

Parish of the Good Shepherd

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LEGACY AND VISION

Dear People of Good Shepherd,

I have been worshipping with you for only nine days, but it is already abundantly clear that Good Shepherd, Waban, is a vital and faithful church, full of strong lay leadership, reverent worship, and thoughtful children and teenagers. It is an honor to join you as your Interim Priest this year. Our tasks together, as priest and people, will be to reflect upon who you have become in the past 23 years, with Truman as your Rector, and to discern a vision of what the Good Shepherd community of the next ten years will likely become. What qualities and skills will your new Rector need to have to faithfully serve you in your future?

While this discernment is happening, we will also continue all the vital ministries at Good Shepherd, including Sunday worship and coffee hour, Pastoral Care, Adult Education, Children's Ministries, Bible Study, Outreach, and Hospitality events. Please know that I am looking forward to working with you and your excellent Wardens, Jim and John, as we move into this year of transition, prayer, discernment, and vision.

I also am looking forward to getting to know each of you better, as we share our life of faith this year. Please email me at margaret@goodshepherdnewton.org, or call me at 617-244-4028 if you would like to meet to share a coffee together, or if you would like me to visit your home.

If you have a pastoral emergency on my days off (Friday and Saturday) please call me on my cell phone: 617-733-0661, so I can support you and your family.

In Christ,

The Reverend Margaret Schwarzer
Interim Priest

New address:

Truman and Junior would like to share their new address with you:

86 Echo Road
Brunswick, ME 04011

PARISH NEWS -

November 12, 2014

New Rector Search Update

Now that Truman has retired, the Vestry will start the process of finding the next Rector for Good Shepherd.

It is our desire to make this as open a process as we can, with regular update to the members of Good Shepherd.

The first step in this process is assembling a search committee from the congregation that is representative of our diverse community. We hope to have this search committee in place by the end of the calendar year. If you have any questions or are interested in being considered for the search committee, please contact Jim Nauen via email at nauen@yahoo.com.

The 22nd Annual Convention

Our diocese held its annual convention on Saturday, November 8th at St. Stephen's Church in Lynn. The huge church was overflowing with between 500 to 600 people. The highlight of the convention was the inspirational address by Bishop Alan Gates. Bishop Gates truly radiates faith, humility and wisdom. He grew up in this diocese, and then returned after 24 years to become our bishop. He said that in his absence the diocese has become dramatically more vibrant.

~ Terry Robinson, Delegate to the Convention

Thank You from Regina Walton

Dear Friends at Good Shepherd,

I just wanted to let you know how moving it was to see so many of you at my institution service at Grace Church in October. It meant a great deal to have you celebrate with me, especially on such a blustery evening! My time at Good Shepherd has forever shaped me as a priest. Many thanks to Truman from preaching the sermon, on the paradoxes of abiding--how we are called to abide in Christ, even as we are on the move in our lives, always growing and changing and seeking to follow God's will for us as it unfolds.

When I left Good Shepherd in 2013, the Vestry gave me a gift. This fall I used that gift to purchase two stole and chasuble sets (custom-sized!) in green and white. The green set is the same silk fabric as the green set at Good Shepherd, and I chose it so I would remember my time serving at the altar with Truman as your Curate. The white set I used for the first time on All Saints Sunday, for my first baptism in my new parish.

May God bless you all in this year of discernment and always!

In Christ,
Regina

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 Mary Ann Stewart with any questions about our Christian Education Program (ce@goodshepherdnewton.org)

16 - The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM: Level I Atrium

9:45 AM: Church School

1st & 2nd gr to Lower Level Room 2

3rd-5th gr to Loring Room

6th-8th gr to Youth Room

5:30 PM: *Last Confirmands' Dinner & Discussion (Klein)*

23 - Last Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM: Level I Atrium

9:45 AM: Church School

1st & 2nd gr to Lower Level Room 2

3rd-5th gr to Loring Room

6th-8th gr to Youth Room

30 - First Sunday of Advent – *Children's Procession*

9:00 AM: Level I Atrium

9:45 AM: Church School

1st & 2nd gr to Lower Level Room 2

3rd-5th gr to Loring Room

6th-8th gr to Youth Room

Parish Advent Wreathmaking Brunch

Pageant scripts and costumes distributed and brief rehearsal in church follows Advent Brunch

SAVE THE DATE: Parish Advent Wreathmaking Brunch, November 30 (Advent 1), immediately following the ten o'clock service in the Common Room. Please join your parish family in this holy season of waiting - of growing darkness turning into days of growing light. We will have wreath frames, greens, and candles for all. Afterward, children participating in this year's Advent/Christmas Pageant will have a brief rehearsal in church.

Beatitudes for Friends and Family

*Blessed are you who take time to listen to difficult speech,
for you help us persevere until we are understood.*

*Blessed are you who walk with us in public places and ignore the stares
of others,*

for we find havens of relaxation in your companionship.

*Blessed are you who never bid us to "hurry up",
and more blessed are you who do not snatch our tasks from our hands
to do them for us,*

for often we need time—rather than help.

*Blessed are you who stand beside us as we enter new and untried
ventures,*

*for the delight we feel when we surprise you outweighs all the frustrating
failures.*

*Blessed are you who ask for our help,
for our greatest need is to be needed.*

~ Author Unknown

Blessings, Mary Ann.