain council approval in 2015, and then gain Congregation Approval at the Jan, 2016 Congregation Meeting.
- Memorial Committee (Pat Miller/Sue Alberti) requests council's RECOMMENDATIONS on how to spend \$3K. The memorial committee will then check with respective families, to get agreement before spending. A smaller possibility: Nancy Hergenhan (Altar Guild) is exploring altar oil candles to replace existing altar high wax candlesticks. [**deferred to April**]
- Good Shepherd web site: improve appearance and keep updated <http://www.good-shepherd.us> [**deferred to April**]

NEW BUSINESS

- Time & Talent survey (focus on specific critical openings) Marion Schloemer to be working "Time & Talent"
- Miae Park benefit concert, 3PM, Sun, April 26:
 - Nancy Fitch decided the concert will benefit Family Promise.
 - Karl Torjussen distributed a press release & photo to 7 publications
- Possible temple talks by local benefits?
 - **STEVE MILLER** will invite Phil Welch to present a "mission minute" Possible Temple Talk on Family Promise (previously InterFaith Network). Rich Bartlett was a previous Good Shepherd leader of Family Promise/InterFaith Network. Nancy Fitch, Diane Mathisen, Andy Mathisen and Steve Miller participated and took training for the program (Resuming participation would require re-training).
- Garry Westerweller played a YouTube music video on Martin Luther, part of the "History Teachers" curriculum for 7th-8th grade. The council felt these YouTube videos might be attractive resources for Sunday School and other youth (and perhaps adult) training programs.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: April 13 (2nd Monday);

ADJOURN with Lords Prayer

Submitted by Steve Miller, Council Secretary

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AROUND THE PARISH

by Gil Vatter

GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

1. March came in like a lion with a mid-day snow storm that dropped 4" in Holmdel. Good Shepherd's parking lot changed from frozen solid to wet and muddy. C,mon 60's.

2. Happy birthday to Brian Dunn, George Groh, Andy Lichter, Jean Taylor and Patty Vatter.

3. Happy anniversary to Jo Ellen and John Burton, Bunny and Herb Kuhl, Diane and Andy Mathisen, Pat and Steve Miller and Randi and Bob Stetz.

I work out religiously-- at Easter and Christmas.

4. The congregation provided almost 100 cans of food for the Bayshore Lunch Program in February. Year to date the total comes to 450 cans, plus the usual extras.

5. C. J. Miller, who is attending Berklee College in Boston has been named to the school's Dean's List . Congrats C. J.

6. Ellen and Tom Tehve spent the final week of February in North Carolina, where the weather was so bad that the kids stayed home from school all week.

Age is strictly a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.
Jack Benny (via Bill Wehrli)

7. All the Frank daughters (Barbara, Linda, Sharon and Susan) joined mom and dad Lois and George Frank in Fort Myers, Florida to celebrate Our former pastor's 80th (yes I said 80th) birthday on February 10. Happy birthday George.

8. Substitute pastors for March - Rev. Neil Jagge, Rev. Rachel Semovodski and Rev. John Hansen.

9. Kelsey Kazmac is home from James Madison University for spring break.

Postcard to the Weather Bureau - "Sirs: I thought you would be interested in knowing that I have just shoveled three feet of "partly cloudy" from my front sidewalk."

10. Nancy and Clem Hergenhan made an excursion of Maine the last week of February. At one point it was -14 and -4 when they went to church on March 1 .

11. Bill Wehrli returned to Boynton Beach, Florida after spending a week at home in early March.

12. Pastor Rachel's children's sermon on 3/8 was "Clean Up Your Room" and on 3/22, "A Magnet on Our Hearts" Hope you didn't miss them.

I've learned that if you hang something in a closet for awhile, it shrinks two sizes.
(Bill Wehrli)

13. The Ladies Luncheon Group dined at the Sono Restaurant in Middletown on March 20. For their April plans, see Barbara HaHer.

14. Marion Williamson is home after rehab. Remember her with a card.

15. Don't forget Miae Park's annual spring charity concert on April 26 at 3:00 PM. All proceeds will go to A local charity.

More than 1,000,000 Americans are overweight. Of course, that's in round figures.

16. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd fez to everyone who contributed Easter lilies to enhance the altar this year.

17 . Thanks and atop of the Good Shepherd derby to everyone who brought household items for the COG Calico Cat Evening Food Pantry drive.

18. If you haven't heard the one about the parrot and the Doberman pincher, ask pastor Jagge.

She went horseback riding to lose weight. It worked. The horse lost twenty pounds.

19. The church has received word of the death of John Crump's brother-in-law in SyrACuse, New York. And God will wipe away all tears.

20. Good to see Bob Horlocher in church on Palm Sunday.

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Free Sunday Afternoon Classical Quartet Concert

Four teenage talented musicians, under the direction of organist Miae Park, will perform several classical compositions on Sunday, April 26 at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd at 3:00 PM.

Tommy Choi age 17, on piano, Euihyum 18, on violin, Hyunji Min 16 on viola and Jessica Hong 16. on cello will play selections from Beethoven, Schumann and other classical composers.

The selections will include:

Shumann's Piano Quartet, Op 47 1st mvt.

Beethoven's Piano Sonata Op 31, No 1 3rd mvt.

Bruch's violin concerto No 1 in G minor

Hummel's Potpourri for Viola Op 94 1st mvt.

Dvorak's cello concerto Op 104 1st mvt.

The director of the concert, Miae Park, is the organist and choir director at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

The concert which lasts about an hour, is free and open to the public. Attendees will be encouraged to make a free will offering which will be donated to Family Promise of Monmouth County. The organization is an affiliate of National Family Promise. They work with community agencies, faith-based services, churches and synagogues to provide shelter, food, transportation and supportive services for homeless families. Family Promise of Monmouth County usually accommodates 3 to 5 families or a maximum of 14 people per day. The network consists of a Day Center and 10 host congregations. Each year Family Promise provides roughly 10,220 meals and 5,110 bed-nights for families in need.

This is the 6th annual benefit concert at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.. In the previous five benefit concerts the free will offerings have been contributed to various relief funds such as the Japanese Tsunami relief fund, the fund to build wells in Africa, and to local food pantries here in the Monmouth County area.

Refreshments will be served after the concert.



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WEST LONG BRANCH, N.J. – The Monmouth University field hockey team was represented by 11 student-athletes on the 2014 Gladiator by SGI / National Field Hockey Coaches Association National Academic Team, the organization announced on Monday. Seniors Trish O’Dwyer (Dublin, Ireland/Loreto Beaufort), Amanda

Schoenfeld (West Sayville, N.Y./Connetquot) and **Amanda Westerweller (Holmdel, N.J./Holmdel)** each earned their fourth academic honor of their careers, while the Hawks' total climbs to 85 honorees during head coach Carli Figlio's eight years at the helm of the program.

Joining O'Dwyer, Schoenfeld and Westerweller on the academic team are Cori Allen (Gibbsboro, N.J./Eastern Regional [Iowa]), Brianna Dunlap (Mount Laurel, N.J./Lenape), Lauren Fried (Millerstown, Pa./Greenwood), Casey Hanna (Seaville, N.J./Ocean City), Lauren Horner (Shnecksville, Pa./Northwestern Lehigh), Tanja Kloock (Kiel, Germany/Ernst Barlach Gymnasium), Rachel Konowal (Plymouth Meeting, Pa./Plymouth Whitemarsh), and Mallory Kusakavitch (Pittston, Pa./Holy Redeemer).

The National Academic Squad recognizes those student-athletes who have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher through the first semester of the 2014-15 academic year.

"I am extremely happy for our team and our student-athletes to be honored nationally for their success in the classroom," stated Figlio, the 2014 MAAC Coach of the Year. "Having excelled both with our studies and on the field this year is a true testament to the work ethic of our student-athletes."

Monmouth, which compiled a team GPA of 3.37 to be added as a NFHCA National Academic Team Award, completed one of the best seasons in its history claiming the MAAC Regular Season and Tournament Championship and earning the program's first trip to the NCAA Tournament.

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A FEW NOTES FROM THE CHOIR

by Gil Vatter

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord use our lives, we are an offering.

March Anthems

March 1 - "God So Loved the World" - John Stainer

March 8 - "Walk With Me, Lord" - Mark Weston

March 15 - "I Will Lift Up My Eyes" - Stan Pethel

March 22 - "Wondrous Love" - L. Larson

March 29 - "Hosanna to the King" - B. Poorman

March Postludes

March 1 - "Wir Danken Dir Herr Jesu Christ" - J. S. Bach

March 8 - "O Divine Redeemer" - Charles Gounod

March 15 - "Sortie" - N. J. Lemmens

March 22 - "Postlude in G" - G. F. Handel

March 29 - "March" - F. J. Haydn

The choir rehearses every Thursday at 7:30PM in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome!

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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.

	Feb 2015	YTD 2015	YTD Budget	YTD 2014
General Contributions	6,513	13,561	19,167	19,098

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April 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2 MAUNDAY THURSDAY 7pm Communion Svc	3 GOOD FRIDAY 7pm Tenebrae Svc	4
5 EASTER 9- Sunday School 10 - Service	6	7	8	9 7:30 - Choir Practice	10	11
12 9- Sunday School 10 - Service	13 7pm Council Mtg	14	15	16 7:30 - Choir Practice	17	18
19 9- Sunday School 10 - Service	20	21 7:30- Compassionate Friends	22	23 7:30 - Choir Practice	24	25
26 9- Sunday School 10 - Service 3pm - Concert Miae Park	27	28	29	30	1	2