

The Voice of the Good Shepherd

November 2016

(our website good-shepherd.us)

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

Message from the Pastor

Pastor Pete was out this week (I heard in Chicago) so we do not have a formal message from him. But I think if he were here he would have said "GO CUBBIES!"

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NOTICE - There will be a property day on Saturday November 12th from 9:30am to 2:30 PM

There will be a wide range of maintenance work from basic to more skilled.

Everyone is encouraged to come out for an hour or more to lend a hand.

All tools and materials will be supplied. There will be refreshments and snacks as well

Thanks, John Dall

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AROUND THE PARISH

by Gil Vatter

GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

1. Our thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd derby to *Pastor Pete Hutchinson* as we mark the anniversary of his first year as our good shepherd on November 1. May there be many more anniversaries to celebrate.
2. Happy birthday to our former pastor *Jack Elstad*, *Pat Schmidt* (wife of former interim pastor Ed Schmidt) and *Bob Stetz*. We hope you all had a wonderful day.

I've learned that life is like a scooter car; not much happens unless you do some peddling. (Bill Wehrli)

3. In October, the congregation bid a fond farewell to longtime, active members *Elaine and Lou Medici*, who are moving to North Carolina. We will miss them.

Are you a BLP Sponsor?

4. Lois and former Pastor George Frank send their best wishes to everyone at Good Shepherd from Fort Meyers, Florida. Both are doing well.

Ole - "Waiter, I don't like the looks of this mackerel."

Waiter - "If you wanted looks, why didn't you order gold fish."

5. *Walter Kyle* was back in church after a few days in the hospital, but slipped and fell on a wet curb and hurt his knee a few days later. Hurry back, Walt.

6. Congratulations to *Debby and Pastor Pete* who became grandparents again with the arrival of grandson, Hugo in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Hugo weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces (gonna be a guard or a tackle for the Steelers). Debby and Pete have already driven to Western Pennsylvania to see the new arrival.

The word **aerobics** came about when the gym owners got together and said, "If we're going to charge \$30 an hour, we can't just call it jumping up and down."

7. HOORAY!!! There will be six, (count 'em) six young folks in Pastor Pete's confirmation class this season.

8. Over 50 people attended the first Good Shepherd service at the Willows on Sunday October 9.

Ole says, "You know it's going to be a bad day when your twin sister forgets your birthday". (Bob Stetz)

9. *Randi Stetz's* niece from Norway spent three weeks in Hazlet.

10. The congregation has sent more than 1,360 cans of food to the Bayshore Lunch Program through September. Way to go, gang !!!

Open letter - Dear Algebra, Please stop asking us to find your X. She's gone, she's never coming back and don't ask Y.

11. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd beret to all the youngsters who so faithfully serve as acolytes each Sunday: *Isabella Antonacci, Natalia Gracia, Katey Howard, Kolby Howard, Summer Howard, Bela Miller, Morgan Summey, Logan Wilgus and Tim Wilgus.* Great job, guys.

12. *Pat and Steve Miller* embarked on a river cruise from Bucharest to Budapest on Sunday October 30. Bon Voyage.

Music is what feelings sound like.

13. *Doreen and Glenn Hoffman* brought grandson *Patrick* to church on Sunday October 16.

14. *Summer Howard* did a super job as reader and communion assistant on Sunday October 16. She always does.

Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.(Bill Theune)

15. A new "Knitting Group" met for the first time on Tuesday October 10 at 1:30 at the church. For more details see *Karen Rajala.*

16. *Kim Wehrli and Mike Carp* led the Good Shepherd contingent in the annual Red Bank Crop Walk on Sunday October 16. They marched on behalf of local food banks and kitchens.

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. (Groucho Marx)

17. The *Mathisen* twins, *Kirsten and Kurt*, celebrated their 24th birthday (yes, I said 24th) together with family in Baltimore the week of October 9. Kurt was home from his studies in Heidelberg, Germany for the occasion.

18. *Becky Bartlett* and five month old daughter *Leila Nichols* visited grandma *Maureen* on a quick trip from San Francisco for a few days in October.

I was addicted to the Hokey Pokey but I turned myself around.

19. *Pastor Pete* greeted the congregation on Sunday October 23 wearing his Chicago Cubs baseball cap. As of this writing, Cleveland is leading in the Word Series 3 games to 2. Pastor Rachel Semovoski substituted for Pastor Pete on Sunday October 30 while he was in.....you guessed it.....Chicago.

20. *Bob Horlacher* is smiling a lot on Sunday mornings since the Penn State Nittany Lions beat Ohio State (and clobbered Purdue the following Saturday, I might add)..

If pride comes before a fall, humility should come by winter.

21. Parish secretary *Pat Dunn* has announced that she will be retiring at the end of the year. Now she can spend even more time with the twins.

22. We extend our sympathy to Elaine and Lou Medici on the death of their son. You are in our thoughts and prayers. And God will wipe away all tears

If you wear cowboy clothes, are you ranch dressing?

23. It must be fall - Bill Wherli is closing up his beach house at 3167 Ocean Road.

24. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd sombrero to *Joyce Lee*, violin and *David Kim*, cello who, with Minister of Music, Miae Park, presented the Prelude and Postlude and accompanied the choir anthem at the service on Sunday October 30. Your music was beautiful.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

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Minutes for Council Meeting, Tuesday October 11, 2016 - 7:00PM

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

Stephanie Dall opened the meeting

Devotions - Pastor Pete – Discussed from Luther’s catechism – 4th petition of the Lord’s Prayer “gives to all people” and just what would be included as “Daily Bread” was listed by Pastor.

Approve October 11 Agenda – SD motioned, GS seconded

Approve August 29 Minutes - SD motioned, JC seconded

Approve August 31, 2016 & September 30, 2016 Treas reports (Stephanie Dall) - JD motioned, GS seconded

Pastor's report - Pastor Pete – Confirmation classes started and went well (8 King of Kings & 6 Good Shepherd attendees).

Outreach reports - Germaine Scarborough – Creation Care – Mathisen’s, Kathy DaGiau and her friend John are taking the EPS collected to the Holmdel recycling program. Holmdel takes all the EPS to the same place that we were bringing our prior collections to.

Property - John Dall – We passed our recent health inspection, the Gas Company installed a new meter.

Christian Education - Andy Mathisen – submitted by email the following: “Sunday School has resumed this season, children are excited to be back in church. We are using the original curriculum used last year for lessons. Nice size confirmation group this year being directed by Pastor Pete.”

Finance & Stewardship – John Crump, Stephanie Dall – The balances in the Shop for a Cause (\$155) and Souper Bowl of Caring (\$130) accounts are being dispersed as follows: \$77.50 to Crop Walk, \$77.50 to Project Paul, \$45 to Bayshore Lunch Program, \$45 to COG and \$40 to Lunch Break.

Worship and Music – Andy Mathisen – submitted by email the following: “Some minor changes to the worship service this season, the choir is assisting with the music changes. Our choir lost 2 members this year with the Theve’s leaving church. Choir is still performing magnificently under the direction of Miae Park. We are looking forward to another year of performing. Altar Guild now has more participants which will lighten the load for all.”

RECENTLY RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS: Andy Mathisen, President – NA

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.
- Steve Miller to present further updates on the solar panel initiative – Steve presented the final two options to finance the solar panels. He also presented an alternative. After review of the options the council opted to go for the alternative which would allow the Good Shepherd to switch to green energy without having to take on the financial risk of entering into a long term agreement. The council voted to initiate a 2 year contract with “green” electrical supplier “Great Eastern Energy”. Steve will be writing an article for the voice which explains the options and the alternative in greater detail.
- John Crump – Pink House project update. – 1st estimate has been received and it will be compared to the second estimate which is expected shortly. Once reviewed the council will make a selection and present the proposal to the congregation for a vote to seek approval to move forward.
- Pastor Pete - Landscape improvement suggestions. – Pastor Pete met with two vendors and went over his ideas for landscaping improvements to enhance the street appeal of the church. He is still waiting on the bids. He has not heard from our regular lawn service provider and the second bidder said a quote will be sent shortly. Council will review the quotes and decide next steps.
- Pastor Pete - Willows Nursing home visit. – Service was well received. There were approximately 15 residents and a few staff in attendance. In addition, those attending from Good Shepherd were, Pastor Pete, Sue and Dick

Alberti, Stephanie Dall, Diane and Andy Mathisen, Germaine Scarborough and Harold Scott. Dick played the piano for the hymns. Pastor Pete will look to refine the handouts for the next service.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pastor Pete – St. Catherine request for use of parking lot (Sat Oct 22). - Council agreed to this request. At the suggestion by Germaine, John C will check with our insurance provider to see if there are any special waiver requests we should attain from St. Catherine for any future use of our parking lot to absolve Good Shepherd from liability.
- Pastor Pete – Parishioner request for Communion verification letter. - The council reviewed the supporting documentation and all agreed that a letter should be provided. Pastor Pete will draft and provide the verification letter.
- Stephanie Dall – Planning for future church secretary absence. - Stephanie will sit with Pat Dunn and run through what is required to be done when she is out.
- John Dall – update on Little Chief Aug 29 letter. - All repair requests have been addressed and Jo Ann Hicks reported back to the Pastor that she is satisfied with the work performed.

MEETING ADJOURNED with Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting will be on November 7th.

Minutes have been prepared by John Dall.

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FEED MY SHEEP

A condensation of the temple talk presented by Gil Vatter at the regular communion service of October 23, 2016 at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

Jesus said, "When I was hungry you gave me food, when thirsty, something to drink, when naked you clothed me, when ill you came to my aid, when in prison you visited me. Anything you did for my brothers, however humble, you did for me." He was not asking for an opinion, he was demanding that his listeners care for all those who needed help. They were to indeed be their brothers keepers. Hunger was a constant fact of life 2000 years ago in Israel and not much has changed since. There are still needy people in every corner of the Earth who desperately need the concern of others. The Christian Gospel demands our response.

Administered by the Social Ministry Committee, Good Shepherd Church has made a practice of giving away at least 10% of its income each year to a variety of organizations from the New Jersey Synod to local and regional groups. Each spring Miae Park produces a concert and Good Shepherd sends the proceeds to causes such as "100 Wells in Africa", Mosquito Netting against Malaria, the earthquake in Haiti, etc.. We have supported the Community Outreach Group, Lunch Break, Love, INC, Project Paul, the Red Bank Crop Walk, the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, the Bayshore Lunch Program and others.

Today I want to focus on the "Sponsors Project" of the Bayshore Lunch Program. We have sent approximately 13,000 cans of food and lots of dry food to the kitchen in Keyport. Actually, Good Shepherd has supplied almost all the vegetables served each day by BLP volunteers for the past year or so. In addition we have given them almost \$20,000 to purchase meat, fish and fresh vegetables through the Sponsors Project to help provide a daily, hot, nutritious meal for our hungry neighbors in northern Monmouth County.

Today we begin to assemble the new list of "Sponsors" for 2017. If you are able, sign up today. You will be assigned one month next year during which you are asked to send a check for at least \$75 to BLP. You will receive a memo in the mail with directions how, where and when to send your check. It costs BLP about \$75 to prepare a meal for 50 to 70 persons at the kitchen. The need is great, the need seems to constantly grow and the local kitchens are finding it more and more difficult to meet the demand.

An NFL coach said in a recent TV interview, "Our philosophy is, we can always do better." I like what he said and, perhaps, we should consider it for our motto as so many social problems continue to challenge us.

NOTE: The entire text is available on Good Shepherd's web site under Sermons - Sunday October 23.

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SWITCH TO A LOWER COST "GREEN" ELECTRICAL SUPPLIER (one of many ways YOU can help the environment)

THE MESSAGE: Good Shepherd members are encouraged to both REDUCE their electric bill, and at the same time help move the world toward sustainable energy.

Follow the lead of Good Shepherd, which made the change in electric supplier. Join several current and former council members who have similarly changed electric supplier

Saving is satisfying, but I feel GREAT, using 100% renewable electrical energy in my house. This is one of my contributions to slow the effects of climate change.

I encourage all congregation members to do likewise.

HOW? On-line signup takes only minutes. With your latest electric bill in hand, fill out the form at <http://www.greasternenergy.com>

Enter your choice of 1 or 2 year contract.

Enter the word GREEN in the promo box to save a bit more.

THE STORY: This spring, Good Shepherd's Creation Care environmental committee asked me to propose solar panels for Good Shepherd. This would:

- reduce electricity costs
- eliminate emissions for the electrical power which would otherwise be generated by traditional power plants
- set an example for congregation and church visitors (visible panels on rooftop)

Good Shepherd received bids from 3 solar vendors (lowest was \$56.5K), who proposed several ways to finance. Regrettably for Good Shepherd, the lowest cost, by far, can only be achieved by federal and state income tax-payers. A church (non-profit) cannot use the hefty tax breaks.

I ALSO proposed an alternative – a “green” electrical power vendor licensed by NJ to use JCP&L to deliver the “Sustainable” electricity to Good Shepherd. This alternative would:

- reduce electricity costs
- reduce or eliminate carbon emissions
- set an example for congregation and church visitors (poster displays and signs on windows and certificate on wall)

After deliberating, the Good Shepherd Council voted to sign a 2 year contract for electricity from Great Eastern Energy, the lowest cost of 12 “green” providers licensed in NJ.

This will save Good Shepherd (a "business/commercial" customer) 1 to 2 cents/kwh – over \$400 savings/year
I applaud the council for this decision

After Good Shepherd set the example, I joined several congregation members in signing for green electricity – and I expect to save ~1 cent/kwh (as a residential customer). I lament that the more profitable solar panels were not possible on my completely tree-shaded house. Switching electric suppliers was my quick & easy alternative.

FURTHER INFO: Watch for Narthex exhibits, by the Creation Care committee, to show multiple opportunities to move our lives toward a sustainable future.

Steve Miller

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THOSE WERE THE DAYS

by Gil Vatter

1. November 11, 1967 - Closing was held on the church parsonage located at 62 Nedshire Drive in Middletown.
 2. December 1979 - The stewardship program enabled the church to increase the budget by 1/3 and made it possible to continue with the building program. The year also showed significant growth in membership.
 3. September 12, 1982 - Deborah Mayhew began her tenure as organist and choir director.
 4. At the December 1994 annual meeting, Pastor George Frank announced that 1995 would be his final year as Pastor of Good Shepherd Church.
 5. December 2007 - Final meal preparation at St. Mark's kitchen by volunteers from Good Shepherd. St. Mark's "Sponsors Project" organized.
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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 October

- Sunday October 2 - "How Firm A Foundation" - Dale Wood
 - Sunday October 9 - "Give Thanks and Praise to God" - Franz Schubert
 - Sunday October 16 - "Think On These Things" - R. E. Schram
 - Sunday October 23 - "To God Be Joyous" - W. A. Mozart
 - Sunday October 30 - "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" - C. Courtney
- Violin - Joyce Lee
Cello - David Lee

Organ Postludes for October

- Sunday October 2 - "Andante Mosso" - Felix Menelssohn
- Sunday October 9 - "Postlude" - R. Zientarski
- Sunday October 16 - "Maestoso" - J. Pilard
- Sunday October 23 - "Voluntary" - F. Greene
- Sunday October 30 - "Wondrous Grace" - J. McGranahan

Violin - Joyce Lee
Cello - David Lee

The choir thanks Joyce and David Lee for accompanying the offering music on Sunday October 30.

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A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human, because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small. The little girl had stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I go to heaven, I will ask Jonah." Then the teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" To which the little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

November 2016

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 & Sunday School				7:30 - Choir Practice		9:30 - 2:30 Property Work Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10 - Service & Sunday School 12:45 Worship at the Willows	7pm Council Mtg	7:30- Compassionate Friends		7:30 - Choir Practice	12:30 Ladies Luncheon	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10 - Service & Sunday School				THANKSGIVING DAY		
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
10 - Service & Sunday School						