

THE CALL

The Reverend Adam S. Linton, Rector

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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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Rector's Reflections

Dear Friends,
Not too long ago Lori gave me a present: a combination music system with radio, cassette and CD players – and best of all, a record turntable. It had been a number of years since I had had a functional version of the last of these. So, after opening my present, I went down to the basement, and brought up some of my long unplayed LPs, while expounding to my skeptical offspring on the superiorities of analog recording.

The initiation of my system included vigorous playings, much enjoyed – at least by me, of the Seventh Symphony by Anton Bruckner (1824-1896) and the Fourth Symphony by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897). Bruckner and Brahms are two of the more important composers of the latter part of the nineteenth century. Both worked out of the city of Vienna.

So, what's my point here?

Brahms and Bruckner found themselves at opposite poles of the Viennese cultural scene. This was a time of passionate, sometimes bitter controversies about music – a very partisan environment. Basically, it was understood that one had to belong to one of two mutually exclusive camps. It wasn't so much a personal competition as it was a battle between devotees. So, if you were "for" one, you had to be "against" the other. In an unhappy sense, how very human – and especially with the perspective that time gives, how absurd.

Personally, I much enjoy both of these composers. In different ways, they both can speak to me at deep levels. Certainly, both men made remarkable contributions to the human experience.

So, I find a lesson in this. In musical appreciation, I (and many others) can now make a combination – naturally, without aesthetic dislocation – that before would have been understood simply to be impossible.

Similar things happen in many spheres of our life: throughout the creative enterprises, in social endeavors, interpersonal dynamics, and – yes – in the world of faith, too. It wouldn't hurt to reflect a little more deeply on what's going on in such things. When we're told that broader appreciations just can't be done – when various competing adrenalin rushes would sweep us to places where we no

longer really hear, perhaps we're being called as God's people to heed the "still small voice" that bids us to listen.

Blessings.
Yours in Christ,

Adam †

Rector's Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday is Fr. Adam's usual day off. Always feel free to contact him in the event of a hospitalization or a pastoral emergency at the office (392-8168) or at home (605-1883).

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 8:00am - noon, 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

Fridays the office will close at 3:00pm.

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From the Senior Warden

A special thanks to David Seiter for an interesting, informative session on the Journey to Adulthood program in Sunday School on September 26. The Vestry has been hearing about and discussing this program for several months. But it is not only our decision to make: the program will not be successful without the support of the entire congregation. Please, as you ponder this step for Good Shepherd, ask questions and voice your concerns to the Vestry, Clergy, or Education Committee. I hope you will be able to be present on October 10 when Wendie Roberts of the Los Angeles Diocese will be with us to pass along more information and answer questions. We need to learn as much as we can to make an informed decision that will have an impact on our youth and children.

Another thank you to the Stewardship Committee of Sandra Corp, Bill Jourdan, and Bobbie Clark for their hours of work organizing and planning the Stewardship Dinner. Everyone had a good time, and Dyrk , the food was great as always. Thanks Letitia for organizing the servers, and Lori and the choir for their original entertainment! (I hope that the winners of the fall foliage flights have gotten up there before all the leaves are gone!) And of course, thank you to all of you who have made the big step of turning in your pledge cards for next year. We will finalize the compiling of the budget this month. It will be presented to the Diocese, then to the Vestry and to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Lucy Stretch
Senior Warden

Associate Rector's Office Hours:
Wednesdays
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Adult Sunday School

This fall in Adult Sunday School our focus is on current challenging issues in bioethics. The medicine and science have developed to the point where we face a host of new, often difficult issues, from conception to end-of-life. The schedule for this month is as follows:

October 3 Genomics, Session I
October 10 J2A, Session II (guest speaker)
October 17 Genomics, Session II
October 24 Genomics, Session III
October 31 Sexuality, Session II: Anglican
Communion Today
November 7 J2A, Session III

**Counting all expenses, it costs
\$646.85 per day to keep Good
Shepherd open and running.**

ECW Angels

This has been a busy year for the Angel volunteers. More than thirty gifts were delivered to our shut-in friends to celebrate holidays and birthdays, and to others who were ill. These were delivered by the clergy, the LEMs and the volunteers. In addition, over twenty-five cards were sent. These included cards for St. Patrick's Day, Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Get Well cards, Friendship cards, and Sympathy cards. Flowers were sent to two members of the congregation who were hospitalized. One meal was prepared and delivered to a family, and groceries were provided for one individual and three families. The groceries included staple items stored in our pantry, supplemented by fresh items we purchased. Several volunteers provided lunch for a Habitat for Humanity work crew, and also hosted a luncheon for Habitat volunteers at Good Shepherd. In addition volunteers hosted five receptions following memorial services. One of these receptions was held at a local retirement home, and the rest were held in Tuttle Hall.

We currently have thirty individuals who volunteer and support the Angel program. Without these individuals and the generous donations we receive, our efforts could not continue. We invite and encourage anyone who is interested to join us.

Thank you again to the clergy, the LEMs, and the members of the congregation who continue to assist and support us with your prayers, your time and your donations. Our ministry is a success because of you.

Angels' Pantry

The Angels' Pantry was established to provide groceries for members of the parish who need temporary assistance and are referred by the clergy. Last Fall, we had an overwhelming response to our request for donations of non-perishable items. As a result, we were able to assist one individual and three families. We now need items to re-stock the pantry. We appreciate donations of any non-perishable items, and especially need coffee, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, other pastas, canned fruit, canned vegetables, peanut butter, and jelly or jam. Donations of cash to be used for perishable items are always appreciated. Thank you again to all of you who always support us so generously.

Nancy Mikesell, Coordinator

Please return your pledges by placing them in the collection plate on Sunday or mailing them to the office. Thanks to all for your generous support.

A message from the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry...

As you know, a little over a year ago Good Shepherd Church granted Shane Fellows, our organist and music director, a two year unpaid leave to pursue continued education in Gratz, Austria. The time has come, we believe, to provide the parish with an update on his situation. Shortly after his arrival in Austria, Shane had to return home, faced with health issues with which he is still dealing. Father Adam and the Vestry have been aware of the situation from the beginning; Shane has always been fully candid with us. However, because of the various uncertainties, we have previously refrained from a more public sharing of information. However, at the half-way point in Shane's leave, since it is now evident that overseas studies are unlikely, both Shane and we feel that this general update is appropriate. While the resolution of health issues is still uncertain, please be assured that we will continue to address the situation. Shane has appreciated our support. He is living at his parents' home in Prescott, Idaho. As before, we will be happy to forward cards and letters to him from the Parish Office.

Help Save St. Anne's

St. Anne's Homeless Shelter needs help! Due to poor management by the former director, lack of fund-raising and very little upkeep on the building, St. Anne's is in danger of having to shut down. Certain grants were cut off because the required case management was not being done and Ogden City would like nothing better than to see the homeless disappear from view. Our new director, Anna-Jane Arroyo, has been working tirelessly to clean up the mess and to apply for funds from many different sources. We have appealed to the Episcopal Diocese, but they are unable to help at this time. Many other requests for funds are being generated and our hope is to get a sizeable grant to keep St. Anne's running for the next year so fund-raising can be done and former funds restored. We know that individual churches cannot afford to give large sums of money, but every little bit helps!

Good Shepherd is one of the original churches to help start St. Anne's and we must not abandon our

mission at this crucial time. In October we will be asking for donations to go for St. Anne's. Please consider a generous donation and thank you so much for your support of this vital mission. Let us give thanks for the blessing of a home, our jobs, and food to sustain us, and please keep St. Anne's Shelter and staff in your prayers.

Deacon Nancy

Study Groups

We'll be continuing our five week series on Barbara Kingsolver's *The Poisonwood Bible* – a compelling novel about a fierce Baptist missionary who takes himself and his family to the Belgian Congo in 1959. This volume offers a fascinating look at diverse issues such as cross cultural communication, fundamentalism, family dynamics, and twentieth century African politics. Even if you've missed the previous sessions, feel free to join us, and copies of the book are available, of course, in our Attic Bookstore.

Interchangeable sessions are held each week on Tuesdays at 7:00pm and Thursdays at 12:45pm, after the weekday Eucharist and Healing Prayers.

Episcopal Youth

October 6, 6:00pm

Dinner and grape juice making. Each family will get 1 quart of the juice we make. The rest will be sold at the ECW Bazaar on October 16. Bring a quart canning jar with ring and lid.

October 16, 8:30am

ECW Bazaar from 10am to 3pm. Youth are needed to help run the Children's Area downstairs (games, crafts, food, magic show, etc.)

October 20, 6:00pm

Dinner and a trip to the corn maze. Wear warm clothes and bring your sense of humor!

October 23, 9am to 3pm

Make a Difference Day! We will be raking leaves, pulling weeds, washing windows, dusting, painting, weatherizing, sorting, etc. Come between 9 and 3 to the Weber / Morgan Children's Justice Center, 2408 Van Buren Avenue, Ogden.

Come when you can; stay as long as you can. Letitia will be there the entire day. Wear work clothes, bring gloves and tools (if you can).

ECW Fall Get-Together Saturday, October 9 at Noon

Bring your favorite finger food or dessert to share. There will be a workshop to prepare crafts and food for the Bazaar, and we will sort items for St. Anne's Homeless Shelter and YCC Women and Children's Center. All (not just women) are invited to attend.

Behind the Baton: Featuring Our Illustrious Choir Directoress

At our Stewardship Dinner we were treated to the World Premiere of a unique work commissioned for the event. Though the composition was sung to the hymn tune Grand Isle, (or perhaps the theme to the Flintstones), we used the following text. We have been told, and so we believe, this text was found inscribed on aluminum tablets, buried deep within the White Hills of the Linton Laundry Mountain Range. Church scholars and historians are investigating their authenticity at press time. The choir denies all responsibility for anything having to do with flying chickens.

GOOD STEWARD SHEEP (frolickinglyish)

Let's sing a song of Good Shepherd Church,
Where God has brought us by His grace.
"Episcopal stewardship" is a hard phrase to sing;
But it means serving God in this place.
Oh, we are the choir, in case you did not know.
We sing fast. We sing high. We sing low. We sing slow.
(We sing very slow.)

This is one way of giving; there are other ways we know.
Let us ponder what the church can do.

Whether five-thirty ten-thirty or eight A M,
The bell rings out we start to pray.
Now every thing is ready (altar guild). All are welcome here.
Hundred thirty years it's been that way.
We are church-school teachers, babies, daughters of the King,
Clergy, lectors, and greeters, and we all LOVE to SING!

(How we love to sing! Do re me fa sol la ti do me so love to sing!)
God has blest us all with every good thing.
God help us to give back too.

We take our brains to church with us
But hardly ever bring a gun.
Our softball team broke ribs and such.
Can you guess how many games we won?
Episcopal Youth are precocious, our acolytes too.
We eat good food and we drink some too. (Desert for recovery)
And there's always someone praying for you,
And angels here to help you through.

We publish bulletins and The Call.
The office phone rings constantly.
(Ring – "Good Shepherd. May I help You?")
We shop at the Attic and the Bazaar.
Learn of every other faith thoroughly.
We are active in the Diocese and our community,
And we all adore our fine Vestry!
ECW, LEM, UTO, BCP.
If you can't play golf than shame on you!
If you can't play golf there's Bunco too!

There are many kinds of stewardship.
See what our church can do!
O Lord we PLEDGE our lives to You!

From the Altar Guild...

To provide altar flowers for thank offerings and memorials at any time in the year, or to contribute to the keeping of the sanctuary lamp, please contact Nancy Mikesell at 782-4381. The cost is \$30 for flowers, or \$3 per week for the lamp. Please make checks payable to "Altar Guild."

When I remember the tears I shed at the psalmody of Thy church, when I first recovered my faith, and how even now I am moved not by the singing but by what is sung, when it is sung with a clear voice and apt melody, I then acknowledge the great usefulness of this custom...

Saint Augustine, *Confessions* c. 406 A.D.

The Shepherd's Crook 2004
Saturday, October 16
10:00am - 3:00pm

Holiday Craft Sale

Raffle - Crafts - Vendors
 Bake Shop - Bottle Table
 - White Elephant -
 Refreshments in the Parlor

Children's area downstairs with
 games and prizes.
 - Costume Exchange -
 Magic Show - 12:30pm
 Halloween costume parade - 2pm

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Good Shepherd Open
Golf Tournament and BBQ
Saturday, October 16

Tee times from 1:00pm
 Schneider's Riverside Golf Course
 5460 S. Weber Drive, Riverdale
 Non-golfers please join us for BBQ
 Sign-up sheet in Tuttle Hall or call
 392-8168

Second Saturday Social - Bunco!!
October 9, 6:30pm
Bring munchies and a drink!!

October 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)

1. Meghan Gill
2. Tiffany Arnett, Richard Brown
5. Mattie Wilson
8. Jamie Mansfield
9. Brandon Lemings
10. Adrienne Mansfield
11. Adam Linton
13. Dorothy Paine
16. Aaron Anderson, Thelma Ellis, Sandy Moss
17. Nancy Young
23. Tom Clarke
26. Curtis Pierce, Brad Lowe
27. Gerry Clute
28. Pete Poggemeyer
31. Alex Coy, Adam Otten

October 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)

2. Jan & Gerry Clute
5. Jerry & Nancy Groshart
10. Ron & Julia Ingoldsby
29. Charles & Shirley Campbell

Attention Layreaders

Any one wishing to join this important ministry is invited to attend an orientation and training session coming up on November 20. We will meet from 12 to 2 pm, with a delicious chili lunch provided by committee chairman Dan Johnston. If you are interested in becoming a layreader, and all who are currently serving, please contact Dan or the church office prior to the meeting, so we know how many we're feeding. There will be a contest or two, with laughs and prizes, so please plan to attend.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS
 FOR THE NOVEMBER CALL IS
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20.**

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