

# Parish of the Good Shepherd

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## REGINA

Six years ago I was looking for someone to replace the much loved Billie Gordon, who had served us so well for five years as Director of Christian Education and Assistant to the Rector. Mary Ann Stewart had already been hired to run the church school and I was trying to find an ordained person to do the other part of the job. We could only afford a very part-time salary and there wasn't even an office space to put somebody and so my expectations were low. Maybe there was someone out there who could substitute for me when I was on vacation and could occasionally preach and do some pastoral work----somebody who was dependable and stable and not too peculiar. As I said, my expectations were low.

And then Regina came along. And I got more than I bargained for and much more than I could have hoped for.

Regina was in a Ph.D program at Boston University and her time was limited. Perhaps she also was even then thinking of expanding her family. And so a part-time job was all she could handle.

Although young and alarmingly youthful looking, Regina came already equipped to do the job. She had a strong and mature faith, a secure grounding in the scriptures, and a winning personality. She was a good preacher and teacher and an acute judge of character. And she also had a very rare quality----a healthy ego without egotism---which meant that she could use her own considerable gifts to build up the church and wasn't jealous of other people's gifts. As I said, a rare quality, and especially (alas) among members of the clergy!

Regina received her Ph.D this spring and now she has accepted a full-time position as Associate Rector of St. Peter's Church in Weston. Her last official Sunday at Good Shepherd will be October 6th, but because of calendar and scheduling issues, she'll be back on Sunday, October 27th for a celebratory farewell.

Saying good-bye won't be easy. Regina and Chris came to Good Shepherd and quickly made their home with us. Gregory and Cecily were born while she was here and both were baptized at our font. Seeing them Sunday by Sunday makes me happy. Having Regina as a colleague and as a friend gives me joy. We work together, moan together, laugh together.

I'll miss them all. We all will. But instead of brooding about our loss, perhaps we can take another approach and recognize how remarkable and unexpected it was that they were here at all. Weren't we lucky! No, lucky isn't the right word. Weren't we blessed.

~ GTW

### 2013 Annual Parish Auction

When: October 19<sup>th</sup>

Where: Good Shepherd Common Room

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Come one, come all !!

# PARISH NEWS -

September 18, 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

## 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.

**Congratulations** to Alex Techet, who delivered healthy triplets on Tuesday, September 17th. Henry Holden 4lbs.8oz, Lydia Caryl 4lbs.10z, and George Richards 5lbs. are all doing well, as is Alex. She reported that she slept well last night--maybe for the last time!

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**Save the date for the annual parish  
auction: October 19<sup>th</sup>**

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION & PROGRAMS

*Nursery is available every Sunday*

### SEPTEMBER

#### **22 - The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:45 AM: Level I Atrium

9:45 AM: Level II Atrium

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr to Loring Room

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr to Youth Room

5:30 PM: Confirmands' Dinner/Discussion  
(Gillooly)

#### **29 - The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:45 AM: Level I Atrium

9:45 AM: Level II Atrium

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr to Loring Room

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr to Youth Room

### OCTOBER

#### **6 - The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:45 AM: Level I Atrium

9:45 AM: Level II Atrium

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr to Loring Room

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr to Youth Room

5:30 PM: Confirmands' Dinner/Discussion  
(Richards)

#### **13 - The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

8:45 AM: Level I Atrium

9:45 AM: Level II Atrium

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr to Loring Room

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr to Youth Room

Church School Teachers for Block I (September 15-October 20): Kevin Richards (Middle School Youth, grades 6-8); Jim Boyd (Upper Elementary, grades 3-5); Mary Ann Stewart (True Vine Atrium, grades K-2, and Good Shepherd Atrium, ages 3-6). Emma Stewart is assisting in the True Vine Atrium. Elizabeth Bracher will be substituting for Jim on Sunday, October 6. If you are interested in being an occasional sub, please speak with Mary Ann Stewart. The next block begins Sunday, October 27. Thank you to Hien Rivers who has signed up to teach the Upper Elementary group of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Save the Date for this year's All Hallows' Eve: Sunday, October 27 at 5:15 PM here at the church. Weather permitting we will have a brief observance in the Memorial Garden before processing to the Common Room for a pizza party and more! Watch for details in an upcoming Parish Newsletter.

*Faithfully, Mary Ann.*