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## **WARRANT**

Pursuant to the By-Laws (as amended) of the Parish, the Annual Meeting of the Parish of the Good Shepherd of Waban, Massachusetts will be held in the Common Room of the Church on Sunday, January 22, 2012 following the 10:00 a.m. service.

The business to be transacted is:

1. The receiving of reports;
2. The election of three members of the Vestry (class of 2015);
3. The election of clerk and treasurer
4. Changes to the parish by-laws
5. The adoption of the budget for 2012;
6. The transaction of any other business that may properly come before it.

*Terry Robinson, Clerk*

## **THANK YOU, GOOD SHEPHERD**

With our 2012 Stewardship Campaign almost complete, I am happy to announce that we have exceeded our goal. In fact, we have in hand pledges of more than \$400,000 for 2012, which compares with \$370,000 for 2011. This outpouring of generosity and support is astonishing, especially since I know that there are parishioners who are un-or underemployed right now. Many of you, knowing that others might not be able to give as they have in the past, have increased your pledges. And in doing so, you have shared the burden and made up what was lacking. That we should be heading into 2012 with such good prospects is cause for rejoicing and gratitude.

And so again, many, many thanks,

*GTW*

If there are any of you who have not made a pledge of support for 2012, there are pledge cards in the back of the church or if you prefer, you may email your pledge to the church office: [goodshepherdwaban@comcast.net](mailto:goodshepherdwaban@comcast.net).

# Happy New Year !

## PARISH NEWS – Jan. 4, 2012

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*Weekday eucharist:* Wednesday, 7:15 a.m.

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### The Flower Chart for 2012

A new flower chart is posted downstairs in the Common room if you would like to sign up to give flowers in memory of, in honor of or in thanksgiving for a loved one.

### "The Stained Glass Windows of Good Shepherd Parish"

Pamphlets describing the stained glass windows in the church are available at a price of \$15 -- all proceeds going to care and restoration of the windows -- and include photographs of all the windows in the church by Mary Ann Stewart. John Burruss is selling the pamphlets after mass on Sundays, or they can be purchased from the office.

### Adult Forum

Adult Forum will be on hiatus until January 29<sup>th</sup>, due to the MLK Jr. holiday weekend and the Annual Meeting on January 22.

### Bible study

The Tuesday evening Bible study group meets each week at 7:00 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Study guides are on the tract table in the Common room.

### Day by Day

Copies of the Devotional Booklet *Day by Day* for February, March and April are available downstairs on the tract table. Cost is \$1.00.

### Offering envelopes

For those who requested offering envelopes for 2012 they are ready for you to pick up at the back of the church.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

*www.TrueVineChronicles.blogspot.com*

### JANUARY

*Nursery Opens 9:45 AM*

*No Level I Atrium for the month of January*

*Level II meets as usual at 9:45 in January*

### **BLOCK III BEGINS (January 8 –February 12, 2012)**

#### **8 - No Level I Atrium**

9:45 AM: Nursery Open

9:45 AM: Level II Atrium

10:00 AM: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr to Loring Room

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr to Youth Room

#### **15 - No Level I Atrium**

9:45 AM: Nursery Open

9:45 AM: Level II Atrium

10:00 AM: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr to Loring Room

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr to Youth Room

#### **22 - No Level I Atrium**

9:45 AM: Nursery Open

9:45 AM: Level II Atrium Open

10:00 AM: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr to Loring Room

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr to Youth Room

*Were not our hearts burning within us... Luke 24:32*

The appearance of Jesus to the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus is a powerfully moving account. We too, proclaim these words as we work with the children. We too, recount what has taken place on this joyful journey with the Good Shepherd and the child and live together a common religious experience.

Block III Begins this Sunday, January 8, and continues each Sunday through February 12, the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany. As of this writing, teachers are needed for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade class and for the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade class. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade group has been averaging about 12 students each week, which is fantastic! The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade group has about 8 students each week, and they are so engaged in the weekly discussions.

Will you consider teaching? You do not have to know everything about the Episcopal life (or much of anything – LOL!), and you do not have to teach a class that has your child NOR do you even need to have a child enrolled in any of our programs! Just bring your open heart and a willingness to be with our children.

FYI...there is a sign-up sheet located on the Bulletin Board in the Common Room for two more teaching blocks before the end of the year: Block IV begins February 19-April 1 and Block V will run from April 15-May 20. Class substitutes are also needed. Please consider teaching.

*Blessings, Mary Ann.*