

THE CALL

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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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Rector's Reflections

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe, isn't it, that we've concluded another program year here at Good Shepherd. In a few days, Jay Stretch and I, who both have the honor of having been elected as Deputies from our Diocese, will be heading out to Columbus, Ohio for the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. Our own Linda Harden will be there as well serving as staff at the concurrent national meeting of Episcopal Church Women.

It should be an exciting time. There's a Chinese curse having to do with living in such times, as I recall. However, I am convinced that even with all the media hype that our Conventions seem to gather (sadly, not much of that attention giving a true sense of who we really are) – this time is, and will be, a blessing for us. I've never been much swayed by the various dire predictions. There are many signs of vitality in our Church, at Good Shepherd, in Utah, and nationally. This doesn't mean that ours is a challenge-free or pain-free existence. But I, personally, just don't buy the notion that either the Anglican synthesis or our own Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. have been proved, by history, as somehow defective. I would say that the opposite is the case. The longer view of time will show both our vitality – and that we had something to offer that needed to be offered.

At least when we're at our best, ours is a Christian option that elects to go deep, to decline satisfaction with sloganeering, to resist the false dichotomies. The false exclusion of the middle seems to be the favorite logical fallacy of our age, our culture. However, it isn't for nothing that Via Media, "The Middle-Way," is emblematic of our approach. We're not talking about a mere averaging of the stated options, but living into the Way of the Heart. In the words of Richard Hooker, cited in the Collect for his commemoration, this is "not compromise for the sake of peace, but comprehension for the sake of truth." Such a comprehension will stretch us, to be sure, beyond partisanship and mere team loyalties, to a sometimes enigmatic, but still greater belonging.

And that belonging is of Christ: Crucified, Risen, Living, Active, Gracious, Sovereign, who said (and says), "You did not choose me: I chose you. I appointed you to go on and bear fruit..." (John 15:16, *Revised English Bible*) Most appropriate words to ponder when we might be tempted to think that this spiritual adventure of ours is a matter of simple happenstance.

In the course of the adventure, both here at Good Shepherd and throughout this Episcopal Church of ours, may we, ever more perfectly, know ourselves to be claimed by God through and in Jesus. Such knowledge, if authentic, could never be esoteric. It *is* the knowledge of living relationship, in which we find our selves being crafted – usually so very gradually – as fitting instruments of Glorious Mercy.

Blessings.

Adam †

The Return

At my school, there is a small room on one side of the main office. It's the place where each teacher has a mailbox. Before individual computers and e-mail, I was always very careful to check my mailbox each day. I must admit however, I now look in it about twice a week – mainly to clean out items I don't need.

Recently, as I was carrying out one of my bi-weekly removals, I found a magazine stuffed inside which immediately caught my attention. In big block letters, superimposed on a photo of the Supreme Court building, the title proclaimed, *America, Return to God*. I was stunned. Yes, our country has its share of difficulties, odd personalities, distorted realities, and strange fantasies. As a nation, in general, we eat too much, sleep too little, enable our children, are materialistic, and rarely know how to run all our electronic equipment. As a country we are often generous to a fault, stingy beyond belief, lax with our rules, and paranoid towards those who are different from ourselves.

We praise the individual – as long as they are willing to be a part of our crowd.

So, while we as a people, have serious issues we need to address, I was still shocked by the title. I pretty much could guess what each and every article would conclude inside. The magazine did not disappoint.

Now, as an American History teacher and a Government teacher, I understand and enthusiastically support freedom of speech and press. What I have difficulty with is mindlessness. The articles in this magazine were filled with misinformation, sarcastic quips, and deep-seated, unadulterated vindictiveness. But none of that was the real issue for me. The ultimate problem presented on those pages was the simple-minded solutions – black and white remedies – proclaimed for every ill – real or otherwise – this country faces.

This nation doesn't need to "come back to God," because God has never deserted us. (God has also never deserted any other people in any other part of the world). God is already right here.

As far as our problems and challenges are concerned, our Creator has given us the tools we need to build up the best in life together. Love, compassion, and the ability to listen: gifts from a loving God who teaches us to think and feel deeply. This means we respect differing ideas rather than looking for some simplistic solutions. If we ever feel like our country needs to "return to God," perhaps it is because we fail to see God's presence in each other.

The magazine mailing label had my principal's name on it. So, I marched the publication into his office.

"Are you trying to tell me something?" I joked as I pointed to the magazine cover.

"Oh *that*," he laughed. "I didn't know what to do with it. It had the Supreme Court building on the front. So I figured I would give it to you."

"So you don't mind what I do with it?" I asked.

"Do whatever you like," he said. "It looked like it has articles you might want to keep on file."

"Oh, I do," I said.

Hmmm, now where is that round file that I keep things like this in?

Blessings
Claudia †

Building Committee Meets

In an effort to keep the parish informed, the Building Committee will include updates from its most recent meetings in *The Call*. The committee most recently met May 2 and May 23. At the May 2 meeting, the committee approved the hiring of Y2 Geotechnical to do the geo study on the new property. This study will include finding what the actual

water table is on the land. The Y2 bid was substantially lower than any other.

During the same meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the sending out of the Request for Proposal (RFP) to five area architectural firms. These firms were chosen on previous experience with building projects like Good Shepherd's and were selected from a list provided by the Diocese's Jubilee Committee and members of the Building Committee. We have received a response/proposal from all five of these firms.

The Building Committee will now review the proposals and narrow the field down. Presentations by those chosen will then take place with a recommendation passed on to the Vestry as to the selection. We hope to have an architect on board by the middle of June.

The Committee is also in the process of clarifying the amount of money that the Diocese, through the Jubilee Committee, will commit to the project. This money may be in the form of grants, loans or a combination of both. We are in contact with the Jubilee Committee members who serve as advisors to our Building Committee and should have an answer in the near future. Additional operating costs were also discussed and we are currently trying to estimate the increase based on our own previous bills and other parishes who have recently been involved with building projects.

Members of the committee will meet with small interest groups and ministries of the parish to obtain more detailed input on their special needs. Over 25 parish groups and organizations will be contacted. Together, with open parish feedback meetings, this will enable all parishioners to let their voice be heard.

Please keep the committee members in your prayers as we try to do the best job possible for the entire Church of the Good Shepherd.

The Building Committee Members are:

Lucy Stretch, Co-Chair

Dave Seiter, Co-Chair

Rev. Pete Poggemeyer

Diane Lowe

Cecele Cox

Linda Harden

Bill Jourdan

Billie Wilson

Marty Moss

Letitia Teneau-Sword

Karyn Johnston

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Our Youth Ministries Director, Letitia Teneau-Sword will be in North Las Vegas July 17-21 and August 7-11 for training. The national association will not allow community training until a catechist has completed level III, but will allow for training within the parish. Once Letitia gets back, we will get to work!

Vacation Bible School

When: June 12-16 from 9am - noon
 Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
 2374 Grant Avenue, Ogden

Theme: Celebrate the Psalms!

Who: Ages 4 - 12

Cost: \$10 per child / \$25 per family
 Scholarships are available

Time is drawing near for this enriching event. We are in need of adults and young adults to be group leaders, the music leader, the drama leader, and to run the Creation Stations. Please seriously consider this important ministry. Group leaders would need to commit to attending every day for the full three hours. The music leader and the drama leader would be needed every day for about an hour. Creation Station leaders would be needed for an hour, one day during the week. Please call or e-mail Letitia if you are interested.

Attic Book Sale a Success

The Attic book sale was a huge success, thanks to the donations received from the congregation and the hard work of the volunteers. The selection of books donated was the best ever, and this was reflected in sales of over \$250.00. Some of the books not sold were put aside to be sent to members and friends of the congregation serving overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. Several boxes were donated to Pine View Rehabilitation Center for their library. The remaining books were donated to the Does (auxiliary of the Loyal Order of the Elks) for their yard sale. This was coordinated by Linda Garner who also arranged for the books to be picked up at the church. Thank you, Linda!

We have a wonderful **new selection of stained glass** just in time for summer. Come in and see how beautiful it looks in the Attic window, and picture how nice it would look in your home.

Just a reminder... The Attic will be closed for the month of August.

Welcome to the Nursery

Please welcome **Krista Eames**, who will be working with Kelly Garner in the Nursery. We have many families with young children now and it felt appropriate to hire a second nursery attendant. This will allow for one person to comfort a fussy baby while the other plays with an energetic toddler.

Kelly will be attending Weber State next year and will continue on in the nursery. Krista is with us just for the summer, as she will be attending Utah State in the fall. We will be advertising over the summer for a more permanent second person to begin in the fall.

Episcopal Youth in Summer

Episcopal Youth events are open to youth in grades 5 through 12. We will meet once each month this summer, and parents are always needed to help with transportation and to act as chaperones.

Sunday, June 11

We will meet at Good Shepherd @ 10:30 and travel out to Antelope Island for our twice yearly clean up of Ladyfinger Point. After making the site glisten, we will go down to one of the picnic sites for lunch; after which, we will go on a hike to explore the island.

Cost: Free

Bring: Sack lunch and drink, water, insect repellent

Wear: Protective clothing, sunscreen, sturdy shoes

Monday, July 25

We will meet at Good Shepherd @ 8:00pm and then to the Ogden Amphitheater to see "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". We will call parents as the movie nears the end, probably about 10:00. We will meet parents back at Good Shepherd.

Cost: Free

Bring: snacks (drinks and popcorn will be provided by Letitia), blanket and pillow

Wear: comfortable clothes (we will be on the grass), light jacket or sweater for when it gets chilly.

Sunday, August 20

We will meet at the Roy Aquatic Center @ 3:00pm and stay until closing (6:00pm).

Cost: \$5

Bring: suit, towel, sunscreen, water.

Special Sunday School Session

**Sunday, June 4
9:30am**

“General Convention: How It Works and the Issues We’ll Be Facing”

presented by Jay Stretch and Adam Linton, Deputies

Adult Summer Sunday School

After General Convention, beginning on Sunday, June 25, during our usual program-year Sunday School slot starting at 9:30am, Father Adam will be offering a five week introduction to the Jesus Prayer. This is a meditative pattern of prayer; simple, profound. Sessions will be informal and practical, and will meet in Tuttle Hall.

Dinner at the Artisan
172 25th Street
Friday, June 9
6:30pm

Help support the improvement of our downstairs Dining Room and Social Area and the Kitchenette off our upstairs parlour – and enjoy a delightful evening with friends.

\$25 per person

Auction items, cash bar.

Please make reservations through the Parish Office

Summer Parish Office Hours

The office will be closed Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day. Beginning Tuesday, May 30, the Parish Office will be open **Monday through Friday, from 9:00am until Noon.**

Day of Discovery
Saturday, August 26
St. Paul’s, Salt Lake City
8:30am - 4:00pm

This is a special day for you to discover and/or rediscover the mission and ministry you are called to as a baptized Christian. The deadline for registration for the “Day” is August 11. Please check with the church office for a brochure with registration form, or go to the diocesan website at www.episcopal-ut.org.

June & July 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)

JUNE

1. Brianna Thornsby
4. Alex McDonald
5. Brendan Stump
7. Robert Thornsby
8. Liz Brooks, LaVon Gardiner
- 11 Annette LeTourneau
14. Amy Kees
15. Jodi Patterson
16. Debra Davis, Patrick Clark
20. Haylee Hennessy
23. Sarah Jones
27. Jane Bauter
29. Sophie Clark, Connie Janis, Karyn Johnston
30. David Sanchez

JULY

5. June Wallin
6. Grace Johnston
7. Jock Glidden
10. Emily Lloyd
11. Sarah Guyon
15. Devin Greenleaf, Nolan Peters, Karen Poggemeyer
16. Nancy Henthorne
18. Jenifer Fairchild, Sarah LeTourneau, Dean Packard
19. Nate Wallace
21. Steve Bauter
22. Jan Hall
24. Diane Lowe
27. Donna Nelson
28. Eric Merchel

June & July 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)

JUNE

3. Tim & Billie Wilson
4. Marion & Julius Lloyd
5. Dan & Laura Johnston, Mark & Georgette LeTourneau
7. Gary & Ginny Crolla, Pete & Karen Poggemeyer
11. Chris & Ashley Cross
13. Alan & Mary Joslyn
19. John & Jody Coy, Patrick & Laura Clark
20. Chip & Barbara Wilde
24. Claudia & David Seiter

JULY

4. Barry & Judy Banks
8. James & Nancy Mikesell
12. Dick & Diane Lowe
19. Robert & Courtney Thornsby
23. Adam & Lori Linton

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UNITED THANK OFFERING
(Your little blue box)

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JUNE 4, 2006

Please remember to bring your box
to church or drop it off prior to
June 4th services

The mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission we encourage daily prayers, offerings and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.

Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all thy mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (BCP 835)

2005 Grants -
131 grants approved total ing
\$2,710,247.22

**We Can All Be Thankful For:
Keeping a sense of joy amidst daily chaos
Receiving a hug from someone special
Seeing the faces of friends and family
Knowing that GOD LOVES US!**

**Please contact Tricia Dirks if you have any questions:
698-2341**

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

- Adam Linton is thankful for the new book release, "How to Operate Your VCR"!
- Marty Moss is thankful that we have the damp problem in the dining room, so he has something to keep fixing.
- Dan Johnston is thankful for "Bunco" so he can be "The King of Bunco"
- John Kunkel and Letetia Teneau-Sword can be thankful that you can arrive at the church at 7:59am and still be on time to acolyte at the 8 o'clock service.
- Tim Wilson is thankful for scrap lumber from clergy fences so he can make wood crosses from it.
- Pete Poggemeyer is thankful that most Good Shepherdites are able to "hang a spoon" on their noses, as this is a very important part of Diocesan Convention.
- Claudia Seiter is thankful she does not have to tumble and roll at Good Shepherd.
- Lucy & Jay Stretch are thankful that Pentecost only comes once a year, because that's an awful lot of balloons!
- Linda is thankful for Monday mornings, so she can think of new, cruel and unusual punishments for the counters.
- Mark LeTourneau is thankful that he can even make Dr. Seuss sound majestic.
- Betsy is thankful that she has forbearance with tardy submissions to The Call.
- The 8 o'clockers are thankful for the "three musketeers" of Richard, Bill & John. (They make the coffee, too!!)
- Belle Schwarzenbach is thankful for the nickname of "10 minute Belle" as it means she can be habitually 10 minutes late for everything!
- Alan Joslyn is thankful that once he was able to be the Senior Warden for Frank Griswold.
- Dyrk Farr is thankful that there are still 6 more months until Christmas catering begins.

The editor regrets (!) to inform her readers that there will be no July edition of *The Call*. This will give the hard-working ministry leaders of the parish PLENTY of time to prepare copious copy for publication in anticipation of our new program year, won't it? Thanks to all and have a great summer!

Episcopal Church Women

Hi everyone,

Tis the "Merry Month of May" (of course it will be June when you read this) when the beautiful flowers of Spring abound all around us, and so they did on May 7th for our "Share Your Love" Sunday. And what a wonderful response by all of our parishioners in sharing the beautiful carnations with their loved ones and friends and therefor allowing the ECW to present a check for **\$214.00** to our clergy for their Discretionary Fund. My heartfelt thanks to Lee Hardy and Nancy Arnett for their great help in tying the ribbons on the flowers. Also to Anita Brooks for "standing in for me" before the 10:30 service.

As we all go about our "summer lives" please give some thought to items you might "rediscover" or no longer have a personal use for that would be great additions to our "What Not / Why Not Treasure Adventure" sale at our Holiday Bazaar on November 4. I will again be "at the Helm" for this fun and interesting "snooping the tables" for super sales of special treasures. I will have a box outside of Father Adam's office for you to put your contributions in. Please remember that ALL items must be in GOOD, used condition. Of course we will gladly accept new items also. All of you did so great last year in bringing good, used items to the sale that I know you will do the same this year.

As any and all of you travel these summer months, please remember the little "hotel and motel" toiletries that you can pick up and bring back for distribution to St. Anne's. They really help out BIG time! Thank you all so much for the thoughtfulness and kindness in bringing these items back for much needed use.

Have a great summer everyone.

Jan Shanklin
ECW Board

Camp Tuttle Registration

Camp Tuttle is now accepting registrations for all our summer sessions. All children are invited to join us for the most exciting week of their summer.

For more information, please contact Letitia Teneau Sword, Youth Director.

Camp Sessions for this summer are:

High School Trip Camp, Uintah (Grades 9 thru 12)
Sunday, June 18 to Friday, June 23 \$300

MiniCamp (Grades 3 & 4)
Sunday, June 25 to Wednesday, June 28 \$225

5th and 6th Grade Camp
Sunday, July 9 to Friday, July 21 \$250

7th and 8th Grade Camp
Sunday, July 16 to Friday, July 21 \$250

High School Leadership Camp (Grades 9 thru 12)
Sunday, July 23 to Friday, July 28 \$300

Family Camp (All ages)
Friday, August 4 to Sunday, August 6 \$60/person

ECW Bazaar

The ECW Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 4. Please mark you calendars and begin working on your specialties. We need everyone's talents to make this a successful event.

This year we will host a Wheel of Fortune. To make this a success, we will need a number of unique items, big and small, in the prize pool. Please keep this in mind as you travel or otherwise fill your summer days.

Along with the Tea Room, we will offer the bake sale. Hommade jams and jellies are always popular. As you put up your jars this summer, please prepare a few for our sale. For those of you who consume (such as myself) rather than produce these sweet treats, please bring in your empty jars and rings and we will get them to those who work hard to sweeten our toast.

We appreciate all of you who support this event with your talents, work, and energy. The profits from our bazaar allows us to meet many needs in our community. The proceeds from last year were used to help Youth Impact, St. Anne's, the Buddhist Temple, and the clergy discretionary fund. In addition to these, we were able to purchase the new round tables and will contribute to the renovation of our small kitchenette off the parlor. With your help, we can continue these good works.

If you have questions, would like to reserve a vendor table, have jelly jars to contribute or have finished bazaar items that you would like us to store, please contact Linda Garner at 399~0428.

"Liberty, then, is only and can be only the power to do what one wills. This is what philosophy teaches us. But if one considers liberty in the theological sense, it is a matter so sublime that profane eyes dare not look so high."

Francois Marie Arouet (Voltaire)

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