

The Shepherd's Staff

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The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Rector: The Reverend
Mike Schnatterly

A Parish of the Upper Diocese of South Carolina
The Right Reverend Andrew Waldo, Bishop

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Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 8 AM, 9:15 AM, 11 AM

JULY 2015

— Calendar —

2015 Vestry

Senior Warden -

Scott McLallen

Junior Warden -

Fred MacGregor

Buildings & Grounds

Fred MacGregor, Bob Brown &
George Gunn

Fellowship/Pastoral Care -

Bob Brown & Fred MacGregor

Outreach/Evangelism
Gale Garner & Tracy Davis

Stewardship

Scott McLallen & Ken Tucker

Christian Formation-

James Grossman

Evangelism-

George Gunn & Ray McCarty

Blessed who also serve:

Treasurer

Emerson Duke

Clerk to the Vestry

Sue Hands-Renwick
Loretta Tingle, and others who
from time to time help in the
office

This months contacts.

Vestry

Ray McCarty 864-334-5048

Pastoral Care

Carole McMahan 864-346-0819

Daughters of the King

Pam Imbler 864-399-6143

Ongoing:

Monday 8:00pm

AA Meeting (Ballenger Hall)

Tuesday 7:30pm

Gap Creek Singers (Ballenger Hall)

Thursday 8:00pm

AA Meeting (Ballenger Hall)

Tell your friends about the following events.

Parish Picnic August 2nd (incorporating the 11am service) on the church grounds. Sign up sheets in the Parish Hall

Family Game Night Sunday August 16th 5pm at the Parish House. Pizza to be provided. Bring a beverage and your favorite games.

Adult dinner at Great Bay Oyster House, Greer. September 17th 6:30pm. Reservations required.

More details on page 5

Photo Directory

We are going to add photographs to this Fall's Parish Directory. There will be a member of the parish in the parish hall from 10:00am until 10:50 am to take photographs of the families of our parish. Other times and dates may be available, check with the office. This is a purely internal event, there will be no heavy handed sales pitch to sell you packages of pictures. If you particularly like a picture and would like a print please talk to the photographer and have them email the picture to you so that you can print it at home or arrange to print at any local outlet, Walgreen's, Costco etc.



Our Good Shepherd Vestry

Fred MacGregor Junior Warden 2013-2016

Fred and Pat moved here from southern California eight years ago and found Good Shepherd four years later. They live in Greer with their English cocker spaniel Lili. Fred is in his second term as Junior Warden and with Bob Brown is the vestry liaison for Hospitality & Fellowship, also with Bob plus George Gunn he deals with questions of Buildings and Grounds. Fred had an interesting career before retirement but you'll have to ask him if you want details as it involved undercover work. Fred and Pat serve at the Elks Lodge in Greenville in several capacities and also volunteer with Greer Community Ministries Meals on Wheels. They are members of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association and enjoy riding their well illuminated Honda Gold Wing and trailer around the country. Pat is an avid quilter and a member of the American Sewing Guild which does a lot of charity work. She is looking at ways to expand those activities at the church through some kind of sewing/handicraft and fellowship ministry.



Tracy Davis Outreach Liaison 2014– 2017

Tracy has been at Good Shepherd since she married her High School Sweet Heart , Glenn here in November 1986. From 1986 to 1989 their attendance was sporadic as they were living in Augusta GA but they moved back to Greer and the Good Shepherd in 1989. They have two sons Marc and Drew and all of them were confirmed at Good Shepherd.

Tracy loves All Things Disney she is a huge Tinkerbell fan and they take a trip to Disney once a year. She also loves the beach and was happy to take a long weekend there during the really hot weather in the middle of July.

Tracy has been the Cub Master for Pack 241 for 15 years and she enjoys camping with the Boy Scouts.

At Good Shepherd Tracy and Glenn usually attend the 9:15 service. Tracy was initially appointed to a one year term on the vestry to fill a vacated seat but in January was elected for a further three year term. She and Gale Garner are the vestry liaison for Outreach so if you would like to help with ongoing outreach projects or if you have ideas for new ones please let her know. 864-848-9153



VBS. King David “A Man after God’s Heart”

Vacation Bible Sunday's were fun, and enriching for the many folks and kids that participated!

The first Sunday the kids got to make their own cheese, so they could eat like David did when he was in the field.

Everyone had a chance to throw marshmallows at Goliath after Rabbi Joe told us that story. When it was time to hear about Saul's jealousy, teams worked to figure out if situations were "sin or no sin".

On our last Sunday kids & adults could win a gold crown by answering questions about King David.

We concluded the series with the "no strings attached" puppeteers presenting the story of David's descendant "Daniel in the lions den".

We wish to thank all who participated in the stories, games, projects, and presentations. thanks for those who provided food on all the Sundays.

Special thanks to Jeanie Gottrich and James Grossman for facilitating, and "Rabbi Joe" for throwing himself into the role!



Our visiting priest looked intrigued



Help Wanted !!

Volunteer hosts for coffee hour.

Our oblationers are no longer serving as coffee hour hosts allowing them more time to act as greeters and ushers as well as carrying the bread and wine from the people to the altar. Father Mike would also appreciate them standing with him at the door after the recessional so that visitors can be taken over to coffee hour.

As a result of this division of duties we really need volunteers to be coffee hour hosts providing and serving refreshments after the service. Volunteers will serve on a rotating basis . If sufficient people sign up this should amount to serving once a quarter.

Sign up sheets are in the Parish House.

Lay Weeders

Lay weeders or rather landscapers are needed to keep our grounds a beautiful expression of the glory of God. We hire a company to cut the grass and do very basic clear up but we need parishioners willing to help with weeding, pruning, raking etc. In the fall we hope to be able to replace some of the plants which have not survived the heat so there will be planting and mulching to do as well.

If you might be interested in this occasional activity please contact

Sue Hands-Renwick 864-380-0761 suehr@msn.com

Sewing/handicraft ministry

Can you use a sewing machine? Wield a pair of scissors or a rotary cutter? We need you! Do you have some unwanted sewing supplies? Would you be willing to give a monetary donation to help Good Shepherd with a new project? If you answered Yes or Maybe then here's a little more information.

Pat MacGregor is holding an initial work session on July 31st at 9am in the Parish House. The first project will be making "pillowcase dresses" for Greer Community Ministries who are asking for summer clothes for their clients. We also have a contact at the hospital who would like us to make Super Hero capes for pediatric patients. We might also make aprons for residents of Brushy Cottages who tend to have spills when eating and aprons provide a little more dignity than basic bibs. There may also be other possibilities such as chemo hats and lap quilts . So if you can sew or would otherwise like to support this project please come on July 31st or contact Pat MacGregor 864-469-0349

Buildings & Grounds

Over the summer you may have been aware that we are having some issues with critters in the kitchen. The pest control company have been in several times but have not been able to eradicate all the undesirables. We are asking that you be scrupulously careful cleaning up and that nothing but food be stored in the refrigerator as that may have been a source for the ants. At the end of an event please take **ALL** left overs home with you as we have found ants and roaches even inside zip-loc bags. When you take things home be very careful exactly what you're taking home as roaches were found in the kitchen laundry went that went home for washing.

We will be removing excess platters etc and will keep only the minimum of dishwasher safe items in the kitchen so that they can be easily sanitized. This will also provide fewer hiding places for the critters

With regard to the refrigerator, the old side by side is no more and we are very grateful to Myron Belcher and Tina who donated their services removing the old fridge and picking up the fridge that Scott and Doris McLallen have given us. Thank you Scott and Doris.



Dealing with the damp

As many of you may know we have had damp and even flooding issues in the basement of the Parish House. Sometime in the next few weeks the contractors will be coming to remove the bushes on the cemetery side of the building and improve the drainage from the entrance area down the side of the building. They will dig out the dirt against the building from the fence area to the back in the process removing the window wells which serve as leaky retention ponds when we have heavy rain. The five foot windows will be replaced with four foot ones and a waterproofing and drainage system will be installed before the ground is re-graded so that water runs away from rather than in to the building. Once the work starts it should not take too long but it will be a building site with uneven ground and the possibility of open holes so please don't let your curiosity lead you or your children into a dangerous situation.

What's happening to the landscaping?

You will have noticed that the beds on either side of our sign have been stripped out, that is because the only things that reliably grow there are weedy violets. The plan is to cover the beds with heavy landscape cloth, mulch with stone of some kind then plant succulents which shouldn't mind the really hot dry conditions.

If any one knows anything about the two shrubs/trees planted in the pet memorial bed we'd appreciate your input. No one on the vestry knows what they are or if they have any particular significance and we would like to replant that bed.

If you have walked up the side of the church to the parish house you know that the mosquitoes this year are fierce. The aucuba, rhododendron, mahonia and azaleas haven't received as much care as they might have and have grown tall and straggly or died out. The resulting jungle of tight growth is an ideal spot for the mosquitoes and keeping damp air against the brick work is not good for the building. We will have to do some drastic pruning and initially that will not be pretty and we may lose some flowering branches but the result should be invigorated plants and a healthier climate.

The Memorial Rose Garden

One of the ways that Good Shepherd is known around Greer is as "The little church with the rose garden". When the Memorial Rose Garden was first planted in 1982 it was magnificent and provided sufficient flowers that they were used on the altar. 33 years later most of the original plants have died, some replaced and others added. The latest were two roses purchased by the DOK in memory of Adair Carpenter. Over the years parishioners have taken care of the roses, pruning, feeding and mulching them. The last official rose keeper was David Burns but he is no longer able to do all the bending etc so this year I have taken over from him. Hopefully my English gardening background and recent Clemson extension course will help me continue the good work. Part of the reason the rose bed no longer look the way it did in the 1980's is the growth of a dogwood and the oak tree that now shade most of the bed. Short of an arborist cutting them back there is little we can do and such drastic tree work would change the whole front of the church. The current roses have been pruned and fertilized appropriately but they are still struggling after a very hot June. We are going to pay special attention to both plant and soil conditions and hope to revive them. Most of the current bushes appear to be hybrid tea or grandiflora. In the future knock out roses might be introduced as the new varieties should stand up better to the changing conditions. We are also looking at ways to improve the watering system which no longer functions as it did. Sue Hands-Renwick

Fellowship

The **Annual Church Picnic** will be August 2nd on the church grounds. The 8:00 and 9:15 services will be held in the church. The 11am service will be held under the oak tree alongside the rose garden, the picnic will start directly after the service . We have some folding chairs but if you have beach chairs or blankets that you can bring that would make things easier. The oak will provide quite a bit of shade but if you have a pop up canopy that we could use please contact Jeanne Brown 864-895-3837. We also need volunteers to help with set up and cleanup. There are signup sheets in the parish hall for salads/ appetizers, entrees and desserts.

Family Game Night is August 16th starting at 5:00PM.

Pizza will be supplied. Please bring your beverages of choice and your favorite card or board games to share. Let's have fun!!!

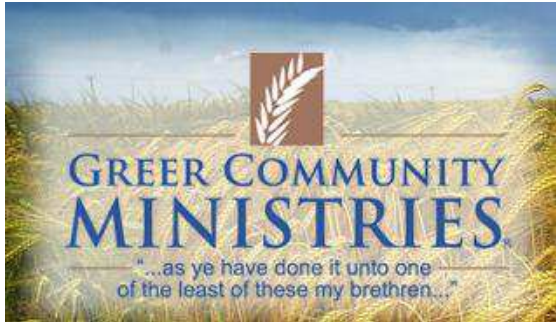
On September 17th we are planning an **Adult Dinner** at Great Bay Oyster House at 6:30pm.

We will have a sign up sheet in the parish hall so we know how many spaces to reserve. To allow for better planning of events out side of the church the committee has initiated a reservation deposit plan. When making the reservation please place \$5.00 per person in the envelopes provided putting your name on the envelope.. This will be returned to you at the event or forfeited if the reservation is broken. We are asking that you give 24 hours notice if you are unable to attend. This gives us time to change the reservation at the restaurant and allows them to release any unwanted tables. All forfeited money will go into Father Mike's discretionary fund.

There are other events in the works. Stay tuned!

Outreach

Food Collection. Our goal this month is to gather 100 bottles of ketchup for Greer Community Ministry's food pantry. 14oz or smaller are preferred as many of the clients have little or no storage for anything larger.



GCM runs a clothes closet and they are currently in need of gently used summer clothes in all sizes from infants to adults. With school starting in just a few weeks there is undoubtedly an increased need for clothes for school age children.

They are also asking for new packs of socks and underwear.

Greenville County will be giving away school supplies to eligible families in early August but with a mobile population there is still a need for school supplies for those who don't currently qualify. If you would like to help please take note of the things that are NOT needed or the particular type of things that teachers are asking for. The list on the next page was taken from the GCM web site

Christmas in July for 12 Days of Christmas

Greer Community Ministries is currently collecting items for their 12 days of Christmas program which provides Christmas gifts for their meals on wheels and senior dining clients.

Please collect: puzzle books, large print if possible.

Magnifying glasses

Toothbrushes and toothpaste. White wash cloths and bar soap.

Assorted greeting cards, seasonal, birthday, note cards etc.

Small notebooks. Calendars.

Socks, men's and women's.

Blankets, twin or lap size.

Goody bag containing, lip balm, tissues, lotion and candy.

GCM's community wide appeal is for 365 of each item .



Greer Community Ministries

School Supply List



Crayola crayons 24 count Teachers do not want the larger packs in the classroom.

Crayola Classic markers Teachers prefer basic colors rather than **BOLD**

Dry erase markers **

Highlighter markers (Yellow)

Colored pencils (pre-sharpened preferred)

#2 pencils (basic yellow, teachers do not want decorated pencils)

Red checking pencils

Erasers—chunk and pencil cap

Pencil pouches and boxes **

Small pencil sharpeners

1in, 2in and 3in 3 ring binders. 3 ring binder subject dividers**

3 prong folders with pockets. Plastic 3 prong folders **

Plain pocket folders with no prongs

Composition books (black & white) **

Wide ruled & college ruled loose leaf note book paper **

Index cards (3x5 & 4x6). ** Dated assignment book **

Fiskars scissors (blunt & sharp tipped)

Calculators. **

Protractors. Rulers with centimeters and inches. Compass (geometry sets)

White glue sticks NO LIQUID GLUE

Large boxes of tissues, not pocket size

Zip-loc bags (snack, sandwich, quart & gallon size) **

Baby wipes. Hand sanitizer, NOT personal size. **

New large back packs or book bags NO WHEELS **

*Items marked ** are most requested and hardest to keep on hand.*