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LOVING GOD'S CHILDREN

B-SAFE often seems too big for us at Good Shepherd. The summer enrichment program for inner city children, which is run by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in the South End, has grown by leaps and bounds, and our responsibilities as one of dozens of partner churches, seem huge. [*B-SAFE: Bishop's Summer Academic and Fun Enrichment program*]

Even this year when we did not host a field trip, we had many more mouths to feed. We had so much food to gather, so many servings to cook and tote. Feeding 165 children and adults was daunting.

But we did it. And we did it well. By lunch time each day, everything was in place, and the food was nutritious and plentiful. Everyone left well fed, and the kids, ever upbeat and full of gratitude, cheered for us. We got nice compliments from the staff as well. We managed it only because so many people said yes. Bob and Dianne Denk agreed to shop for the groceries, Gayane Ebling said yes, she'd gather the volunteers, and Kathy Hassinger signed up for double duty in food prep and food serving.

The entire Klein family -- Christopher and Martha and Sarah and Carl -- also did double duty, and set a new standard for teamwork. Alex Guimares said yes and put together the popular Asian slaw. Ann Honeycutt and Terry Horrigan and Ernie Gianelly were efficient veterans in the kitchen.

Becky Brack and Nancy Ketterer and Maureen Van Niel and Barbara Kryder helped with serving the meals, a job complicated by two seatings for each lunch. But they made it go off without a hitch.

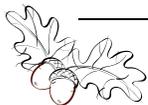
Others supported the effort by making a spouse available, loaning a pot, offering a prayer. This collaborative effort needed all sorts of support, and paid off in all sorts of dividends. As Nancy Ketterer said, there were many great conversations. I learned many lessons from fellow parishioners, lessons in how to chop cabbage and in how to care about one another.

Red Bones, the barbecue joint in Somerville, said a big YES when they gave us a whopping half-off discount on our big order. And Nashoba Brook Bakery of Concord donated 15 fresh loaves of their good slow-rise bread. Three cheers for corporate help! Many thanks to all who participated, one way and another. Each donation, whether materials or time or effort, added up to something much bigger than its parts, something much bigger than two lunches for a big group. Working together is the best work.

-- Rogers Olverson for the Outreach Committee

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WEEKDAY EUCHARIST †
WEDNESDAY 7:15 A.M.



Fall Forum Preview

CHILD CARE is now available during Adult Forum.

A look ahead at some of our Adult Forum topics over the next several months.

9/23 and 9/30: What's happening in American religion?
On 9/23, Truman will continue with an analysis of the rapid change of American religious life. On 9/30, Regina will use the work of sociologist Diana Butler Bass to lead a discussion about what makes parishes grow and thrive.

10/7 Columbus Day Weekend; No Forum

10/14 and 10/21: Finding Your Spiritual Type
Noah Van Niel, who grew up at Good Shepherd and recently began his first semester at Harvard Divinity School, will give us some tools to think about and describe our own spirituality. What's *your* "type," and what does it mean for how you want to worship, and live out your faith? Find out!

10/28: Bishop Shaw's Parish Visit; No Forum

Sundays in November: Ways of Praying
Prayer is one of the main foundations of our life of faith, yet this is an area in which many of us feel inadequate as Christians. In this series we will learn, discuss and practice strategies to turn to God throughout the day, silent prayer/Centering Prayer, praying for others, and family prayer.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SEPTEMBER

- 23** - 9:45 AM: Nursery
9:45 AM: Level II Atrium
3rd-5th gr to Loring Room
6th-8th gr to Youth Room
5:00-7:00 PM: Confirmands - Family Potluck
- 30** - 9:45 AM: Nursery
9:45 AM: Level II Atrium
3rd-5th gr to Loring Room
6th-8th gr to Youth Room
5:30-7:00 PM: Confirmands' Dinner/Discussion

OCTOBER

- 7** - 9:45 AM: Nursery
9:45 AM: Level II Atrium
3rd-5th gr to Loring Room
6th-8th gr to Youth Room

- 14** - 8:45 AM: Nursery
8:45 AM: Level I Atrium Opens
9:45 AM: Level II Atrium
3rd-5th gr to Loring Room
6th-8th gr to Youth Room
5:30 PM: Confirmands' Dinner/Discussion

Confirmation Candidates will meet for a family potluck this Sunday, September 23 from 5-7 PM in the home of Deb Molrine & Chris Duggan. Truman, Regina and Mary Ann will provide an overview of the next two-year confirmation program. We understand that youth are in a period of discernment about their Confirmation and we encourage Confirmands all to bring their questions. Please watch your email inbox for an online potluck sign up, to be distributed shortly.

Church School is off to a great start! Registration Forms were posted on our new parish website this year, which seemed a great convenience to families who downloaded the forms and brought them in on Registration Sunday. All but two of the classes began meeting this past Sunday: Confirmands will meet over several Sunday evenings this fall and Atrium Level I (age 3-6) will begin meeting each Sunday beginning October 14. There are currently about 70 children enrolled at Good Shepherd (Nursery-High School). **Teachers** will be in classrooms by 9:45 AM each Sunday: **Julia Johnston-Ketterer** downstairs in the Youth Room (6th & 7th grade group); **Jen Pachus** in Loring Room (3rd-5th grade group); **Emma Stewart** assisting Mary Ann Stewart in Level II Atrium (age 6-8 group).

Please note that **Level I Atrium** (age 3-6 group) will begin Sunday, October 14. Information about orientation for children new to the Atrium, as well as schedule for parent assistants, will be mailed out later this week.

The *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children, beginning at the age of three. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, "hands-on" space for children called an *atrium*, in which both the children and the catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in the scriptures and the liturgy. Originally developed in Rome by Dr. Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi over 50 years ago, the Catechesis continues to spread world-wide and is used with adaptation in various Christian traditions.

*In faith,
Mary Ann.*

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