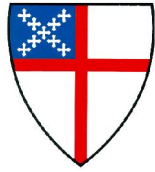


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE CALL



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST

Living the Love of God: What does that mean?

When my children were little we had house rules that provided order, safety and peace in the household. There were times when these rules stood in the way of something my boys wanted to do, and we would have an infraction on our hands. These moments were opportunities to teach my boys about forgiveness. Forgiveness doesn't just get someone off the hook for what they did wrong. Forgiveness means loving enough to do two things:

Not carry the load any longer. If I had kept a record of all of their offenses very soon I would have been lugging around a very big book full of little black marks and heavy with bad feelings. How many times do we carry around a record of wrongs in our hearts and the load becomes an unbearable burden? Yet for not wanting to "let them off the hook without paying," we struggle to lug it around until it beats us down, often leaving the offender none the wiser! Forgiving means loving myself enough not to carry the load of offenses more than absolutely necessary.

Being willing to rebuild appropriate trust. Forgiveness does not mean allowing a pedophile access to my children, or a spouse-beater to go home again, or a person who cannot control their anger to be close enough to hit me. It does mean being willing to sit down with that person and negotiate a relationship that allows for the good of both parties to be enhanced. Often this requires an insistence on boundaries and consequences for pushing them, and some action on the part of the offender sufficient to convince the offended that the person understands the destructive nature of their behavior and intends reform. Forgiving means loving the other enough to risk rebuilding the relationship on a truer and healthier foundation.

After all, that's what God does with us, is it not?

Next month: What else might it mean?

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Silver City Museum Presents Rev. Ross Calvin, Major New Mexico Author

The Silver City Museum, recognizing that Silver City has traditionally fostered great writing and great writers, has mounted a small exhibit of Ross Calvin in conjunction with the first literary festival, the Southwest Festival of the Written Word. The festival will take place in downtown Silver City, September 27 through September 29.

Calvin came to Silver City in the late 1920's, seeking relief for diseased lungs. He expected to stay six months. Instead, he became rector of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. In 1942 he moved to Clovis, New Mexico, to build a new Episcopal church there. During his Silver City residency, Calvin wrote *Sky Determines*, considered by many critics to be among the best books written about New Mexico. Calvin had earned a PhD in philology at Harvard and had taught at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh before studying for the priesthood.

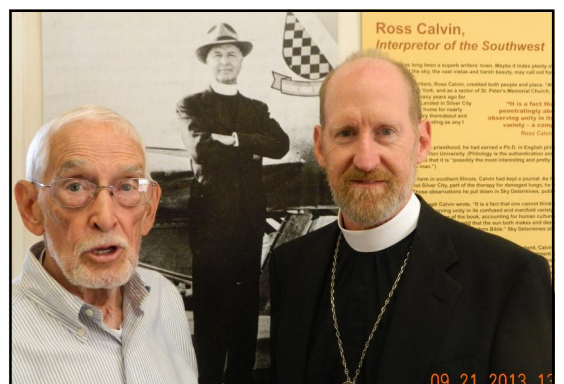
Sky Determines reveals an author at home in conceiving big ideas about the environment and about the place of human society in a physical world. It is not a "religious" or "spiritual" work. The Rev. Paul Moore, current rector at Church of the Good Shepherd, the position once held by Calvin, says that Calvin's wide-ranging interests reflect an earlier concept of a pastor's role. "In a pre-industrial time, religious professionals were expected to broach questions about all spheres of life. Priests were not viewed as specialists, like mechanics or plumbers, with religion as the only subject that they had tools for. Calvin in this small town found support to observe and investigate the whole of existence."

The curator of the exhibit, Tom Oberg, suggests that tramping over the countryside, part of the cure for his ailment, focused Calvin's attention on the effects of a desert sun and the many ways the land and its inhabitants under that sun had to adapt or perish.

"He had his warts," notes Ron Hamm, who is currently writing a biography of Calvin. "He could be considered an elitist and he held the prejudices of his time against Hispanics and Depression-era tramps. His bigotry dissipated after the Second World War, when he brought out a new edition of *Sky Determines* with the disparaging remarks removed." The hard working priest and writer and photographer was also distant from his children. Calvin had lots of pride in the words he wrote, according to Hamm, and he strove to burnish his image.

"I'm still forming my conclusions about Calvin," says Hamm. "If anyone has copies of sermons that he preached or of articles that he wrote, I would love to talk to that person."

The Ross Calvin exhibit belongs to a widened effort by the Silver City Museum to present local figures with interesting lives. The smaller exhibits will be on public display only for a short period.



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FROM YOUR PRIEST'S WARDEN

I suspect we are Episcopalians for many different reasons. Some of us are Episcopalians from birth (cradle Episcopalians). A few of us have been a part of the Church of the Good Shepherd for many years. Most of us probably feel that the style of worship at The Church of the Good Shepherd helps us feel close to God. At times probably many of us are not exactly certain why we have chosen to worship God at The Church of the Good Shepherd. Some of us may have an affinity for the National Episcopal Church.

There are entire dimensions within the Episcopal tradition that I am only beginning to understand. I am but a babe in understanding the long term traditions, the mystery and majesty, and the symbolism of the colors and seasons of the Church. I still ask myself, "Who am I, where have I been, and where am I going? Do other people see God in me as I go about my daily activities? Am I where He wants me to be?" The answer is always, I should be doing a lot better. I find inspiration from Father Paul, our Deacons and Clergy, and especially our fellow members.

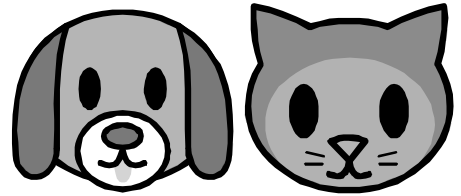
Is there one reason I can "hang my hat upon" and say this is the one reason I am bonded to The Church of the Good Shepherd? Clearly the love the people of the Church expressed to Cecilia and me during her critical illness has bonded us to The Church of the Good Shepherd. The love of God expressed through food prepared by the ladies of the church, the prayers, the visits, and the particular prayers for healing have bonded us to The Church of the Good Shepherd.

Is there a particular mountain Christian experience that you would like to share? If so just write a short article and forward it to our church for publication in The Call.

Yours in Christ, John Bell

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 creation. It has been traditional in many Episcopal churches to offer a blessing of animals on his day, October 4th, or a convenient day close to it.



We are going to offer this again on October 5th through the Ministerial Alliance. We hope to have many other congregations in the community involved.

We are making plans to offer a well pet clinic by a local veterinarian, booths by the High Desert Animal Shelter, Gila Wildlife Rescue, and other related organizations, and maybe even some give-aways.

A short liturgy with music will begin the blessing process, then clergy will fan out into the assembled pets and their humans to pray with each one.

Plan to bring your pet to the park on Oct. 5th at 10:00 a.m.

"Sharing the Faith" dinner

The idea for "Sharing the Faith" dinners comes from our 2013 diocesan resolve to grow spiritually by sharing our faith journeys and stories. These dinners will provide a setting for us to join together to share stories, experience Christ's welcome, and to share His love, compassion, grace, forgiveness, and joy in fellowship as God's people. By listening and sharing together, we can work together to build up one another and our congregation. We hope you will look forward to and participate in our dinner coming in November.



COLUMBARIUM EXPANSION

To apply for a reserved niche in the new columbarium, please contact Kathy Strange 538-3310, Bruce Tolhurst 388-8047, or the Church 538-2015. The Columbarium expansions have been ordered and should be ready for inurnment in six months. The cost of a columbarium niche is \$500.

THE SOUTHWEST WOODWIND TRIO

The Southwest Woodwind Trio from Las Cruces will perform here at Good Shepherd Sunday at 3pm on October 13. A reception will follow. There is no admission charge, however donations are always welcome. Feel free to invite friends who are lovers of classical music. The first half is music composed specifically for woodwind trio with "Divertimento in Bb Major" by Mozart starting the program. The second half are arrangements for woodwind trio taken from a variety of literature with the emphasis being on a lighter fare. The highlight of the second half is the Excerpts from "La Traviata" by Verdi.

The group, formed almost a year ago, is performing at various venues in the Las Cruces area. Carl Fels, oboe, his wife Page Bartz, bassoon, and John De La Pac, clarinet, all teach privately in addition to their performing. The Fels are former adjuncts at New Mexico State University. We are pleased to invite them to Good Shepherd to share their music with us.

Church of the Good Shepherd Bazaar 2013

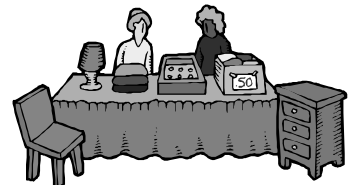
The **109th Church of the Good Shepherd Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. This fund raiser is always very successful. This year it enabled us to support Honduras Good Works, the After School Program and United Campus Ministry, buy a new laptop computer for the priest, 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'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 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. There is a signup sheet in the Parish Hall with what we need and a schedule for volunteers. If you have a favorite thing that you want to do, please get signed up early!

The set-up days for the Bazaar will be 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 will be here before we know it – Saturday, November 2nd, 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. It is located downstairs in the Sunday School rooms and it has become quite a popular feature of the bazaar.



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.

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.

OCTOBER LAY READER AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

DATE	LAY MINISTERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SUNDAY SCHOOL/ NURSERY
OCTOBER 6 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Brown Linda Shay Lector: Sherry Terrazas	Dora Somerville Dora Somerville	Carol Coon Adrian Melon Autumn Laws	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Karisse Moore
OCTOBER 13 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Carol Coon Lector: Ted Presler Mary Ihlefeld	Mitzi Roberts Marianne Bray	Linda Richter Mary Ihlefeld Toby Guck	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Carol Barrington
OCTOBER 20 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Mary Harrell Win Taylor	Dave & Pam Kuthe Dick & June Rhoades	Win Taylor Toby Guck Adrian Melon	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Karisse Moore
OCTOBER 27 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Mary Ihlefeld Win Taylor	Barry Rimmel Margo Rimmel	Linda Shay Carol Coon Win Taylor	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Holly Peterson
NOVEMBER 3 9:30 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

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

Eucharistic Visitor Schedule	
October 6—Sarah Guck/Tony Guck	The first Eucharistic Visitor listed is lead. If you cannot serve on the day scheduled, please contact Mary Harrell or Father Paul.
October 13—Linda Shay/Karen Morant	
October 20—Tony Guck/Eduardo Arguello	
October 27—Margo Rimmel/Mary Harrell	

	October Grant County Prayer Gatherings	
	All meetings begin at 8:30 am	
	October 1 First Presbyterian	
	October 8 New Hope Fellowship	
	October 22 Brewer Hill Baptist—arrive at 8 for breakfast	
	At this time October 15 and 29 haven't been 'set'. Check with Bob Reese at the Presbyterian Church for more information about those dates	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
October		
6	Catherine Jewell	21
7	Jennifer Olson	23
9	Eduardo Arguello	26
12	Betty Himes	26
14	Amy Bell	26
14	Fran Gelineau	30
16	Karisse Moore	31
19	Sherry Terrazas	31
		Dora Somerville
		Carol Barrington
		Sam Boyce
		Derek Brandt
		Tobias Guck
		Glenn Dibble
		MaryAnne Ihlefeld



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!