



MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST

In October, “if the good Lord be willin’ ‘n’ the creek don’t rise,” as they say among my mother’s people, we will be the jelly-kneed, knot-in-the-stomach, terrified yet elated owners of our very first home in the United States. In 20 years of ministry in the United States we’ve always lived in rectories owned by the parishes I’ve served. Oh, I built my wife a jungle bungalow in Ecuador once, with 360 degree flap air-conditioning (that means there was nothing covering the windows but curtains) and running water – down the hill in the river! Now we are to be moving into a house with evaporative coolers, a real furnace when it gets cold, glass in the windows and (get this!) and in-door toilet! In fact, 2 of them! The time will come when we have a house-warming/house-blessing party when you will all be invited.

Home – a place to belong, to return to, where one gathers one’s soul after one day and anchors again for the next, is a most essential piece of well-being. Why does it come now with such trepidation? Surely it is because the transition is yet rife with unanswered questions. What will it be like? How will we cope with the challenges of home ownership? Who will share our home with us from time to time? One question is clear to me, though. This will be our home. Silver City is becoming our home. Good Shepherd is feeling more and more like home.

Right beside the chair I occupy in worship is a plaque in loving memory of Joan Warren Hester, 1877-1964. Wow! I know this parish has been home to many people for a very long time. Many of you have attended here under the ministry of many different priests. The adjustments we’ve made since my arrival hopefully are beginning to feel a bit more like home for you as well, for feelings of home here on earth, especially as we have them among the family of God, are given us to let us know that already we are being included in the joys of heaven, where all things will finally come home.

Yours in Christ’s love, y ¡que Dios des bendiga ricamente! (May God bless you richly!)  
Fr. Paul+

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

This October is a time of preparation for the parish. As we make all the arrangements for Fr. Paul’s Installation on Saturday, November 3 and the Bishop’s visitation the next day, I realize that not only is Fr. Paul’s call to lead our parish being formalized, but that we also are being asked to personally rededicate ourselves to how God is calling us to serve our church.

Last Saturday eight of us travelled in a van to El Paso, where we discussed Hispanic/Latino Ministry in the Episcopal Church with Canon Anthony Guillen of the national church, New Mexico’s Canon to the Ordinary Daniel Gutierrez and other lay leaders and clergy in the Deanery. Our own community in Grant County is more than half Hispanic. Many of our Hispanic friends, co-workers, family and neighbors share our faith in God and an appreciation of ritual worship, as well as traditional, but common sense values. How natural it is to welcome them to our beloved church home. Specific activities to promote Hispanic ministry at Good Shepherd will be an ongoing topic of conversation in our parish. And it’s all of a piece with our preparation for the Celebration of a New Ministry.

The Diocesan Convention will be held October 16-19 in Albuquerque, with the dedication of the beautiful Bosque Center Diocesan headquarters taking place on the afternoon of the 19<sup>th</sup>. Our delegation is excited to be accompanying Fr. Paul to his first convention in this diocese.

Be sure to do your fall cleaning with an eye towards The Good Shepherd Bazaar on Saturday, November 10, and to consider where time and talents can best be used on that day.

We are in the midst of an exciting, challenging time when Good Shepherd once again is at the fore in our community to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please share the good news with all you encounter!

Faithfully, Anne McCormick, Senior Warden

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

What a wonderful start to this year's After School Program. On September 12, 2012 we had our very first after school program and we had **27 Students!!** On our field trip to the High Desert Humane Society, our students got to walk dogs, learned all about spay and neutering their animals, played with kittens, and got to see all the wonderful pets available for adoption at our local animal shelter. The staff of the High Desert Humane Society was very knowledgeable and friendly, and really made us feel welcome!

On October 31<sup>st</sup> we will be headed to the Grant County Airport for another field trip. On October 10<sup>th</sup> we have a wonderful Falconer presentation with James Rogers, and our own Nick Seibel is leading a Main St. Tour for the kids, ending at Alotta Gelato September 26<sup>th</sup>. Come out and join the fun! We always need help and with such a big group, the more adults the better...so please, consider giving of your time and talent to this most wonderful outreach children's program!

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION October 2012

### LOOKING AHEAD.....

#### 1. SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Service Project:** The Sunday School will be doing a service project this Fall in support of Heifer International. We did this several years ago and raised \$120 with the support of the congregation. With this money, the children voted to purchase a goat for a needy family through Heifer outreach. We will be raising money throughout October and the first two weeks of November. We thank you for any support you can give us!

**Heifer International:** Since 1944, Heifer International has provided livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training to improve the lives of those who struggle daily for reliable sources of food and income.

**Adult Class:** The Adult class meets on Sunday mornings between the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Services. This class is lead by Fr. Gene and Deacon Tom and is using Kerygma material for the Bible Study.

**Children's Class:** This class is geared for upper elementary and middle schoolers. It meets during the 10:30 a.m. service time. The schedule of this class is dependent on the Acolyte Schedule and meets three Sundays per month. Please check with Karen Morant for the class schedule.

#### 2. NURSERY

Nursery is offered during the second service. It is available for any child not able to sit through the Sunday Service. The Nursery is staffed by Church members who volunteer for one Sunday each month. Our volunteer staff includes:

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

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

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

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

Substitute: Karen Morant



## THIS ELECTION: VOTE EARLY

On Election Day, November 6, you might not be able to vote in the way you always have. Especially in Silver City, many of the polling places that you are accustomed to going to will not be open. Instead, the County Clerk has designed the Silver City Woman's Club, the Tyrone Community Center, and the Grant County Business and Conference Center (old Walmart) as "Voter Convenience Centers" where anyone registered in Grant County can vote – as the ONLY voting places in the Silver City area. Jose Barrios, the Public Library, Senior Center, WNMU, Sixth St School, Harrison Schmitt, La Plata, Public Safety – none of these voting places will be open. Voter Convenience Centers will also be in Bayard, Santa Clara, and Hurley. And most of the rural voting places will be open as always.

To ensure that you don't have any confusion on Election Day – and won't have to stand in line – VOTE EARLY. Early voting begins on Tuesday, October 9, at the County Clerk's office, 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday. It is also very important that you tell friends and neighbors – especially those who have traditionally waited until Election Day to vote.

Another change this year is that there will no longer be 'straight ticket' voting. You will NOT be able to check one box for all Democrat or all Republican candidates. Instead, you will have to go down the line and vote for each candidate individually.

For more information, contact the Grant County Clerk at 574 0042.

Yours in nonpartisanship fellowship, Anne McCormick

## PARISH HEALTH CORNER

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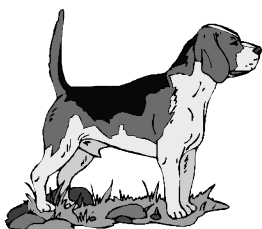
### TUMMY TROUBLES, ANYONE?

Some years ago, a physician in Australia who was convinced there was a germ causing ulcers, decided to drink a slurry of a bacterium named *Helicobacter pylori* to prove he would develop gastritis. Most people have heard of stomach irritation or peptic ulcers, but may not have heard of *H. pylori*. It is estimated that about half the world's population has this bacterium in their stomachs. Most folks do not have any symptoms, but those who do seem to notice a burning sensation in the abdomen, burping, bloating, nausea, vomiting or even weight loss. If any signs and symptoms persist, it is wise to get a medical assessment, particularly if there is difficulty swallowing or any bleeding from the bowels or in vomitus. This need not be frank, red blood, but could present as black, tarry stool or vomitus that looks like coffee grounds. While most people seem to have acquired the infection in childhood, it can be passed from person to person through saliva or fecal matter, for example, or even contaminated food or water. Crowded living conditions, such as may be found at our orphanage in Palomas, can contribute to passing the infection.

*H. pylori* can lead to inflammation of the stomach lining (gastritis), ulcerations and even stomach cancer. It is possible to diagnose the infection through blood or breath tests, looking for certain proteins in the stool, or through an endoscopic examination and biopsy.

Once diagnosed, it is possible to treat the infection with antibiotics and an acid reducer. The testing should be repeated after treatment to check for cure several weeks after the course of antibiotics is completed. Having resolved the infection does not protect you from acquiring it again, so be sure to follow good hand washing and kitchen cleanliness recommendations.

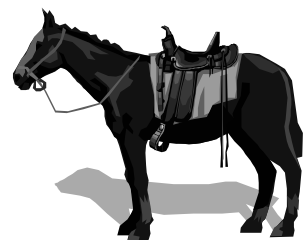
## Animal Blessing



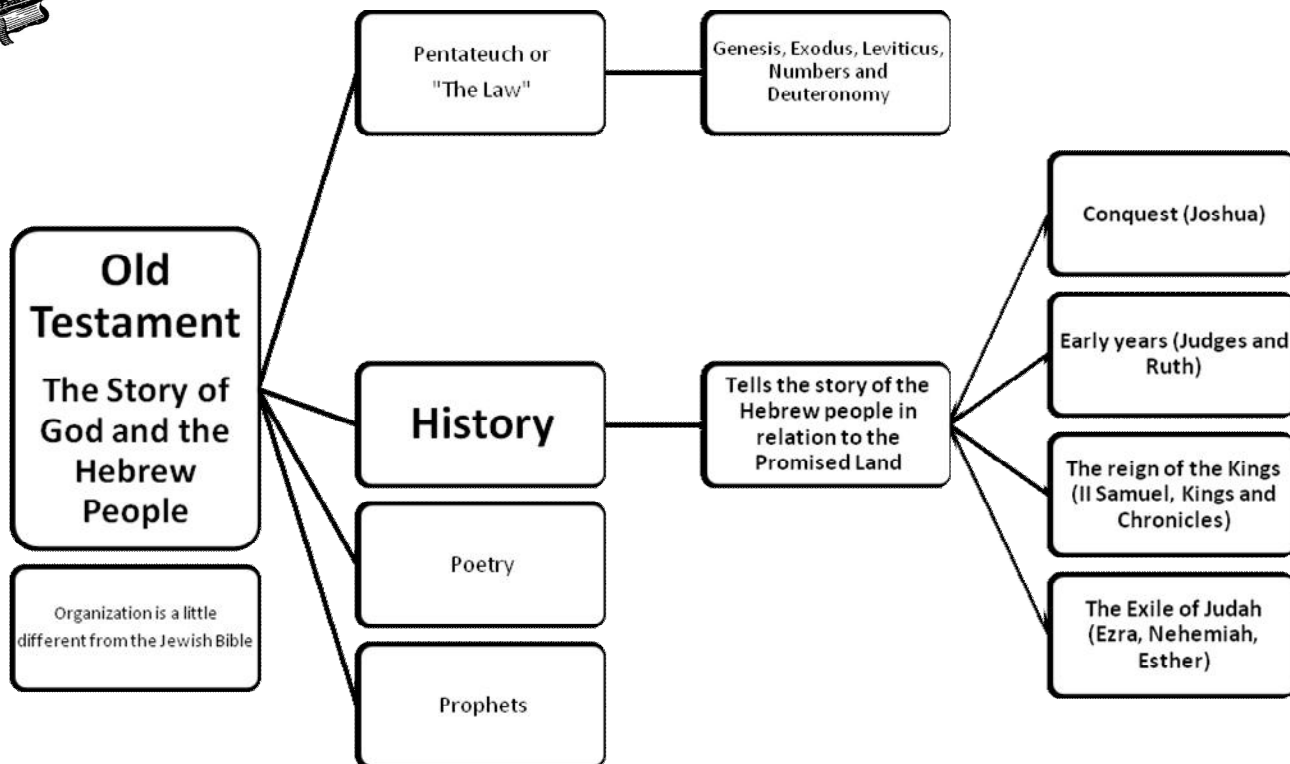
St. Francis of Assisi has become the patron saint of care of animals and iconic of the person who is at one with the rest of the created order. It has been traditional in many Episcopal churches to offer a blessing of animals on his day, October 4<sup>th</sup>, or a convenient day close to it.

We are going to offer it this year. Fr. Paul is spearheading an ecumenical effort to offer this service in Gough Park on October 6<sup>th</sup> through the Ministerial Alliance. Many of the other congregations in the community are involved.

Plan to bring your pet to the park on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Please have pets on leashes, or in carriers. (I hope someone brings me a horse to bless!)



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



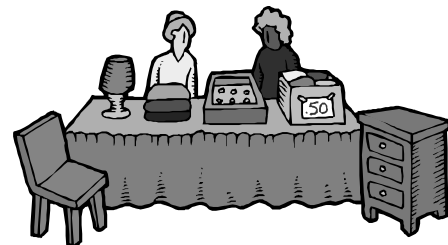
## Church of the Good Shepherd Bazaar 2012

The 108<sup>th</sup> Church of the Good Shepherd Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 10, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. This fund raiser is always very successful and over the years has enabled us to send children and teenagers to Camp Stoney, buy new tables and chairs for the Parish Hall, fund missionary work including Case de Amor para Niños, and give back to our community.

Thank you to all who have donated items so far this year. We've had several very successful garage sales, and we've sorted out lots of great Bazaar items, but we can always use more; especially nice quality books on all subjects, nice gift items, good quality used household items, "antiques", or whatever "bazaar collectibles" you can dig out of your closets, attics or basements. We also need crafts of all kinds for our craft tables.

As the Bazaar date gets closer, please remember that baked goods (including frozen homemade dinners) and crafts, cooked bacon, sausage, a ham and a turkey will be needed as well as volunteers to help out on the day of the Bazaar. You will be receiving a phone call, but if you have a favorite thing that you want to do, please don't wait to be called. Let us know beforehand so we can plan on your special contribution. In fact, someone to do the calling in late October would be greatly appreciated!

The set-up days for the Bazaar will be Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am to 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. Extra help is always appreciated on these days, so come for an hour or 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 will be here before we know it – Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, this year. 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. We set it up in two of the Sunday School rooms downstairs and it has become quite a popular feature of the bazaar. I will be wearing my "finds" from the Boutique for the next few weeks so you can see what lovely clothing you can find there.

Our inventory, of course, consists only of the items that you in the congregation and others in the community so generously donate. So, if you are cleaning out your clothes and linen closets this fall, remember the NEARLY NEW & *UNIQUE* BOUTIQUE and donate the items you no longer need to the Bazaar. Thanks, as always, Carol Barrington!



**OCTOBER LAY READER AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

DATE	LAY MINISTERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SUNDAY SCHOOL/ NURSERY
OCTOBER 7 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Larry Himes Pat Brown Mary Ihlefeld	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
OCTOBER 14 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Carol Coon Win Taylor	Mitzi Roberts Marianne Bray	Linda Shay Linda Richter Carol Coon	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 Youth Sunday School Nursery: Carol Bar- rington
OCTOBER 21 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Jane Bates Mary Harrell	Dave & Pam Kuthe Dick & June Rhoades	Linda Shay Carol Coon Win Taylor	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 Youth Sunday School Nursery: Karen Mo- rant
OCTOBER 28 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Anne McCormick Sarah Guck Linda Shay Lector: Sara Boyett	Dora Somerville Dora Somerville	Haley Baxter Jacob Baxter Linda Shay	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 Youth Sunday School Nursery: Holly Peter- son
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

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

<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b>	16	Karisse Moore	30	Toby Guck
<b>October</b>	16	Helen Griswold	31	MaryAnne Ihlefeld
	19	Sherry Terrazas	31	Glenn Dibble
6	Catherine Jewell	21	Dora Somerville	
7	Jennifer Olson	23	Carol Barrington	
12	Betty Himes	26	Sam Boyce	
14	Amy Bell	26	Derek Brandt	



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
**October**

No October Weddings!

**GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION**

Since its formation in 1991, the Good Shepherd Foundation has been an important part of our Church. The obvious benefit of giving to the foundation is to support and ensure the ongoing good works of Good Shepherd. However, charitable giving can also play an important role in many estate plans. It can give you a current income tax deduction; let you avoid capital gains tax, and reduce the amount of taxes your estate may owe when you pass on. Ask a church officer or Foundation Chairman Richard Peterson for details needs. A check can be for any amount - make the notation that it is for the "Foundation."

