

Church of the Good Shepherd

January 2011 Newsletter

Dear friends in Christ,

What a glorious Christmas! I was thrilled with all the work that everyone put into the decorations so we could have such a stunning setting to worship the birth of our Lord. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I was doubly pleased that Fr. John Munson and his wife would give up being in their home territory so we would be able to have a full communion service, especially as this was Andrea's first communion.

Thanks go to all those who ran the extra errands while I was banned to BRMC. There seems to be a never ending list of things to do, and the willingness of folks to step up and dig in was a tribute to the spirit of the Flock. Thanks also to all those who have shown concern during this time. It was made a bit more complicated as we had several issues that needed to be resolved. I know a number of you wanted to visit, but this was one of those times when your prayers brought more strength than coming by. Sometimes you just need raw repair time.

Several items need a quick notice:

- 1) Lynda Thomas is turning over her duties as head of the Altar Guild. She has gracefully trained and guided more priests in the care and nurture of the guild than many a seminary. God has blessed us with her service, and she will continue to work with the Guild. Susan Bradley will be holding down the post until someone realizes that they are called to continue this work for the glory of the Lord. Think about it and pray about this position.
- 2) Melissa is finally going to be able to move into her new house! This should take place in the first week of January. That means that there is a gap in the weekly process of preparation for Sunday service. Bulletins need to be put together, cards mailed and birthday cards to be arranged. The job is not difficult but it takes dedication to keep the work going week after week. Some computer skill will go a long way.

Vestry will meet briefly on the 9th and will have a follow up to go over the last details of the budget before our annual parish meeting. The meeting will be on the 30th so there is no conflict with the game on the 6th. Please consider being a vestry member and make yourself known. No, lack of experience is not an excuse. We also need our representatives for the convention. If you are interested, let me know.

I will be on retreat the week of 24th. Soup and Scriptures are planned for the 10th.

Blessings for an enriching Epiphany.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea" followed by a small cross symbol.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist – *Nave*
 11:15 a.m. Refreshments – *Parish Hall*
 Following Church School

Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew Service - *Nave*
 followed by Breakfast – *Parish Hall*
 (All men and boys are invited)
 5:15 p.m. Simple Said Service - *Nave*

Monday

12:10-12:50 Soup and Scriptures – *Parish Hall*

Nursery care available on Sunday mornings

Schedules for January

Chalice/Readers:

2	Joe Tom Childs
9	Kathy & Jeff Marugg
16	Harry Thomas
23	Ann & Bob Beadel
30	Joe Tom Childs, Kit Timmins

Acolytes & Candles:

2	Sara Byrd, Robert Orr
9	Bettis Morelock, Trey Glasscock, Tara Glasscock
16	Sara Byrd, Robert Orr
23	Bettis Morelock, Trey Glasscock, Tara Glasscock
30	Sara Byrd, Robert Orr

Altar Guild: Nancy Jackson
 Nesa Morelock

Meals on Wheels: Week of February 14-18
 Contact Susan or Kit Timmins

Greeter:

WOC Hostesses: Debbie Childs and Laura Heinrich

Celebrating January Birthdays and Anniversaries

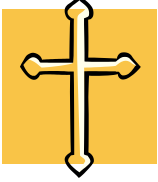
5 – Zac Browder
 16 – Kathy Marugg
 21 – Lisa Healer Jaso
 27 – Maryann Fletcher
 29 – Chloe Adamez
 31 – Nesa Morelock

9 – The Smiths

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, it is not included in the parish roster. Please contact Betty Broome at bbroome@hputx.edu to provide your family's information!



Holy Days in January



1	The Most Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ
6	The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Gentiles
9	The Baptism of our Lord
18	The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle
25	The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle



Vestry Members

Next Vestry Meeting is January 9. Give input to your vestry members concerning your wishes, suggestions, or questions about our Parish. Have you thought about becoming a Vestry member?

Melissa Alward
Jose Brown
Michael Heinrich
Al King

Bonnie Dillard, **Treasurer**
Cooper Morelock
Pam Rider

Clois Broome
Robert McDaniel
Peggy Ross
Jay Timmins

FOR YOUR INFORMATION - THIS IS A PARTIAL LISTING OF VESTRY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A vestry is a group of church members that is responsible for governing a local parish within the Episcopal or Anglican communion. The vestry is elected by the congregation to oversee all temporal aspects of the congregation such as property maintenance, budgets, and educational programming.
- One of the vestry's prime responsibilities is overseeing the church property. This includes building and law maintenance, insurance requirements, plus office supplies and utilities.
- It is the duty of the vestry to maintain a church budget each year. The vestry will meet to determine the financial responsibilities of the church and how these funds can be raised. The vestry makes sure that all salaries and bills are paid in a timely fashion, and oversees the auditing of the parish's financial affairs.
- The vestry will elect its own officers, including a senior and junior warden, secretary, treasurer and any other positions as outlined in the church's bylaws. The vestry also determines what leadership positions need to be filled in the congregation and to schedule a date for those elections. It also works with the local diocese in the appointment of rectors, vicars, or other clergy.

Prayer Web

A group of women have committed to pray on a daily basis for the needs of parishioners and friends. Requests are delivered to e-mail addresses or by phone. *Please call any one of the following to request prayer for a special need:*

Stephanie Adamez	Susan Bradley	Sue Byrd	Kit Timmins	Lynda Thomas
Melissa Alward	Betty Broome	Margaret Clayton	Susan Timmins	Mary Jo Turner
		Deborah Childs		



Excerpt from **Forward Day by Day, Friday, January 7** - We are the servants: the church is a society of servants. We're to serve the guests at God's party – all the guests, whether we would have invited them ourselves or not. God gives the wine in his presence through us. He runs his household through us. He feeds his hungry guests through our hands.

Women of the Church

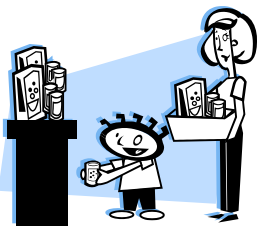
Happy New Year to you all. Our first meeting of the year will be Tuesday, January 11, service at 11:30 a.m., lunch and short meeting at 12 Noon. We will discuss our plans and goals for 2011. Thanks to our outgoing officers, Martha McDaniel, Babbie Painter and Nancy Jackson for a very busy and productive 2010. We welcome the services of Olene Hart, Secretary, Susan Bradley, Treasurer and Anna Stone, President Elect as we come together for fellowship, outreach and spiritual renewal in 2011.

Bonnie

Beautification Days

Beautification days are the third Saturdays of the months. On January 15 help us get the last of the Christmas decorations stored away and the property tidied up. There is something for everybody to do. Refreshments are always available to wet your "whistle while you work." No list to sign, just show up and be ready to enjoy the company of friends!

Food Pantry Items Needed



Collection of non-perishables food items is on going for the needy families of our community. The items are taken to the food pantry monthly after the Women of the Church meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. Winter is here! May we always be mindful of the needs of the less fortunate in our midst.

Updates on Projects

- ❖ Thanks to those who helped with the greening of the church this year. Under the supervision and design of Debbie Childs and Sue Byrd, workers completed a beautiful job with love and consideration. It brought extra meaning to our services. The poinsettias have been removed from the nave and are available in the Parish Hall (next to the sign-up sheets) to anyone who would like to take them home.
- ❖ The Women of the Church met at the Dillard's home in December and were treated to not only a fabulous meal provided by the WOC officers, but also enjoyed visiting and viewing the lovely decorated home of Bonnie and Don.
- ❖ The annual caroling was cancelled this year due to a lack of participation. Hopefully next year the wonderful tradition can be resumed.
- ❖ No coats were received during the December coat drive. It is not too late to go through your closets and donate warm coats to those who have none.
- ❖ The 2011 Parish Yearbook will go to print soon. If you would like a new picture to appear in the directory, please contact Betty Broome. If you have a suitable picture to submit rather than having your picture taken at the church - *that will work!* Please take the time to go to the Parish Hall and sign up for participation in the church events. Your assistance is needed. If you have never served as a meal or refreshment host/hostesses, pair up with someone who has already signed up!

Food for Thought

LET IT GO
By T. D. Jakes

There are people who can walk away from you.
And hear me when I tell you this!
When people can walk away from you: let them walk.

I don't want you to try to talk another person into staying with you,
Loving you, calling you, caring about you, coming to see you, staying attached to you.
I mean hang up the phone.

When people can walk away from you, let them walk.
Your destiny is never tied to anybody that left.

People leave you because they are not joined to you.
And if they are not joined to you,
You can't make them stay.
Let them go.

And it doesn't mean that they are a bad person,
It just means that their part in the story is over
And you've got to know when people's
Part in your story is over so that you
Don't keep trying to raise the dead.

You've got to know when it's dead.
You've got to know when it's over.

Let me tell you something
I've got the gift of good-bye.
It's the tenth spiritual gift.
I believe in good-bye.

It's not that I'm hateful, it's that I'm faithful,
And I know whatever God means for me to have
He'll give it to me.
And if it takes too much sweat, I don't need it.
Stop begging people to stay.
Let them go!

If you are holding on to something
That doesn't belong to you and was never intended for your life,
Then you need to ...**LET IT GO!!!**

If you are holding on to past hurts and pains...**LET IT GO!!!**

If someone can't treat you right, love you back, and see your worth... **LET IT GO!!!**

If someone has angered you...**LET IT GO!!!**

If you are holding on to some thoughts of evil and revenge...**LET IT GO!!!**

If you are involved in a wrong relationship or addiction...**LET IT GO!!!**

If you are holding on to a job that no longer meets your needs or talents...**LET IT GO!!!**

If you have a bad attitude...**LET IT GO!!!**

If you keep judging others to make yourself feel better...**LET IT GO!!!**

If you're stuck in the past and God is trying to take you to a new level in Him...**LET IT GO!!!**

If you are struggling with the healing of a broken relationship...**LET IT GO!!!**

If you keep trying to help someone who won't even try to help themselves, **LET IT GO!!!**

If you're feeling depressed and stressed...**LET IT GO!!!**

If there is a particular situation that you are so used to handling yourself and God is saying "take your hands off of it", then you need to... **LET IT GO!!!**

Let the past be the past.

Forget the former things.

GOD is doing a new thing in 2011!!!

LET IT GO!!!

Get Right or Get Left...think about it, and then, LET IT GO!!!

"The Battle is the Lord's!"

