

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

# THE CALL



# NOVEMBER 2012

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST

November is an agricultural month. It marks the end of the harvest, and Thanksgiving has been from the beginning a harvest festival. Harvest means enjoying the fruits of our labors through the growing season, the bounty of the earth, and the goodness of God. Harvest means hope for the coming months when growing things will not be possible. Our hope tucks away for us the glimmer of Spring which is yet months away.

Hope. Hope has been defined as the ability to imagine a life-giving future, and the confidence that one can obtain the resources necessary to achieve it. In terms of the harvest our hope is in jars and cellars and bins. In terms of our living it is the economic wherewithal to pay for heating bills. I hear a lot about hope around Good Shepherd these days. It is a hope that our ministries will flourish and our attendance will continue to rise, that those who have been absent from us for a time might rejoin us, perhaps those who have been estranged might be reconciled. These are all mighty hopes! It warms my heart to hear them voiced because frankly, I share them.

As for resources, we have the three absolutely essential things. We have the Spirit of God moving among us. Jesus told Nicodemus that the Spirit blows where it wills – apparently it wills to be blowing through our church at this time. The second is ourselves. The love we have in our hearts, the love we express in our service, and most of all the love we share with those we know and those we don't know, is what we give. Finally, we have action. We have ministries that share the love of God with others: After School Program, UCM, Palomas, the Bazaar coming up, Yoga, Compassionate Friends, to name a few. There are so many ways we already live God's love in our community! There are so many ways we serve! There are so many ways we offer the hope we feel! And yet there are so many others in this community with no spiritual home, for whom Good Shepherd could be a loving, nurturing and spiritually refreshing place (without stealing a single sheep from another worshipping community!) Perhaps in a most humbling way, the fields are indeed ripe for the harvest.

Yours in Christ's love, y ¡que Dios des bendiga ricamente! (May God bless you richly!)

Fr. Paul+

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Last week was a fine time of year to drive to Albuquerque --the cottonwoods in the valley were turning, the fields were green, and a few balloons could still be seen in the early morning.

The Convention began with a lovely Mass at the Cathedral, with all the priests and deacons of the diocese processing in their white albs and stoles. Fr. Paul made us proud by reading the Epistle in very melodious Spanish – confirming that the Rio Grande is a bilingual diocese. I presented our UTO Thank Offering, and we were the only parish to bring the actual mite boxes and assorted bills and checks. Our package weighed about 25 lbs and almost collapsed the lady collecting the offerings!

This year's theme was "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." The Bishop told us to expect great things when we place our hope in God and he urged us not to be afraid to reach beyond our usual boundaries.

The Convention itself, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, was briefer and more businesslike than last year's. There were workshops on using church assets to make extra income (such as the diocese is doing with the Bosque Center), using social media, planned giving and stewardship, and church communications. A balanced budget was approved; part of the anticipated income will come from fees generated by outside groups' use of the Bosque Center.

Good Shepherd was well represented by Fr. Paul, Deacon Tom and Jane Bates, Linda Shay and myself. Deacon Tom managed the Brotherhood of St. Andrew booth. Linda Shay went to a Cursillo Ultreya to revive Cursillo in the diocese. I was elected to the diocesan Standing Committee. I would never have thought to run, but was recruited by some who felt this committee needed the perspective of a more remote parish. Even though I am moving to Albuquerque in the early part of next year, I have faith that I will be able to represent this point of view for my two year term. I am serving with some very distinguished and experienced people. Please pray for me!

The finale of the convention was the dedication of the beautiful Bosque Center. This eight acre property along the Rio Grande will serve not only as the diocese's administrative center, but also provide retreat and meeting facilities for diocesan and other groups. The little bedrooms are darling. The common spaces look out to the bosque and are awe- inspiring.

I was proud of how far the Diocese of the Rio Grande has come under the leadership of Bishop Michael Vono. We will welcome our Bishop at Fr. Paul's Installation on Saturday, November 3, and Bishop will be at both 8 and 10:30 am services the next day. Fr. Paul also issued a special invitation to Canon Daniel Gutierrez to preach at his Installation. This is a very busy, and indeed holy, time for us, and we rightly thank God for guiding us to this point. Praise the Lord!

Faithfully, Anne McCormick, Senior Warden

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

In October the After School Program met twice. On October 10<sup>th</sup> we had a great presentation by falconer and educator James Rogers. James brought his Harris hawk and taught us all, grown ups included, about hunting with birds. Very cool and educational! Did you know that in New Mexico it is possible to engage in this sport as early as 12 years old? Our own Rector, Fr. Paul shared much insight and wisdom with the children on birds of prey and the lessons they have to teach us. Much fun!

On Halloween we headed out to the Grant County Airport and toured the hangers, learned how planes fly, and even got to tour a plane! We had a great dinner out that evening too with Manuel and Cira Lozoya, owners of Mas y Mas, and parents of our own after school student, Larry Lozoya.

The After School Program is still in need of volunteers to help chaperon our wonderful kids – on field trips, to the playground, and just in general. We always welcome donated food too, the sign up sheet for this is hanging in Parish Hall every Sunday. Thanks again to everyone who makes the After School Program possible.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION November 2012

**Looking ahead to Advent..... Advent materials will be available to the congregation beginning November 25<sup>th</sup>.**

### 1. Adult and Children's SUNDAY SCHOOL

a. The adult class continues to meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. This Kerygma class is meeting in the Parish Hall with Father Gene and Deacon Tom.

b. The children's Sunday School class for upper elementary/middle school (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) is being held during the Nursery/Second Service time at 10:30 a.m.

### 2. NURSERY

Nursery is offered at 10:30 a.m. and will be available for any child not able to sit through the Sunday Service.

#### Nursery Volunteers:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Heather McClaren

3<sup>rd</sup>: Karisse Moore

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Carol Barrington

4<sup>th</sup>: Holly Peterson

### 3. SERVICE PROJECT

The Sunday School is doing a service project in support of *Heifer International*. This program provides livestock and agricultural training to improve the lives of families who struggle daily for reliable sources of food and income. When we did this project several years ago, the children of the Church with your support raised \$120 dollars. The children then voted to purchase a goat for a needy family. Please consider supporting this project along with the children of the Church. **Thank you!**

**Advent: a time to prepare our hearts, our minds, our souls, and our homes  
for the coming of the Christ Child, our Messiah.  
" ...prepare the way of the Lord" Isaiah 40:3**



## PARISH HEALTH CORNER

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### THE EYES HAVE IT

Most people would agree that being able to see is important to them. But few people take the opportunity to have their eyes checked regularly. Since there are a number of inherited and acquired diseases that can affect the eye, it is important to include eye examinations as part of one's routine health maintenance.

A part of the eye that can be affected as we age is the retina (from the Latin for "net"). This part is at the back of the eye, and actually is made of ten layers of different kinds of cells. This tissue is light-sensitive and it is on this part of the eye that optics create an image that translates into what we see. This is done through a series of chemical and electrical events that set off nerve impulses that go to the brain through the optic nerves. Interestingly, during fetal development, both the retina and the optic nerve grow out of the developing brain, and thus are considered part of the central nervous system.

The rod and cone cells in the retina receive the light entering at the pupil and help us see color or black and white, or whether the light is dim or bright. A type of dystrophy can cause degeneration of these particular cells.

The cells in another part of the retina, called the macula, can deteriorate, causing loss of central vision. Yellow deposits (drusen) can build up at the back of the eye, and is known as the "dry" form of macular degeneration, while an over-growth of blood vessels leads to the "wet" form; either can detach the retina. Blurred or missing areas of vision, or straight lines that start having a wavy appearance can be indications of macular degeneration.

Other conditions can lead to eye problems and loss of vision—diabetes, high cholesterol, trauma, obesity and hypertension are just a few. It is important to take medication as directed in order to maintain health, including eye health.

Free, noninvasive retinal screenings are available the month of November at Hidalgo Medical Services' office in Bayard. Call them or La Vida office in Silver City for an appointment.

## REMEMBERING LOCAL VETERANS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

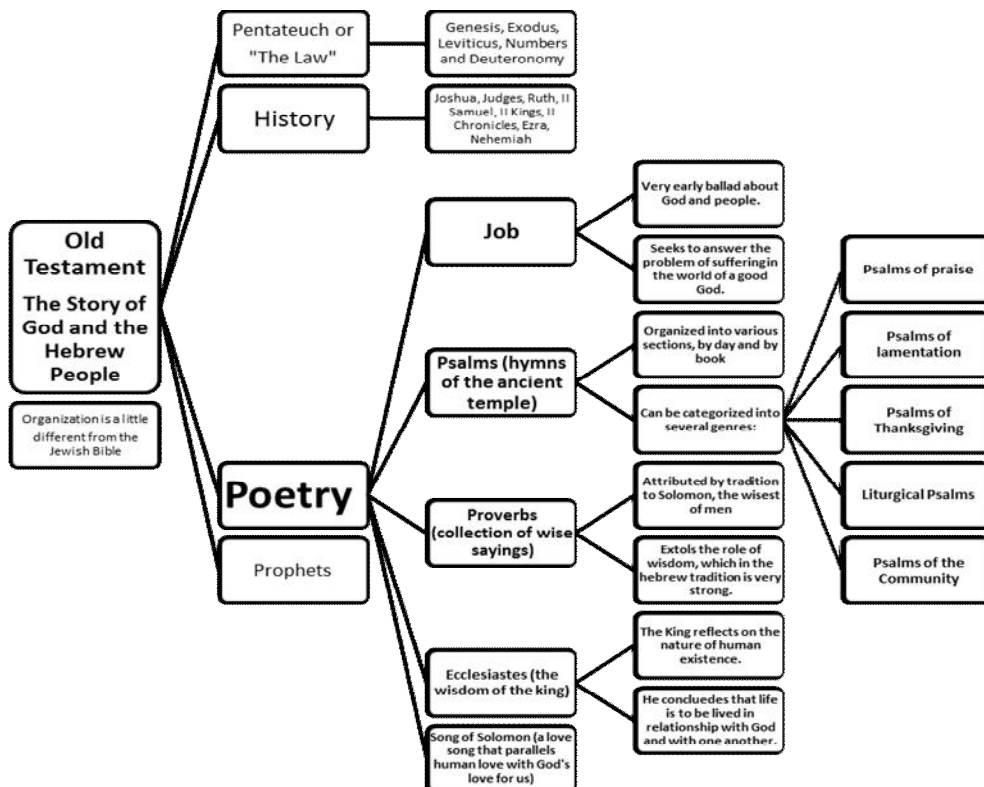
Planning is underway for Saturday, December 15, 2012, when members of the Grant County community will gather to honor veterans during the holiday season as part of the annual Wreaths Across America Day. The ceremony will be held at Ft. Bayard National Cemetery at 10:00am. Specially designed wreaths for the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and POW/MIA will be presented to represent our veterans.



Organizations and individuals will have an opportunity in October and November to sponsor or order additional wreaths to remember and honor local veterans and loved ones at the non-profit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org). If you're interested in ordering a wreath, contact Kathy Strange at 538-3310 for more information.



The Bible for Dummies...the Organization of the Bible in graphic form, coming to you in monthly installments in the Evangel...



## COUNTDOWN TO THE BAZAAR

The bazaar date for this year is Saturday, November 10. Please bring any garage sale-type donations as early as possible as we will not be doing much more 'sorting' in the garage. Please bring Bazaar-type donations during our work days, November 5<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> - THE SOONER THE BETTER! Call Cherie Salmon at 388-7518 if you need more information or something picked up.

Here's a quick rundown on important dates and activities leading up to the big day. We need your help - please come when you can and we will put you to work!

Sunday, November 4 - Congregation takes fliers to help advertise Bazaar

Monday, November 5 - 10:00 - 3:00 - Arrange tables and transfer of stored Bazaar items from the garage to the Parish Hall. If you have a pick-up truck and would like to help for a couple of hours (it doesn't take long), come at noon. Set-up begins in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 6 - 10:00 - 3:00 - Set-up continues in Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 7, 10:00 - 3:00 - Set-up continues including creation of displays in Parish Hall.

Thursday, November 8, 10:00 - 3:00 - Set-up continues in Parish Hall with pricing being the main focus.

Friday, November 9, 10:00 - 3:00 - Baked goods should be delivered by 1:00 for pricing

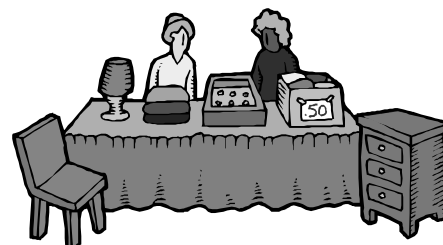
Last day for craft items to be delivered by 1:00 for pricing

Final set up for Café

Saturday, November 10, 9:00 - 1:00 - THE 108<sup>th</sup> BAZAAR AT GOOD SHEPHERD

8:00 - 1:00 - GARAGE SALE at Good Shepherd House garage

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK - or something like that! It's fun to see what has been packed away in all these boxes for months and to help transform the Parish Hall into a wonderful BAZAAR for everyone's shopping pleasure. There will be NO early sales, but willing workers have the opportunity to see everything first and participate in a silent auction for Bazaar Collectible items on a limited basis. The silent auction ends on Friday at noon. Come work for an hour or every day; we'd love to SEE YOU THERE!!!




**NOVEMBER LAY READER AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

DATE	LAY MINISTERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SUNDAY SCHOOL/ NURSERY
NOVEMBER 4 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Larry Himes Pat Brown Joe Pidutti	Barry Rimmel Margo Rimmel	Linda Shay Carol Coon Win Taylor	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 Youth Sunday School Nursery: Heather McClaren
NOVEMBER 11 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Sarah Guck Nancy Pidutti	Mitzi Roberts Marianne Bray	Sarah Guck – Team Leader Tobias Guck Autumn Laws	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 Youth Sunday School Nursery: Carol Bar- rington
NOVEMBER 18 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Carol Coon Mary Harrell	Dave & Pam Kuthe Dick & June Rhoades	Haley Baxter Jacob Baxter Linda Shay	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 Youth Sunday School Nursery: Karisse Moore
NOVEMBER 25 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Anne McCormick Mary Ihlefeld Linda Shay Lector: Ted Pressler	Dora Somerville Dora Somerville	Linda Shay Carol Coon Linda Richter	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 Youth Sunday School Nursery: Holly Peter- son
DECEMBER 2 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Larry Himes Pat Brown Joe Pidutti	Barry Rimmel Margo Rimmel	Sarah Guck – Team Leader Tobias Guck Autumn Laws	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 Youth Sunday School Nursery: Heather McClaren

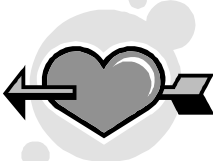
Lay Readers, please note: the reader listed first will read the first lesson

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
November

5	Albin Chalk	
7	Richrd Rhoades	
8	Cheryl Oglesby	
15	Larry Himes	
27	Haley Baxter	
27	Cruz Terrazas	

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
November

19 Anthony and Sarah Guck



**HOLY HUMOR**

**During these serious and troubled times, people of all faiths should remember these four great religious truths:**

- 1. Muslims do not recognize Jews as God's Chosen People.**
- 2. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.**
- 3. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian world.**
- 4. Baptists do not recognize each other at the liquor store.**