

Church of the Good Shepherd

SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

September 1, 2011

Dear Friends in Christ,

The school year has begun and many of our young people are off to another year of learning in places far and wide. Begin your month with a prayer for their studies to fill their lives with the riches an education affords. School is a great treasure, and we are stewards of all God's gifts. It is easy to overlook these great opportunities as something that is just part of life. It is a privilege brought to us by God's Grace. Give thanks. We live in a country that has freedoms unknown to most of the world. We can't afford to take these God-given freedoms for granted. Pray and pray hard.

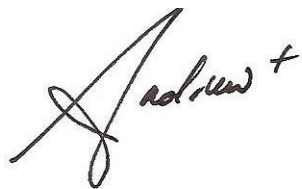
Preparations for the German Dinner are underway. All hands on deck. Not only do we have a wonderful event and dinner but we have an opportunity to show off our church. What we do and how we do it is the best way we can extend the love of God that we experience in our prayer lives. It's so much more than brats and umpah music, it's grace poured into our heart and shared with all of God's creation. Bonnie is putting together the details and will be getting us marching in unison. Let's get ready to shine for the Lord and cook for the masses.

As part of our overall stewardship, we are putting the plan together for our campaign this fall. The pony express bag system has served us well in the past and is up for a bit of a face lift. We will work a more express format that will keep us from losing the bags as they are in transit. It is hoped that this will give the vestry a more accurate look at what we can expect for the new year. Our continued good stewardship has paid dividends in keeping Good Shepherd running. Several modifications are paying dividends by reducing our operating costs. The more we are involved, the better we serve.

Please note that Susan and I will leave for South Carolina and Virginia after service on the 11th. We will be back the following week.

Pray for our students, those who are ill, and especially for rain.

Blessings,

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

Celebrating September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 4 Ashlyn Soto
Austin Soto
- 5 Sue Byrd
- 10 Sunny Gilkeyson
- 12 Leslie Reedy
- 13 Ann Beadel
Steve Browder
- 15 Bobbie Jo Sims
- 16 Elijah Salazar
- 17 Amber Kennedy
- 19 Allie Childs Booth
The Helberts
Al King
Kathy Paige
- 20 Jenna Soto
Martha McDaniel
- 22 The Bradleys
- 23 Pam Rider
- 26 James Orr, Jr.
- 27 Cherita Mae George
The Jasos
- 30 William Turner
The Copelands

Anniversary Prayer

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. Amen



4	Peggy and Bud Ross In thanksgiving for Shawna, Marnie, and Cliff
11	Bob Beadel In thanksgiving for Ann's birthday
18	For the Glory of God
25	Susan and Father Andrew Bradley In thanksgiving for their anniversary

Collection of non-perishable food items is ongoing for the needy families of our community. Please bring food items to the WOC meeting on September 13.

Refreshments after Service – Parish Hall

- 4 **Olene & Jose Brown**
- 11 **Merle & Frank Niemiec**
- 18 **Peggy & Bud Ross**
- 25 **Betty & Clois Broome**

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 of the following to request prayer for a special need:*

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



Vestry Members

The next Vestry Meeting is September 11. Give input concerning your wishes, suggestions, or questions about our Parish to your vestry members. Greeter for the month of September is Bonnie Dillard.

2009-2012	2010-2013	2011-2014
Jose Brown, Junior Warden	Clois Broome	Olene Hart-Brown
Bonnie Dillard, Secretary & Treasurer	Robert McDaniel	Frank Niemiec
Cooper Morelock	Peggy Ross	Babbie Painter
Mario Salazar	Jay Timmins, Senior Warden	Michael Schultz
Michael Heinrich		

Beautification Days



It's difficult to think of beautifying anything outside in this heat, but the grounds routinely need mowing and edging, hedges need trimming and weeds need pulling. Beautification days are the third Saturdays of the months. Due to the extreme heat early morning is the wisest time to be out. We'll plan to end our activities by midmorning. Our grounds give the first impression. Let's all pitch in.

Remember – if you have planted anything, be sure to keep the plants alive by watering them regularly. Surely this heat streak will break soon!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

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

Nursery care available on Sunday mornings

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday

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

Placing announcements in the newsletter – If you'd like to submit an announcement for the newsletter, the deadline is the 25th of each month. Your entry should be no longer than 60 words. The Rector reserves the right to edit prior to printing.

Holy Days in September

15 *Holy Cross Day*
 21 *St. Matthew*
 29 *St. Michael & All Angels*

September Schedule

Chalice/Readers:

4 Ann & Bob Beadel
11 Kit & Jay Timmins
18 Joe Tom Childs
25 Harry Thomas

Acolytes & Candles:

4 Sara Byrd
11 Robert Orr
18 Sara Byrd
25 Robert Orr

Meals on Wheels Week



September 12

Altar Guild: Nancy Jackson, Nesa Morelock

Women of the Church Luncheon Hostesses: Betty Broome, Joyce Harrison

Liturgy and Lunch

Starting September 26 and on Mondays following Father Bradley will give insight to the next Sunday's readings. Bring a brown bag lunch for the first session and join us as we get a closer look into the scriptures and discuss the upcoming lessons. The Bible and several reference books are used to broaden our thought processes as we hear the Word.



Kathy and Jeff Marugg for the generous donation of a CD church clip art library that will be used in our monthly newsletters. We think pictures enhance the pages and hope you will enjoy the new look.

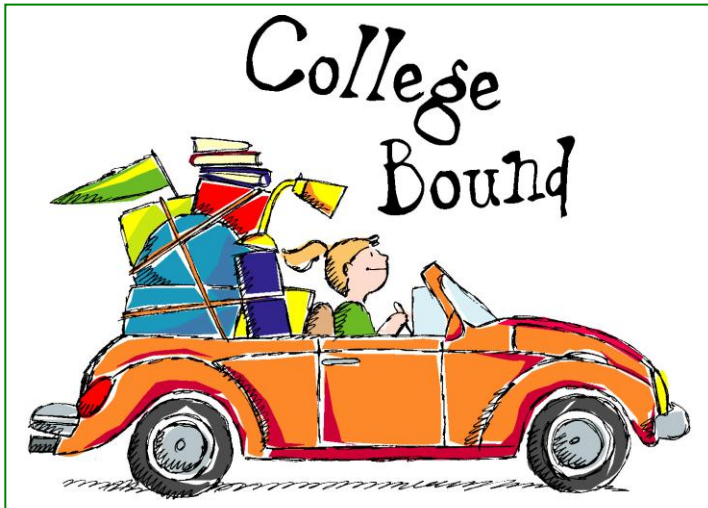
Women of the Church

Dear Ladies of Good Shepherd,

I hope you have all had a wonderful, restful summer and are now ready to get back to work for our beloved church. Our first meeting this fall is Tuesday, September 13 when we will be talking about the German Dinner. I am so grateful to those who have already offered their help with this huge, growing project that we are undertaking once again in October, the 20th. It's amazing to me that our small church comes together to serve our community with such talent, grace and great German food! There is a job for each and every church member (man, woman and child) who would like to be involved in this important project as the proceeds serve as our annual outreach funding. Tickets will be available at this meeting. Joyce Harrison and Betty Broome will be your hostesses and we hope to see you there....11:30 for Worship and 12:00 Lunch and Meeting.

Bonnie Dillard, President WOC

College Bound



Roy Byrd

Morgan Dodson

Terrell Morelock

Brandon Beadel

Shelby Byrd

Bettis Morelock

Cooper Morelock

Zac Browder

Will Baird

*Look for updates on our
university students in future issues.*

Remembering 9-11

Community Announcement

The HPU School of Music and Fine Arts will have a 9/11 memorial program entitled "Remembering 9/11: A Decade Later" on Sunday, September 11 at Mims Auditorium, 3:00 p.m. Public is invited.



Prayer for Rain

O God, heavenly Father, who by *thy* Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek *thy* kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we entreat *thee*, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to *thy* honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GERMAN DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Contact Bonnie Dillard



*Anyone interested in taking the
handgun safety course is encouraged
to contact Merle and Frank Niemiec –
niemiecml@hotmail.com or
325-641-1316 or
281-328-7510 cell*