



Floyd Henly Powell, Jr.

August 30, 1926– September 22, 2009

We were saddened by the sudden death of Floyd Powell. Some institutions we can mistakenly assume have always been here and always will. Floyd was an institution for the Church of the Good Shepherd. He served as choir master for 52 years. In retirement he returned occasionally to lead us musically in worship. He appeared faithfully every Monday morning to help the Finance Committee and the bookkeeper. His portrait hangs on our wall and his friendship with so many in this congregation will never end. One of his favorite hymns, which the choirs would sing every evensong, was "Jesus Tender Shepherd." It was taught to young and old alike, and certainly can be in our hearts now as Floyd has joined the heavenly chorus.

*Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me;
Bless Thy little lamb tonight;
Through the darkness be Thou near me;
Watch my sleep till morning light.*

*All this day thy hand has led me,
And I thank Thee for Thy care;
Thou hast clothed me, warmed and fed me,
Listen to my evening prayer.*

*Let my sins be all forgiven;
Bless the friends I love so well;
Take me, when I die, to Heaven,
Happy there with Thee to dwell.*



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STEWARDSHIP



At the September Vestry Meeting, your Vestry approved the "Vestry Statement on Stewardship" which is included in this newsletter. This statement lays out for the congregation "What We Believe", "What We Practice" and "How We Give" as members of Good Shepherd.

At Good Shepherd we define Stewardship as the proper care and management of the abundant gifts that God bestows upon us to allow us to "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known With Joy, Faith, and Service." Stewardship at Good Shepherd can take many forms – Here are a few:

- Stewardship through Participation in Ministries & Worship
- Stewardship through Annual Faith Giving
- Stewardship of Our Environment
- Stewardship of our Immediate Families
- Stewardship of Our Community & the World
- Stewardship for Fellow Parishioners
- Stewardship of Buildings & Grounds
- Stewardship of Planned Giving
- Stewardship of Clergy & Staff
- Stewardship of Our Diocese & The Episcopal Church

As we enter October we ask our Congregation to consider how they can best contribute to the Stewardship of our Church, in time, talent & treasure. October 2009 is Stewardship Month and we'll have Stewardship-focused themes in our services and programs that will culminate with Stewardship Sunday on October 25th. On Stewardship Sunday, we will have a sit-down breakfast in Memorial Hall at 9:00 am with a presentation of our programs for the coming year. At each service on Stewardship Sunday, parishioners may come forward and present their Stewardship pledge for 2010, as an offering before God.

Stewardship is about being involved in the life of Church. Stewardship is not simply about money. It's also about participating in worship and engaging yourself in one or more of our ministries. Please consider how you can best get involved as we enter this exciting new year!



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VESTRY STATEMENT ON STEWARDSHIP

What We Believe

- We will be good stewards of the mission of our Church - *"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known With Joy, Faith, and Service."*
- Stewardship is embedded in everything we do and everything we are.
- We will focus on the theology of abundance. In God's redemptive love, we are confident there is enough of what we really need to go around.
- We invite and desire 100% participation in what we practice.

What We Practice as Members of Good Shepherd

- Involvement in some form of spiritual growth and renewal
- Active participation in public worship
- Service in our ministries
- Promise of financial support to our Parish

How We Give

- **Give First Fruits.** Give God the first portions of your income. When we pay our bills, we write our check to the Church first: as an offering and a reminder that all things come from God.
- **Give Proportionately.** We give in proportion to the income we receive, not a specific dollar amount. Proportionate giving challenges both the rich and the poor. The 10 percent tithe is the standard for Christian stewards, but the fact is, a specific percentage does not adequately express our stewardship before God.
- **Give Sacrificially.** Giving sacrificially usually includes a rearrangement of priorities, a change in lifestyle, or a forfeiture of something valued.
- **Give Regularly.** The habit of regular, pledged giving serves as constant reminder of the generosity of God and helps to shape our souls. Pledged giving also allows the Church to plan responsibly our ministries.
- **Give Cheerfully.** Joy, faith, and service are the qualities that form the foundation of proportionate giving. Receiving is wonderful, but the exhilaration is greater when we are able to give to another person. The Lord loves a cheerful giver.
- **Give Quietly.** Our purpose is to please God, not others. The dollar amounts will vary considerably, but each is sharing with God, through the Church, out of what God has provided.

Approved by the Vestry: September 15, 2009

The following stewardship report was delivered by Beth Williams, Junior Warden, at both worship services on Sunday, September 13...

As Junior Warden it is my pleasure to report to you on our fundraising efforts over the summer.

Last spring we told you that we had fallen short of our stewardship goals for 2009 and that we were under considerable financial pressure. We invited you to meet individually with members of our annual giving team to discuss the church's needs and to ask you to consider revisiting your pledge.

Dozens of you accepted this invitation. I have spoken with the committee members who participated in these meetings, and all of them were moved by the experience. They enjoyed chatting with you, answering your questions, and most of all, listening to you talk about what Good Shepherd means to you. The members of this congregation care very deeply about this church, and that sentiment came through quite clearly in these meetings.

Had we not raised a dime, these meetings would have been well worth the effort. They have given the Vestry and the other lay leaders of this church a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the importance of this church to its members. It is a lesson we will carry with us.

But I am happy to report to you that we raised over \$70,000 in increased pledges and outright gifts this summer. We also received \$300,000 that was paid early toward capital pledges due in later years.

It is a testament to your love of this church that we had this level of success during an economic recession and a period of great financial uncertainty. On behalf of the Vestry and the Stewardship Committee, I thank you. We are humbled by your generosity and your overwhelming support for Good Shepherd.

I must tell you that we are not out of the woods. Our bank note continues to put a lot of strain on the church and we will continue to look for ways to reduce our expenses. As we begin our budgeting process for 2010, some of the decisions we must make will be painful.

But as we begin the fall season, I wanted you to know that you answered our call this summer. You have carried this church through a difficult period. And for that all of us are very grateful.



Fall Into Good Spirits!

With the Good Shepherd Mannamakers Crew

Friday October 30th
6:30 PM

At the home of
Lang and Lucy Williams
1015 Manchester Ave
Norfolk, Virginia 23508

*Kick off the festive weekend with roasted pumpkin seeds
on an openfire and a warm "spinted" beverage.
Bring a favorite fall dish to share
and your beverage of choice!*

RSVP 757-423-3230

Welcome Newcomers

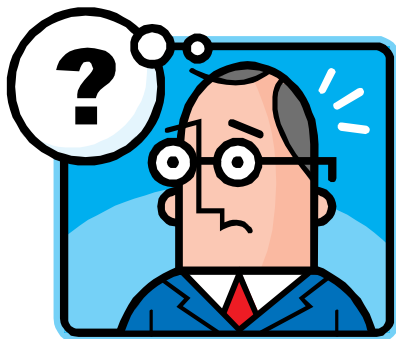
If you have visited us once or for a long time but still think of yourself a newcomer, please consider doing the following:

1. Join us October 18th for a Newcomers' Dinner at the Davenports. RSVP at the Church 423 3230
2. Join us October 25th for a Newcomers' session in the Church Library. 5:30 PM
3. Read the article below about confirmation and take part in the Inquirers' Classes

We will celebrate confirmation on November 22 at 10:00 AM with the Rt. Reverend Heath Light, retired Bishop of Southwestern Virginia (who also happened to ordain our rector into the priesthood) welcoming more deeply into this communion and fellowship those presented to him for the laying on of hands.

Three youth from this parish will be confirmed at that time. Adults who wish to be confirmed (or reaffirmed) and for those who are just curious, classes will be held on Sunday evenings November 1, 8 and 15, as well as the newcomer's class on October 25th. All are at 5:30 PM in the Church library. Please call the Church office if you wish to participate.

What then is CONFIRMATION? -or- How do I join?



"In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands of the bishop"

"Those baptized as an adult...are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith... and to receive the laying on of hands." (Book of Common Prayer p. 412)

What then is confirmation?

- ≈ For the maturing, confirmation is a time when the promises made at baptism are taken on for oneself rather than by the parents or Godparents who presented them at first.
- ≈ For the alienated, confirmation might be the assurance of the connection we have to the communion of saints past and present in the universal Church.
- ≈ For those from other denominations, confirmation is a way of formally associating with the Episcopal Church throughout the world and through this parish.
- ≈ For the curious, confirmation classes can serve as a way to learn more about the Christian faith as lived in the Episcopal Church.
- ≈ For those with parents who stay faithful to how it was for them, confirmation may be the ticket they need to receive communion.
- ≈ For those confused like me, confirmation might just well be all of the above and more.



The High School Youth meet the first and third Sunday nights from 5:30 – 7:00 PM at Good Shepherd.

This is the time for high school youth to create, plan, and explore the sacred in their lives.



Meeting dates this fall

Oct 4,18

Nov 1,15

Dec 6,20



Play an instrument?

We are running an experiment!

Bring your instrument to church the first Sunday of every month.

Kelly Lader and members of the choir have agreed to help the youth make a joyful noise the first Sunday of each month. After a 9:15 rehearsal the youth will participate musically during worship the same day.

Don't Play an instrument? Don't worry! We have a variety of percussion instruments for all to join in!

Sr. High Youth interested in confirmation?

The 2009-2010 confirmation class/group will begin the second Sunday evening in January (January 10) The group will meet the second and fourth Sunday evening of each month from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.

If you are interested in confirmation please contact Ben in the parish office for the required forms and syllabus. We will be using the Confirm not Con-form curriculum to lead us on this journey together.

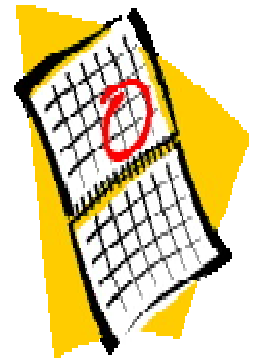


Mark your Calendars

Confirmation Program Information Night

Sunday evening November 8th from 5:30 – 7:00

All interested participants along with their parents will need to come to the Confirmation Information Night. An overview of the program along with costs and promises of the program will be given.



**Check the website often for
youth news and updates!**

www.goodshepherdnorfolk.org



Lessons in Landscapes, Language, and Love continue as we focus on 'Language' as we come together to worship and learn at Good Shepherd. Language of life together, as we begin a new year in community, is most important. For the children of our church, it is always crucial that they feel safe and cared for coming through our doors to wonder and learn.

First and foremost, when children and youth are in our building, parents need to be in the building too. This is standard safety procedure everywhere in this day and age.

Remember as we move to the end of October with a focus on Stewardship, the concepts of blessing and sharing in life are for all ages to learn, not just the adults. Children and youth have much to share of time, talent and offerings also.

Coming in October for Adult Education:

- Oct. 4-Blessing of the Animals-All Adult classes together in the Parish Hall- 'The Cost and Reward of Caring for a Creature' All classes gather at the parking lot entrance at 9:45 for processional to worship with all God's creatures.
- Oct. 11: Adult Forum: Lessons in Landscape- Peter Stewart, Robert Davenport. Coffee in the Courtyard: Call God Boldly, Hebrews 4:12-16 Facilitator: Walker Shivar
- Oct. 18: Adult Forum: Lessons in Landscape- Peter Stewart, Robert Davenport. Coffee in the Courtyard: Whom Do We Serve? Heb. 5:1-10 Facilitators: Rick Martin and Kathy Nolen-Martin
- October 25: Stewardship Focus-Adult Forum-All Adults Together.



Women With Spirit(s)!

Join us for a relaxing evening in the kitchen! From 6-8 pm the first Thursday of the month (Nov 5,

Dec.3, etc.) we will be preparing a hearty soup, stew or casserole, to be taken to some of our shut-ins or folks in need of a nutritious love pat. It's a great time for kitchen fellowship, over a friendly glass of wine, warming our hearts as we prepare heartwarming meals.

Contact Jean Bryan, Peggy Troyer, or Molly Parsons, for more info... or just come on!



Knitting Group

The knitting group is beginning to prepare for colder weather by knitting some scarves. These will then be available for NEST and any other needs throughout the winter. Anyone who wishes to learn to knit is welcome. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings at the courtyard.



Everyone is welcome! Contact Tricia Mckee with any questions.

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Jennifer Sanford, Diana Smelt, Bob Starck, Frank Thomas, Lelia Graham Webb