

THE CALL

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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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Rector's Reflections

Dear Friends,

Walking through Good Shepherd south wing, one views our gallery of historic photographs. It's a wonderful opportunity to walk through the sweep of our Parish history – to get a sense of the continuities and changes that we share here. One picture especially caught my gaze recently. It's the photo of the construction of Tuttle Hall. This image is one of the last that Thelma Ellis added to the collection. Thelma's faithful efforts over many years left us a special legacy, enabling us to share our stories – our connectedness – in this place.

I noticed the date on the Tuttle Hall photo: "ca 1906." One hundred years ago, we initiated our first major addition to our historic church. I like to imagine the thoughts and feelings of our congregational forbearers at that time. Excitement, gratitude, sense of a future for our then thirty year old congregation. And, surely, as well, the inevitable cluster of challenges and concerns that go with a project like this.

So now, in 2006, we stand on the verge of another such endeavor – remarkably, one that we couldn't have imagined ten years ago. We, too, are starting to experience our own "mix"; knowing, very well, that there will be much added to that mix in the months to come. Our parish leadership is taking care that our process be healthy, productive, thoughtful: and most importantly, *shared*. In the next few weeks, we look forward to making a good beginning. We will need the involvement of all. I have a deep confidence that with God's help, we will do well, indeed.

As we now begin, may we seek God's wisdom and guidance; may our hearts be open, both to God and one another. Above all, may our spirits be joyful – even in the midst of many tasks to come – that our Lord continues to journey with us; continues to work in and through us. Let us see what our Good Shepherd has in store for us! May we be fit instruments of Christ's gracious glory.

Blessings.
Adam †

Epiphany

The season of Epiphany celebrates the coming of the Magi and the gifts they brought to honor the birth of Christ. Boy, what a bargain. How can we begin to measure all that is given to us because of the birth of Jesus?

Yet, think how many people ignore this incredible gift and all the benefits that come from God's generosity. Love, peace of mind, forgiveness, all come pouring over us by accepting God's Son into our lives. It would seem like the sort of gift that all people would grasp eagerly. So, what stops them?

Maybe it's the other part of this gift that makes people hesitate to accept God's largess. Yes, love is given with abundance. But, love is also to be given by us, in return, to others. Not just family and friends, but to the most hateful, the most despicable. Loving those who can never love us in return, is not usually the image of love we envision.

Peace of mind is ours through God's gift, but it comes attached to a stirring of conscience. We become compelled to act. To make a positive difference in the world. This requires commitment, fortitude, and courage.

Certainly, forgiveness is one of the most important aspects of the gift of Christ to us. It sweeps over us to cleanse us as nothing else can. Still, forgiveness carries its own requirement. We must strive to be Christ like; to take responsibility for our actions; and to be generous in the forgiveness we offer to others.

So here is the gift the whole world is offered. The Christ, the Son of God. Love, peace of mind, forgiveness. Like all gifts worth keeping, it requires consideration. It requires that we give this gift to others in order to keep it for ourselves. Jesus, the gift that keeps on giving.

Blessings

Claudia †

Incarnation

is God's shocking insistence that flesh and blood like ours
be the medium of God's Word.

No abstraction,

no lofty vision,

no finely wrought dogma,

no sacred tradition can mollify the shock of this truth:

As one of us

The Word comes to dwell among us

And within us,

As a newborn child,

as Jesus.

May our flesh and blood too be made the route of Christ's

continuing self-gift to our world

in words and deeds of love and truth,

mercy and indignation,

healing and forgiveness.

Let us dare to welcome the Word.

The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold

Presiding Bishop and Primate

The Episcopal Church, USA

Confirmation Class Schedule

Youth Classes meet on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:45pm

January 9: A Look at the Different Christian Churches

January 23: A Look at *Mere Christianity* (Book 2: chapters 1,2 and 3)

Adult Classes meet on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm

January 12: A Look at World Religions and Other Christian Churches

January 26: A Look at *Mere Christianity* (Book 2: chapters 1,2 and 3)

Episcopal Church Women's Annual Meeting 2006

January 14 at 12:00 noon

Please join us for lunch and a special program presented by Troy Vanderhule, Director of St. Anne's
For further information, please contact Delores Ottley, 475-0720

Study Groups

We will be taking a break during the month of January, but will resume in February when Mother Claudia will lead us through Jack Miles' *Christ: A Crisis in the Life of God*. Copies of the book will be available in the Attic, and look for the schedule in next month's *Call*.

Diocesan Affirmation Offering

Church Management 101

Stephen F. Hutchinson, Esq. (and guest presenters)

January 21, 2006; Jubilee Center, 8:30 to 5:00

A full-day, substantive seminar on managing the people, finances and facilities of a parish. This is intended for clergy, wardens, vestry members, and staff, as well as diocesan leaders who have supervisory responsibility for parishes. Presenters will cover insurance and risk management, operation and maintenance of facilities, legal and canonical responsibilities, preservation of tax-exempt status and financing operations in the morning. The afternoon sessions will include employment practices and deployment, leadership roles and duties, conflicts management and communications (internal and to the wider community). Lunch is included. Registration fee TBD.

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 22

9:00am

We will elect new Vestry members, receive reports from all ministry leaders, discuss the outlook for 2006 at Good Shepherd.

Please plan to attend.

(Childcare will be provided)

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 11:00

The following members of Good Shepherd are interested in serving on the Vestry. We have four slots opening this year.

Robert W. Bangert, Jr.

Bill graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, CN in 1965 with a degree in History. He received a Masters from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, with distinction, in 1982. He has served on the vestry in several parishes throughout the United States from 1973 to the present. He has been Senior Warden at two parishes. He has been a delegate to Diocesan Convention in two different Dioceses, the Diocese of New Mexico and the Diocese of West Texas. He is currently a member of the Commission on Ministry for the Diocese of Utah and Treasurer at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Ogden.

He retired from active duty with the United States Air Force in 1986, and entered Civil Service with the United States Air Force in 1988. He is currently the Product Group Manager for Secondary Power Systems at Hill AFB.

Bill is married to Sherrie Bangert and they have two adult children. The oldest, Robert, is at Texas Tech University, Lubbock TX finishing his Bachelors Degree. The youngest, James, is a licensed Professional Counselor in Corpus Christi TX with his wife and three children.

Mark Campbell

Hello! I'm Mark Campbell. My son Patrick and I reside at 839 N. Jackson Avenue in Ogden. Patrick graduated from Ogden High School and is studying Computer Science at the Applied Technology Center. He takes great pride in being an Acolyte.

I graduated from Ben Lomond High School and Weber State University. I served in the Military in Viet Nam and for the past several years, I've been an Expeditor for Autoliv Automotive Safety Products. My interests include reading, golf, vintage cars and yard work.

One of the most meaningful parts of my life is being able to serve as a Layreader and Lay Eucharistic Minister at our church. Being able to serve Good Shepherd in any way, is always a great privilege.

Cecele Cox

I was raised a Roman Catholic and my husband, John, was raised a Southern Baptist. We became Episcopalians in 1982 and were married at St. Mark's Episcopal in Evanston, Illinois that same year. Since then, we have been active members of Anglican and Episcopal churches in Barcelona, Madrid, and Orlando. We joined Good Shepherd when we moved to Utah in 1996. I love our beautiful church, our choir and traditions and, most of all, I'm thankful to call the people of Good Shepherd my extended family.

Good Shepherd's educational and social activities are very important to me. I've participated in adult Sunday school, Via Media and small groups. Over the years, I've been involved in various ECW activities and traditional activities, such as the "Twining of the Greens". John and I usher at the 10:30 service, and I taught grades 4-6 Sunday school last year.

I have 20+ years of marketing experience: managing marketing communications, developing new products and services, project management, teaching at the college level and starting a school with a team of parents in Orlando. My weekday job is to direct the marketing activities at AlSCO, an international uniform and linen service company. In the upcoming year, I'd like to use my skills to help the vestry team define and accomplish Good Shepherd's objectives, and to give more visibility beyond our church community to all the good things that are going on at Good Shepherd.

Amy Ellis

I was born in Ogden and grew up in Roy. I moved to the Detroit, Michigan area at the age of 19 and lived there for 9 years. (My husband is a Michigan native.) We moved to Utah in 1998 and I have been attending Good Shepherd since 1999. I have enjoyed the people and the sense of diversity and open-mindedness I have found. I have helped with children's Sunday school and last year I taught Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd, which was a lot of fun.

I have been married for 16 years to Nathan. We have one child, a 10 year old boy, Ryker, who some of you may know. For those of you who don't know us, Ryker is autistic. So you may have seen me following him around the church or with him "in tow". I love Ryker very much and have been happy to have him attending Good Shepherd with me "to learn about God". Sometimes having an autistic child is challenging, but all of the time he is a huge joy to have. Currently I am attending Weber State in order to become an elementary school teacher.

I was very honored and humbled to have been asked to run for a vestry position. I am not an authority in the Episcopal Church, however, what I *am* good at are matters of the heart.

I am organized and enthusiastic. I hope I will be able to be of service to Good Shepherd and its members.

Betsy Guyon

I grew up in the Episcopal Church, having been baptized, confirmed and married at St. Andrew's in Carbondale, Illinois. After a brief career as a ballet dancer, I studied Music History and Literature (and English and French) at university. I lived in New York, Atlanta, and Colorado before moving to Utah and joining this wonderful Good Shepherd family in 1991.

Since becoming a member I have been involved in many aspects of service. I taught Sunday School, was a Vestry member, and currently am a Layreader, a Chalice Bearer, an Acolyte, and the editor of our monthly newsletter. I was a delegate from Good Shepherd at the Diocesan Convention this year, and participate in many of our social activities (though my batting average on the soft ball team was pretty dismal).

I have served on the Property Acquisition Committee since its inception, and look forward to this next phase in the process. Thank you for considering me for another term on the Vestry. We're entering an exciting and challenging time in the life of this parish, and I would be honored to serve the congregation as we launch into the further growth and development of our delightful parish community.

Scott Hodgson

Hello, my name is Scott Hodgson. I have lived in Ogden for the past two and a half years and have attended Good Shepherd most of that time. I am originally from northwest Indiana, where I lived until I was 18. After high school I moved to Golden, Colorado to attend Colorado School of Mines. I graduated in 2003 as a mechanical engineer. ATK Thiokol offered me a job so I moved to Utah to work in the rocket motor business.

As for my religious background, I was baptized Episcopalian at a very young age and was confirmed when I was 11 years old. I grew up attending St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Valparaiso, IN. While a member of the church I served as an acolyte, was active in the youth group, and also earned my "God and Country" Boy Scout award, which was one of the steps on my long journey to my Eagle Scout Award. I am a third-generation Episcopalian and my family has always been involved in the church. My Mom taught Sunday school, as I do currently at Good Shepherd, and my Dad was a member of the vestry for many years. I have to be honest though, I never really enjoyed attending church when I was younger, and I would have been much happier sleeping in on Sundays. Once I made it to college this was very evident since I never attended church while in Colorado.

However, once I moved to Utah I felt something was missing and Good Shepherd has really helped to fill the void. It has also helped to ease the culture shock by being with and worshipping with people who have the same beliefs.

So, why am I running for a position on the vestry? Well, truthfully it hadn't really crossed my mind until Matt Otten suggested it to me before he moved. However, as I thought about it and prayed about it, I found that it would be a great way to help repay Good Shepherd for the kindness that all of its members have shown me. Although I am relatively young, (24 years old), I believe that I am in a position to not only learn more about the church, but to help give back by providing a different point of view.

Donna Kimball

I have been a member of Good Shepherd for thirty years. I grew up in Miami, Florida and arrived at Good Shepherd after living three years in Kanab and one year in Salt Lake City. While in Kanab, our family drove to Page, AZ once a month to attend church and while in Salt Lake, we attended All Saints. Our daughters grew up while at Good Shepherd and our older daughter was married here. My husband, John, and I became "eight o'clockers", after our daughters left home. I have been involved in a variety of activities during my time here at Good Shepherd. My first volunteer experience, shortly after arriving in Ogden, was going to Weber Memorial Hospital with Nancy Becker to visit "shut ins". More recently, I have worked in the Attic and now serve on the Attic Committee. I am a member of the Altar Guild and I volunteer time on the Building and Grounds Committee. When Youth Impact was housed in our basement, I helped tutor students in the after school program.

My professional life in Utah was spent in Weber School District and at Utah State University. I taught in the elementary grades for 18 years and I also served as Weber District's Elementary Media Director for two years. At Utah State I taught in the Elementary Education Department, teaching teacher's language arts methods. While teaching fifth grade at Uintah Elementary my class initiated Weber County's first recycling station. These enthusiastic students then visited the legislature to lobby for recycling initiatives and other environmental concerns. Some of my community service includes League of Women Voters, serving on both the local and state boards and donating time to the YCC's Crisis Center. I have served on the Ogden Nature Center Education Committee where I also taught nature programs. I have worked on the Ogden Valley Branch Library Fund Raising Committee, where I worked with Ogden Valley Elementary on student and community based activities and projects where the students raised \$8000.

Hopefully, some of my past experiences and interests would be beneficial to the vestry. It would be a privilege to serve in this capacity and I would appreciate your consideration.

Madeline McDonald

I have been a member of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church since 1998 and have always enjoyed our church

community and camaraderie. My work experience includes program development and fundraising for non-profit organizations here in Utah; I currently work as a pharmaceutical sales representative. I will be completing my graduate program in March with a Master in Management degree.

My hobbies include walking our dogs, cooking and spending time entertaining with family and friends. Reasons for running for Vestry: I would like to give more to my church community by helping to raise awareness and funds for Good Shepherd to pursue our collective and personal goals; to be more Christlike.

Adult Sunday School

January 1 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 8 – Building Projects: The Long View.

Viewing of DVD, “Cathedral,” and discussion

January 15 – Viewing of last portion of “Cathedral.”

Our Building Project: Starting the Process

January 22 – Annual Parish Meeting – NO CLASS

January 29 – Building Project Input and Discussion

Church Service Schedule Change
January 15, 22 & 29
The second service will begin at
11:00am

January Birthdays...

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP)

- 7. Brianna Davis
- 8. Randy Wilson
- 10. Samuel Bauter
- 14. Ryker Ellis, Alan Joslyn
- 18. Norman Worth
- 19. Linda Garner
- 21. Andrew Wilde
- 22. Kelly Garner
- 24. Kevin Merchell, Mary Joslyn
- 25. Shannon McBride

- 26. Hannah Cross
- 28. Rulon Christiansen, Ron Ingoldsby, David Seiter
- 29. Rhyianna Anderson
- 31. Ashley Cross

January Anniversaries...

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. Amen (BCP)

- 3. Matt & Karyl Otten
- 24. Randall & Mattie Wilson
- 31. Jack & Roberta Mauterer

The deadline for submissions for the February issue of *The Call* is Friday, January 20.

Enclosed Please Find...

In this addition to *The Call*, you will find a survey for your consideration. I would like, not only as a member of the Property Acquisition Committee, but as one who loves our dear old building, to ask that as you're prayerfully completing the survey, to keep a few things in mind. This building project is **not** intended to in any way “replace” our beautiful sanctuary. The church as we know it today will remain in use as the vital house of worship it has always been, and it is no one's intention that it become the “little historical relic out back.”

It will remain the centerpiece and architectural highlight of the property, with the additional construction designed to enhance our beautiful building, and provide additional space so that we may continue to grow and serve this congregation and the greater community, according to the vision upon which Good Shepherd was founded.

It is also important that all ideas, questions, and concerns are aired from the beginning of this process. We are blessed to be a parish full of creative, practical and insightful minds, and because each are necessary for finding solutions to the many options we will face in the design of this project, everyone's input is requested and welcome.

Thank you for your participation in this exciting new adventure, and may we approach the logistics in the spirit of joyful cooperation.

Betsy Guyon, editor
 PAC Member