

Parish of the Good Shepherd

Shining the Light: Appreciating our Community at Annual Meeting on January 25th.

Our Annual Meeting gives us an opportunity to relish what we have accomplished as a community this past year, and it lets us shine a light on all the hard work of our church and committee leaders. Our Vestry officers, Vestry members, and committee chairs give of their time so generously, and they are often doing “behind the scenes” work which is hard to see, but which ensures that Good Shepherd’s people, buildings, and property flourish. The Annual Meeting booklet we will distribute gives each of our ministries a chance to highlight their work of 2014, so each of us can appreciate the whole of what has been accomplished by all the individual communities and committees which make up Good Shepherd’s shared life. It makes sense to have our Annual Meeting during Epiphany, the season of light, and revelation, and discovery.

Annual Meeting is also the opportunity we have to thank Troy Bracher, Ann Honeycutt, and Betty Blume, three hard working Vestry members who are finishing their term this month. Thank you Troy, Ann, and Betty. This Sunday, we will also be engaging new Vestry members, and electing Diocesan Convention Representatives. They are presenting themselves for service for one or three year terms, and they are offering to work hard and creatively for the good of our community.

We are in a transition year, with hard work before us as a community. As we discern how to identify Good Shepherd’s priorities in 2015, and how to define the qualities you will be seeking in a successful rector candidate, it is especially important to participate in our Annual Meeting this year. Snacks will be plentiful (as they always are) thanks to our Coffee hour volunteers and our Hospitality organizer. Mary Ann has also made sure that nursery staff will stay on for child care during our meeting, and older kids will have a fun video to watch and babysitters to support them. Please come and be a part of the celebrating, the planning, and the visioning which will bring you a new rector. Come join us this Sunday to appreciate our community’s life together and to anticipate Good Shepherd’s future.

Faithfully,
Margaret

Good Shepherd’s Annual Meeting: January 25, 2015

When: following the 10 o’clock service

Where: Church

Who: Everyone

(Child care for all children will be offered.)

PARISH NEWS – JANUARY 22, 2015

The Flower Chart for 2015

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. Suggested donation is \$75.

Stewardship 2015

If you have not had a chance to pledge for 2015 it's not too late. You can email the church office at office@goodshepherdnewton.org to indicate your pledge amount.

A reminder:

If you need to contact Margaret Schwarzer, our Interim Priest, please call the church office or email her at margaret@goodshepherdnewton.org.

In the case of a pastoral emergency after 5 p.m. **OR** on Friday or Saturday, please call her cell phone 617-733-0661.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION & PROGRAMS:

Nursery is available every Sunday at 9:45 AM for infants through Pre-K. Children age 3-6 are welcome to the Atrium after attending an orientation (scheduled separately). Please speak with (or email) Mary Ann Stewart with any questions about our Christian Education Program: ce@goodshepherdnewton.org

January 25: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00 AM: Atrium

9:45 AM: Church School

CHILDCARE: THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting follows the ten o'clock service in the Common Room. The Nursery is available for children age 4 and under; a supervised video is available for children age 5 and up in the downstairs classroom next to the Nursery.

February 1: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00 AM: Atrium

9:45 AM: Church School

February 8: The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00 AM: Atrium

9:45 AM: Church School

Block III Church School is well underway! Thanks to Mo Leacock (3rd - 5th grade), Alison Corkery (1st & 2nd grade), and Julia Johnston-Ketterer (6th & 7th grade) for teaching! Block IV begins February 15 and runs through March 22. Please consider teaching (or co-teaching) one of these classes.

Save the Date: The Annual Parish Mardi Gras Potluck will be on Sunday, February 15. More details to come soon!