

# The Shepherd

A monthly newsletter of the people of  
The Church of the Good Shepherd • Dunedin, FL

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## Dear Family of Good Shepherd

— A message from our Senior Warden, Tom Dixon

As you read this, it is almost time for a new beginning in the life of Good Shepherd. This can be a glorious period, an affirmation in our life in Jesus Christ. Much depends on our response to this opportunity. We must embrace change in the life of our parish. We must reach out to the whole community in new ways. We must become even more welcoming and accepting new members of our parish family.

Through the grace of God and with the help of the Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith, and the Rev. Canon Michael P. Durning, we have obtained the services of the Reverend Sylvia Beckman Robbins-Penniman. She will take office as the Priest in Charge on September 1.

She has asked us to call her “Becky.” There is no doubt in my mind that she will be capable of leading us on this new endeavor. She is an extremely nice person who, I am sure will impress you as

favorably as she has the Vestry. She is also an extremely intelligent person who graduated from the Ohio State University Law School. After a successful law career with the State of Ohio, she received a call and attended Seminary. She was ordained in 2000 and has been Associate Pastor at Lamb of God Episcopal Church in Fort Myers.

Her husband, Gus Robbins-Penniman, is also a retired lawyer. Their daughter has finished college, and their son is a senior at FSU. Gus and Becky are eagerly anticipating the move to Dunedin and the new challenges facing them. I am confident that you will receive them both with love and support.

In closing, I would like to share with you a portion of a letter from Becky to me:

“I was reflecting today on how during the past few months a dozen or so of us

truly have been walking by faith and not by sight. Using a diocesan process for matching candidates and congregations gives an aura of efficiency and objectivity to the endeavor of finding a priest to serve a parish. However, we both know that processes take us only so far; after that, more intangible factors, such as perception, intuition and especially grace, play a decisive role.

I want to thank you and the entire Vestry of the Church of the Good Shepherd for calling me to serve as your Priest in Charge, and for the trust and good faith that you have demonstrated each step of the way. I hope I have conveyed to you how eagerly Gus and I are anticipating beginning our ministry with and amongst you.

Please share with the other members of the Vestry that I am overjoyed with this Call to serve you, and that I look forward to our future together with a grateful heart and exhilarant hope.”

The deadline for the



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**Sun. • Aug. 22 • midnight**

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# Taizé Service

**Saturday • August 14, 2010 • 5:00 PM**

On Saturday August 14, 2010 at 5:00 PM we are holding a Taizé Service in our church with the hope of making it a regular once a month event. We have been working toward establishing this meditative service of song, Psalms, Scripture readings and silence for several months. Brother Roger of Taizé, France, in his published manual, **Prayers for each Day**, explains his simple approach, saying that “When possible, it is preferable to meet in a church and very simple means can be used to create a prayerful atmosphere.”

**With Icons and the cross as a center, meditative singing along with Scripture reading, reading of the Psalms and silence are the basis of this form of Christian worship.**

“While I was attending the National convention of the American Guild of Organists in Washington DC, I attended at Taizé Service workshop and found it spiritually nourishing at the end of a busy day. Join us at 5:00 PM at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Saturday, August 14th.” –Bob Shone, organist at Good Shepherd



*A reception, sponsored by Shauna Morris will follow in Kirk Hall.*

## Adult Forum

– An opportunity for adult education every Sunday morning



The Adult Forum meets on Sunday mornings between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. This group is part of the Adult Christian Formation Commission’s ongoing outreach to adults in our parish. We welcome your presence and your contribution to this discussion group.

### Future Topics

Upcoming topics will include:

- Who is Jesus to You? (Aug. 1)
- Are the beliefs of the Episcopal Church up-to-date? (Aug. 8)
- Issues in the Episcopal / Anglican Church (Aug. 15)
- Options for the Church of the Good Shepherd.

These topics are subject to change! Please refer to the Weekly News for timely information.

### Contact Information

For further information, contact:

- Jack McWhirter  
(jmcwhirl1@tampabay.rr.com) or
- Maryrose McWhiter  
(mmcwhirl1@me.com)

Note: We will be meeting in the Patio Room! See you there.

## Things I Remember

— by John Dougherty, Resident Parish Artist

- My Father would open the double headers of baseball on the radio. Some times the game would be over at 6:30 p.m. and some times the game would go extra innings.
- I listened to stories on the Radio.
- The train was our only local public transportation.
- Mrs. Roger's home looked like a Spanish style house. She had some antique furniture... a phonograph, a radio, and a grandfather clock.
- On hot days we would take a swim in the pond.
- The local bank did not have a drive up window or walk up window.
- I remember comic books! Some of them were: Superman, Batman and Robin, and Zane Grey Westerns.
- In the 40's a man came around on a truck to sell fruit and vegetables.
- My Mother would take us on the train to visit Philadelphia.
- Some times my Mother would take me on the Trolley Car.
- My Father liked to hear boxing and baseball on the radio.



- On Saturday afternoon the Metropolitan Opera would be broadcast on the radio. Milton Cross would tell the story of Opera.
- Back in the 40's the drugstore did not have drive in windows. I remember the only big Drug Store was Sun Ray. There were no Walmart or K-Mart stores.
- I remember going to the Robin Hood Dell to hear the Philadelphia Orchestra. The City of Philadelphia paid half and the Friends of Dell paid the other half. Robin Hood Dell is out in the open air. You hope it doesn't rain the night of the concert!

The Lord be with you!

## Celebrations in August

### Birthdays

- Aug. 3 ..... Carolyn Earley  
Shauna Morris
- Aug. 4 ..... Garry Lumm  
Phyllis Sipos  
Donna Anderson  
Emma Quinn  
Molly Quinn
- Aug. 13 .... Geoffrey Anderson  
Mary Ann Koontz
- Aug. 22 .... Mary Connell
- Aug. 24 .... Terry Eldridge  
Richard Grubb
- Aug. 26 .... Savannah Madley
- Aug. 27 .... Daniel Smith  
Evelyn Shambaugh

### Anniversaries

- Aug. 4 ..... Carolyn and John Earley
- Aug. 10 Jack and Maryrose  
McWhirter
- Aug. 12 Richard and Jeanne  
Reynolds
- Aug. 20 .... Father Bob and Gwendolyn  
Williams
- Aug. 21 Robert and Mildred  
Van Ham

Have we missed anyone? Please call Jan at 733-4125 as soon as possible.

We would like to get your name on the bulletin listings.



## Chancel Flowers

—How to contribute for Sunday flowers

Would you like to place flowers in the church in memory of someone or give thanks for a special occasion? If so, just put your payment in an envelope and clearly write the Sunday you are requesting, names of persons you are remembering and your name (s). This can be mailed to the church office, attention Jan; or put in the Sunday offering plate. Cost per Sunday for flowers is \$25 per vase; your donation toward this amount is appreciated.



# Activities and Meetings in August

— A calendar of scheduled meetings at Good Shepherd

## Special Events

- Aug. 14 ..... Saturday ..... **Taize Service**  
5:00 p.m. in the church
- Aug. 15 ..... Sunday ..... **LaLeche League**  
3:00 p.m. in Kirk Hall
- Aug. 22 ..... Sunday ..... **Newsletter Deadline**  
midnight

## Monthly

- Aug. 3 ..... Tuesday ..... **LaLeche League**  
10:00 a.m. in the Nursery
- Aug. 4 ..... Wednesday ..... **Mease Manor Service**  
3:00 p.m. in their Meditation Room
- Aug. 5 ..... Thursday ..... **NA Group**  
6:45 p.m. in the Patio Room
- Aug. 10 ..... Tuesday ..... **Finance**  
5:30 p.m. in the Patio Room
- Aug. 12 ..... Thursday ..... **Communication Meeting**  
5:30 p.m. in the Library
- Aug. 12 ..... Thursday ..... **LaLeche League**  
7:00 p.m. in the Nursery
- Aug. 15 ..... Sunday ..... **TPA Storytellers**  
2:00 p.m. in the Patio Room
- Aug. 18 ..... Wednesday ..... **LaLeche League**  
7:00 p.m. in the Nursery
- Aug. 25 ..... Wednesday ..... **Vestry**  
7:00 p.m. in the Patio Room
- Aug. 26 ..... Thursday ..... **OSL Healing Ministry**  
6:00 p.m. in the Patio Room

## Weekly

- Every Sunday ..... **Worship and Communion**  
8:00 a.m. in the church (Rite 1)
- Every Sunday ..... **Adult Forum**  
9:00 a.m. in the Patio Room
- Every Sunday ..... **Worship and Communion**  
10:00 a.m. service with music (Rite 2)
- Every Monday ..... **Confidential Group**  
8:00 p.m. in the Library
- Every Tuesday ..... **Staff Meeting**  
10:00 a.m. in the Patio Room

**If you are planning to use the building, please fill out a Room Request Form or call the church office (733-4125).**

- Every Tuesday ..... **Rotary Luncheon Meeting**  
noon in Kirk Hall
- Every Tuesday ..... **Music Lessons**  
private piano lessons 3:30–6:30 p.m. in Kirk Hall
- Every Tuesday ..... **AA Meetings**  
8:00 p.m. in Kirk Hall & the Library
- Every Wednesday ..... **Communion Service**  
10:00 a.m. in the church
- Every Thursday ..... **Women's AA**  
7:15 p.m. in the Library
- Every Friday ..... **Al Anon Group**  
9:45 a.m. in the Patio Room
- Every Friday ..... **Al Anon Group**  
11:00 a.m. in the Library
- Every Friday ..... **HOW Group**  
7:00 p.m. in Kirk Hall
- Every Saturday ..... **AA Meeting**  
8:30 p.m. in Kirk Hall

## The Little Thrift Shop

**Hours:** 9:00 AM–1:00 PM  
Monday–Saturday

**Location:** 506 Main Street  
in Dunedin  
(on the north side)

**Phone:** 727-734-8238



- The Good Shepherd's Little Thrift Shop is always grateful to receive donations of clothing, household and kitchen items, books and even jewelry.
- Volunteer help is always welcome.
- Stop by and browse. We have lots of bargains.

*The Little Thrift Shop is a project of  
Episcopal Church Women*

# Episcopal Relief & Development Focuses on Disaster Preparedness

— An unveiling of new tools to help with disaster plans

As hurricane season begins, Episcopal Relief & Development is unveiling new tools to help dioceses and parishes plan for disasters, including a resource library and a volunteer database.

“One of the five priorities laid out in Episcopal Relief & Development’s strategic plan is to equip churches and dioceses within the United States to better prepare for and respond to disasters,” said Katie Mears, Program Manager for USA Disaster Preparedness and Response. “Through this initiative, we hope to give Episcopalians the tools and resources they need to help vulnerable members of their communities recover after an emergency.”

Churches around the country have been helping their communities recover from disasters for years. To build upon the lessons learned, Episcopal Relief & Development is creating a disaster preparedness and response resource library. This unique space will allow people to share the stories, tools and best practices they have acquired through work in their local communities. “Having these tools in one place will enable churches to learn from each other and build upon one another’s experiences,” said Mears. “We hope that any dioceses or parishes that have been engaged in

disaster response work will share their experiences with us and help build this library of knowledge.”

## Database of Volunteers

Episcopal Relief & Development also will compile a database of people willing to volunteer in the event of a disaster, along with an inventory of their skills. With this information at the ready, the organization will be able to help dioceses and parishes respond quickly—connecting them to volunteers in their communities and around the country. “The volunteer database is important because it gives us and our partners an idea of the human resources that are available,” said Mears. “For example, if there were a flood in Nebraska tomorrow and a church there needed carpenters to help rebuild a house, we wouldn’t know who to ask. The goal of this project is to identify willing volunteers and connect them with projects that utilize their skills, whether it be carpentry, a strong back or ministry of presence.”



This initiative will help The Episcopal Church prepare for and respond to disasters more effectively, by helping dioceses connect with resources and build better preparedness programs.

## Volunteer Experiences

“Since Hurricane Katrina, tens of thousands of people have volunteered to gut houses, distribute supplies and rebuild homes in Gulf Coast communities,” said Mears. “Many of these people have expressed that their post-disaster volunteer experiences have been transformative, helping them feel more connected to the communities they serve, their church and God. We hope that this program will harness the incredible energy of Episcopalians and allow more people to engage in this powerful ministry.”

To support Episcopal Relief & Development’s work, please visit [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org) or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

Episcopal Relief & Development is the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States and an independent 501(c)(3) organization. The agency takes its mandate from Jesus’ words found in Matthew 25. Its programs work towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Together with the worldwide Church and ecumenical partners, Episcopal Relief & Development strengthens communities today to meet tomorrow’s challenges. We rebuild after disasters and empower people by offering lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease, including HIV/AIDS and malaria.

Contact: Tyla Fowler  
(800) 334-7626, ext. 6311

**Education for Ministry** is coming in September.

• Donna Anderson will be mentor, with Brian Sharpe as co-mentor. If you are interested in EFM, e-mail Donna at [gsadwa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gsadwa@sbcglobal.net) or call her at (703) 960-0093.

• In EFM we Eat (feeding our spirit), Fellowship, and Mature in our faith.

*We invite you to come join us!*

## The Church of the Good Shepherd • Dunedin, Florida

**Our Vision:** The Church of the Good Shepherd is called by God to seek out, bring home, nurture and feed the people of God in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ.

**Our Mission:** We respond to this call by: **valuing** the expression of God through all peoples – **sharing** the Word of God through the celebration of the Episcopal Liturgy – **inviting** full participation into the life of our congregation – **responding** to the needs of our parish and the greater community.

### STAFF

Coming Soom! ..... Priest in Charge  
Robert Shone ..... Organist/Choir Director  
Jan Cote ..... Administrative Assistant  
Garry Lumm ..... Sexton  
Sue Boone ..... Bookkeeper  
Judy Warner ..... Treasurer  
Gene Metzger ..... Web site Manager

### ENDOWMENT BOARD TRUSTEES

*Class of 1/12:* ..... Shirl Ahrens, President  
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