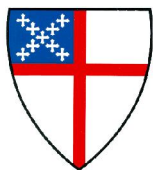


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE CALL



AUGUST 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST

"Living the Love of God"

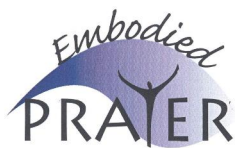
The fiscal year of the church is January 1 to December 31, but the planning year of the church is effectively August 1 to July 31. In doing so we mirror our society that is tied to the educational year, rooted ultimately in the agricultural year. August, though still very much part of summer, marks those activities that anticipate the fall. August is the month of preparation for an active second half of the year. We will say goodbye to summer at the Giese's on the 31st, swimming in their pool and eating our fantastic food. The After School Program will get rolling again. Several Christian Education programs will begin once again, and the Vestry will be discussing our fall Pledge Campaign.

As in all things, there are two sides to this. On the one hand the programs and activities of the church give substance to who we are in our community, they are the ways we extend the love of God into our world in faith that it will transform the world into a place more and more like heaven. It is important to be involved, to put yourself out, to embrace and participate. On the other hand, there are no guarantees. Our plans are our suggestions to God, who has more than one way to skin a cat. Clinging to any one of them as the sure-fire way to bring salvation to the world is unrealistic and unhealthy. The great Church Father Gregory of Nyssa spoke of "the participation proper to virtue and the attachment native to vice." In other words, we add our hands to the work being done, but we never make an idol of the work itself.

How do we keep this balance between commitment and detachment? We keep our eyes on the love of God, the great One behind all our plans. With our eyes on this eternal goal we can join with one another, put our hand to the plow and move forward, participating in that which God is doing in our midst fully and joyfully, and at the same time remembering that the real goal is beyond the actual work itself. The real goal is the love of God.

Next month: What else might it mean?

Paul+



Try a New Spiritual Experience this Summer!

What is Embodied Prayer?

- ✦ Connecting with our bodies as instruments of prayer
- ✦ Opening to the Spirit who resides both within and beyond our bodies

Embodied Prayer is an invitation to:

- ✓ Move beyond our traditions and assumptions about prayer
- ✓ Worship with our bodies instead of words
- ✓ Listen to our bodies, connect with scripture, and pray with others in new ways
- ✓ Rediscover playfulness in prayer and have fun

Embodied Prayer is for everyone!

- ◆ All ages welcome
- ◆ Any body can participate
- ◆ No training or prior experience required

Leader: Shirin McArthur, MDiv, Spiritual Guide and Liturgical Dancer

All Sessions are Free and Scheduled from 6:30-8 pm

Attend One or All:

Thurs, June 5 Wed, July 9 Thurs, August 7

First Presbyterian Church, 1915 N Swan Street

Questions? Contact Shirin at shirinmcarthur@gmail.com or 505-918-0501

ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The local Rotarians are looking for local families to host next year's International Exchange Student. The student scheduled to spend her school year here in Silver City beginning in the fall is a young woman from Sweden. She enjoys sailing and diving and is looking forward to learning about the Southwest United States.

Three local families will host for four months each. See Father Paul if you think you might be interested.

FROM YOUR RECTOR'S WARDEN

As all of you know, we have returned from a trip to Honduras Good Works for a brief mission that includes a medical ministry but also includes other things especially a spiritual mission. As a small part of that team it was my privilege to see patients which included large families. We distributed family packs. The people of The Church of the Good Shepherd and the Silver City community contributed 1000 family packs including toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, combs and other supplies. We were also able to distribute needed vitamins, medicine to eradicate parasites, and other needed medicine to these people who have so little material wealth. Their needs were so great and our ability to help was so limited, one might ask is it worthwhile? After I saw one family with 5 children I felt rather helpless. They started to leave but each child returned and gave me a big hug. I still wish that I could have done more, but I knew at that moment it was well worthwhile. Another, physician saw a young lady with multiple children. She had walked 5 miles and waited in line for hours to see a medical provider.

I was only one member of a team of over a hundred. I did a small part and was tired by the end of the week. It took a lot of young and older people all doing a lot of different things, and a lot of preplanning by some people for the entire year to make this event happen. Yet each person contributed a great deal and no one could have done the task alone without lots of help.

So it is at the Church of the Good Shepherd. It takes all of us to be successful. Sometimes we don't think we contribute much or that we are not very important. We all are important to God. We all are important to the success of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Many of you do many things and are hardly recognized it seems, but all of us are precious in the sight of God.

May God bless all of you. John Bell

Report from the Palomas Orphanage

The 12 orphans continue to grow physically, mentally and spiritually. They are a joy. Like the church of the Good Shepherd, Casa de Amor para Ninos went through tough times, but is now enjoying very positive times. Our scholarship program is highly successful and the impact on more than one hundred scholarship recipients is paying good dividends. Three of the orphan girls (twins and their sister) were expecting to be adopted by family in Michigan. The family had already adopted five. One of the five has major medical problems so the family could not afford to adopt our girls. The girls had talked about little else so were disappointed, but are adapting well. If we lose any of the girls to adoption or anything else, there are girls in Chihuahua waiting to come to Palmas. We have become the orphanage of choice which is quite a change as the current orphans arrived with fear and trepidation. Jim and Pat Noble with the help of other adults took the girls to Rocky Point. Jim rented a ten bedroom home, \$2500 which he paid for plus travel and food. The idea was to get the girls to know one another and the adults better. Hopefully, there was a lot of bonding. I'm sure they all had a good time.

— Deacon Tom Bates

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Training

On Sunday, August 17, a training and review session will be held after the 10:30 a.m. service. Fr. Paul will meet in the nave of the church with all current Eucharistic Ministers and lectors (readers) and any one interested in becoming an EM or lector in order to review current practice and any changes in the role of servers. The diocese requires periodic training of all Eucharistic Ministers and lectors, but has agreed to let the training take place in parishes under the direction of the rector, instead of have training sessions in Albuquerque or El Paso. If you are currently serving as an EM or lector, or are interested in training to become one, please plan to attend this session. We will keep it as brief as possible, and will provide lunch afterward for those who would like to stay. Have questions? Call Linda Shay (388-3893) or Fr. Paul (538-2015).



**SILVER CITY PRAYER GROUP
AUGUST MEETING DATES AND PLACES**

(Meets at 8:30 unless noted otherwise)

July 29 – New Life Family Fellowship

August 5 – Mountain View Nazarene Church

August 12 – New Hope Fellowship

August 19 – First Presbyterian

August 26 – Brewer Hill Baptist Church (– remember 8:00am for breakfast!)



Chapter Report 2014

Shepherd's Daughters Chapter

Church of the Good Shepherd Silver City, New Mexico

Shepherd's Daughters Chapter had several very meaningful projects over this last year, as follows: On September 7 2013 we had a Tea and Talk on Hildegard von Bingen, led by Shirin McArthur who is a very interesting group leader in our community. This event was well attended by the Parish. Also in September, we had a fund raiser to help defray expenses of one of our Daughters, who went on a mission in Vietnam later in the year. It was a Dessert Auction conducted by Karisse Moore, who could sell ice in the South Pole. Amazing how much we will pay for an apple pie.

Then we did the Festival of Trees in Advent. We decorated two Christmas trees to be sold for a fund raiser.

We also had a Mid-Lent quiet day on March 22.

Our ongoing projects are handmade baby blankets which we have sent to Africa the last several years. This year they will go to Honduras with our group led by Fr. Paul and representing Silver City, Carlsbad and Las Cruces from New Mexico. The Blanket Project is chaired by Shepherd's Daughter Evelyn Yates. Another Shepherd's Daughter, Mary Harrell leads "Coats for the Cold" every winter.

Submitted by Mitzi Roberts, Chapter President

GOOD SHEPHERD COLUMBARIUM

Just a reminder that Columbarium niches are available at \$500 per niche. For more information contact Kathy Strange at 538-3310, or the church office.

COURTESY OFFICERS

In the interest of the safety and security of the church on Sunday mornings, the Vestry has started a program where we are asking for volunteer 'Courtesy Officers' to listen to the Sunday service from the Parish Hall. If someone comes into the Parish Hall during the service Courtesy Officers will be able to answer questions, deal with people needing help or food, etc. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall where you can pick a date and either the early or late service for which you would like to help. THANK YOU!

AUGUST LAY READER AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

DATE	LAY MINISTERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SUNDAY SCHOOL/ NURSERY
AUGUST 3 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Mary Ihlefeld Joe Pidutti	Dora Somerville Dora Somerville	Adrian Melón Lexie Ortiz Danielle Ortiz Mary Ihlefeld	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Karisse Moore
AUGUST 10 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Brown Win Taylor	Mitzi Roberts OPEN	Carol Coon Ana Ortiz Gabby Ortiz Toby Guck	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery:
AUGUST 17 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Carol Coon Lector: Sherry Terrazas Mary Harrell	Dave & Pam Kuthe Adrian & Jennifer Melón	Tony Guck Toby Guck Stephanie Ortiz Lexie Ortiz	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery:
AUGUST 24 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Linda Shay Lector: Ted Presler Jane Bates	Suzanne Parham Frances Faxquez	Win Taylor Linda Shay Adrian Melón Carol Coon	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Holly Peterson
AUGUST 31 9:30 AM	Win Taylor Mary Ihlefeld	Sherry Terrazas and Betty Gnader	Mary Ihlefeld Linda Shay Stephanie Ortiz Danielle Ortiz	Nursery: Karisse Moore
SEPTEMBER 7 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Brown Joe Pidutti	Dora Somerville Dora Somerville	Toby Guck Tony Guck Gabby Ortiz Ana Ortiz	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Karisse Moore

Lay Readers, please note: the reader listed first will read the first lesson

Eucharistic Visitor Schedule

August 3—Tony and Sarah Guck
 August 10—Jennifer Melón and Mary Harrell
 August 17—Eduardo Arguello and volunteer
 August 24—John and Cecelia Bell
 August 31—Linda Shay and volunteer

The first Eucharistic Visitor listed is lead. If you cannot serve on the day scheduled, please contact Mary Harrell or Father Paul.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY			
August			
		11	Jeanette Giese
		17	Danielle Ortiz
		20	Holly Peterson
2	Sage Peterson		
4	Pat Gaerttner		
4	Lonnie Strange		
6	Pat Neal		
9	Pat Hollister		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY		
August		
26	Donald & Beverly Redwine	
26	Marc & Linda Shay	



Do you have a birthday or anniversary in August but don't see your name here? Please call Cherie at the office, 538-2015, and get her to update the database to reflect your info. Thanks!

