

The Voice of the Good Shepherd

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

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MINUTES for 7PM, April 13, 2015 Council meeting

Council Members Present: John Crump, John Dall, Stephanie Dall, Nancy Fitch, Andy Mathisen, Lou Medici, Steve Miller, Vice Pastor Rachel

Excused: Marion Schloemer; **Absent:** Garry Westerweller

GUESTS from German School: Dorothea Drew <dorodrew@gmail.com> and Michaela Greco <michaelag94@hotmail.com>

DISCUSSION WITH GERMAN SCHOOL

- Reviewed current "User Agreement", 9/14/2009 (possible changes to be discussed later)
- Provide Good Shepherd with a current "Certificate of Liability Insurance"
- Discussed sizes of classes & number of students.
- Planning a Rumson, NJ satellite classroom beginning this fall, meeting for 1 hour (one time per week).
- Desire a higher bandwidth internet for video content required during test-taking **STEVE MILLER, JOHN DALL ACTION**
- Parents might purchase an electronic "white board"
- Awaiting Good Shepherd completion of basement window trim (**TOM TEHVE ACTION**). German School then plans to install shelving.
- Good Shepherd to inventory and clean basement closets and storage shelves (including closet under basement stairs). **JOHN DALL ACTION**
- Explored ideas for synergy: joint participation in Reformation/Octoberfest, and joint publications (Voice,...)
- German School major events are May 17 end of school & Christmas (St Nickolas)

COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

Approved the revised minutes of Mar 9, 2015 council meeting.

Discussed possible changes in council minutes, for Council Secretary consideration (**STEVE MILLER ACTION**):

- Document only Council resolutions and/or issue a minutes summary, for publication in monthly Voice

Discussed March 31 Treasurer's Report. On April 14, Clem provided a corrected Treasurer's Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Pastor's report - Pastor Rachel
- Creation Care Environmental Committee (Nancy Fitch). Proposes to create a Good Shepherd poster, and use it at a table at Holmdel EarthDay, Sun. May 3, 12 – 4PM. This table will be likely shared with

Holmdel Community United Church of Christ. **NANCY FITCH ACTION:** consult with Germaine Scarborough on a Good Shepherd poster/banner.

- Fellowship - **ELLEN TEHVE ACTION:** define 2015 fellowship programs

OLD BUSINESS

- Lou reported he has submitted the ELCA-requested data on congregation and community demographics.
- **JOHN DALL ACTION:** summarize congregation survey for congregation presentation (integrate Lou's data)
- Supply Pastors Jan-April, 2015 (Andy Mathisen)
- Memorial Committee (Pat Miller/Sue Alberti) requested council's RECOMMENDATIONS on how to spend \$3K. The memorial committee will then check with respective families, to get agreement before spending. **COUNCIL MEMBERS ACTION:** review possibilities; discuss at next council meeting.
- Miae Park benefit concert will be held 3PM, Sun, April 26. Council reviewed Karl's Publicity/Advertising PR & Photo. Proceeds will benefit Family Promise.

NEW BUSINESS

- Supply Pastors are established for May3-Sept6, 2015; (**ANDY MATHISEN COORDINATOR**)
- Start a series of "Temple Talks" by local benefits. **STEVE MILLER ACTION** arrange Family Promise Temple Talk on April 26 to coincide with Miae's April 26 concert

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: 7PM, May 11 (2nd Monday); Little Chief is invited to attend.

ADJOURNED 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. Happy birthday to *Anthony Alberti* (Su and Dick's grandson), *Hannah Oberkehr*, *Jeff Miller* and *Miae Park*.
2. Happy wedding anniversary to *Becky Bartlett* (May 8), *Elaine and Lou Medici* (their 33rd), *Pat and Brian Dunn*, and *Su and Dick Alberti*.

A Norwegian sea captain loved to stand on the bridge of his Viking ship and take the roll of his crew.
He just called out "Olsen" and they all raised their hands.(Bill Wehrl)

3. May 28 was the anniversary of Pastor Jack Elstad's ordination. Still going strong!!!!
4. The congregation has brought almost 600 cans of food to church for the **Bayshore Lunch Program**, plus a lot of the usual extras (coffee, tea, pasta, rice, etc.), valued at almost \$450. Thanks to all who contributed. Remember BLP when you shop for groceries each week.

Ole told Lena, "My memory is gone, so I changed my password to 'incorrect'.
That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me....
'Your password is incorrect'.

5. Substitute pastors for April - April 2, April 3, April 5 - John Hansen; April 19 - Neil Jagge; April 12, April 26 - Rachel Semovoski

6. Here's your May MITZVAH - Send a card to Barbara HaHer

33 Ramsey Road
Middletown, N.J.07748-3038

What do you get when you cross a turkey and a banjo?
A turkey that can pluck itself.

7. Ruth and Pastor Jack Elstad worshiped with us on Easter Sunday, April 5. Both are doing very well.

8. Congratulations to *Logan Wilgus and Matthew Oberkehr*, who received their FIRST COMMUNION on Sunday April 12. Lots of friends and relatives were in attendance.

A woman asked her doctor, "Should I have a baby after 35?"
The doctor replied, "No, 35 children is enough."

9. Pastor Rachel's children's sermon on April 12 was "Do You Have a Special Gift?" On April 26, "God Invests in You."

10. On Sunday April 12, the Children's Choir presented several selections to the congregation including their rendition of "Hallelujah". The group was directed by *Sharon Oberkehr*.

"Doctor, I'm three months pregnant now. When will my baby move?"
"With any luck, right after he finishes school."

11. It was great to see *Joan and Bob Horlacher* at Good Shepherd. They worshiped with us on Sunday April 12.

12. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd boater to all those who sponsored the lilies which enhanced the altar at Easter. They were beautiful.

I decided to change calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim".
I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning. (Bill Wehrli)

13. *Diane and Andy Mathisen* went to Gettysburg College on Thursday April 23 to hear son Kurt sing with the school's Men's A Capella Choir. Kurt is a senior at the Pennsylvania school.

14. Good Shepherd's stand of Bradford Pear Trees underscores the arrival of spring in Holmdel The trees are always a beautiful sight to behold.

The best place to put your troubles is in your pocket....the one with the hole in it. (Bunny Kuhl)

15. *Ellen and Tom Tehve* are taking a "Music Appreciation" course by DVD.

16. The congregation welcomed Barbara Garrity, Co-Director of the Family Promise of Monmouth County board of directors on Sunday April 26. She presented a Temple Talk describing the activities of the organization. Barbara also attended the church's afternoon concert, which was presented for the benefit of Family Promise.

I went shopping for camouflage clothing this morning but I couldn't find any.

17. *Amanda Westerweller*, a senior at Monmouth University, is a member of their national championship field hockey team. Congratulations.

18. *Randi and Bob Stetz* celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary at a dinner hosted by their family at the Old Mill Restaurant.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

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FAMILY PROMISE GROWING IN MIDDLETOWN
by Gil Vatter

In a recent article in the *Independent*, it was announced that Family Promise is making plans to move its operations to new and expanded quarters in order to meet rising demands for service in eastern Monmouth County. Family Promise is a non-profit organization that assists at-risk families by offering temporary food, clothing and shelter. Support of the Middletown Family Promise comes from religious and civic groups who provide food, used clothing and space in their buildings for short time shelter. Family Promise has also has showers and laundry facilities at their "day center".

Although the lease is expiring on the existing, Middletown location in August, a move is already planned to a new, larger building at Fort Monmouth, which will enable Family Promise to offer more services to more families. "This new permanent site at Fort Monmouth will not only give our families some stability, but it'll give us a stable, permanent agency location as well", said Tracy Boyer, Executive Director of the Middletown Family Promise. Boyer said the goal is to have more offices, increase the size of the staff and offer more programs to more families. Their goal is to raise \$50,000 to \$100,000 for needed improvements to the new Fort Monmouth facility.

Family Promise works with community agencies, faith based churches and synagogues to provide food, shelter, transportation and support for three to five families - up to 14 people - at a time for a 90 day period. During the day the people stay at the day care center, which acts as a home base of sorts as well as a place that can be listed on a job application as a home address. The day center provides families with everyday necessities such as toothpaste, blankets and pillows as well as a living space including a children's play area, kitchen facilities for preparing meals, bathrooms and showers, a computer space for children to do their homework and laundry facilities. Transportation to and from the children's schools is also provided by the day center.

At night ten host congregations house and feed three to five families at a time on a rotating basis, converting classrooms into individual family bedrooms. This service may be used by a family for up to 90 days, or until they can afford to rent a place to stay. Referrals to Family Promise have increased steadily since it was founded, with about six to eight calls received each week. Available services always fall short of demand. Hurricane Sandy did not help the situation. "We hope the new location at Fort Monmouth will help us serve and give even more to our families", said Director Boyer.

Good Shepherd Church is planning a fund-raising concert to help Family Promise move to new quarters. The concert, under the direction of Minister of Music Miae Park, will feature four young local musicians in a selection of classical music. All the money contributed at the Sunday afternoon concert (on April 26 at 3:00 PM) will go to Family Promise.

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SPRING CONCERT BENEFITS FAMILY PROMISE

by Gil Vatter

Ladies and gentlemen, if you did not attend the 2015 annual spring concert at Good Shepherd Church on Sunday April 26, you missed a wonderful afternoon of music presented by four young, talented musicians. A spring concert for the benefit of a charity is a tradition at Good Shepherd Church and the 2015 version, perhaps the sixth of these presentations, may have been the best in the ongoing series. Presented to raise money for "Family Promise of Monmouth County" a local group that provides housing, food, clothing and other amenities for homeless families, the concert featured four, young, local teens:

Tommy Choi - Piano
Jessica Hong - Cello
Euihyun Kim - Violin
Hyun Jee Min - Viola

As always, the eagerly awaited event was planned, produced and directed by Good Shepherd's Minister of Music, Miae Park, who also accompanied the quartet.

The afternoon was begun with a contemporary number, "Without Love...We Have Nothing" by Joseph M. Martin (b. 1959), a prolific modern, American composer. The quartet obviously enjoyed playing this melody, which had the feeling and sound of a popular ballad. Violist Hyun Jee Min offered the "Potpourri, Op. 94" by Johann Nepomuk Hummel (1778-1837), the Austrian pianist who wrote during the transition period between the Classical and Romantic periods. The charming Potpourri was competently handled by the young violist who took advantage of the deep sounds of her instrument to echo Hummel's melodious sounds, accompanied by Miae Park.

This is the fifth year we have heard the musicianship of Tommy Choi and his version of the "Allegro Vivace from Sonata No. 16, Op. 31" by Ludwig Van Beethoven (1864-1935) shows how far he has progressed in his mastery of the piano. He immediately took charge of this early Beethoven composition and made the fast and lively writing his own to the delight of the audience. A string duet made up of Euihyun Kim, violin and Jessica Hong, cello played "Passacaglia" by Johann Halvorsen (1864-1935), a Norwegian conductor and violinist. This unaccompanied duet was a beautiful blend of the two instruments and provided the feel of Halvoson's national, romantic tradition in this popular music based on themes by Georg Friedrich Handel.

After a short intermission. Jessica Hong led off with "Allegro from Concerto, Op. 10" by Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904). This cello concerto is among the most highly of all cello concerti and Miss Hong was up to the task. Many of you will remember Jessica's cello music last summer when she enhanced our communion services. Nicely accompanied by Miae Park, her

interpretation of Dvorak's music based on Bohemian folk songs, was delightful. Jessica continues to show how well she is mastering her cello. Violinist Euihyun Kim, accompanied by Miae Park, played the "Prelude: Allegro Moderato from Concerto No. 1, Op. 26" by Max Bruch (1838-1920). Bruch, a German Romantic composer, wrote three violin concerti. Number One is a staple of the violin repertory and a challenge to any aspiring musician. I am happy to say that Mr. Kim made use of the Bruch to show off an ease of performance with a difficult piece of music. The pyrotechnics during the fast parts of the Concerto were impressive and entertaining.

The afternoon ended with "Sostenuto Assai/Allegro ma non troppo from Piano Quartet, Op. 47" by Robert Schumann (1810-1856), the German Romantic composer. Written in 1842, the Quartet was a perfect vehicle for our four musicians to wind up their musical efforts and demonstrated both how well they play together as well as the impressive sound they produce; a sound beyond their chronological ages. The audience of 80 or more responded with a standing ovation for the popular youngsters and everyone left the sanctuary after an afternoon of wonderful music to enjoy a buffet of refreshments in the narthex of the church.. Our thanks to Miae Park for all her work in presenting this continuing, popular concert series as well as her competent accompaniment skills.. The 2015 concert will send more than \$1,220 to help continue the important work of Family Promise of Monmouth County.

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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.

April Anthems

- April 2 - "In Remembrance of Me" - R. Courtney
- April 3 - "Ave Verum Corpus" - W. A. Mozart
- "Adoramus Te, Christe" - Theodore Dubois
- April 5 - "Halleluia" - Ludwig Van Beethoven
- April 12 - "Alleluia" - W. A. Mozart
- April 19 - "At the Name of Jesus" - John Carter
- April 26 - "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - arr. Rich Thygeron

April Postludes by Miae Park

- April 5 - "Toccata" - C. M. Widor
- April 12 - "Rejoice! Be Glad" - T. Kendall
- April 19 - "Minuet" - Richard Wagner
- April 26 - "March" - H. R. Shelley

- The Choir thanks and congratulates Miae Park on her sixth annual spring concert, presented for the benefit of Family Promise of Monmouth County, featuring Tommy Choi, piano; Euihyun Kim, violin; Hyun Jee Min, viola; Jessica Hong, cello.

- The choir thanks Kurt Mathisen, tenor, for singing with us during Holy Week and on Easter.

- It is wonderful to see Bill Wehrli, bass, walking with a cane instead of a walker.

- Pat Miller, soprano, will sing with the Monmouth Civic Chorus' "Vespers at the Shore" on May 17.

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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.

| | Mar 2015 | YTD 2015 | YTD Budget | YTD 2014 |
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| General Contributions | 9,537 | 23,098 | 28,750 | 28,648 |

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May 2015

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9- Sunday Sch 10 - Service 12-4pm Good Shepherd's Earth Day Display at Bayonet Farm | 4 | 5 7pm - Pollinator Plant Talk at Good Shepherd | 6 | 7 7:30 - Choir Practice | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9- Sunday School 10 - Service | 11 7pm Council Mtg | 12 | 13 | 14 7:30 - Choir Practice | 15 12:30 Ladies Lunch @ Wind and Sea | 16 |
| 17 9- Sunday School 10 - Service | 18 | 19 7:30- Compassionate Friends | 20 | 21 7:30 - Choir Practice | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9- Sunday School 10 - Service | 25 Memorial Day | 26 | 27 | 28 7:30 - Choir Practice | 29 | 30 |
| 31 9- Sunday School 10 - Service | 1 | NOTES | | | | |