



Dear Good Shepherd Family and Friends,

You are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate our anniversary on All Saints Sunday, November 4th, 2018. This celebration is to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Parish of the Good Shepherd.

In observance of the 150th anniversary there will be several events held on **November 4th, 2018**:

- Holy Eucharist and worship at 10 am in the church
- an enhanced coffee hour in the parish hall following worship
- a 1:30 pm luncheon at Twelve Acres in Smithfield

Reservations are required to attend the luncheon. A donation for reservations to the luncheon is \$25.00 per adult and \$10 per child ages 3 to 12. To make your reservations please fill out the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to arrive at the church no later than October 15, 2018. So that everyone will be able to attend the luncheon, anyone needing financial assistance should speak with Cheryl Scarpetti, Karen Tripodi or Mother Gillian. Also, transportation to and from the event can be provided.

There will be a commemorative booklet for this event including some history, a section for Memorials and another for Friends of Good Shepherd. Please consider having the names of loved ones listed in the memorial section. Suggested donation is \$2.00 per name or 3 names for \$5.00. Friends of Good Shepherd can have their names listed in the booklet for a donation of \$10.00 per listing. Please mail the names to be included in the booklet to the church no later than October 1, 2018.



Please reply no later than October 15, 2018

Return this form to: Parish of the Good Shepherd
490 Broadway
Pawtucket, RI 02860

___ I/We will attend the luncheon (# attending ___ @ \$25 per person)

___ Children will attend the luncheon (# attending ___ @ \$10 per child)

___ Sorry, I/We won't be able to attend but would like to make a donation for the event

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ payable to Parish of the Good Shepherd
~ reservations will be confirmed at the door ~

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

The Shepherd's Voice

September 2018



As I write this, plans are being finalized for several memorial observances for Sen. John McCain. Although he worshiped in a Baptist church in Arizona in recent years, Sen. McCain was raised an Episcopalian, and attended Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia and Episcopal churches for much of his adulthood, and declined to become a full member of the Baptist church because it would not accept his infant baptism in the Episcopal church.

A recent story about McCain described him as “a veteran but also a man of quiet faith.” While he was a Prisoner of War at the “Hanoi Hilton,” McCain was among those prisoners who volunteered to preach at religious services once they were permitted. A fellow prisoner of war recalled, “He was a very good preacher, much to my surprise. He could remember all of the liturgy from the Episcopal services ... word for word.” Another fellow POW recalled, “Prayer was the most important thing for him when he was a POW.”

When he was in solitary confinement for months at a time and being tortured so severely and painfully that he was disabled for the rest of his life, John McCain was able to rely on prayer. When his fellow prisoners needed words of inspiration and hope at prison worship services, he was able to preach.

Where did he learn to pray with others? Where did he get the words and good news to preach? Of course the true source was the grace of God in the Holy Spirit. But the instrument the Holy Spirit used in McCain’s case was his immersion in the Book of Common Prayer. Hearing and reciting the regular Prayer Book services at least weekly as a child and young adult, in Sunday worship and in the chapel services at his boarding school and the U.S. Naval Academy, put those words deep into his memory.

And, since most of the Prayer Book, and almost all of the service of Morning Prayer that he would have been most familiar with, is direct quotes or slight paraphrases of Scripture, he also had the key themes of the Bible committed to memory. When being tortured, when in solitary confinement, at prison worship services without access to Bibles or other materials, he was able to recall, rely upon, and even share his faith.

When I was confirmed, decades later than John McCain, I was taught that as an Episcopalian I should own a Prayer Book and a Bible, be able to pray my way through the service of Morning Prayer on my own and make the Prayer Book services the pillars of my personal prayer life. Hopefully I’ll never face the extreme hardships John McCain did, and hopefully none of you has or will. But in the Book of Common Prayer we each have access to the very same tools that God used to form the young John McCain’s faith to be strong enough to withstand the most rigorous of tests.

Peace,



Sunday mornings at the Church of the Good Shepherd

Sundays, September 2nd and 9th will end our summer schedule! The Holy Eucharist will continue to be celebrated at 10 am and there will be a simple cheese & crackers & cookies “coffee hour”.



Beginning Sunday, September 16th we will resume this schedule unless otherwise announced:

- Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am
- Sunday School at 10:00 am
- The Holy Eucharist at 10 am
- Coffee Hour

By the time you read this letter, the magic board will have appeared with many opportunities for volunteer service on Sundays into the Fall. Do sign up but please leave opportunities for others to do the same; every space does not have to be filled the first time the board appears!

Ongoing events:

Trash or Treasure is open on Wed. and Sat. from 9 am to noon

AA meetings every Saturday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm - “Big Book”
7:00 - 8:00 pm - “Sober Sweet”



Please mark this date on your calendar, **Friday, September 14th** for a **Parish Family Fun Night from 6 - 8 pm.**

This will be a continuation of our celebration of the 150th “birthday” of the Parish of the Good Shepherd and we will dig up the Time Capsule from 1993 though we won’t open it. This night will be modeled on Fun Friday though it is just for our congregation. There will be a simple supper of pizza & salad, board games to enjoy, time for conversation and even a craft or two for those interested. There are sign-up sheets in the parish house and in the rear of the church.

Adults without kids are great but no kids without an adult!

With the Parish Family Fun Night we will really swing into Fall though technically the Fall Equinox will be on Saturday, September 22nd at 9:54 pm! As noted above choir rehearsals and Sunday School will begin on September 16th. What do you need to know?

Choir - if you’ve been thinking about this, now is the time. You do not have to know how to read music - you can learn the essentials as we work together but you do need to be able to carry a tune. While we can work around a weekend work schedule, there does need to be a commitment to rehearsals. Enriching the Sunday worship with music is a privilege and it’s also lots of fun.

Sunday School - begins in the Jenks room at 10 am and continues until the children and teachers enter the church with song just before the Peace. Since this varies with age, younger children should be able to sit for a story and follow the teacher’s directions. (We do not have enough volunteers for baby sitting.) There are always two teachers or assistants present and if you are interested in this ministry, speak to Karen Tripodi; in the Episcopal Church all who work with children must have Safe Church training.



To give the volunteers at Trash or Treasure a well deserved break the shop was closed to the public on July 21st though seasonal restocking continued. On August 18th the shop reopened with its regular hours. When this heat goes away and you begin to think about making a seasonal change of clothes, please remember T or T. If you take out shirts that you have no intention of ever wearing again, please donate them to us. Summer clothes that you never wore, we'll take them now. It's a constant - sell something - restock! The one item we can no longer take are greeting cards. Please recycle them. Sometimes there are local organizations who collect cards.

Over the summer the 150th Anniversary Committee continued to sharpen plans for the celebration on November 4th as you will read in this newsletter. There are two ways for you to respond:

1. to the invitation to the luncheon
2. to the request for listings in the commemorative booklet.

Please note the different deadlines.

continuing the Good Shepherd story...



“On November 1, 1942 the 75th Anniversary was celebrated with special services and social gatherings.” *note: This was less than a year after the attack on Pearl Harbor so most of us can only imagine what life was like for the families of this parish during World War II though some of our most senior members remember.*

By the 100th Anniversary in 1968 the history concludes, “Although many parishioners no longer live in close proximity to the Church, the ties are strong and the automobile has made it possible for people to attend services and meetings with ease. ... Over the years, the general area of Pleasant View has gradually deteriorated and there has been much talk of urban renewal. ... The Parish of the Good Shepherd has served the community for 100 years and with the help of God, it will continue to serve for many years to come.”

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Over the summer, part 2

- The Ken Lagerquist Memorial Gardens have flourished! You can't miss the sunflowers! Gardeners representing nine of the plots met at the gardens in the rain with Master Gardener Jeff Faria on Sat., August 11th to learn more about garden maintenance and harvesting and to receive individual assistance. We don't think it's a coincidence that Burns Manor now has some raised garden beds just across the street from “our gardens”. The next session with Jeff will be on Oct. 13th and will focus on “Preparing your garden plot for winter.”



- Our outreach has been focused on Tools for School. The stack of boxes of tissues is steadily growing up the back wall of the church and there is another case stored in the “back room”. Assorted supplies are overflowing in baskets and boxes and we know that some folk are keeping theirs cool at home. Sunday, Sept. 9th is the last day to bring supplies to church and we'll have a wrap up in the next newsletter and some photos posted, too.

With Outreach Funds on hand we have made special gifts of \$150 each to the Episcopal Conference Center, to San Jorge Community Service at St. George's Church, Central Falls for their Sunday meal and weekly food closet and to the Pawtucket Soup Kitchen.

- About 150 days before our Nov. 4th celebrations, we began a simple collection of coins and dollar bills to help with some of the expenses such as printing and postage and more. Mother Gillian had bright red boxes or decorated cloth bags for us to use as “piggy banks”! Now it is time to bring them to church and put them in the offering plate. We had not thought of this but we have been asked, “Will this donation appear on my pledge statement?” If you want to have this donation added to your pledge statement, we ask you to count your coins and put a slip of paper with your name and the amount in the bag or box or put a check for the total instead of coins & bills. Otherwise, all contributions will gratefully be received as anonymous.
- There will be a visual history premiering at the dinner and Mike Bouchard is still accepting photographs to be considered.
- Watch for a parish family tree to be painted on the back wall of the stage by a group of parish artists.

Dearest Good Shepherd folks — Thank you all so much for your prayers, cards, and gifts during my recent medical leave. I am blessed to serve such a generous, understanding congregation. I am glad to be back among you, and thankful that the surgery was successful, the pathology report benign, and my recovery trouble-free. Special thanks to Mary Ann Mello for covering all the pastoral care needs while I was gone and to all of you who helped make our guest preachers feel welcome.

Gratefully, 

Around the Parish:

First, a clarification: the main course for the Celebration Luncheon will feature chicken stuffed with rice & an alternate for children.

- Summertime was not always a good time for Nancy Brissette whose 17 year old dachshund, Dolly, died after a long illness. Nancy is now fostering the same breed of dog through Furry Angels Dachshund Rescue and her first “client” is a 6 or 7 year old stray male who she says is a sweetheart.
- Enjoying ECC this past summer - veterans Conner Maddix (Music & Creative Arts Camp) and Joseph Maddix (Theme Week as well as Summer’s End) and newcomer Kaylee Ramsay (Younger Children’s Camp). On Aug. 19th Kaylee led the congregation in The Butterfly Song which she had learned at camp. Great feedback from all three! Ask them about ECC!!
- Frances Melba Spencer, great-grandmother of Carter and Miles Gentile, is now living at the Sunny View Nursing Home, 83 Corona St., Warwick, RI 02886. Yes, she’s Carol Keiser’s mother, too!
- Each Sunday we pray for H el ene Risho and Claire Tripodi and on August 26th they were brought by their families to Good Shepherd. The Peace was extra long as their wheelchairs were surrounded by so many folks waiting to give a handshake or a hug.
- Recently Roberta Cook and Sandi Ustas completed the preparation and training that is required to be licensed in the Diocese of RI as a Eucharistic Visitor. “A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation, who by reason of illness or infirmity were unable to be present at the Celebration.”

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their special day in September:



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| 2 Lynn Karneeb | 8 Janice Johnson | 9 Jimmy Boateng |
| 12 Hannah Dwyer | 12 Owen Brown | 14 Samantha Brailsford |
| 15 Lory LeFort | 17 Lynnsey Olbrych | 19 Bryan Brailsford |
| 23 Mary Tengbeh | 28 James Kelliher | 29 Bill Cook |

Happy Anniversary in September:

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| 3 Fr. Jim & Caryl Frink | 9 Eric & Julie Tripodi |
| 12 Paul Mayben & Jim Kelliher | 22 Anthony & Josephine Ngawor |
| 23 Peter & Mary Tengbeh | 25 Michael & Melissa Scarpetti |

And we send our best wishes for a long and happy life together to Sue Hosey and Stephen Holmes who were married on August 11th at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Tiverton, RI.

The enclosed announcement has some of the specific plans for the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Parish of the Good Shepherd; here are details for part of the commemorative booklet.



The cost to print the names of loved ones in the Memorial section is \$2 per name or 3 names for \$5.00. What is considered a name?

These examples are from your editor:

Alfred and Pearl Swinden
Bill, Ted, and John Frink
The Frink family

These 3 names (all that are printed) would cost \$5.00 or any one of them would be \$2.00.



Friends of Good Shepherd are just that! They are parishioners or neighbors or friends of parishioners or anyone who is glad that Good Shepherd is here on Broadway! The cost for one listing is \$ 10.00.

Please mail this form by Oct. 1st with the suggested donation to Parish of the Good Shepherd 490 Broadway, Pawtucket, RI 02860 or Place it in the offering plate any Sunday in September.

Name(s) for the Memorial page: _____

Friends of Good Shepherd _____

Names submitted by _____

Phone _____ email _____