

Parish of the Good Shepherd

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Why I Volunteer

Volunteer work is generally considered a giving thing: you give your time and talent. I experience it as getting. I don't mean getting the satisfaction of helping a good cause, though, of course, there is that. I am talking about plain ol' selfish benefits. I get organized, get new friends, get new ideas, get appreciated. I come away energized.

Volunteering is a time honored tradition at Good Shepherd. Think of Nancy and Ted Ketterer leading the Rosie's Place suppers quarterly for 26 years -- and all those parishioners who pitched in with them.

There are many ways to volunteer. My way is to give two days a week in the office of Epiphany School. Maybe you want to do a one-time fundraiser. Maybe you can give an hour a week to a food pantry. Maybe you want to tutor kids on a daily basis. Give it some thought. Volunteering might not fit into your life right now -- or it might do you a lot of good. You might even inspire others.

Below are some ideas to investigate:

Epiphany School in Dorchester uses lots of tutors with its middle school students. Contact Sherley Smith, ssmith@epiphanyschool.com for more information, or visit www.epiphanyschool.com. Join the **Good Shepherd team** to prepare and serve supper once a month at Epiphany School. Joyce Shepherd is in charge and looking for volunteers. See her article on reverse.

St. Stephen's Youth Programs, based at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in the South End, needs tutors in math and reading for its after school programs. Learn more at www.ststephsbos.org/getinvolved.html or contact the Rev. Liz Steinhauser at (617) 543-5574 or liz@ststephsbos.org.

Centre Street Food Pantry, located in the lower level of Trinity Church in Newton Center, has a volunteer application at www.centrestfoodpantry.org/help.htm. You can also e-mail CentreStFoodPantry@gmail.com.

Springwell serves the elderly in Newton. Volunteers can deliver meals or provide transportation or just make visits. Learn more at www.springwell.com/volunteer.php, or contact volunteer coordinator Wendy Adlerstein at (617) 926-4100 or wadlerstein@springwell.com.

Don't forget **B-SAFE**, the summer enrichment program for inner city children. We'll be cooking at church on July 21 and 22, and serving lunches at Epiphany School on July 23 and 24. You can sign up in the Common Room, or contact Gayane Ebling or me.

-- Rogers Olverson, for Outreach

PARISH NEWS – June 6, 2012

Baptized on Pentecost, May 27: Cecily Junia Walton, daughter of Chris and Regina Walton.

Congratulations to Michael Duggan graduating from Newton South High School.

Upcoming June dates/events

June 10 – all parish picnic June 24 – 9 a.m. services start

Volunteer Opportunity

For the past 11 years Good Shepherd has helped Epiphany School by cooking and serving a supper to students and teachers once a month. Our dedicated team, departing church about 2 p.m. and returning about 7 on the third Thursday of the month, has included Louise Lazare, Bashie Young, Claudia Curchin, Terry Horrigan, and, for many years, Hannah Morehouse. We could use more hands to help with setting tables, cooking the meal, and cleaning up at Epiphany. Although the supper schedule for the next school year will not be firmed up until September, I have posted a sheet in the Common Room for new volunteers to join our team for one or more sessions. Since we are no longer serving meals at Rosie's Place, this is an ideal opportunity for volunteer service. Someone might even want to form a group of youth to help. For more information, you can contact Joyce Shepherd at (781) 326-0055.

Sign Up to Help

Join other Good Shepherd volunteers to support the B-SAFE (*Bishop's Summer Academic and Fun Enrichment*) program for inner city children this summer. We need volunteers to help prepare food on July 21 and 22 and to serve lunches on July 23 and 24. See the sign-up sheet in the Common Room for details, or contact Rogers Olverson or Gayane Ebling. Thanks!

Adult Forum Topics for Next Fall and Spring

It's that time of year again to begin making a list of possible topics for next fall and spring. If you have an idea for a topic related to the Bible, Christian history or practice, religion in contemporary life, theology, spirituality, or something else you would like us to explore, be in touch with Regina in church or by email, regina.l.walton@gmail.com

Summer 2012 Hospitality

We are a friendly parish, and take seriously our ministry of hospitality. Following the 9 o'clock summer service, we greet each other and our visitors in the Common Room for simple, light refreshments and fellowship. Bring sparking flavored water, iced tea, lemonade and store-bought cookies and crackers. Due to the heat and humidity, we don't make hot coffee for our summertime "coffee hour." A bright yellow sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board downstairs. For more information, contact Ann Honeycutt (annhoneycutt@verizon.net and 617-990-2396). Thank you.

Altar Guild Reminder: The sign-up sheet for the 9:00 Holy Eucharist, July 1 through September 2, is posted in the Common Room. Please sign up early for Sundays you know you will be in town, and feel free to sign up for several Sundays. If plans change after you've signed up, please let me know or find a substitute. *Thank you, Joy.*

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

JUNE

10 - The Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Nursery Open

10:00 AM - All Church School Children shall meet in the Loring Room and join the congregation at the Peace.

Recognition Sunday & Parish Picnic - Be sure to join us this Sunday, June 10 when we honor Church School Teachers and participants during the 10:00 AM service. Stay with us for the annual parish picnic immediately following on the parish lawn (weather permitting).



There is still time to register for

Family Camp at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, NH. Share an extended weekend of faith and fun with a variety of households and families from Thursday, June 21 – Sunday, June 24, 2012. Enjoy the hospitality of the BCH Camp as you partake in swimming or boating, games, activities, or reading and relaxing - - while someone else does the cooking! More details and registration on the DioMass website: <http://www.diomass.org/diocesan-news/register-summer-camp-fun-and-faith-discovery-await>

The **Christian Ed** Committee is planning for next year. We are looking for teachers (or co-teachers) to teach the 3rd-5th grade and the 6th-8th grade classes. Teaching blocks run for either 6 or 7 weeks, depending on where they fall. Church School Registration will take place on Sunday, September 9 at 9:45 AM and classes will resume on Sunday, September 16. Speak with Patty Morgan or Mary Ann Stewart about your interest in working with our young people in the coming school year.

The **Parish Nursery** is professionally staffed each Sunday of the year. Sunday, June 17, is the last Sunday with two services at 8:00 and 10:00 AM. Beginning Sunday, June 24 we move to one service at 9:00 AM through September 9 and the Nursery will be open at 8:45 AM.

*Blessings,
Mary Ann.*