

Parish of the Good Shepherd

1671 Beacon Street
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD'S GRACE 2014

This time next year I will be getting ready to hand over my authority as rector of Good Shepherd to our Senior Warden, Jim Nauen, who will guide the vestry and the parish in a year of reflection leading to the choice of a new rector.

Since I have tried to be honest with you about the anxieties and hopes which accompanied my decision to retire, let me be honest about my anxieties and hopes about next year and the year following.

The interim period between rectors can be enormously stimulating and also potentially difficult. Some things will change. For one thing, there will be a new face and voice in front of you on Sunday mornings.

It is not unusual to hear stories of parishes that become anxious during interim periods, with decreased attendance and giving. But there are also stories about parishes in which the level of engagement increases as parishioners are involved in the search for a new spiritual leader.

But whatever happens at Good Shepherd, it is very important that we continue our fine level of financial support of the parish.

I encourage you to read Jim Nauen's short piece on the back of the enclosed stewardship brochure. Jim is right. Nothing would make me happier than if we could enter the next year in good financial shape, grateful for all that has been and hopeful about what is to come.

And one last thing. Giving from what we've been given is about so much more than balancing a church budget, important though that is. We were created by God to give, and it is in giving that we discover our true selves.

This is the paradox at the center of human life. Those who give freely and generously become rich in the things that really matter. Those who grasp or are greedy or sit protectively on what they have, finally lose the things really worth having.

I pray that God will give us all generous hearts and hands and will continue to bless the Parish of the Good Shepherd.

Peace,

Truman

PARISH NEWS —

October 23 , 2013

New parish directories

New directories are now available and can be picked up on the tract table in the Common room. If you would like one mailed to you please contact the church office. As a courtesy to our parishioners please do not use their email addresses for personal or civic use. They are to be used for church business only. Thank you.

Note: If you picked up a directory in the last week you may have noticed that Joan Nesgos was mistakenly deleted from it. New directories will be printed to include her. If you have the earlier version please write in her info:

Joan Nesgos

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27 Palmer Road

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(apologies to Joan for this error!)

All Saints' Sunday is November 3rd

We remember on that day "that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore." It is also a day in which Good Shepherd is glorious with incense, bells and music. **If you have people you wish to have remembered in the prayers for the departed on All Saints Sunday, November 3, please email (or use regular mail) the names to the church office by October 28.**

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.

Volunteers Needed Nov. 2

Join fellow parishioners on Saturday morning, Nov. 2, to rake leaves at Epiphany School, a tuition-free Episcopal middle school in Dorchester. Rakes and bags are provided. We'll leave Good Shepherd at 9:30 a.m. and return about 1 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the Common Room, near the kitchen, or contact Rogers Olverson, rolverson@comcast.net.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION & PROGRAMS

Nursery is available every Sunday

OCTOBER

27 - The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM: Level I Atrium

9:45 AM: Level II Atrium

3rd-5th gr Hien Rivers/Loring Room

6th-8th gr to Youth Room

October 27 (continued)

5:15 PM: All Hallows' Eve Observance & Pizza Party

NOVEMBER

3 - All Saints' Sunday – Children's Procession

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 (*Boyd*)

10 - The Twenty-fifth 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

17 - The Twenty-sixth 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 (*Mixer*)

Heartfelt thanks to our Block I Teachers, Assistants, and Substitutes: Kevin Richards, Jim Boyd, Emma Stewart, Biz Bracher Christin Gillooly, & Patty Morgan.

Pageant planning: In the coming weeks, information will be mailed out concerning the annual Advent Christmas Pageant. Children from Pre-K through 7th grade are invited to participate – and there are many roles to fill! The script will accommodate all children who wish to participate. Families are asked to speak with their children about participating (speaking, non-speaking, playing a musical instrument) in this year's offering.

An All Hallows' Eve Celebration? For centuries, the Church has seen *All Hallows' Eve* not as a glorification of evil, but as a chance to affirm eternal life in the face of the death of our mortal bodies. People of many races and cultures have remembered their dead and have had superstitions about death; Christians remembered death itself on All Hallows' Eve and celebrated in churches for worship, remembering the saints' victories over evil by putting on little displays of Jesus' victory over Satan. These plays often featured unusual masks and costumes for acting out the stories. **Our annual celebration for All Hallows' Eve will take place this Sunday, October 27 at 5:15 PM.** Weather permitting, we'll gather for the annual group photo on the church steps, then move to the Memorial Garden for a brief All Hallows' observance. The fun continues in the Common Room for a festive evening with pizza and piñata treats - - the more families and individuals that attend, the more fun it is for everyone! To ensure we have plenty of pizza and treats, kindly *RSVP to jennifer.manthei@gmail.com.* All parishioners are encouraged to attend - - in costume!

Frightfully, Mary Ann.