

# *The Voice of the Good Shepherd*

**June 2016**

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

## **Message from the Pastor**

Greetings to you all as we enter the summer months.

Each month I think of something to write in this space, but sometimes the Lord puts words from others ahead of our own. That is a good time to be wise and silent and just listen. The other Sunday, Dick Alberti pointed out to me a prayer from Martin Luther contained in our worship book. It's so good that I am simply re-printing it for you to read this month. I suggest you not only read it, but cut it out and put it on your refrigerator or in some place convenient for future use. It is as follows;...

*Behold, Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen*

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Just putting out a big 'Thank You' to everyone who volunteers to help out and do so much at Good Shepherd Remember that *'teamwork makes the dream work'*.

So thanks again from Pastor Pete!

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Minutes of Council Meeting, MAY 9, 2016 - 7:00PM

- Members attending: John Crump (Treas), John Dall (Sec), Stephanie Dall (Vice Pres), Andy Mathisen (Pres), Pastor Pete & Germaine Scarborough. Bob Horlacher was out due to illness.
- Congregation Members are invited to participate, or simply observe

Andy Mathisen opened the meeting

Devotions - Pastor Pete – read from the living Bible psalm 92, praise every morning and tell God thank you!

Approved May 9 Agenda – Andy motioned and John C seconded

Approved April 11 Minutes - Andy motioned and John C seconded

Approved April 30, 2016 Treas report (Stephanie Dall) – John D motioned and Germaine seconded

Pastor's report - Pastor Pete – 4/16 Lou Housin's memorial, the family gave a gift to the church, met with Dean Brown (a Pastor in Red Bank) over lunch at a Bayshore ministerial meeting, rolled out a new scholarship program and reported that Shirley Jackson donated the new candles in the sanctuary and how great they look.

Creation Care Environmental – Germaine Scarborough - Nancy Fitch reports – visits to Monmouth & Ocean County Food Banks (11 GS members attending), planning an insert of selecting healthy & environmentally conscious considerations when selecting foods. Continue encouraging collecting Styrofoam, monitor last years milkweed planting and other congregational environmental education.

Social Ministry – Germaine Scarborough – Gil Vatter reports - continued monthly food donation collections and individually family sponsored donations to the Bayshore Lunch Program.

Evangelism - Germaine Scarborough – Steve forwarded to the local Mosque an announcement of a June 6 interfaith talk about science such as climate change at the Presbyterian Church of Rumson. and Karl Torjussen got out a press release for Miae's May 15 benefit concert to 7 organizations.

Property - John Dall – new phones have been installed in the church offices and property day was a great success with plenty of outside cleanup and inside repairs and maintenance, thank you to attendees (Jamie Antonacci, John Crump, John

& Stephanie Dall, Pastor Pete and Debbie Hutchinson, Clem and Nancy Hergenhan, Andy Mathisen, Steve Miller and providing the greatly appreciated sustenance by Germaine Scarborough)  
Christian Education - Andy Mathisen – end of year winding down, Karen is taking well deserved vacation time.  
Finance & Stewardship – John Crump, Stephanie Dall – received a check as a general claimant in a service provider class action for a nominal amount and Stephanie reviewed the check and cleared it to deposit.  
Worship and Music - Bob Horlacher – Andy reported that there will be only a couple more Sundays for the choir and a THANK YOU from the council.

RECENTLY RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS: Andy Mathisen, President – nothing to review  
OLD BUSINESS

- The synod provided us with a report on our attendance and giving. They suggested an increase from 6% to 7% contribution to them. John D presented a recap of the prior 4 years contributions which revealed that the church's Synod giving continues to increase as a percentage of the general contributions. Even though the dollar amount has remained unchanged, the increase is due to declining income over the past few years. Based on this the council felt that no increase to the pledged amount was warranted at this time and all were comfortable with the current amount for the foreseeable future.
- Team (or persons) to work on update of By-Laws <http://www.good-shepherd.us/Documents-Processes/By-Laws/GS%20BYLAWS.pdf> (placed on agenda by Pastor Pete) The team will consist of all those in attendance at this meeting. Will begin this work by meeting after services on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

NEW BUSINESS

- Steve Miller presented the findings of the Solar provider initiative he has been working on along with others from the congregation. He presented 4 options to obtain Solar power. The council was very interested and wanted to have more information before they could recommend a preferred option to the congregation. Steve will follow up on the requested information and his report will be available online at <http://good-shepherd.us/solar/may8-status.doc>.
- Synod Assembly report from Andy and Pastor – 29<sup>th</sup> Assembly, both reported a long day with no refreshments until dinner. The overall feeling was that this was a great opportunity to meet others of the Lutheran leadership community where they engaged in very informative breakout sessions and participated in voting on various issues.
- Pastor Pete met with Pastor Rachael from King of Kings in Middletown to discuss the prospect of joining them with our 5 candidates for confirmation class in the fall, they will meet once a month.
- Pastor Pete made a recommendation for the Pink House. His proposal is attached on the website and will be in the voice. The council agreed to pursue the proposal in phases as it was felt that the Pink House is no longer of significant use to the church and could very well become more of a hazard as time goes on.
- During the installation of the new fire detection and notification system it was uncovered that the wire installed previously in Frank Hall was no longer acceptable under the current code and would need to be replaced. The cost estimate given by Allied (our providers) was \$2,652.00. The council agreed to approve this work and accept the Allied bid with no further quotes due to the feeling that there would not be significant savings buy going out for a full bid. John C motioned and Andy seconded.

MEETING was ADJOURNED with Lord's Prayer

Next meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup> and this will be the last meeting of the summer with meetings resuming in September.

Minutes prepared by John Dall

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**MIAE PARK PRESENTS SEVENTH ANNUAL SPRING MUSICALE**

by Gil Vatter

With a threat of rain in the air, on Sunday May 15, more than seventy people gathered on a cloudy spring day in the sanctuary of Good Shepherd Church to enjoy an afternoon of music provided by six young, local musicians. The concert, the seventh in a series produced by Good Shepherd's Minister of Music, Miae Park, was planned, as were all previous concerts, to benefit a charity, chosen by Ms. Park. In the past, concerts benefited earthquake survivors in Haiti, Lunch Break in Red Bank, water wells in Africa, the Bayshore Lunch Program in Keyport and Family Promise in Monmouth County. This year, the beneficiary is the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, located in nearby Neptune. The Food Bank provides food for the Kitchens and Pantries throughout this area and estimates that they distribute enough food to assure over 11,000,000 meals each year. An astonishing contribution to the people along the Jersey coast.

The young people who participated in the concert included Tommy Choi, 18 of Holmdel High School, piano - Kaylee Wang, 16, of High Technology High School and Julliard Pre-Collage, flute and Jessica Hong, 18 of Holmdel High School and Julliard Pre-Collage, cello. This was the fifth year here for Tommy Choi and the third appearance for Jessica Hong in Miae Park's spring concert series. This year marked the first time Miss Wang played in the series. A trio of "up and coming" players also made their debuts: Jonathan Hong, piano, Joyce Lee, violin; and David Kim, cello. These youngsters look to be the artists we can expect in spring concerts to come and they bring real promise for the future.

The program was begun with a solo by Tommy Choi, "*Ballade No.1 in G minor, Opus 23*" written by the virtuoso of the Romantic period, Frederic Chopin (1810 - 1849). The challenging piano work was introduced with a lovely melody but became more technically demanding as it progressed. Mr. Choi, however, reflected his training and experience by treating the Chopin music as we have come to expect from him. It was a perfect way to begin the afternoon.

The "New Kids on the Block" followed with all three musicians playing "*Valse Russe*" and "*Hornpipe*" from Frank Bridge's (1879 - 1941) "*Miniatures*", a more contemporary suite which allowed all three instruments to contribute. The waltz showcased the dulcet tones of the cello while the violin and piano provided a happier overtone. The hornpipe had the familiar feel of a lively seaman's dance and I found myself tapping my foot to the rhythm of the music. Miss Lee and Mr. Kim have been musical guests of Good Shepherd in the past and all three auger well for the future of the musical tradition of this church.

Accompanied by Miae Park, Flautist Kaylee Wang filled the rafters with the pyrotechnics of her instrument, first with "*Allegro aperto*" from "*Concerto No.2 in D major*" by W. A. Mozart (1756 - 1791), which showed her clear/concise technique. In contrast her second number, "*Nocturne et allegro scherzando*" by Philippe Gaubert (1879 - 1941), slow and melancholy, in a minor key, required more breath control and less finger work until the allegro portion where the fast and joyful replaced the gloom of the earlier part. Great music for flute written by a wonderful French flautist.

After a short intermission, Jessica Hong presented the "*Allegro*" from "*Concerto in B minor, Opus 104*" by one of my favorite composers, Antonin Dvorac (1841 - 1904). Written in 1895, while a resident of New York City, the Czech writer's music was a perfect showcase for the self assured performance of Miss Hong. She ran the gamut of sound on her instrument and gave her audience both the beautiful sounds intended from her cello and the interpretation of Dvorac I was hoping for. We can expect to hear more from and about Miss Hong in the future.

The concert ended with the three musicians offering the "*Allegro moderato*" and the "*finale*" from Maria von Weber's (1786 - 1826) "*Piano Trio in G Minor, Opus 63*". The contrast in sound from the three diverse instruments blended in the allegro with a doleful, repeated theme which segued into a more pleasant, more tuneful melody in the finale, a fitting way to end the day. Frankly speaking, I could have listened to these three for a lot longer. The audience honored all six of the young people with a standing ovation and indicated their approval of Miae Park's choices for the day. In the course of listening to the sounds of the instruments, one forgets the ages of these very capable youngsters and what they have accomplished at such a young age. We wish them continued success in the future.

After an afternoon of wonderful music, the audience was invited to a post-concert buffet in the narthex of the church, prepared by friends of Ms Park. Our thanks to Ms Park for all her hard work in preparing this seventh benefit concert as well as her very competent accompaniment of the soloists. The 2016 concert will send \$1,400 to the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

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## AROUND THE PARISH

by Gil Vatter

### **GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH**

1. Happy birthday to *Shirley Jackson, Diane Mathisen, Rachel Mathisen and Maggie Harris* (John and Debbie Blackburn's granddaughter).

2. Speaking of *Maggie Harris* (Joan and Bob Horlacher's great granddaughter), she broke her right arm while playing soccer. How's that for a birthday present.

Ole - "Sometimes I wake up grumpy. Other times I let her sleep."

3. *Bob Stetz* continues rehab on his repaired hip.

4. For the first five months of this year, Good Shepherd is averaging 150 cans of food per month for the Bayshore Lunch Program.

I've learned that what a child learns at home and in church lasts the rest of his life. (Bill Wehrli)

5. *Bella Miller* got a new dog from the Animal Shelter. His name is "Buddy" and he is a pure bred "mutt".

6. The new altar candles were donated by the *Jackson Family* in memory of *Larry*.

*Give me ambiguity or give me something else.*

7. Congratulations and best wishes to *Becky Bartlett* who gave birth to a baby girl, *Lilah Scott Nichols* on Friday May 27 in San Francisco. Grandma *Maureen* recently spent Mothers Day with Becky (just about two weeks too early).

8. *Dora and Keith Howard* enjoyed a second honeymoon as they celebrated their wedding anniversary in Los Cabos, Mexico in late April.

I bought myself a vacuum cleaner six months ago and, so far, all it's been doing is gathering dust. (Bill Theune)

9. *Karen and Dave Rajala* made another trip to visit daughter Anne in Australia. They expect to stay for at least three weeks.

10. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd derby to *Miae Park* for raising \$1,480 for the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties from her 7th annual Spring Concert on Sunday May 15

Ole says that Lena will buy anything that's marked down. Last week she bought an escalator.

11. *Bob Horlacher* had a repair job done in early May, recovered at home and was back in church on May 22.

12. Congratulations to *Sue and Dick Alberti* who took a Caribbean cruise in May to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.

13. Poor *Janice Kraus*, just as she was recovering from a broken right heel, she fell again and broke her left knee cap. Hang in there Janice.

14. *Bella Miller* sang a solo in a vocal recital at St. Peter's Church, in Freehold on Sunday May 22.

Did you hear about the man who crossed a parrot with a centipede? He got a walkie-talkie.

15. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd fez to *Nancy Fitch* for collecting "cleaning and personal care" items for the COG Calico Cat Evening Food Pantry for the month of June. and thanks to everyone who brought all these things to church for the Pantry.

16. On Sunday May 29, the congregation celebrated the Affirmation of Baptism of *Michael Antonacci* with a special ceremony during the communion service. Michael also served as communion assistant for the service. Congrats Michael.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

During May, food for the hungry was a focus of Good Shepherd's Creation Care Committee. On May 5<sup>th</sup> 11 members of Good Shepherd participated in a tour of the Monmouth and Ocean County (MOC) FoodBank.



Thanks to Mia Park's wonderful benefit concert on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> a contribution of \$1,480 will be made to this same food bank.

On our tour we learned that \$0.96 of every \$ contributed is used to support the FoodBank's programs and that a \$1 donation can provide 3 meals. The low overhead to run this organization is due in part to the many FoodBank volunteers.

Our guide pointed out that the hungry in a suburban setting are often not visible but they are there!! One in every 10 people in Monmouth and Ocean Counties receive "emergency" food from the FoodBank's network of pantries, soup kitchens and other agencies. Together, they have provided more than 10 million meals to people in need. COG's Calico Cat Food Pantry uses the FoodBank as one of its resources.

Hunger in Monmouth and Ocean Counties is no longer a crisis that can be remedied with emergency food alone. That's why the FoodBank works toward long-term solutions to the chronic problem of food insecurity through programs and services like their Culinary Training Program, outreach programs such as SNAP, affordable healthcare and free tax assistance, and nutrition education.

On Good Shepherd's tour of the MOC FoodBank nutrition was stressed. To make nutritious food contributions to food pantries and kitchens the USDA provides the following suggestions:

When buying canned fruits look for ones in water or 100% juice. Consider buying dried fruits for snacks.

When buying canned vegetables or vegetable soups look for ones labeled "low sodium", reduced sodium" or "no salt added".

Good sources of fiber contain 10% to 19% of daily value; excellent sources contain 20% or more. Choose products that name a wholegrain ingredient FIRST on the list.. Look for "whole wheat", "brown rice," "bulgur," "buckwheat," "oatmeal," "whole-grain cornmeal," "whole oats," "whole rye," or "wild rice."

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**THOSE WERE THE DAYS**

by Gil Vatter

December 25, 1966 - Good Shepherd holds first Holy Communion service.

May 23, 1967 - Good Shepherd officially received into the New Jersey Synod at Synod convention in Ocean City.

December 1974 - The congregation agreed to open its facilities to the Early Intervention Program, which aids children with birth defects, for 18 months.

April 25, 1982 - A reception for Choirmaster Dennis Duda, who has served the church for over five years, was held following the communion service.

January 1, 1988 - Good Shepherd officially became a part of the newly formed Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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**Scholarship Update from Pat Miller.**

As announced in last month's Voice, we have instituted the Good Shepherd Youth Recognition Scholarship program. The Good Shepherd Memorial Fund provides the funds to award a \$500 one-time scholarship to qualified students who will be enrolled as an undergraduate in an accredited 2- or 4-year educational institution in the coming year. Requirements for an award are that candidates must be actively involved in the worship, fellowship, or service life of Good Shepherd prior to leaving for college. It is recommended that the candidate demonstrate that he or she has performed at least 20 hours of volunteer activity, either at Good Shepherd or at another charitable institution.

This year we are happy to announce that there are four students who fulfill these requirements. They are Julia Blackburn, Abigail Miller, CJ Miller, and Mack Scott. They will be presented their awards at a ceremony during the 10:00 worship service on Sunday, June 12. They have been invited to attend that day along with their families and friends. This is also the date of the end of Sunday School year, so we hope that there will be many faces in attendance to witness this honor.

Since this is the first year of the scholarship program, we opened it to all Good Shepherd college students. Next year and beyond, it will be directed toward high school seniors who will be attending college or technical school in the fall. Applications are due by May 15 of each year.

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**A FEW NOTES FROM THE CHOIR**

by Gil Vatter

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.

Choir Anthems

- May 1 - "Rejoice in the Lord Always" - Henry Purcell
- May 8 - "We Are One Lord" - Stan Pethel
- May 15 - "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" - William Dawson
- May 22 - "Psalm 117 - Laudate Dominum" - W. A. Mozart

Organ Postludes

- May 1 - "Toccatto For A Celebration" - G. Clarke
- May 8 - "Celebration For Trumpet" - P. Thygerson
- May 15 - "Triumpal Chorsu" - R. Martin
- May 22 - "Praise Him With Trumpets" - R. Blake
- May 29 - "The Joyous Heart" - G. Peterson

Sunday May 22 was the final appearance of the Good Shepherd Choir for the 2015 - 2016 season. During the past season, the choir led 37 services and presented 37 anthems at those services. The choir thanks Miae Park for her leadership and looks forward to the 2016 - 2017 season, beginning in September. .

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**Proposal for 'Pink House' and subsequent property usage** from Pastor Pete

After touring the building on Property Day a few weeks ago, it seems to me that there is absolutely no reason why we should continue to keep or try to maintain the Pink House. I realize that, in its hay day it served many good purposes for the church, but that is no longer the case. Today it is beyond repair and possible use, not to mention that it could potentially be a danger or hazard. I can imagine problems like kids entering and getting hurt, or a fire occurring which could threaten our church building, etc., etc. The building also has become sort of an eye-sore that is located right next to our lovely church. It does not enhance our hopes of attracting others to Good Shepherd when what appears to be our church house is in such disrepair. In other words ...the pink house is "bad P.R.."

Last, but not least ....we have what is otherwise a beautiful property that is not being used to its potential. To remove the house will enable us to better utilize the rest of our land.

So here is the proposal -

1. Raze the building and remove all debris to make a level property. (*Looking on-line, the cost seems to be about \$10,000 including fees.*)
2. Create an outdoor garden/worship area by doing these things:
  - a. Landscape with a few small attractive trees and shrubs.
  - b. Purchase a permanent heavy stone altar to be set up there.
  - c. Install permanent weather-proof benches and paving stones.(*Cost of landscape, altar, and deck seats could be about \$20,000?*)
3. Publicly promote an outdoor summer worship to begin in June 2017 to be held in place of regular church building worship up until Labor Day. Details and hopeful results of that are as follows:
  - a. We will need to invite and advertise to the local community the opportunity to commune with God in the midst of the beauty of God's creation.
  - b. Our great location on the corner enables this to be a visible sign of church to those who are possibly seeking a place to worship.
  - c. An outdoor worship space will create a welcome environment that is more relaxed and inviting to visitors vs. the anxiety people often feel when visiting a new church.
  - d. By offering a more casual and even contemporary type of worship service it will be easier for and more appealing to potential visitors and especially the younger generations to come join with us.
  - e. This may also prompt some of those new worshippers to continue and come to worship inside the church with us the rest of the year.
  - f. And, we will be creating a 'niche' ministry which nobody else offers, and thus will be unique to Good Shepherd.

- g. Last, but not least, ...even if no one new comes, we will broaden our own worship experience for members both young and old.

Potential problems or issues I can foresee:

- \*Noise interference for us from traffic, but that should be minimal.
- \*If we get large enough crowds, a sound system might be needed.
- \*Bugs or bees, but no flowers in landscape will help avoid that.
- \*Heat/humidity; however in early morning that ought not be minimal.
- \*Rainy days; we will simply worship inside.

Are we willing to consider some or all of these ideas as a way to help Good Shepherd be innovative and move forward in years to come?

Please relay your thoughts or suggestions to members of Council either personally or via emails.

Thank you.  
Pastor Pete

# June 2016

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