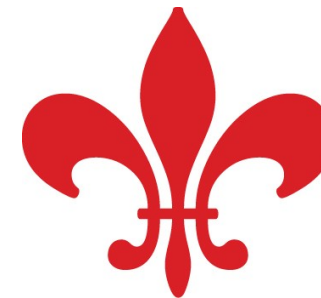




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Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, February 7, 2010

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Dear Parishioners and Friends:

On Sunday, February 7th, The Church of The Good Shepherd will hold its Annual Meeting in the Church. The format of the day will be as follows:

The 8:00 a.m. service will take place as normal.

The 9:00 a.m. service will take place, though in an abbreviated format.

At 10:00 a.m. we will hold the annual meeting in the church.

Immediately following the meeting the 11:00 a.m. service will be held, also in an abbreviated format.

The only sermon for the day will be the Rector's address at the annual meeting. Those sixteen and older are eligible and encouraged to vote and participate in the meeting.

The Annual Meeting of an Episcopal Church serves to provide a space for all the members of the congregation to come together and elect persons to serve on its governing body - The Vestry. It also serves to allow the current leadership of the church to share vital information about the work and ministry they have undertaken for the parish in the past year and the ways in which they expect their time and talent to be used in the coming year. An Annual Meeting has no purpose or meaning without the members of the church being present to partake.

Enclosed are biographies of our candidates for Vestry. These candidates have been recruited through the hard work of our Elections Committee (the graduating class of the Vestry): Bill Bullock, Bert Godwin, Pam Larimer and Tom Stevens.

The Annual Meeting of any congregation is an important time for the congregation to hear vital information on the health of the congregation, both financial and spiritual.

Please take your part in the life of Good Shepherd and come February 7st.

-The Rev. R. Scott White

Dear Parishioners,



On behalf of the Vestry Nominating Committee, I am pleased to present you with an outstanding slate of candidates for the next class of the Good Shepherd Vestry. I think you will agree that these individuals are well-qualified, enthusiastic supporters of the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd. You will notice that we are placing into nomination four persons for four open slots on the Vestry. Many years we have had five or six and on very rare occasions eight persons contesting for four open positions. While there is a positive side to contested elections, we also feel that we have provided you four outstanding nominees. They are each excited about serving Good Shepherd. Additionally, they each come to the Vestry with diverse skill sets and life experiences in and outside of the church, adding significant value to our Vestry and church, and ensuring we maintain a well-balanced governing body for Good Shepherd. I feel assured that we will be in good hands with these individuals leading our church for the next three years. Please know, that on the day of the Annual Meeting, nominations from the floor will be joyfully accepted. Any member in good standing can nominate any other member in good standing to stand for election. I look forward to seeing you on February 7 where we will not only elect Vestry members but share vital information about the year past and the year ahead at Good Shepherd.

Sincerely,

Bill Bullock, Sr. Warden

Vestry Candidates

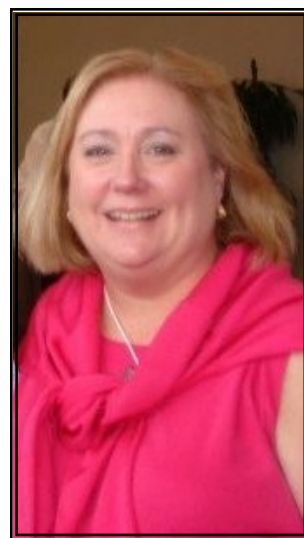


Nan Bayless

A place to Belong.... We are a welcoming parish as witnessed by my family through the generations. Not only were my mother and grandmother life long members of Good Shepherd, but two great grandmothers were as well. One, Harriet Bunn, was a devoted Episcopalian. The other, Charlotte Woodard, was a richly spiritual woman of the Jewish faith. As there was no synagogue in Rocky Mount in her lifetime, she chose Good Shepherd as her church home, where she worshipped regularly. I swell with pride, imagining the diversity of all we have welcomed all those who chose to belong.

A place to Believe..... There are many reasons I love Good Shepherd. I am especially proud of our strong outreach commitment, from building Habitat houses, to filling shoeboxes for needy children. Sermons also come to mind, none specifically, but a collection of messages where I have felt renewed or challenged. I feel blessed by the beauty of our liturgy, our sanctuary, the music and flowers. Ultimately, the people who share in our making are our real strength. We are an amazing congregation when we worship and work together, each seeking a closer relationship to God.

A place to Become..... Kim and I have served the church during our seventeen years of marriage on the Stewardship Commission, as the Habitat for Humanity coordinator, as Sunday School teachers, on the Flower Guild and Bereavement Committee, as Gatekeeper's volunteers and as Foyers Group participants. As our boys, Lucas (16) and Adam (14) mature, we hope to give more of our time and talents to the church. I am honored to have been selected as a Vestry Candidate and welcome the challenges facing our Vestry if elected to serve.



Millie Walker

First, let me say "thank you" to the persons who honored me with this nomination. There are lots of people in our church that I would trust to lead us, and I am humbled that some put me in that same group. I've been thinking lately that it was time for me to revisit where I thought I was supposed to serve Good Shepherd, and this request came up. So, if elected, I'll know it's where the Lord indeed wants me to go, and I will happily follow and try to do my best with whatever is asked of me.

As a life-long member of Good Shepherd, my involvement in this church spans decades. Shortening the list, I will tell you that I have been on the Stewardship Commission for the last seven years, which has been lots of fun, contrary to what you may think. I served as Chair of the Every Member Response drive two of those years and helped with the Festive Meal, another. In the middle of these seven years, I headed the auction committee of a Shepherd's Soiree. I have chaired Shepherd's Shops, the precursor to the Soiree. I am a Coffee Duty volunteer. I went through "Christianity Explored" this fall and am now a table leader for "Discipleship Explored."

Also during my adult years, I have taught Sunday School, been a youth group adviser, been active in ECW, including serving as an officer and circle leader, served on the Day School Commission, and been on the Vestry during Bo Millner's era.

I am married to Bill Walker, who is a much better servant than I, and am the mother of Harris Walker, whose life has also been enriched by this church. I was raised by Shields Harris, who kept me involved in all things "youth" at the church, and live in the shadow of a great Good Shepherd servant, my sister, Shebe.

Vestry Candidates



John Crestetto

Leaving the Catholic Church after being a lifelong member was one of the most significant decisions I've ever made. Sharon, Susanna and I made that decision together over two years ago and started attending Church of the Good Shepherd in February 2007. I can say without any hesitation that coming to this church and fully embracing all that is Episcopal was one of the best things that has ever happened to the three of us, and my only regret is that we didn't do it sooner.

The welcome we received from the church members, clergy and staff was overwhelming and immediately affirmed our decision. Very little time passed before we knew we were where we were meant to be. We had found our spiritual home through the liturgy, music, fellowship with other church members as well as a keen interest in the many outreach activities that are such an important aspect of Church of the Good Shepherd. Susanna has thoroughly enjoyed the youth program as well as having the opportunity to play her violin, and Sharon values her position as a Day School Commission member.

Although we have been members of the church for a relatively short period of time, my commitment to the church is unwavering. I am prepared to serve as a Vestry member, and it would be a privilege to accept such an honor should I be asked to do so.



Keith Harris

First let me say that I am honored to be nominated for the Vestry at the Church of the Good Shepherd. I was raised in the Baptist Church but started attending Good Shepherd with my wife Tricia in 1988. We were married at Good Shepherd in 1991 and I was confirmed in 2000. I like to tell people that Good Shepherd secured the two best things for me in my life - my faith and my wife. The things that most attracted me to Good Shepherd are the wonderful traditions and liturgy of the Episcopal Church and the way we celebrate our unity in Christ while still respecting our differences as individuals. It's very appealing to me that all are welcome to find a spiritual home at Good Shepherd. I believe that as a Church family each of us are very unique, yet when we step through the doors of this special place, we suddenly have everything in common.

Professionally I have devoted the past three decades to community service in the fields of fire & life safety and disaster response & recovery. The past three years I have served as the City's Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director. Additionally, I have served in various capacities with the United Way, American Red Cross, and other nonprofits in this region. These experiences have revealed to me some of the very best and very worst aspects of our community. The response & recovery from Hurricane Floyd in 1999 were particularly difficult to me, but it was Good Shepherd that provided me a place of spiritual renewal, peace and stability during some of the most difficult times in my life. Through all these experiences I have developed a keen appreciation for the value of a spiritual home and Church family in our lives.

One of my favorite experiences from Good Shepherd is the time I spent leading the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program. For three consecutive years I was blessed to be able to work with some of the finest people I have ever met at Good Shepherd. As my teammates would attest, the work of that Outreach project was very hard but we had a great time working together and knowing that we were spreading the Gospel to children across the globe.

As many of you know, I will soon retire from my position as Rocky Mount Fire Chief after 31 ½ years of service with the department. I have been serving the public for my entire adult life, thus this is a significant juncture for me and I pray for guidance. I do feel that it would be a good transition for me to now serve our Church and Parish in a leadership capacity. If selected for the Vestry, I will do my very best to contribute however I can. Thank you.