

The Voice of the Good Shepherd

September 2015

(our website good-shepherd.us)

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

AROUND THE PARISH

by Gil Vatter

GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

1. Happy birthday to *Shirley Jackson* and our former pastor *Jack Elstad*. Hope you both have a great day.

2. Happy anniversary to *Ellen and Tom Tehve and Gayle and Bud McKnight*.

You may have noticed that I haven't heard from *Lena and Ole* this summer. Well, I got a note from *Ole* today telling me that he bred his collie, *Lars* with a Lhasa Apso and he's going to call the new breed a "**Collapso**".

3. Good news - The congregation brought over 180 cans of food to church during July and, as a result, we have contributed over 1,150 cans of food to the **Bayshore Lunch Program** so far in 2015.

4. The BLP Sponsors have contributed more than \$2,400 to the Keyport soup kitchen through August.

Ole also mentioned in his recent note that a wife is a person who helps you through all the troubles you wouldn't have had you not gotten married in the first place. (You can substitute "husband" for "wife" and it still makes sense).

5. *Nancy and Clem Hergenhan* spent a week exploring in Acadia National Park, Maine in late August.

6. It's that time again - *Julia Blackburn* will return to the Fashion Institute in New York, *Amanda Westerweller* will return to Monmouth University in Long Branch, *C. J. Miller* will return to Berklee College in Boston and *John Kim* will return to Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh in September. Good luck to you all as the new school year begins.

Bill Wehrli reports - Only in America are there handicap parking spaces in front of a skating rink.

7. Substitute pastors for August - Rev. John Melin - August 2, Rev. John Hansen - August 16, Rev. Rachel Semovoski - August 9 and 23.

8. SUNDAY SCHOOL begins on Sunday September 20 at 9:00am.

The Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible if you don't know what you're talking about.

9. REMINDER - There will be a congregational picnic on Sunday September 20, immediately after the service - Mark your calendar.

10. Where else can you enjoy a Mini-Concert each and every Sunday except at Good shepherd - Our Minister of Music, *Miae Park*, plays a wide variety of beautiful music every week as part of the service in the Prelude, Offertory and Postlude. Mozart, Paderewski, Bach and Purcell. Encore!!!

People say that age is all in your mind. The trick is keeping it from creeping down into your body. (Bunny Kuhl)

11. *Nancy Fitch* enjoyed a cruise to Alaska in late July/early August.

12. *Diane Mathisen* reminds everyone that she will be taking all collected, recyclable plastic to the Tinton Falls Center in September. Please bring whatever you have to church soon.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

13. In his August 16 sermon, we discovered that *Pastor John Hansen* was a very picky eater as a kid.

14. Thank goodness that the Church Council from earlier in our history had the good sense to install air conditioning. It has made the past summer very comfortable during Sunday worship.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

15. *Ansy Mathisen* spent two weeks in August at the Philmont Scout Ranch. "Hop-along Mathisen" was on horseback for part of the stay and enjoyed the great outdoors.

16. *Debbie Blackburn* brought daughter *Julia Blackburn* and granddaughters *Violet and Maggie* to church on Sunday August 23.

Laughter is the brush that sweeps away the cobwebs of the heart. (Bunny Kuhl).

17. *Joan and Bob Horlachjer* are both having medical procedures done this month. Remember them in your prayers.

18. *Bill Wehrli* is spending time at the beach in August getting his beach house ready for the winter.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

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BLP ADOPTS FIVE DAY SCHEDULE

by Gil Vatter

Co-Directors Nancy Mester and Doreen Minutella announce that the **Bayshore Lunch Program**, located at the Community Church of Keyport on Warren Street, between Division and Osborn Streets in Keyport. will now serve a free hot meal to needy area persons Monday through Friday. Until recently, the soup kitchen had been open only Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A continuing increase in attendance at the kitchen, however, prompted the directors to put a five day plan into use..

BLP, which served its first meal from the Community Church on February 11, 2013, is pleased to take this step, but finds that it is faced with a continuing problem. As the service grows and expands, there is a parallel increase in the need for more food to feed the larger number of people who have found and continue to attend the mid-day lunch program. Some of the added groceries are being supplied by the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties and some is coming from cash contributions from regular supporters, including the BLP Sponsors from our church. Some of the food is being supplied by the volunteers from around the area who cook and serve a hot meal at the center on a regular basis.

Much of the extra needed food, however, must come from other sources such as the monthly collection of canned food from churches and civic associations, such as Good Shepherd Church. Good Shepherd has become a reliable, continuing source of food for BLP and they have come to rely on the church's monthly contribution to the kitchen as they plan their daily menus. They are very grateful for the food you bring to church each week and look forward to receiving our contributions to their pantry.

BLP's motto is "Serving those in need of food and fellowship". Between 50 and 75 people from the Bayside community are relying on the kitchen to assure them at least one hot meal each day. Please help us make sure that BLP will have enough food to meet the needs of their new five days a week schedule.

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**Calico Cat Food Pantry & Cupboard
Back To School Outreach
Sept 1, 2015– October 11, 2015**

From Nancy Fitch

For the past 19 years the Calico Cat Food Pantry and Cupboard has provided help to their families who have school age children by providing a Payless Shoe certificate for new shoes, an Old Navy/Target certificate for a new outfit and giving them new underwear, socks and school supplies. This is a much appreciated gift by the families.

Good Shepherd is one of ten church members of the Community Outreach Group (COG) that sponsors the Calico Cat Thrift Shop, Food Pantry, Cupboard and Emergency Assistance Fund. This year our council has voted to provide a \$500 contribution to this School Outreach Program.

If you would like to help with an individual contribution please note that COG receives special discounts through Payless Shoe Store and Old Navy when COG purchases gift certificates through their corporate headquarters.

Please make checks payable to:
C.O.G., Inc., P.O. Box 4041, Middletown 07748
Donations accepted through -9/29/15

Please mark your check as: " Back To School" and include your church affiliation so COG can include donations by church name and donor.

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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.

	Jul 2015	YTD 2015	YTD Budget	YTD 2014
General Contributions	7,688	59,037	67,083	66,844

September 2015

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