

Church of the Good Shepherd

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Shepherd's Tales

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The Wisdom to Know the Difference

Perhaps much of the stress and anxiety we carry each day is the result of our wanting to control situations, or to help some unwilling to be helped person around us. This is especially true of those nearest and dearest to us. We wade into the business of their lives and believe if we can only redirect their thoughts and actions, things would be better for them. If only they would listen to us, life would not be so difficult for them. We impose well-intended expectations, and become angry and hurt when they fail to fulfill them. We are often sucked into trying to help, rescue, or fix other people when their desire is not to get better, but to simply garner another's attention, either positive or negative.

Both Christian spirituality and psychology remind us that there is only one person in life we have the power to change, and that is ourselves. Sometimes we meddle in other person's affairs as a way of avoiding this truth. It is much "safer" to see the speck in our brother's or sister's eye than to look honestly at the log in our own. That which we criticize in others is often the very thing we would do well to address in our own hearts.

We must cultivate an ability to know the difference between what (or who) we can, and cannot, change in life. We can certainly be witnesses to others, and seek through the choices we make to positively influence them. But the power to authentically change lives is the work of God's Holy Spirit alone. When we mistakenly believe we possess such power, we are tip-toeing into the realms of delusion and idolatry. This realization can be very freeing to those of us who too often assume responsibility for others. We are only responsible for our own life: our choices, our behaviors, and the boundaries we set, so as not to be overwhelmed by the actions of people over whom we have no control.

May we trust in the Holy One to work God's redemptive and life-giving work in the lives of these others. May we invite this Presence into our own lives, and have the desire and courage to be profoundly changed in the process. This transformation is the work the Good Shepherd was all about. May each of us experience a transformative moment in our own hearts, when we are given that gift of wisdom in knowing the difference between who and what we can, and cannot, change.

I guarantee you will experience a remarkable decrease in your daily levels of stress and anxiety! Praise God!

Blessings, Bill +





FEBRUARY TAIZÉ

Next Taizé Service: February 4th at 6pm.

The Taizé service is a brief contemplative service followed by a light supper and a speaker.

Meal Blessing:

For food in a world where many walk in hunger;
For faith in a world where many walk in fear;
For friends in a world where many walk alone;
We give you thanks, O LORD!

This blessing was offered by a character that Robert Duval played in the movie "Seven Days in Utopia".



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER FEBRUARY 25TH

All are welcome.

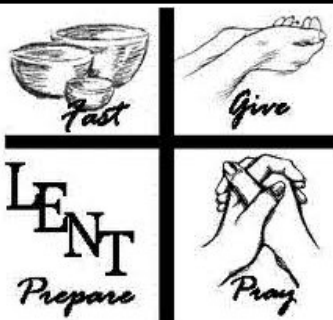
Pancakes will be served from 6:00 to 7:30pm.
Sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall for volunteers
and those wanting to eat.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Is Coming

February 26th

The Ash Wednesday Service will be at 6pm



MARCH 1st is The First Sunday in Lent

We will return to the Rite One Holy Eucharist service during the Sundays in Lent.

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Vestry is pleased to announce the following people who have agreed to serve on our Search Committee: Wendy Beers, Thressa Elam, Chip Hicks, Jim Knubel, Lori Ray, Ed Shultz and Shay Wilkerson. Renae Waters has agreed to serve as an alternate, should the need arise.

Thank you one and all for your willingness to serve on behalf of us all. May the Holy Spirit guide your way.

PRAYING FOR THE SEARCH PROCESS

1. Pray for our search committee.

Pray for patience. Pray that the committee will wait upon God's timing.

Pray that our search committee will begin and end each meeting with prayer so that the Holy Spirit is in their midst.

The search process is subjective. Personal opinions and preferences are involved. Differences can divide. Pray that the search committee heeds Paul's advice for unity, [1 Cor 1:10]

Pray that the Search Committee may come to agreement.

Pray for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to help choose the right person.

Pray for discipline. The search process requires a great deal of follow-through by all.

2. Pray for our next priest.

Pray that God will increase his/her passion for the Word of God.

Pray that God will give him/her a love for our church and the strength to leave his/her current position.

Pray that he/she will begin new relationships at our church in the right way.

Pray that God will prepare him/her to shepherd our church through trials and blessings.

Pray also for his/her family.

3. Pray for our church.

Pray for patience. The search process can go longer than expected. It is hard work for those doing the search process. Pray for trust in the leadership.

Pray that our church learns to place a high priority on the Word of God, the glory of Christ, and a love for His church. It is easy to gravitate towards personality, programs, or an ideal when calling a new priest. Pray that we focus on what matters: a person who loves Christ, His Word, and His church. Pray the new priest will be a person of Christ-like character.

Pray for Bill. We will not get a priest like Bill, nor should we expect to; we will continue to love Bill, but in a new role.

Pray that our new priest will be loved by our church.

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
York, South Carolina

	12 months ending 12/31/2019			
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance
INCOME				
Pledge Income	176,000.00	184,865.98	176,000.00	8,865.98
Plate Offerings	3,500.00	3,568.50	3,500.00	68.50
Special Offerings	3,460.00	2,921.95	3,460.00	(538.05)
Interest Income	40.00	34.89	40.00	(5.11)
TOTAL INCOME	183,000.00	191,391.32	183,000.00	8,391.32
EXPENDITURES				
Worship & Parish Ministry	94,634.00	90,061.42	94,634.00	4,572.58
Diocesan Pledge	27,748.00	27,748.00	27,748.00	-
Mission & Outreach	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	-
Christian Formation & Continuing Education	450.00	366.00	450.00	84.00
Facility Costs	52,268.00	55,986.10	52,268.00	(3,718.10)
Supplies & Miscellaneous	6,700.00	8,311.25	6,700.00	(1,611.25)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	183,000.00	183,672.77	183,000.00	(672.77)
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	7,718.55	-	7,718.55

We completed the year in fine financial condition. Income for the year exceeded plan. Total expenses netted out at unfavorable by only \$672.77. This led to an overall surplus for the year. The operating fund ended the year with a balance of \$44,308. The surplus will bolster our operating fund as we head into the search process to call a full time priest later in 2020. Thank you for your financial support throughout 2019.

Hymn 142

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins
and close by thee to stay.



Germs Germs Germs!!!

It's Cold and Flu season

Test Your Cold & Flu IQ



1. Cold weather increases your risk of developing a cold or the flu. ____True____False
2. Flu season usually peaks in February. ____True____False
3. Antibacterial soaps are a good way to prevent cold and flu germs from spreading. ____True____False
4. A person can spread a cold or the flu even before they show symptoms. ____True____False
5. You should always stay home from work if you have a cold. ____True____False

1. True

Flu viruses survive best when humidity is lowest, which usually means winter. And cold viruses may multiply more efficiently when temperatures in nasal cavities (in mice, anyway) go below 98.6 F. Also, cold weather often forces us indoors- into climate-controlled, low-humidity buildings and close to potentially infected people.

2. True

Most flu cases usually appear in February, and the season often extends well into March.

3. False

There's no evidence that antibacterial soaps work better than regular soap and water at preventing a cold or the flu. And overuse of these soaps may contribute to the spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. For that reason, the FDA ordered manufacturers to stop using 19 antibacterial agents in the soaps.. Consumer Reports says, be safe and stick with regular soap and water. CDC says if you're going to use hand sanitizers, get Purell or Germ-X which is 60% alcohol.

4. True

Most are contagious for a day or so before their symptoms become apparent. The risk of spreading the disease tends to diminish along with the symptoms, though you can be contagious for more than a week. So wash your beautiful hands and use your sleeve to cough into.

5. False

Staying home with a cold is a good idea if possible, but it's not as important as it is for the flu. For one thing, colds are less likely to trigger serious complications, so they don't require as many precautions. The flu, on the other hand, is both more dangerous and more debilitating, which makes staying home essential for you- and those around you.

Information obtained from the Consumer Reports magazine January 2018

God bless you each with good health: body, soul, and mind,

Love,

Lilly Duncan, Your Parish Nurse

Proverbs 4:20-22 — “My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.”

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Jill Neff	2/2
Linda Hicks	2/3
Laney Nyberg	2/4
Meredith Gibson	2/5
Lyle Nyberg	2/10
Debbie Shiflet	2/19
Benjamin Myers	2/20
John Mark Shiflet	2/22
Mindy McCrae	2/24
Paul Hanlon	2/24

Anniversaries

Jean & John Comins	2/21/2009
Mary Beth & Joe Tiblier	2/26/1983

(If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please call or email the parish office with the information.)



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MEETING SCHEDULE FOR GOOD SHEPHERD

Second Sunday: Finance Committee

The Committee will meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at Noon in the Conference Room or as called, unless otherwise notified.

Vestry Meeting

The Vestry's meeting time is generally the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:15pm in the Conference Room unless otherwise notified.

Vestry meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. If you wish to speak, you must first talk to either Father Bill or to the Senior Warden. All Executive Sessions are closed meetings.

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ALTAR GUILD FOR FEBRUARY

Diane Hanlon, Lettie Knight
& Diane Linkous

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD 2/2

8:30am: LEM John Duda

9:30am Donut Hosts: The Fergusons

11:00am LEM Ron Carter

Acolytes: Emily & Brooklyn Thielbar

Lector (Lessons & POP): Harriet Bender

Ushers: Glenn Gilbert & John McNeely

Greeter: Randy Neff

Alms: John Duda & Randy Neff

Vestry Person: Randy Neff

EPIPHANY 5 2/9

8:30am: LEM John Ness

9:30am Donut Hosts: Wendy Beers

11:00am LEM Henry McMaster

Acolytes: April & Heidi Weinzierl

Lector (Lessons & POP): Helen Sargent

Ushers: Helen Sargent & Dick Lindholm

Greeter: Elaine Ness

Alms: Henry McMaster & John McNeely

Vestry Person: Elaine Ness

**IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED, AND ARE
NOT ABLE TO SERVE, PLEASE FIND A
SUBSTITUTE. THANK YOU!**

EPIPHANY 6 2/16

8:30am: LEM Randy Neff

9:30am Donut Host: The Elams

11:00am LEM Glenn Gilbert

Acolytes: Aydan & McKenna Lawler

Lector (Lessons & POP): John Shiflet

Ushers: Debbie & John Shiflet

Greeter: Ike Waters

Alms: Libby Bradford & Barbara Wilson

Vestry Person: Ike Waters

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 2/23

8:30 am: LEM Shay Wilkerson

9:30am Donut Hosts: The Knubels

11:00am LEM John Ness

Acolytes: Eli & Seth Elam

Lector (Lessons & POP): Lori Ray

Ushers: Chuck Henry & John McNeely

Greeter: Selina Woodard

Alms: Ron Carter & Jim Knubel

Vestry Person: Selina Woodard

ASH WEDNESDAY (6:00pm) 2/26

LEM: Ron Carter

Acolytes: NA

Lector (Lessons & Prayers): Barbara Wilson

Ushers: Chip Hicks & Meade Wilson