

# Parish of the Good Shepherd

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Dear friends,

Good Shepherd is fast approaching the end of its interim time between Rectors, which began in November of 2014. My last Sunday at Good Shepherd will be May 22. A supply priest will be with you on Sunday, May 29 and Sunday, June 5; there will also be a priest on call for pastoral emergencies during that time (more information will be available in the next newsletter). On Sunday, June 12, the Rev. Jay Weldon begins his ministry as Rector! As I prepare to leave Good Shepherd, please know how very grateful I am for the gift of having been with you, if only for a short while. You will be a great blessing to Jay and his family in the years to come.

~ Sarah

## THREE PRAYERS

### For the Companionship of Christ

O blessed Christ, who didst draw near to thy disciples as they walked together by the way and were sad, so draw near to us as we journey along our daily way. Open to us the meaning of life, and reveal thyself as our strength and our companion; as thou art our Lord and Saviour evermore. Amen.

~ From *Prayers New & Old*, 8<sup>th</sup> ed.,  
The Forward Movement, Cincinnati, Ohio,  
p. 32.

### Our High Calling

Our Father, who hast set a restlessness in our hearts, and made us all seekers after that which we can never fully find; forbid us to be satisfied with what we make of life. Draw us from base content, and set our eyes on far-off goals. Keep us at tasks too hard for us, that we may be driven to thee for strength. Deliver us from fretfulness and self-pity; make us sure of the goal we cannot see, and of the hidden good in the world. Open our eyes to simple beauty all around us, and our hearts to the loveliness men hide from us because we do not try enough to understand them. Save us from ourselves, and show us a vision of a world made new. May thy Spirit of peace and illumination so enlighten our minds that all life shall glow with new meaning and new purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ From *Prayers New & Old*, 8<sup>th</sup> ed.,  
The Forward Movement, Cincinnati, Ohio, p. 31.

### For Christlikeness

Grant, O Father, that as we move in the world of men, they may take knowledge of us that we have been with thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

~ From *Prayers New & Old*, 8<sup>th</sup> ed.,  
The Forward Movement, Cincinnati, Ohio, p. 29.

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**Forum on Aging Continues on May 8**

**The Long Good-Bye.** One of the main tasks that comes with growing older is saying good-bye. This sounds sad but it's not: it's a joyful and incredibly fruitful process that can take years and involves one's entire network of friends and family. It's a process that gives real hope of peace of mind. Join us this Sunday, May 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the Loring Room for this important conversation.

~ *Charles Foster*

**Confirmation Class Helps Lead Worship on May 15**

On Sunday, May 15, our confirmation class will take an active part in our 10:00 a.m. service. On the following Saturday, members of the class will be confirmed, and so it is fitting that they conclude their preparation for confirmation by offering their gifts in worship.

**Save the Date!**

On Sunday, June 12, our new rector, the Rev. Jay Weldon, will begin his ministry at Good Shepherd. He will preach and preside at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. A gala coffee hour to welcome Jay and his family will follow the 10:00 a.m. service.

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**Next Newsletter**

The deadline for the next newsletter is **Monday, May 16**. Please email your items to our Parish Administrator, Margaret Harrison, at [office@goodshepherdnewton.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdnewton.org). Thank you!

**Christian Education News**

**All Welcome on May 15 at an Open Christian Education Meeting**

On Sunday, May 15 after the 10:00 a.m. service, there will be an open Christian Education meeting – everyone is welcome to attend. We will be setting up the schedule for next year, and also discussing what went well or not so well this year.

**Confirmation is Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Members of our confirmation class will be confirmed on Saturday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Parish, 209 Ashmont Street in Dorchester. Bishop Gates will preside. This has been a two-year journey for the teenagers as they've questioned and matured in their understanding and their faith. We'd be delighted if members of the parish came to support the confirmands!

**Recognition Sunday and Parish Picnic is Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

At the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 19, we will recognize the amazing volunteers who give so much to our children and youth. The annual Parish Picnic will follow the service. *(Please note that in the previous newsletter, the date of the picnic was incorrectly announced as June 12.)*

**But, Church School Continues...**

All summer long, for the first time ever, we will have church school! Mad science will be taking over Church School! Children and youth will be making goo, walking on water, watching baffling experiments, and much more. They will walk away amazed, excited, and knowing a little more about both the world and God. Each Sunday we'll look at a Bible story through the eyes of a mad scientist, which will help us understand Jesus in a whole new way.

~ *Kourtni Brown*  
*Director of Christian Education*