

The Voice of the Good Shepherd

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

Message from the Pastor

I think the season of Fall is my favorite time of the year. I've always loved the beauty of leaves as they turn colors and the smell of them after they've dropped from the trees. And fall is the start of school; never one of favorite things but a time for new starts or new chances for many. Of course, fall ushers in hockey and football season and the baseball playoffs including the World Series (Go Cubs!) Fall is also a sort of kick off time in churches after the summer months when many are away on vacation or just busy with other things. And the fall always meant to me a time to start having fires in the fireplace and bundling up again in jeans and warm and cozy clothes, like flannel shirts.

Lots of people prefer spring, which I like too. But if the seasons are like a reflection of life, fall is where many of us find ourselves. A time when the heyday of adolescent spring and youthful summer days are past as the prospect of winter and the end of our year lies ahead. Sometimes, this is when faith becomes even more important to us. Of course, we do not wait to embrace faith until the very end of things, but we might do so more at that time due to anticipating the ending that is drawing closer. In the 'fall of our lives' we tend to pause a bit more, like on an autumn day, to reflect on the beauty of days past, but also on the changing and diminishing aspect of our days, and the greater need for the warmth of love. It seems that, as we grow older, the warmth of a smile, a cozy sense of having an understanding person we can turn to, and the certainty of being loved tend to be valued more in the cold world we live in.

While some have a person or persons like that, all of us can be warmed up by the love of God we have through Jesus Christ. Those gifts are no more present later in life than they were throughout our entire lives. From Baptism until our last breath, God gives us all those things. The warmth of his smile upon us, the sense of his love when we need to know that, and an assurance that we can go to the Father, who will understand our needs, anytime we want or have to. But maybe especially in the fall of our lives, this comfort begins to get more real, as does the awareness that we need to know its there and can rely upon it whenever we want it.

So enjoy fall and embrace the joys that it brings, even as the weather turns a bit colder. But remember that there is comfort and warmth in the certainty that, once our full year runs its course, we will start out new again..... within that total warmth of God.

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WORSHIP at the WILLOWS - Just a reminder to all that, starting on Sunday, October 9th, we will be leading an abbreviated but meaningful worship service at the Willows Assisted Living located just down the street from the Bayshore Hospital. Those of us helping to lead worship will meet there at about 12:45 for a 1PM service with Holy Communion. You can come and just take part, or, if you'd like to help out there no obligation to do so every month. We plan to lead worship for the folks there the second Sunday of each month. For any questions, see Germaine Scarborough or Pastor

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AROUND THE PARISH

by Gil Vatter

GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

1. Sunday morning September 4 dawned cool, sunny and beautiful despite all the weather folks threatening us with wind, rain and flooding from Hurricane Hermine. We were lucky.

2. *Debby and Pastor Pete* spent two weeks, September 8 to 22, in Italy for their first visit to the home of Julius Caesar. They visited the Pantheon, the Sistine Chapel, the Circus Maximus, the statue of David, Sorrento, Capri and lots and lots of other landmarks and even saw and heard Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square. What a trip, but, we're glad you're home.

I've learned that there's nothing better on a rainy day than soup, television and a nap on the couch. (Bill Wehrli)

3. Happy birthday to *Dick Alberti (74)*, *Bunny Kuhl*, *John Haher (96)*, *Kirsten Mathisen*, *Kurt Mathisen* and your faithful correspondent who celebrates on the 10th.

4. Happy 62nd wedding anniversary to *Joan and Bob Horlacher*. Have many more.

We should all aspire to inspire before we expire.

5. The "Sponsors" for the **Bayshore Lunch Program** have provided more than \$2,100 to help support the Keyport kitchen.

6. The congregation has sent over 1,220 cans of food to the **Bayshore Lunch Program** through August.

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water. (Bill Theune)

7. During Pastor Pete's absence, we welcomed *former Pastor Jack Elstad and Ruth* (on September 11) and *Pastor Rachel Semovoski* (on September 18).

8. *Pastor Pete* illustrated his inspirational sermon of September 4, "There is a Cost to Follow Christ", by giving a photo of social advocate **Annalena Tonelli** to everyone in the Labor Day weekend congregation.

Christopher Columbus was the world's greatest politician. He didn't know where he was going, he went on borrowed money and he didn't know where he was when he got there.

9. *The Ladies Luncheon Group* met on Friday September 16 at Houlihan's Restaurant in Holmdel. The October lunch will take place at Huddy's Restaurant on Friday October 21. All women in the congregation are welcome.

10. The cast from *Trudy Miller's* right hand has been removed and her rehab has been completed. Just as good as new!!!!

A kangaroo enters a bar and puts down a \$20 bill.
The bartender gives him \$1 in change and says, "Don't see many kangaroos in here."
"At these prices", says the kangaroo, "I'm not surprised."

11. It seemed like "old times" when *Ruth and Pastor Jack Elstad* spent Sunday morning September 11 at Good Shepherd, as Pastor Jack subbed for Pastor Pete. Pastor Elstad provided a very moving testimony to the 2001 September 11th attack on the World Trade Center.

12. Congratulations to *Rachel and Captain Mike Fink* who confirmed their marriage vows on September 24. Best wishes for your future life together.

If you are ever attacked by a mob of clowns, go for the Juggler.

13. Hats off to *Summer Howard*, the Lay Reader on Sunday September 18. What a fine job she does.

14. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd boater to all those who prepared for and served at the Annual Picnic on Sunday August 25. A good time was had by all.

Remember, my friends, no matter how much you push the envelope, it's still stationary.

15. Choir rehearsal is every Thursday evening at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to sing.

16. If you are not a registered voter in New Jersey, now is the time to register to be eligible for the November election.. Do it today.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

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Minutes for Council Meeting, June 13, 2016 - 7:00PM

- Members Attending: John Crump (Treas), John Dall (Sec), Stephanie Dall (Vice Pres), Bob Horlacher , Andy Mathisen (Pres), Pastor Pete & Germaine Scarborough.
- Congregation Members are invited to participate, or simply observe – Steve Miller and Mike Carp attended.

Andy Mathisen opened the meeting

Devotions - Pastor Pete – **Mentioned Isaiah Chpt 2 in relation to the recent shooting in the club in Orlando “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning shears“. Also mentioned Corinthians, “who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”**

Approved June 13 Agenda - GS motioned & SD seconded

Approved May 9 Minutes - GS motioned & SD seconded

Approved May 30, 2016 Treas report (Stephanie Dall) “In better shape than 2015 – JD motioned & AM seconded

Pastor's report - Pastor Pete – **Attended Miae’s concert, took Pat Dunn to lunch, honored Michael Antonacci, met to go over scholarships and visited those in senior home facilities.**

Creation Care Environmental – Germaine Scarborough – **Supporting Steve Miller’s solar panel initiative.**

Social Ministry – Germaine Scarborough – **1,400 items to the foodbank, GS and son Mack and the Vatters are going to visit Calico Cat and letters have been going out to the sick.**

Evangelism - Germaine Scarborough – **nothing in addition to Mia’s concert to report. SD signed on for Holy Trinity service visit.**

Property - John Dall – **Seeking a quote to replace some/all railroad ties.**

Christian Education - Andy Mathisen – **good year for children’s attendance, 5 confirmation signups for 1st Sunday of month.**

Finance & Stewardship – John Crump, Stephanie Dall – **Pastor will provide a contact at Synod for stewardship guidance.**

Worship and Music - Bob Horlacher – **substitutions for Miae’s vacation will be Pat Miller on July 3rd and Joyce Spadoro on June 26th. Acolytes are doing well. JD to draft a 1 page usher instruction.**

RECENTLY RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS: Andy Mathisen, President – **None were reviewed.**

OLD BUSINESS

- 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 24th.

NEW BUSINESS

- Steve Miller to present further updates on the solar panel initiative – **We need an architectural load assessment which Steve will coordinate. Council approved up to \$500 expense.**
- Germaine to present request from Nancy Fitch as per email Nancy 's email - "It would be nice if the council would agree at this meeting to make a contribution for COG’s back to school effort in Aug and early Sept. We have done that the past couple years (think \$500) since we request the contributions from the congregation for the June items and hopefully will make a contribution request to the congregation for Christmas." – **GS motioned & AM seconded.**

- Pastor Pete/All – report back on feedback to the Pink House proposal. JD “All feedback positive and I will check with the township zoning to see what approvals are required”.

MEETING ADJOURNED with Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting will be in August on the 29th and this will be the last meeting for the summer.

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Minutes for Council Meeting, August 29, 2016 - 7:00PM

- Members attending: John Crump (Treas), John Dall (Sec), Stephanie Dall (Vice Pres), Pastor Pete & Germaine Scarborough.
- Congregation Members are invited to participate, or simply observe

Stephanie Dall called the meeting to order

Devotions - Pastor Pete – referenced psalm 119 65-72

Approve August 29th Agenda – GS motioned & JD seconded

Approve June 13 Minutes - motioned & JC seconded

Approve June 30, 2016 & July 31, 2016 Treas reports (Stephanie Dall) JD motioned & GS seconded

Pastor's report - Pastor Pete – purchased business cards, confirmation start 10/2 with the 1st 4 months to be at King of Kings, performed Elizabeth Neiman’s memorial on July 20. Joan Horlacher has been added to his visit list.

Committee’s Reporting

Outreach – Germaine Scarborough – \$75 was approved for crop walk advertisement to have Good Shepherd listed along with other sponsors on the event tee shirts.

Property - John Dall – Alarm system to be inspected Aug 30

Finance & Stewardship – John Crump, Stephanie Dall – Holmdel township requires an annual statement, we will use the same format as last year & will check with Steve Miller to see if there is another report that needs to be completed as well.

Worship and Music - Bob Horlacher – JD is writing up Usher instructions for any new ushers.

RECENTLY RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS: Andy Mathisen, President – None reviewed

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- Steve Miller to present further updates on the solar panel initiative – We need an architectural load assessment which Steve will coordinate. Council approved up to \$500 expense. Update – an additional \$450 was required and was approved for the study. We will see that further preparation costs are absorbed by the investors who will be profiting from the solar panels. *Steve Miller will give an update on the project at the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pastor Pete/All – Pink House project update. JC has agreed to seek bids. JD reports that after contacting Holmdel Township the only permit required is a building permit and no zoning approval is required.
- John/All - Landscape improvement suggestions. – Pastor will approach Ed’s landscaping to obtain a bid on general landscaping improvements to the property. He will also check with the landscaper used by the Little Chiefs.

- Germaine/All – Plan picnic. – Set for September 25th. Helpers are needed on Sept 23rd starting at 1pm to set up the tables and chairs.
- Pastor Pete - Willows Nursing home visit. – Hymnals will be printed in large type and an abridged bulletin will be provided. Pastor is meeting this coming Wed to decide on the date. The current thinking is that these service visits will be every month on the second Sunday starting in Oct. Communion will be offered.
- All – Christmas party date. December 11th has been set for the party.
- Pastor Pete – Planned time away. Pastor will be away September 7 thru the 22nd on vacation to Italy. 9/11 service will be performed by Pastor Jack and 9/18 by Pastor Rachel. On call for the 1st week will be Dean Brown.
- All – Bob Horlacher has submitted his resignation to attend to family health issues. The council accepted his resignation and wants to thank him for all his participation this year. We clearly understand and he will be greatly missed at the meetings and his cheery upbeat demeanor.

NOTICES:

1. Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence will have a reformation presentation in the fall and will also be running a trip to the holocaust museum. More information will be forthcoming.
2. Thrivent – will be participating in a Habitat for Humanity project in Freehold. There will be a meeting in September where more details will be provided.

MEETING ADJOURNED with Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting will be on Tuesday October 11, 2016.

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THOSE WERE THE DAYS

by Gil Vatter

April 28, 1972 - The fifth anniversary of Good Shepherd Church was celebrated with a dinner at the Shore Point Inn in Hazlet.

December 1977 - Following the annual meeting, Lois and Pastor George Frank were honored at a surprise reception marking the tenth anniversary of Pastor Frank's pastorate at Good Shepherd Church. Tributes included gifts and a "Book of Memories".

September 1986 - The choir loft and chancel areas were renovated, new carpeting was installed and new seats added as part of a worship enhancement program.

April 14, 1991 - The congregation voted to proceed with a new educational building which will provide class space for the Sunday School, day care facilities, fellowship space and a more elaborate dining and serving area.

February 1998 - Self-contained worship booklets were introduced, replacing service outline bulletins and the Lay Assistant's role was expanded.

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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.

Choir Anthems for September

Sunday September 11 - "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - R. W. Thygeson
 Sunday September 18 - "Here I Am, Lord" - Daniel Schutte
 Sunday September 25 - "Lord, You've Searched and Known Me" - Douglas Wagner

The Good Shepherd Choir rehearses every Thursday evening at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to sing.

The choir was reduced by an alto and a tenor when Ellen and Tom Tehve relocated to North Carolina in August.

October 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
				7:30 - Choir Practice		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10 - Service & Sunday School				7:30 - Choir Practice		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10 - Service & Sunday School 12:45 Worship at the Willows	7pm Council Mtg			7:30 - Choir Practice		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10 - Service & Sunday School		7:30- Compassionate Friends		7:30 - Choir Practice		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10 - Service & Sunday School				7:30 - Choir Practice		
30	31	NOTES				
10 - Service & Sunday School						