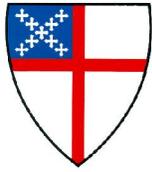


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE CALL



NOVEMBER 2013

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST

“Living the Love of God”

What does that mean?

The Reformation theologian John Calvin said that gratitude lies at the heart of the human response to God. Calvinist theology starts with the sinfulness of humanity and God’s unilateral and uniquely effective redemption of the human condition. Under those assumptions yes, gratitude not only lies at the heart of the human response to God, it is the ONLY human response to God possible.

But one need not resort to such dour assumptions about the human condition. Meister Eckhart, a 14th century German mystic said, “If the only prayer you said in life was ‘Thank you,’ that would suffice.” Whether we are thanking God for creation or redemption, it comes out the same. John Calvin spoke larger words than what he might have thought.

This is the month of two things: Thanksgiving and our annual pledge drive. The pledge drive gives feet to our thanksgiving. Our commitment to the needs of our local faith community is an expression of our thanks to God for that community, for our life in it, and for what that community is doing to live the Kingdom of God in our town.

Eckhart also said, “Do exactly what you would do if you felt most secure.” Gratitude is secure. Give generously to your church as an expression of your gratitude.

Next month: What else might it mean?

Paul+

FROM YOUR PRIEST’S WARDEN

This is the season to give thanks for just a few of our many blessings. We need to give thanks for all that we have and all that we are every day. It is a time to help others. There are so many in need of so much, especially love and understanding. We are crowded by schedules that allow little time for us to notice and appreciate God’s beautiful creation which is everywhere in southwestern New Mexico. It is a time to be thankful for our families, neighbors, and church family. It is a time to remember how our forefathers celebrated thanksgiving following many hardships. Sometimes the best way of expressing appreciation is just an extra pat on the back or just a kind word or smile. Rough, gruff, and cold people—those people that are the hardest to befriend, need out smiles and pats more than we think and often appreciate it the most.

I recall the uplifting hymn “Count Your Blessings” by Edwin Excell. By taking a few moments each day to think about the blessing God has given you, you will discover “what God has done for you.

In closing I wish to say thank you to each of you within The Church of The Good Shepherd who make my life so blessed each day. I hope that all of you have a blessed day every day but especially this Thanksgiving.

John Bell

OFRENDA

On All Saints Sunday Consuelo Hester will set up an Ofrenda commemorating the Day of the Dead in the Hispanic tradition. It will be (fittingly) arranged around the Columbarium at the back of the Nave. If you would like to remember one of your own loved ones who has passed into the larger life in a special way please feel free to bring a picture, a special item, a favorite food, or something that reminds you of them to place on the Ofrenda as you enter church. You may retrieve your remembrances after the service.

Also, if you haven't already submitted names for the prayer list of the departed, forms are next to the bulletins at the front and back of the church.



OPEN BIBLE WRITING HOUR

Each one of us is a unique human being. Nobody else is you. So each person's response to sacred scripture is unique. Spontaneous writing practice is a way to find out what the living and holy spirit of creation has to say to, and through, you.

Try it! Come to a single meeting, or more.

7 to 8pm Wednesday evenings: Nov 6, Dec 4

4 to 5pm Thursday afternoons: Nov 7, Dec 5

In the Parish Hall of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

6th Street between Texas and Arizona (parking lot entrance)

Free. Bring a pen. Writing (or Bible) experience not necessary.



Wreaths Across America Day

Ft. Bayard National Cemetery, December 14, 2013, 10:00am

Order a wreath now to honor a veteran during the holidays. Each wreath costs \$15.00 from this 501(c)3 organization. For every two wreaths purchased, one additional wreath will be donated to Ft. Bayard National Cemetery. Kathy Strange has forms today. Call her, 538-3310, or John or Cecelia Bell at 388-4477, for additional information.

The sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

"Sharing the Faith" dinner

Our "Sharing the Faith" dinner is on the move! After looking at the Church's calendar of events for November and December, we have decided to reschedule the dinner. The dinner is on the move to the January or February timeframe. We plan to have this dinner catered so that all may be free to come and participate. Enjoy all the upcoming Church events scheduled for the Advent and Christmas season!



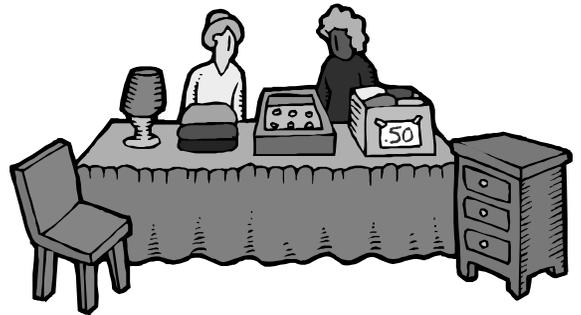
Church of the Good Shepherd Bazaar 2013

IT'S JUST A FEW DAYS AWAY! The **109th Church of the Good Shepherd Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. This fundraiser is always very successful. This year it enabled us to support Honduras Good Works, the After School Program and United Campus Ministry, buy a new laptop computer for the priest, and give back to our community including the Gospel Mission and El Refugio.

Thank you to all who have donated items so far this year. We still need crafts of all kinds for our craft tables.

The signup sheet is still in the Parish Hall with what we need and a schedule for volunteers. The set-up days for the Bazaar are Monday, October 28th through Friday the 1st of November, from 10:00am to 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. Extra help is always appreciated on Tuesday and Wednesday. Come for an hour, or for all day!

The Bazaar is a church-wide, fun and profitable event and we hope to see everyone involved.



THE NEARLY NEW & *UNIQUE* BOUTIQUE

The Bazaar is almost here! Next Saturday, November 2nd! One of the newer features of the bazaar is our BOUTIQUE which is a wonderful collection of the best – and most interesting – clothing and linens which have been donated throughout the year. It is located downstairs in the Sunday School rooms and it has become quite a popular feature of the bazaar.

We are already working on the Boutique and have lots of nice clothes, BUT, if you've been putting off cleaning out your clothes and linen closets we'll take donations of nice, nearly new, and interesting clothing up until Thursday of this week.



PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Just a reminder that there will be our traditional Parish Thanksgiving dinner following the Wednesday noon service on November 27th. A volunteer, or two, to cook a turkey and a ham would be greatly appreciated. There's a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for side dishes and desserts.



GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIP DESIGNATED FUND

A new designated fund has been set up for a general scholarship fund to be called the Good Shepherd Scholarship. This will work in conjunction, and to augment, the two current scholarships, The Katharine E. Muma Memorial Scholarship and the Frank and Helen Griswold Scholarship. Please denote 'scholarship fund' on your check if you would like to help send church and community young people on to higher education.

NOVEMBER LAY READER AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

DATE	LAY MINISTERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SUNDAY SCHOOL/ NURSERY
NOVEMBER 3 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Brown Joe Pidutti	Dora Somerville Dora Somerville	Mary Ihlefeld Linda Shay Linda Richter	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Karisse Moore
NOVEMBER 10 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Carol Coon Lector: Sara Boyett Mary Ihlefeld	Mitzi Roberts Marianne Bray	Carol Coon Win Taylor Mary Ihlefeld	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Carol Barrington
NOVEMBER 17 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Mary Harrell Linda Shay Lector: Sherry Terrazas	Dave & Pam Kuthe Dick & June Rhoades	Linda Shay Linda Richter Adrian Melon	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Karisse Moore
NOVEMBER 24 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Jane Bates Win Taylor	Barry Rimmel Margo Rimmel	Win Taylor Linda Shay Linda Richter	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Holly Peterson
DECEMBER 1 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Brown Joe Pidutti	Dora Somerville Dora Somerville	Tony Guck Toby Guck Adrian Melon	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

November 3—Sarah Guck/Tony Guck
 November 10—Margo Rimmel/Karen Morant
 November 17—Linda Shay/Eduardo Arguello
 November 24—Mary Harrell

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



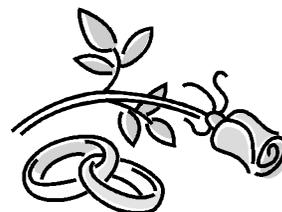
HAPPY BIRTHDAY November

3 Albin Chalk
 7 Richard Rhoades
 8 Cheryl Oglesby
 5 Desiree Hardaker
 15 Larry Himes



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY November

19 Sarah and Tony Guck



Do you have a birthday or anniversary in September 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!