



The Shepherd's Voice

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Pastor's Journal

By Fr. Michael

Happy ~~New Year~~ Epiphany!

The church celebrates the season of Epiphany—the manifestation of God—from Jan. 6 – Feb. 5 this year. The most spectacular manifestation of God is Jesus Christ, whose birth we commemorated last month. The season of Epiphany follows Christmas with further remembrances of how God has manifested Himself and what that means to us, both communally and in our private lives.

Some of you, who are new to what we call “liturgical” churches, are less familiar with these seasons. We follow what is known as a liturgical calendar for the church year, which begins with Advent, not Jan. 1.

[Advent](#) (Dec. 2 – Dec. 24, 2007)

[Christmas](#) (Dec. 25, 2007 – Jan. 5, 2008)

[The Twelve Days of Christmas](#) (Dec. 25, 2007 – Jan. 5, 2008)

[Epiphany \(and Ordinary Time until Lent\)](#) (Jan. 6 – Feb. 5, 2008)

[Shrove Tuesday](#) or [Mardi Gras](#) (Feb. 5, 2008)

[Ash Wednesday](#) (Feb. 6, 2008)

[Lent](#) (Feb. 6 – Mar. 22, 2008)

[Holy Week](#) (March 16-22 (23), 2008)

[Maundy Thursday](#) (March 20, 2008)

[Good Friday](#) (March 21, 2008)

[Easter](#) (March 23, 2008)

[Pentecost](#) (May 11, 2008)

[Ordinary Time](#) (May 12-Nov. 29, 2008)

You can click on the highlights and connect to good commentary about each season written by Dennis Bratcher and made available online at the CRI / Voice, Institute website. The liturgical calendar is not unlike having a workout circuit for your spiritual life. Each holyday and season exercises a different part of your spirit. If you follow the circuit through the year you will get fit and stay fit spiritually. I wish you all a blessed, happy, and healthy (liturgical) new year!

Site Search

By Carly Ines

The Site Search Committee has been hard at work looking for a more permanent home for Good Shepherd. We have found, however, that it's not as easy as signing a lease or buying a building. As we have researched the possibilities, we have found out about the Conditional Use Permit (or the CUP), which is required for all church facilities. In Carlsbad, where we have determined we would like to be located, this permit takes anywhere from 6 to 12 months or more to obtain, (at a cost of several thousand dollars), and the city may or may not grant our request. With this in mind, if there is anyone in the congregation who knows someone on the city council, or has knowledge of or experience with the CUP permitting procedure, our committee would welcome you with open arms.



We have also determined that, in accordance with our core values, we want to have a building where we can not only have church, but also start a preschool. This presents another challenge, because in order to have a preschool, we have to have green space outdoors where they can play. Since we have been looking mainly at industrial space, we have found our options to be

greatly reduced since most industrial spaces don't offer anywhere that would be good for a playground.

Now, I'm not telling you all of this to complain about this task, I'm telling you because after our recent meeting with a wonderful real estate agent, he told us that a project like this needs to be a team effort. I

figure, the more of you that are on this team, the better chance we have of making our vision become reality. We learned that a property like this one needs to be "found." It may not be on the market. This could come about because one of our parishioners had a conversation with someone who mentions that their company is thinking about downsizing, or perhaps an existing church that has outgrown its current home.

We're just asking everyone to keep their ears and eyes open for possibilities, and letting us know whenever you run across something with potential. We know God has a wonderful place in mind for us, and we want to make sure we are following Him, so above all, please keep this committee and this vision in your prayers.

Thanks for being on our team, and we look forward to hearing your ideas and input!

Worship

Experience Christ

The sermons throughout Epiphany will focus on how to experience Christ, not just as an idea, but in a tangible relationship. If this has been elusive to you until now, this series is for you. If you want to broaden and deepen your experience of Christ, you also will be helped. Nothing can quite change a person as coming into the sure knowledge of the real presence God in their everyday life.



Altar Guild

By Phyllis Gilbert

Altar Guild needs help!

Having lost two members recently and the Altar Guild is spread thin covering two services each week. Perhaps you've been searching for a way to serve at Good Shepherd; if so, consider this important ministry.



The Altar Guild is responsible for the linens, candles and vessels, the wine and wafers, books and vestments that are components of Holy Eucharist. Setting up for the 8 o'clock service takes about 15 or 20 minutes, clean up can be accomplished in about five minutes, getting items arranged for the 10 o'clock team another five minutes, and all's well. The 10 o'clock Altar Guild member(s) is responsible for finding three people from the congregation to take items to Acolytes to set up the altar. At the offering, the wine and wafers are sent up along with an attendance count, also organized by the Altar Guild member. And then there's clean up and putting everything back in its proper place. Checklists are available along with on-the-job training.

Altar Guild service is an equal opportunity ministry open to men and women alike. It's a satisfying way to serve God and Good Shepherd. If you'd like to join, see Suzi Jones, Peggy Street, Carole Papenfuss, Doris Hermes or Phyllis Gilbert for details.

Greeters

By Carole Papenfuss

All greeters should have received their 2008 schedule by now either hand delivered or in the mail. Please contact Carole Papenfuss at (760) 434-3689 or carolep@gsachurch.com if you have not yet received it. And thank you all who help serve in this ministry.

Ministry

Youth Ministry

We partner with the S.O.L.I.D., which is a youth program for grades 6-12. They meet Sunday nights 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Anglican Church of the Resurrection located at 135 Vallecitos de Oro, Suite F in San Marcos. The goal of TIGHT night is to get our youth to know Christ and His church, to grow in their relationship with Christ and the church and to go and share their relationship with Christ and the church. Keep current with all the activities by checking out their Web site at <http://resurrectionsanmarcos.org/youth/?p=167>.

Fellowship

Membership Covenant

By Fr. Michael

We didn't want anyone to feel pressed to commit to the Membership Covenant immediately following our Membership 101 Class back in November, but we are hoping most of you will, having had time to pray and reflect, make this commitment. Copies of the covenant will be available at church starting Jan. 6.

Please pick up a copy, review it, talk to Fr. Michael if you have questions, and, if the Lord so leads you, please sign on. You may be amazed by the difference it will make in your life and the life of our church.

A copy of the Membership Covenant is included at the end of the newsletter.



COFFEE HOUR

By Patti Wallace

We need volunteers for Coffee Hour for Feb. 3, 11, 18 and 25. If you're interested in helping or have questions, contact Patti after the service or call (760) 931-2565.

Good Shepherd Christmas Party Sunday, December 16

What a great parish party and gift exchange! Many thanks to Patti, who did her usual outstanding job organizing the party itself. Much thanks also to Carly for a terrific job on organizing the Secret St. Nick initiative. And where would we be without Kiwi Jumps?

BOWLING

Let's BOWL!!! We're organizing a night of bowling in January. Let's fill up the lanes at AMF Bowling Alley in San Marcos. If you're interested in group bowling during a week night, contact Patti at (760) 931-2565 with a day and time that will be good for your family. We'd like to get together as many people as possible for a night of bowling fun!

Discipleship

Small Groups

Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20, RSV). Next month, beginning the week of Feb. 10, we're launching our small groups ministry. Lives are formed and transformed in small groups when people meet together to pray, to study, to engage in fellowship, or to work on a specific task. This is an essential part of a balanced and healthy spiritual diet. Small groups is one of the most important ways by which we come to a deeper knowledge of God and ourselves. If you have an idea for a small group you'd like to be part of, whether it's an affinity group (for example, men, stay-at-home mothers, people in recovery, etc.) or a study focus (reading the Bible through in one year, devotionals, specific books of the Bible, ...), please contact Brady Chatfield (brady@gsachurch.com, 760-431-0502).

Just for fun

The kids had a great time on Dec. 9 when we followed up the 10 o'clock service with a visit to an Italian restaurant for lunch, and then went on to Cyber Store for computer fun and games in Solana Beach. Much thanks to Lily and Fr. Michael for chaperoning.

Christmas gifts

Our Sunday school students, grades one and higher, each got a special t-shirt as a gift from our congregation. Each shirt is black with a special Christian message. They look cool and the students will be wearing them to church on special Sundays. Keep an eye out for them and you'll find out why the Sundays they will wear them are so special.

Children's Ministry

From the Lambs of the Good Shepherd...

By Lily Rees

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you from the children! There are twelve days of Christmas so I think we can still keep saying it. The kids sang "Happy Birthday" to Jesus this past Sunday and we had a party to celebrate something very merry indeed.

When we read the story about how an angel of the Lord appeared and said that a Savior has been born to us this day in Bethlehem, who is Christ the Lord to the children, we have them yell out "Who?" And their response is "Jesus." And when asked, "What is He, our...?" They yell "Savior." "Whose birthday is it?" "Jesus!" Although they may not know what it means for Him to be our Savior, they yell it out joyfully and fearlessly. I hope that we adults may learn from this as Christ has saved us and brought us through another year. He wants us to fearlessly declare who He is in our lives in the New Year with joy. Jesus! Savior!

****Jan. 6:** *Epiphany Christmas Pageant*

NOTE: Rehearsals will be held this week -- Wednesday, Jan. 2 through Friday, Jan. 4 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd! See all your children there with your scripts for those who received them on Sunday; others will receive theirs at the rehearsal.**

****Jan 13:** *Servant Sunday for coffee hour*

Older kids wear your black t-shirts! This will happen every second Sunday of the month.

****Jan 20:** *Something Special (every 3rd Sunday of the month)*

TBA !!!



Bible 101 Classes

By Phyllis Gilbert

Everyone makes new year's resolutions—and most of us break them pretty quickly. On my list? Eat healthier foods, get more exercise, get organized, spend more time in prayer and meditation. If you're putting Bible study on your list, consider joining us in a Bible 101 class. We go verse by verse through the Bible. Homework is optional, but bringing a Bible with you to class is essential.

Bible 101 classes will resume study on Jan. 7 and 10. The evening class (Monday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m. at the Smeltzers') will have an evening on the Psalms and then move to Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon. The morning class (Thursday, Jan. 10, 10 a.m.) will continue in Chronicles. Please contact Phyllis Gilbert for more details (760) 726-8407 or pgilbert@gsachurch.com.

Your Vestry is in Your Service

By Maury Pratt, Sr. Warden

Your vestry is your governing board, responsible not only for Good Shepherd's administrative and financial affairs, but also as leaders in establishing ministry priorities and accountability for their attainment as well. Our vestry currently has six members; our By-Laws authorize seven voting members, plus Father Nee and me (serving as Sr. Warden) as "ex-officio" members. Our Treasurer, Tom Snodgrass also provides counsel. As Carly Ines and Laurence Dorazio have completed their 1-year terms, and with the resignation of Patti Wallace, there are now four openings beginning with our February 2008 meeting. The continuing vestry members are Penny Baumann, Tami Chatfield and Marni Ines.

The current vestry has reached out to five prospective nominees, and four have agreed to be nominated. Any Good Shepherd congregation member in good standing is eligible to be placed in nomination; thus, we have asked that any additional individuals who feel that God has called them to stand for election to the vestry at this time to notify me.

As no further names have been placed in nomination, we will have four nominees standing for election to the four positions for 2008; two serving 3-year terms, one serving the remainder of Patti Wallace's term, and one the 2-year term (now vacant):

- Brady Chatfield
- Dr. John Lown
- Bill Norton
- Maury Pratt

The election will be held at our annual meeting on Feb. 3, 2008.

To help everyone to better assess each candidate's qualifications for leadership, each has been asked to respond to the three questions below — in their own words.

Here, then, are your candidates for your 2008 vestry:

Vestry Candidate: Brady Chatfield

1. How did I come to know Christ?

As an infant, I was baptized in an Anglican church in New Zealand. So in a way I've come full circle in my faith. I grew up in Arizona in the Episcopal Church, participated in youth group and served as head acolyte for many years. I have always believed in a divine Creator, the same way you know the sun will rise tomorrow. But Christ truly became real to me when my family was nearly torn apart by alcoholism. It was my mother's rock-solid faith in Christ that got her and us through that painful period, and thanks to our extended church family, my three siblings and I not only survived, but thrived, in spite of the odds. I have been miraculously "saved" — literally and figuratively — more times than I can count, and am continually blessed to this day.

2. *What experience and skills do I see myself bringing to Good Shepherd's leadership?*

Every great accomplishment, be it a life-saving vaccine or the Eighth Wonder of the World, began as an idea. One gift that God gave me is the ability to articulate a “vision” — the essence and spirit of an idea or concept — into terms that people can readily understand and embrace. For many years I’ve used that ability in marketing and public relations, working for nonprofit organizations to inform and engage a variety of constituents, opinion leaders and the media. I’m a tremendous proponent of online marketing, and using emerging technologies such as blogs, podcasts and social networking to target niche communities. My experience in these areas would be an asset to Good Shepherd, not only in helping to shape our collective future but also in communications activities to reach out to new members.

3. *What do I feel are priorities for Good Shepherd's future?*

Put simply, living out our Mission, Vision and Values statements, (to borrow from St. Paul) not in words, but in truth and action. I do NOT believe Good Shepherd needs to grow so we can raise lots of cash for a nice building and amenities. I truly believe God wants us to grow, North County needs us to grow, so we can help as many people as possible come to know Jesus Christ and His power to save their lives, if they will only let Him. Our #1 priority right now is to develop a concrete, actionable strategic plan that will embody God’s plan for our spiritual work here in San Diego and wherever He leads us to act.

Vestry Candidate: Dr. John Lown

1. *How did I come to know Christ?*

I was raised in the parsonage, the son of a British minister, made my own individual commitment to Christ at 9 years of age, and answered a clear vocational call while at University to teach Religion. I switched my major studies from Classics to Philosophy/Religion the next year, and the rest is (a long) history.

2. *What experience and skills do I see myself bringing to Good Shepherd's leadership?*

I have spent my life in the “Church,” fulfilling whatever services were asked of me, whether musical, financial, organizational or manual. My work in the secular world has complemented these areas, and I try to bring a responsible, accountable, and businesslike approach to stewardship of my own and others’ gifts and contributions to the Kingdom. At the same time I believe we are involved in a community of fellow travelers along the Way, and this demands of me personally spiritual growth and sensitivity on a daily basis.

3. *What do I feel are priorities for Good Shepherd's future?*

From my observation of the process to this point I would say that several priorities are paramount. First, defining and implementing the mission of GS as the Priest, Vestry and congregation respond to what they perceive to be God’s specific leading. Second, molding the abstract, spiritual ideas on which people are agreed into concrete goals and directions. Third, formulating a strategy, both financially and organizationally, for a long-term facility that corresponds adequately to the mission and goals of GS. Fourth, melding the congregation’s wish lists into a vision that both recognizes the transforming power of the gospel in individual lives, and more significantly, recognizes the ways in which this

particular body of Christ can be a transforming agent in its uniquely challenging time and place.

Vestry Candidate: Bill Norton

1. *How did I come to know Christ?*

I was raised in a Christian household and was baptized and confirmed. After falling away from the Church in my 20's, I came back in the 30's once I had a family and felt the pull to raise them as Christians and to live a Christian life.

2. *What experience and skills do I see myself bringing to Good Shepherd's leadership?*

I was on the vestry of our church in Hawaii. Plus my service in the Marine Corps and as a small business owner has developed the following skills: ability to work with a number of different types of people with differing goals/cultures; ability to get things done, not just talk about them; an ability to do planning from strategic to next month and create waypoints, tasks, etc.

3. *What do I feel are priorities for Good Shepherd's future?*

Growth, especially of younger families. Youth programs to keep the kids interested. Getting the Church members to participate and become advocates for the Church, not just attendees on Sunday morning.

Vestry Candidate: Maury Pratt

1. *How did I come to know Christ?*

At one level I've known Christ as a youth and young man, but found the denominations in which I served and worshipped at the time to be unresponsive in terms of my personal spiritual growth. So I was no longer interested in 'organized religion' – until many years later when my then-wife and I faced her diagnosis of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and its consequences. We surely felt God's presence then, and after her death I began in earnest to know Christ at a deeper level. And when I met Jean Dornon (now my wife of nearly five years) I found St. Anne's with a depth of worship and 'belonging' I had experienced nowhere else.

My spiritual journey continued through truly exceptional support and guidance I experienced at St. Anne's since being confirmed in March, 2003. Later Jean and I transferred to St. James Anglican Church in Newport Beach (as St. Anne's remained Episcopalian for another two years); then continued at its newly established Sanctuary church plant in San Juan Capistrano. After some time there we felt called to seek a congregation that truly was focused on bringing others to Christ, which we've now found at Good Shepherd. I believe God has blessed me with further spiritual growth through small group participation, the Alpha program, and especially the life-changing Cursillo experience.

2. *What experience and skills do I see myself bringing to Good Shepherd's leadership?*

At St. Anne's I served as church Administrator. I led development of their strategic plan and guided the church's ministry formation, based on Rick Warren's *Purpose-Driven Church* principles. With Jean I planned and conducted a 10-week Alpha course and researched and conducted a 4-week "Spiritual Friendship" course—a contemporary and

promising approach to prepare and encourage our congregation to reach out to others for Christ; and served in a similar role at St. James in their evangelism commission. Jean and I have attended seminars on church plants, including special sessions at a *Forward in Faith* conference in Pittsburgh. While at St. James I was certified as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and served in that role at The Sanctuary. Currently I serve Good Shepherd as its Senior Warden, assisting our vestry and Fr. Michael in developing our strategy for growth.

I have worked with our Vestry since this past August, and find their ability and commitment to be exceptional. I feel I bring experience and perspective to our vestry as we evaluate and respond to opportunities; working together effectively as a team with our Pastor, our ministries and our congregation.

Having retired from a successful career in management consulting with major businesses worldwide—working with their organizations to clarify goals, then guide their people to recognize and build upon one-another’s abilities—I pray that God uses that background and leadership experience in fulfilling our mission within the body of Christ.

3. *What do I feel are priorities for Good Shepherd's future?*

At this point you, the congregation, have discerned your values. Not only do we believe these values can appeal to others we reach in our secular culture, we will be witnessing to them shared values and life purpose just as Jesus and His Apostles proclaimed them. Our expressed vision and mission statement reflect these values. Good Shepherd’s strategy now being developed defines actions and their priorities toward achieving that vision.

I believe our priorities are simple: First, to create events that appeal to people throughout the community so that we can get to know them; and Second, to nurture those who choose to associate with us to love and accept Jesus Christ as their friend, lord and savior. Our resources are being directed especially toward parents and their children, so that they may both learn of God’s Kingdom and be helped in practical ways to cope with their lives' stress and uncertainties. We’re all called to be ministers—as participants in small groups, in worship and as teachers and friends, and in fellowship—to incorporate those new to Good Shepherd into the fullness of life with Christ.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

“Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with Good Shepherd’s statements, strategy and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Good Shepherd church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

WITH GOD’S HELP,

I. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By acting in love toward other members**
- ...By refusing to gossip**
- ...By following the leaders**

“So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together.” Rom. 15:19 (Ph)

“Live in complete harmony with each other — each with the attitude of Christ toward each other.” Rom 15:5 (LB)

“Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts.” 1 Peter 1:22 (GN)

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs...” Eph. 4:29

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you.” Heb. 13:17

II. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By praying for its growth**
- ...By inviting the unchurched to attend**
- ...By warmly welcoming those who visit**

“To the church...we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly.” 1 Thess. 1:2

“Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full.” Luke 14:23 (LB)

III. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

“So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified.” Rom. 15:7 (LB)

- ...By discovering my gifts and talents**
- ...By being equipped to serve by my pastors**
- ...By developing a servant’s heart**

“Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you...” 1 Peter 4:10 (Ph)

“God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God’s people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up...” Eph. 4:11-12

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant...” Phil 2:3-4, 7

IV. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By attending faithfully**
- ...By living a godly life**
- ...By giving regularly**

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another.” Heb. 10:25

“But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ.” Phil. 1:27 (Ph)

“Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering.” 1 Cor. 16:2

“A tenth of all you produce is the Lord’s, and it is holy.” Lev. 27:30

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