

Parish of the Good Shepherd

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AND MEANWHILE.....

This has been the most beautiful summer I can remember. Except for a couple of weeks of hot, muggy weather in July, day after day has been warm and sunny, with starry cool nights and some of the most spectacular moons I've ever seen. Time has seemed almost suspended and I haven't even wanted to know what was happening in the world. My small world of verdant back yards, happily playing dogs, and Maine lakes just right for swimming, has seemed enough. Newspapers have gone unread and the usual internet sites have gone unvisited, except for an occasional peek at the weather forecast to be assured that the enchantment would continue.

But all that was a sort of illusion. Life has gone on. People's lives have continued. There have been the usual struggles against disease and despair. And the world continues to be dangerous and occasionally scary. That's why I'm ready to return to what might be called "normalcy", which for me (and you too, I hope) includes all the things we do on Sunday mornings at Good Shepherd.

When I've been away for a while, I am reminded of how much I depend on my community of faith and how much it means to me to be around people who are honestly and humbly seeking meaning in their lives, even in the most confusing and discouraging of circumstances. And how much it means, too, to be able to rejoice together, to sing and laugh.

And I miss the children. Even though there are children at summer worship, most of those small, happy, and expectant faces have been missing since June. And I want them back! And I want you back, too! So if summer has taken you away from regular Sunday worship, please try to join us on Sunday, September 8th, for the beginning of our regular church year. I need to have you around. We need each other around us. And we need, more than anything else, to know that we are not alone.

~ GTW

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

8:45 a.m. Choir Practice

9:45 a.m. Church School registration (outside, weather permitting)

Childcare provided downstairs in Nursery for infants – pre K

Children K – 5th grade in Loring room

Youth in middle and high school in church

10:00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist

~ Wednesday morning Holy Eucharist resumes on September 11th at 7:15 a.m. ~

PARISH NEWS -

August 30, 2013

Vestry

Senior Warden: Jim Nauen
Junior Warden: John Dragat
Treasurer: Gail Murphy
Clerk: Terry Robinson

To January 2014

Terry Horrigan
Ken Rothwell
Jeff Russel

To January 2015

Peter Barber
Ann Honeycutt
Troy Bracher

To January 2016

Betty Blume
Alison Corkery
Brad Peloquin

Prayer request

Please pray for the threatened Coptic Christians of Egypt and the beleaguered Syrian Orthodox Church and for all Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom for their faith.

New directory

Work will begin soon to create a new parish directory for fall of 2013. If your email is not in the current directory and you would like it included in the new one please let the office know by Sept. 22, or if your email has changed please let the office know so it will appear correctly in the new directory.

Bible Study

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

**Save the date for the annual parish auction:
October 19th**

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION & PROGRAMS

Nursery is available every Sunday

SEPTEMBER

8 - The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Nursery schedule returns to 9:45 AM start time

9:45 AM: Registration Sunday – All parish children & youth must be registered

Children K-5th grade in Loring Room

Youth in middle & high school in church

15 - The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM: Level I Atrium (children new to the Atrium must schedule an orientation)

9:45 AM: Level II Atrium

3rd-5th gr to Loring Room

6th-8th gr to Youth Room

5:30 PM: Confirmands' Potluck

22 - The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM: Level I Atrium

9:45 AM: Level II Atrium

3rd-5th gr to Loring Room

6th-8th gr to Youth Room

5:30 PM: Confirmands' Dinner/Discussion

29 - The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM: Level I Atrium

9:45 AM: Level II Atrium

3rd-5th gr to Loring Room

6th-8th gr to Youth Room

Registration Sunday: Registration Forms have been mailed out to all families along with a copy of the Christian Education Calendar through January 2014. Please complete both sides of the form, entering information requested for all children and youth in your household. It's important to register all children and youth in the parish - even those who do not plan to attend Church School or other programs - for reporting purposes to the Diocese. Thank you for your attention to this.

We will be set up in the driveway at 9:45 AM (weather permitting) for completing or returning completed forms. Children in the Nursery must also complete attendance forms there for childcare purposes. Church School classes will begin Sunday, September 15.

Confirmands and their families will meet at 5:30 PM on September 15th in the home of Chris Duggan and Deb Molrine to kick-off year 2 of our Confirmation program. Details of Confirmands' class schedule and topics will be discussed and Truman, Regina, and I will share what to expect in the coming year. We will also have sign-ups for dinner rotation; the first dinner and discussion at the church will be Sunday, September 22 at 5:30 PM and every other Sunday thereafter through November 17. Watch for a mailing to go out soon.

*Looking forward to welcoming you and your family,
Mary Ann.*