

The Voice of the Good Shepherd

June 2015

(our website good-shepherd.us)

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

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Please join us at church Sunday, June 7 as a special day
to give our best wishes and bid farewell to the Oberkehr family
who will be moving to Florida in a few weeks.
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MINUTES for May 11, 2015 7PM Council meeting (summary)

Council members present: John Crump, John Dall, Stephanie Dall, Nancy Fitch, Andy Mathisen, Lou Medici, Steve Miller, Vice Pastor Rachel, Garry Westerweller, Marion Schloemer (by phone from her North Carolina home)

Guests:: Little Chief: JoAnn Hickman, littlechiefjo@aol.com 732-977-7868 (cell); Jeanie, littlechiefjean@aol.com ; Pattie Vatter (Liaison to Little Chief)

Lou Medici, President, convened the Council at 7PM. Pastor Rachel opened with a prayer.

LITTLE CHIEF STATUS:

- Very happy with Good Shepherd responsiveness to needs and issues (for instance, fixing problems found by a state spot inspection).
- Last day of class is June 10; graduation is June 12. During summer, Little Chief will not use the facility. Classes resume after Labor Day.
- Running classes ONLY in mornings, 9-12 (plus 12-1 for "Lunch Bunch").
- 96 children were enrolled in this last school year. (max physical capacity is 63 at any given time.)
- An exterior and interior walk-thru inspection revealed property issues to be resolved by the Good Shepherd Property Committee. The biggest request is painting the 4 classrooms by start of school, Fall, 2015.
- Will request Sheila (provides Little Chief daily cleaning) to empty recyclables, but NOT leave plastic bags in the "recycle" dumpster
- Little Chief burned food in an oven approximately 2 weeks previously,. This tripped the fire alarm. However, the Holmdel fire dept took 45 minutes to arrive
- Discussed a possible banner displaying joint advertising. However, "most parents who come to Little Chief make sure we do not include religion in our curriculum".
- Discussed having a joint program to identify and communicate with new occupants in Holmdel and Middletown

COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

Approved April minutes. (shortened minutes were published in May 1 Voice)

Approved April 30 Treasurer's Report . Miae's well-attended April 26 concert raised \$1224 which was given to Family Promise of Monmouth County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Creation Care Environmental Committee (Nancy Fitch): Activities included May 3 Holmdel "Earth Day" table; May 5 "Pollinators" Master Gardener talk; May 10 bulletin insert "Honeybee Concerns"
- Social Ministry - COG. Nancy Fitch will write short Voice article, asking for drivers for 28 bags to be transported to Calico Cat on Sat., June 20
- Property - John Dall discussed the newly graveled parking lot
- Christian Education - Andy Mathisen (supported by Sharon Oberkehr) :

- On May 10, Good Shepherd children collected money for Bee preservation, The Creation Care committee provided a narthex movie on the endangered honey bee, plus a bulletin insert on bees
- Two confirmation students are due to finish their 1st year with Pastor Rachel
- Last day of Sunday School is May 31st
- Evangelism - Marion Schloemer mailed cards for the sick, and is starting "Time & Talent" Survey
- Finance - Stephanie Dall provided her detailed monthly financial spreadsheet. Next month, she will add attendance data, so council can track attendance trends and compare to 2014.
- Worship and Music - Garry Westerweller. Garry described critical needs for volunteers, especially for Altar Guild. A "Time & Talent" program will identify volunteers for specific vacant jobs in Good Shepherd.

OLD BUSINESS

- Marion is starting to address the Time & Talent survey requested at the January, 2015 Congregation Meeting.
- Constitutional Changes, were mandated by ELCA in 2013: Stephanie described steps toward approval at Good Shepherd's 2016 Congregation Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- Supply Pastors are scheduled through Sept6, 2015. Pastor Rachel next serves May 24 and May 31 (twice per month).
- Lou Medici will request Pastor Aaron, NJ Synod, to provide an update on Pastoral call.
- 40 giving envelopes have been picked up to date. Stephanie Dall will ask Pat Dunn to mail the remaining 10 envelopes.
- Next temple talk might be provided by Garry Westerweller. This would be a motivational talk encouraging volunteers for "Time & Talent" needs.
- Garry Westerweller will convene a group to travel to a NY Mets Game for a Saturday in July.
- Good Shepherd should have a Facebook page to attract a younger population. Garry provided an example by Googling "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church". Steve Miller, as current webmaster, is probably the best person to initiate a future Facebook page. Congregation members must then visit, "like", and populate with relevant stories, photos and video. On the present Good Shepherd web page, Steve would then add Facebook links to both Little Chief and the new Good Shepherd Facebook page.
- Council set Dec 13 as the church Christmas celebration.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: 7PM, June 8 (2nd Monday). Council will start with team building (previously deferred). The meeting will focus on attendance, contribution trends, and creation of "Time and Talents" program.

MEETING CLOSED at 9PM with Lords Prayer

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Steve Miller, Council Secretary

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 The Sunday School students collected \$200 to go toward the purchase of bee hives to help people learn a skill, and be able to start a business that can help to provide for their families. We thank everyone who made a donation!! Sharon Oberkehr

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AROUND THE PARISH
 by Gil Vatter

GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

1. Happy birthday to *Rachel and Diane Mathisen, Maggie Harris (Debbie and John Blackburn's granddaughter) and Shirley Jackson.*
2. Happy 67th wedding anniversary to *Shirley and Larry Jackson.*

Lena - "I told Ole after ten years of marriage that I needed an new outside interest. So he bought me a lawn mower."

3. Your June mitzvah is a card for *Bunny Kuhl* who is recovering at home after shoulder surgery:

Bunny Kuhl
16 Briar Hill Road
Holmdel, NJ 07733-1804

4. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd beret to *Nancy Fitch* for representing the church at the Holmdel **Earth Day Festival** at Bayonette Farm on Sunday May 3. You can see her banner in the narthex - **CHURCHES GO GREEN.**

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

5. Substitute pastors for May--- May 3 and May 17 - Rev. John Hansen, May 10 - Rev. Linda Wood, May 24 - Rev. Rachel Semovoski, May 31 - Rev. Heidi Rodrick-Schnaath.

6. *Bill Wehrli* is back from Boynton Beach, Florida for the summer, singing in the choir again and walking without a cane. Way to go Will.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row. (Bill Wehrli)

7. The congregation has supplied almost 700 cans of food to **THE BAYSHORE LUNCH PROGRAM** through the month of April. That's an average of about 175 cans a month. Not bad.

8. *Doreen and Glenn Hoffmann* spent time in Myrtle Beach in May. They left about the same time the really bad weather hit the area.

What sits at the bottom of the ocean and shudders?
A nervous wreck. (Bunny Kuhl)

9. A big thank you to the children from our Sunday School for planning and collecting "Honey Money" to "help save the honey bees". They collected enough for three hives. Congratulations, kids.

10. *Pastor Linda Wood*, who was substitute pastor on Sunday May 10, left home on Long Beach Island without her robes. I don't think it changed her sermon in any way.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

11. In his sermon on Sunday May 17, Pastor John Hansen advised us that 56,000,000 atheists, agnostics and people without any religious affiliation now represent 23% of the U.S. population and our country is becoming increasingly secular.

12. *Randi Stetz* missed the Brooklyn Norwegian Day parade on Sunday May 17 for the first time in many years. Maybe next year.

War does not determine who is right.....only who is left.

13. The Ladies Luncheon Group dined at Windansea Restaurant in Highlands on Friday May 15. They will meet at Sono Japanese Restaurant on Friday June 19 at 12:30.

14. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd stetson to *Pat Miller* for playing the piano while Miae Park is in South Korea.

I intend to live forever.....So far, so good.

15. Congratulations to *Kelsey Kazmac* who recently earned her Master of Arts in Teaching from James Madison University.

16. *Kurt Mathisen* received his degree from Gettysburg College in May. His parents, Diane and Andy Mathisen drove 210 miles each way to witness the event. Kurt will be part of a psychological program for children in Miami, Florida this summer. He will work with five year olds.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

17. Pastor Rachel's children's sermon on Sunday May 24 was, "Can You Guess?"

18. Congratulations to *Kirsten Mathisen* who received her degree from the University of Delaware on May 30.

A convict, just released from jail, ran down the street shouting, "I'm free, I'm free".
A little boy standing nearby yelled, "I'm four, I'm four".

19. Please don't forget the COG collection of personal care items.

20. Last, but by no means least, happy birthday to *Patty Vatter*, with whom I will celebrate 62 years of wedded bliss on Saturday May 30.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

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TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

By Garry Westerweller

I am looking to organize an outing to see the Mets play at beautiful, new Citi Field!! The game is on Saturday July 11 at 4:10PM. Cost of the tickets would be \$55.00 per person and would include, Caesar Box Seats, food voucher for a burger, fries, and a soda. Our group would be recognized on the scoreboard during the game as well. The outing would be open to Church member, their families, and their friends. The more the merrier. If you have any interest please see me at church or contact me at Gwesterweller@gmail.com . Haven't figured out the transportation yet, we could certainly carpool.

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A FEW NOTES FROM THE CHOIR

by Gil Vatter

Sing to the Lord with the harp;
With the harp and the voice of song.

Choir anthems

- May 3 - "For Where Love Is, There Is God" - D. W. Wagner
- May 10 - "You Shall Love Your God" v- J. Harman
- May 17 - "Peace Be With You" - M. McDonald
- May 24 - "Come, Gracious Spirit" - Dale Wood

Organ Postludes

- May 3 - "Postlude" - L. Boellmann
- May 10 - "Fantasia" - G. P. Telemann
- May 17 - "Voluntary in A" - W. Selby
- May 24 - "Allegro Vivace" - G. F. Handel

The choir marked the end of the 2014-2015 season with a dinner at the home of Minister of Music, Miae Park, on Thursday May 21. The choir thanks Miae for her hospitality and all the good food she prepared for the occasion.

The choir wishes Miae Park bon voyage as she flies to South Korea to visit her family for two weeks.

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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.

	Apr 2015	YTD 2015	YTD Budget	YTD 2014
General Contributions	9,225	32,323	38,333	35,969

June 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10 - Service	7pm Council Mtg					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10 - Service		7:30- Compassionate Friends			12:30 Ladies Luncheon @ Sono's Middletown	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10 - Service						
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
10 - Service						