



# The Shepherd's Staff

*The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. BCP, 855*

A Parish of the Upper Diocese of South Carolina  
 The Right Reverend Dorsey F. Henderson, Bishop  
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 of the Good Shepherd  
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 Greer SC 29650  
 864.877.2330  
 Rector: The Reverend  
 Mike Schnatterly

Sept.-Oct. 2007

**Holy Eucharist:** Sundays at 8 AM, 9:15 AM, 11 AM - **Sunday School:** just after 10 AM

## Vestry

Heather Smith,  
 Sr Warden  
 David Doscher,  
 Jr Warden  
 Karl Moore,  
 Treasurer  
 Lavona Wilborn,  
 Secretary  
 Claudia Geagan,  
 Communications  
 Bill Hindman,  
 Stewardship  
 Jeanie Gottrich,  
 Christian Formation  
 Yves Grisard-VanRoey,  
 Long Term Planning  
 Jerry Jackson,  
 Mission & Outreach  
 Tom Faulkner,  
 Worship  
 Judy Greer,  
 Hospitality

## Inquirers Classes

Our Bishop, The Right Reverend Dorsey Henderson, will be with us for the annual Bishop's Visitation at the 11:00 service on Sunday, September 16. Those interested in being presented to the Bishop for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation should contact the parish office at 877-2330. You may leave a message. Inquirer's classes will begin on September 9 and continue through the month of October. Classes will meet during Sunday morning Christian Formation time, 10:15 am, in the Rector's office. Completion of these classes is not required for confirmation, etc.

Schedule of Inquirer's class subjects:

September 9	Sacraments - Baptism/Confirmation
September 16	Meet with Bishop Henderson
September 23	Sacraments - Eucharist and other sacraments of the Church
September 30	History of the Church/Anglicanism
October 7	Book of Common Prayer
October 14	No Class – We will have a single service at 10:30 am followed by a parish meeting and lunch
October 21	Old Testament
October 28	New Testament

Anyone participating in worship at Good Shepherd is considered an active part of our parish family. However the National Church and Diocesan Offices under church canon law have a specific definition of who is legally a member of a parish to be counted in reports to those offices and also eligible to vote in parish matters and serve on the Vestry. Beginning September 9 we will have a listing of that "official" membership status available in the parish hall for people to check and request any necessary corrections.

**+Fr Mike**

## ***In re Letters of Transfer:***

Just like many of our Christian brethren of other denominations, we also have "letters" of membership. If you are now attending Good Shepherd and want to transfer your letter of membership to become an official member, or you have requested a transfer of your letter, or you wish to check on the status of your membership, please get in touch with Larry Clayton at 877-2311. Larry has been faithfully doing this for us for years, and will be glad to assist you.

***Heather Smith***

## *Cursillo: A Short Course in Christian Ministry/Discipleship*

Early this summer two of our members (Pam Hewitt and Loretta Tingle) attended a Cursillo weekend at which Fr. Mike was serving on staff as a spiritual director. Several other members of Good Shepherd have also attended Cursillo in the past. Despite this involvement by many in our parish, most people at Good Shepherd probably do not know just what this funny looking word is all about.

Cursillo (pronounced Cur-SEE-oh) began in the Roman Catholic Church of Spain as a means of training lay people for their ministry in the world. When this program came to the United States a few Episcopalians were invited to participate and thus the program expanded into our denomination. Several other denominations now have similar programs which follow the basic model of a Cursillo weekend (the Methodists call their weekend "The Road to Emmaus"). The Episcopal Church has been granted permission from the Roman Catholic Church to use the original Spanish name.

A Cursillo weekend runs from Thursday evening through the following Sunday afternoon. The leaders of a Cursillo weekend are lay people with clergy serving as spiritual advisors and to celebrate sacramental ministries. The structure of the weekend is a series of fifteen talks (ten by lay persons and five by clergy), five meditations (given by the clergy), and daily celebrations of Holy

Eucharist. The talks and meditations are written by those who deliver them based on an outline of the basic information which they should get across to the listeners. The basic purpose of weekend is to instruct participants in the development of a model by which they may live out and support one another in their Christian ministry. Cursillo weekends exist not to build leaders for future Cursillo weekends, but to build leaders for ministry within our parishes and the world. Those who attend a Cursillo weekend learn the basic elements by which to develop a "Rule of Life" (a plan for their own spiritual development and their ministry) and a structure by which to build a peer support group which assures accountability, reflection, and encouragement to them.

While each weekend presents the same basic program in the same basic format, each one is also unique because of the unique individuals leading and participating in them. Each Cursillo is also uniquely shaped by the music chosen by its own musical staff for use during worship and breaks throughout the weekend. There is nothing "secret" about a Cursillo weekend but there are a few special "surprises" which the candidates are not told about so that the surprise is not spoiled for them.

Anyone interested in learning more about Cursillo or applying as a candidate on a weekend may contact Fr. Mike.



## **FOOD MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

In the DOK's effort to work with Father Mike in Pastoral Care we are beginning to develop a Food Ministry. We would like to have a committee of volunteers that can be called when the needs arise. This committee would serve as liaisons to other Church Members in calling them to help with bereavement meals, during sickness, etc. I am asking for volunteers for this committee and you can reach me at the following phone numbers: Home **(864) 268-1106**, Work **(864) 834-4145 – Ext. 257**

We have placed a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Rogers Harris Parish Hall.

I look forward to working with everyone so that we can meet the needs of the Parishioners at Good Shepherd.

**"Cookie" Walker**

## *Silence is Golden* (*& Friendship as Precious as Gold*)

In every parish I have ever served through my eighteen years of ordained ministry, there has always come the time when this type of article must be written for the parish newsletter. It seems that I also remember the dean of the seminary addressing the same issue at meetings of the student body several times during my three years there. I have come to realize that the inevitability of this issue comes very naturally when a group of enthusiastic and faithful individuals gather to be a single body united in the grace of worship. The most important insight I have discovered over the course of these many years and similar articles is that we deceive ourselves by thinking the issue is about “them” (those other people). In fact it is all of us, united as the one body of Christ.

The inevitable issue I am now called to once more address is silence in Church prior to worship. I really do not think there is anyone worshiping regularly at Good Shepherd who does not appreciate and seek a time of quiet personal inner preparation for the awesome and powerful event of intentionally coming before God’s presence in corporate worship. I personally know the frustration of having that very holy moment of personal silent preparation suddenly shattered by a boisterous interruption. On the other hand, I have also known the sudden overwhelming joy of seeing a beloved fellow member who has been absent from Church return after an illness or vacation (or perhaps one whom I have particularly missed over the course of a single week) and having that joy spontaneously express itself in laughter or conversation. I also encourage everyone and personally participate in making a stranger in our midst feel welcome by greeting new comers prior to worship. I know that all too often I myself am guilty of being one of “those noisy people” who has disturbed the worship preparation of another. If we are truly honest, I think each of us will realize that at one time or other we ourselves may have been one of “them.”

This article then is not intended to be a scolding to “them” because, as Pogo realized, “... they is us!” I write this article as a gentle reminder to all of us that we are called to encourage, respect, and support one another in worship. Let us be mindful of each individual’s need for worship preparation and strive to keep our conversations in the sanctuary prior to worship to a minimum. And when such conversation prior to worship is absolutely unavoidable may we, as our mothers would say, “use our quiet library voice” and not our “outside voices.”

Church is a place where we should experience holy silence in the awesome presence of our creator God and the place where we should boldly proclaim our love and fellowship with one another. It will always be a difficult challenge for a healthy congregation to balance these two seemingly conflicting goals. I remember a sign on the doors of the church of my childhood (yes, this problem has been around even *that long*) which is helpful to me in seeking to maintain that delicate balance:

Before worship: Hear God speak to you in silence.  
During worship: Speak to God in prayer and song.  
After worship: Speak with one another in laughter, joy, and love.

In holy silence and boisterous friendship,

**Fr. Mike +**

## **ECW News**

You won't want to miss our next **Episcopal Church Women's** meeting scheduled for **Saturday, September 15 at 10:00 am**. Beck Sullivan, President of our Diocesan ECW, will join us to discuss the role of ECW in the church, diocese and community. The timing couldn't be better as we plan our programs for the remainder of 2007 and the coming year.

Loretta Tingle has faithfully and graciously guided ECW as President for the last several years. As her term draws to a close, new officers have been elected and will be guided by Loretta until officially taking office at the beginning of 2008.



The new officers are:      Cookie Walker, President (at right in picture)  
   Charlotte Grass, Vice President/Secretary/Programs (in center, behind)  
   Patti Graham, Treasurer (at left in picture)

In addition, Charlotte Roberts has undertaken the task of drafting our ECW by-laws. A draft will be presented at our September meeting.

It's an exciting and challenging time in this ministry and we hope that all women of Good Shepherd will become involved in ECW. We are working hard to put together programs and service projects that will interest all women of the church and broaden our outreach in the community.

We hope to see you on September 15!

***Charlotte M. Grass, Vice President/Secretary/Programs***

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### ***A Note of Special Thanks:***

Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to our summer collection for York Place. With the monetary contributions, we were able to get the banners and posters that Father Scott needed for the sanctuary. All of the school supplies made a huge difference for them. There will be more information on our trip in the next newsletter, including pictures of the new dining hall and treatment center.

***Ann Doscher***

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### ***News on Ronnie Andrews:***

Ronnie Andrews (Pati Mary's husband) was the recipient of a kidney transplant, which was featured in an Australian "60 Minutes" show on kidney transplants. His donor was a girl from Australia. After initial success, then some problems, he is doing well now. Our prayers for them continue. The feature is at:

**[http://ninemsn.video.msn.com/v/en-au/v.htm?f=39&g=a5d17af8-a24b-4495-a5ae-b2ca81db09fe&p=AUnews\\_AU60minutes&t=m163](http://ninemsn.video.msn.com/v/en-au/v.htm?f=39&g=a5d17af8-a24b-4495-a5ae-b2ca81db09fe&p=AUnews_AU60minutes&t=m163)**

***The Order Of the Saint Teresa's of Avila  
Chapter of the Daughters of the King #2166, Province IV  
at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Greer, S.C.***

WOW! When I look at the long and formal title for our Daughter of the King I realize no wonder everyone refers to us as "Daughters" or just simply DOK. Also when I look at our "list of things to do" they are just as long. I take a hard look at the size of our Chapter and another realization comes to me: We cannot do this alone. As with everything accomplished at our wonderful Church of the Good Shepherd, it is performed and developed by the congregation.

For those of you who read this article and are unaware, The Good Shepherd Daughters have graciously accepted the responsibility of Pastoral Care to help support Rev Mike in his many duties as our Rector. As Daughters have worked through this we have come to realize that Pastoral Care has numerous facets that are not immediately realized until maybe we ourselves are in need of that particular ministry. The Daughters have brainstormed and capitalize many areas of Pastoral Care we feel need our attention. We also hope if we have overlooked one you feel needs our attention you will kindly mention it to us.

The areas of Pastoral Care DOK plans on focusing on during the next church year are: Food Ministry; Welcome Ministry; Visitation Ministry; Healing Ministry; Baptism and Confirmation Ministry; Prayer Ministry; Bereavement; and Correspondence (newsletters within the church, diocese, and community). A few of these ministries are so large we have developed smaller, more detailed focused sectors with each Daughter accepting a ministry to develop and

organize.

As you have probably realized by now, I am writing this article to inform and to request. One of our first ministries we are developing is the Welcome Ministry for our church's visitors. We would like to do this with an Old Fashion Welcome Basket. Our plans are for the basket to be delivered to the visitors shortly after their first visit at Good Shepherd. The basket will consist of dry cookie or soup mix in a jar with preparation instructions. The basket will also have information about our church's programs with contact names, phone numbers and how to get involved. We would like to include ECW, DOK, Altar Guild, choir, Vestry members and other programs as they develop.

If you are a member or leader of any of the above mentioned groups, or any group I am have not listed, please make sure we have a supply of your brochures or a flyer we can include in the Welcome Basket.

We also need and want the member of the congregation to help by donating ingredients for the jars and to assist with delivery if you feel lead. We plan to ask the youth to help "stuff" the jars. Our goal is to have the baskets ready for delivery sometime in September. We will soon post a list of supplies needed and know you will graciously support this as you have all Good Shepherd projects. In His Name I thank you in advance.

***Kitty Jackson***, DOK President

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## ***A DATE TO REMEMBER – Vestry Elections***

Please remember that on **October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007**, we hold elections for your Vestry. There are three members of the Vestry whose term ends this year: Heather Smith, Judy Greer and Bill Hindman. There will be one service that day at 10:30am followed by a covered dish luncheon. The elections will be held during the luncheon. Please remember that the members of the Vestry are nominated and elected by the congregation and are your representatives. Hope to see you all there.

Heather Smith, Sr. Warden

## ***Foundations of Healing Prayer 1***

### ***An Adult Education Opportunity***

A new adult Christian education option being offered this fall on Sunday mornings is a basic introduction to healing. The format consists of a series of short, 30-minute individual video teachings covering various basic principles of healing prayer.

The course explains the Biblical foundation of healing prayer, and defines in simple terms the mystery surrounding this often misunderstood ministry. This introduction to healing prayer is designed to answer the questions asked by most Christians who have not been exposed to healing prayer, questions that all of us have wondered at one time or another.

Topics will include: Why Jesus Came; Physical Healing; Forgiveness; The Power of the Holy Spirit; Emotional Healing; Salvation; and the Faith and Courage to Pray for Healing.



“Foundations 1: Introduction to Healing Prayer” is a product of Christian Healing Ministries, Inc. in Jacksonville, FL. The video speakers are Francis and Judith MacNutt, and Judge Peter and Norma Dearing. The MacNutts founded Christian Healing Ministries (CHM) where a multi-level program has been developed to train individuals who feel called to our Lord’s ministry of healing prayer. The Dearings, prominently active in the Episcopal Church in Northeast Florida, figured prominently in bringing the MacNutts’ ministry to Jacksonville, and served as directors at CHM for many years. CHM is ecumenical and has members of eight denominations (including two bishops) on its board of directors. Please visit the website for further information about this extraordinary ministry: <http://www.christianhealingmin.org/>

Pam Imbler Nelson will be the coordinator for this education opportunity at Good Shepherd. She has completed all three levels of the CHM School of Healing Prayer at the Jacksonville training center. If you have further questions please contact Pam at 864.497.2051, or via email at [psimbler@bellsouth.net](mailto:psimbler@bellsouth.net)

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## ***Families in Need Receive Gift from Good Shepherd***

During Lent, families who attended the Wednesday Suppers and Teaching were asked to make some small contribution to families in need through out the world. Forty dollars was collected, and the



donation was made through Heifer International which works to help hungry people feed themselves. For example, \$120 can provide a goat to a family. Goats can give as much as 4 quarts of milk a day, and can often bear twins or triplets. These gifts can change the future for a family or an entire village. The children of our Parish decided to buy chickens and rabbits for someone in need. The photo on the front of Heifer International’s thank you card shows a Nepalese family with their Heifer International cow.

Special thanks to Miranda DiMarco for this good idea!

# *Good Shepherd – A History*

## *Part 2*

Note: The first installment of the history of Good Shepherd was published in the May/June issue of the Shepherd's Staff pages 6 through 9. If you don't have a copy of that installment and want one, please contact Claudia Geagan 895 0891.

### **The War Years – Surviving Against All Odds**

Although the Japanese invaded China in 1937, and the Germans invaded Poland in 1939, the US did not declare war on these countries until December 1941 after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. No one in our country, whether in a major city or a rural hamlet remained untouched. Certainly not Greer. Ray Belcher and Joada P. Hiatt have this to say about the war years in their excellent book. "Greer, From Cotton Town to Industrial Center".

The war in Europe [*prior to the US entering the war*] returned a degree of prosperity to Greer. Local mills contracted to manufacture military textiles, and regular hours returned to the workforce. When war became a real prospect for the United States, the call-up of the National Guard followed months later by the draft, reduced Greer's industrial population, opening for women job opportunities never before seen locally. The mills ran continuously to fill orders during the war, putting overtime wages into the pockets of workers and in the Bank of Greer. By 1940, the assets of the Bank of Greer had climbed to over \$1 million. Even then, the amount was less than half the asset base of pre-Depression Greer Banks.<sup>1</sup>

At the end of 1940 the assets of The Church of the Good Shepherd were \$40.53. The treasurer who filed the report was Wm. M. Albergotti, school board superintendent, and soon to be full time soldier. Albergotti was a "captain in the National Guard Battery A, 178<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery at Greer when called to active duty in January 1941."<sup>2</sup> Albergotti rose to the rank of Colonel in the US Army and although offered his old job back at the end of the war, he chose to remain in the service for the rest of his career. Maida Westmoreland took over his job as treasurer for Good Shepherd.

A church history done by Ray Cox in 1996 states that in 1941 The Reverend Lawton Riley served very briefly as Priest-in-Charge. The treasurer's report shows that the Rev. Riley was paid \$208.00 in 1940 and \$10 in 1941. However, the 1957 historical survey of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, by Albert Sidney Thomas says that Lawton Riley was our church school superintendent briefly, and that "Dr. Mitchell continued in active charge of this Church, being its only minister-in-charge, until 1943." The Cox report also says that the church became inactive largely due to the war effort. However, while regular clergy may have been in short supply (like everything else during the war), the existing Treasurer's Reports for the war years show that Good Shepherd soldiered forth: worshiping, keeping body and soul together at home and supporting outreach causes.

While the church had no regular priest again until 1945, church treasurer, Maida Westmoreland, filed reports from 1942 to 1945 showing an increasing bank account at the end of each year and possibly an increasing membership: 1942 - \$68.46, 1943 - \$254.79, 1944 - \$306.93, 1945 - \$479.52.

And then. . . .

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<sup>1</sup> Belcher, Ray and Hiatt, Joada P., Greer From Cotton Town to Industrial Center, Arcadia Publishing, Charleston, SC, p. 121-122.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid. p 129.

## Along Came Hop Weston

The Rev. E. Hopkins Weston took charge in 1945, and the mission became an aided parish in 1946. By 1951, when Mr. Weston was succeeded as rector by the Rev. Sidney E. Heath, there were 121 communicants and 80 children and adults enrolled in church school. In 1951, the wardens were P. H. Burrus and Paul Greeley and the treasurer was A. S. Leckey and the lay reader was John R. Reeves. Many of us here today remember these men. But that is too fast. Who is Hop Weston, and why did we grow?

English Hopkins Weston was born in 1920 in Hopkins, SC where he currently lives. His father was a farmer who grew cotton among other things. The similarity between Hop's name and the town's name is no accident. He lives on land that has been in his family since 1755 when the



Hopkins family came to South Carolina. The Weston's didn't arrive until 1765. Your author had the

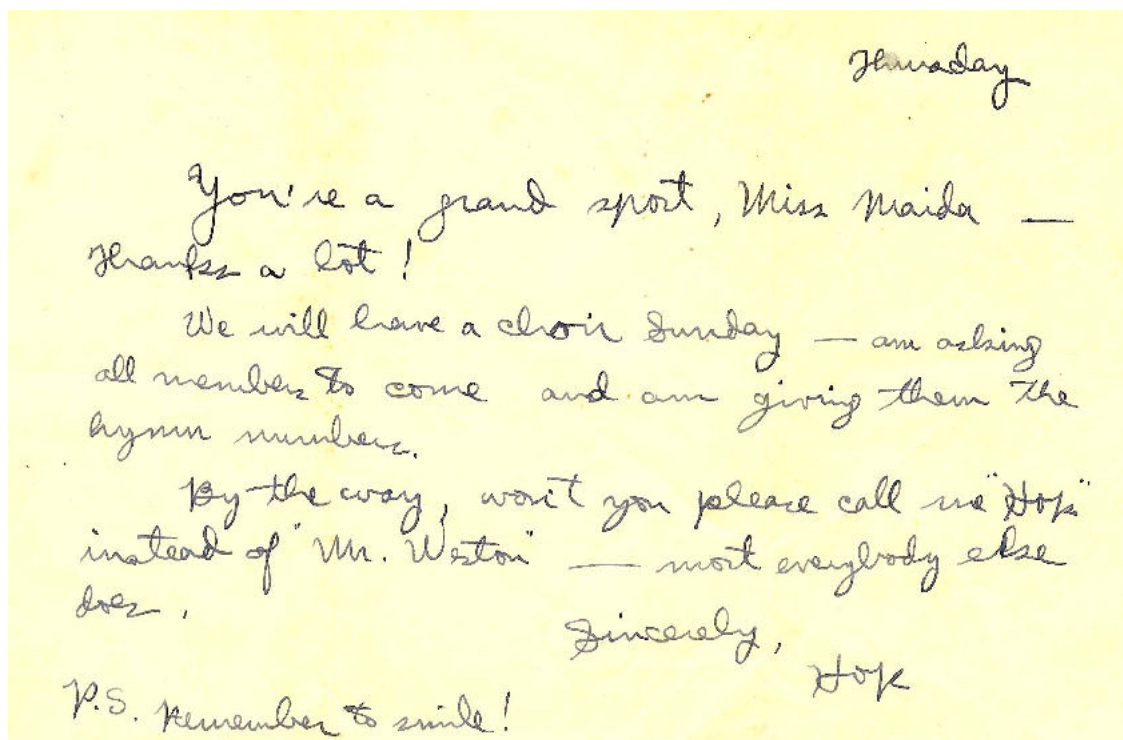


chance to sit down and chat with him at his home. And, what a pleasure it was. Here is Hop Weston shown about 1947 when he was serving Good Shepherd and on August 16, 2007 during our visit. Today, at 87, Hop Weston still works as a supply priest and one local parish uses his services frequently.

Hop Weston is a graduate of the Citadel. He expected to end up in the Army after college, but was too young (not yet 21) to receive his commission. So, in the fall he went off to Virginia Theological Seminary where he was encouraged to finish his studies because the Army needed chaplains. But after he finished his studies he was associated with Trinity Church in Columbia briefly (Trinity was not yet a Cathedral), and then in 1945, the year that also saw the surrender of Germany and Japan, the Diocese of Upper South Carolina sent the youthful, informal and energetic Mr. Weston to Greenville and Greer to serve St. Andrews and Good Shepherd, both missions started by Alexander Mitchell.

One of Good Shepherd's most active members throughout the 1930's and the 1940's was Maida Westmoreland. Not too much is known about Maida Westmoreland, but the church owes a great deal to her. She not only served as President of the Church in 1938, she seems to have subsequently served as Treasurer and Organist. Hop Weston says that he remembers her as a maiden lady who late in life married a man who lived north of Greer and moved away at that time. Maida Westmoreland is the source for many of the wonderful documents that we have used for this history. We know that she lived on South Main Street in the 1940's. If you know more about her, let us know.

Maida Westmoreland was certainly busy wearing lots of hats when Hop arrived. Apparently, however, she was concerned that her organ playing was not everything it should have been and not necessarily well received. Hop Weston remembers having cajoled Maida into playing for a specific service. After her kind acquiescence she received the following lovely note from her pastor. One can feel the warmth in the note sixty years later. We grew because Hop Weston acted in love and because Maida Westmoreland and others kept up a stalwart commitment, sometimes, apparently even when they didn't particularly want to.



Thursday

You're a grand sport, Miss Maida —  
thanks a lot!

We will have a choir Sunday — am asking  
all members to come and am giving them the  
hymn numbers.

By the way, won't you please call me "Hop"  
instead of "Mr. Weston" — most everybody else  
does.

Sincerely,  
Hop

P.S. Remember to smile!

There was an early service each Sunday at St. Andrews, then a midmorning service at Greer and then a late service at St. Andrews. Hop Weston lived in Greenville, rooming with the mother-in-law of one of Dr. Mitchell's daughters. Wade Hampton Blvd. had been turned into a four lane divided highway, and it is said that the in-a-hurry Mr. Weston traveled in excess of the speed limit so often that the local police came to recognize his car, sympathize with his urgency and let him pass. While Hop doesn't remember anything unusual about his own driving, he does remember the Sunday that the visiting Bishop Gravatt made that left turn onto Wade Hampton on the wrong side of the divider. Fortunately that incident ended with nothing more than embarrassment. What is clear is that Hop Weston used up a lot of energy.

## And then the Reeves Family Came to Town

When Fr. Mike and I visited Ruth at the Roger Huntington Center where she lives, she reminisced about old times with us. Ruth is pictured here during that visit. Ruth is our oldest living member.



When the Reeves family first arrived in Greer they went looking for an Episcopal Church and found Good Shepherd. Not only did they find Good Shepherd, they found Maggie Ballenger who was still active at the time. As the newly arrived Reeves family was staying in a hotel, Maggie Ballenger brought them Sunday supper knowing that they would not be able to find an open restaurant or store. That kindness has been remembered for over 60 years.

Ruth also remembers fund raising during those years. She remembers a bake sale where a friend defied doctor's orders to be able to contribute something delicious to the sale. She remembers when one of the church members built the sidewalk that we still use around the church. When something needed doing in those days, said Ruth, somebody just went and did it. She can remember going to the church with her cleaning woman, Blanche Kelly, ad hoc, to clean the church. Blanche Kelly eventually came to work for Good Shepherd and did not retire until December 2004. (See Jan/Feb 2005 Shepherd's Staff.)

By 1949 Good Shepherd had a Sunday School with Ruth Reeves and Edmund Roper teaching.

When I asked Hop Weston how one deals with all the diverse and sometimes adverse situations a priest runs into with his congregations, Hop answered, "with a lot of tact." I think also with a lot of energy and a lot of faith.

The history of our church like any history isn't a series of separate events. There are no "dark ages" nor periods of inactivity, because history, as I have come to realize talking to Ruth Reeves and to Hop Weston, is the tale of the interactions between people, of the love of family members, and of the members of Christ's family. It's about energy and initiative, tact and charm and how, in the case of the history of Good Shepherd, it interacts with the community and the world around it. We are never disconnected from history.

**Next installment:** Going on with the fifties and the sixties.

*Claudia Geagan*

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## ***Present Finances***

Thanks to August receipts, we are pretty well back in line with the budget. Thanks to those donating and pledging for their continued support. A full report will be in the next newsletter.

## Our Office Folks

Responding to a plea for help from the Vestry, originally Barbara Burns and Loretta Tingle manned our office together. We are all grateful for their service. Loretta has been our church secretary since January of 2007.

All churches get phone calls from people in need. I asked Loretta how she handles these. She replied that she refers some people to Father Mike, and some to Greer Relief or Greer Community Ministries. And Loretta says she just listens: To use her words, she says she is qualified to listen but not qualified to give you an opinion.

Luckily Loretta has been able to continue her service and hopes to be able to keep helping for some time to come. Our Office is now open 9 to 12 Monday through Friday. Loretta answers the phone, does filing and copying, maintains our bulletin boards (have you seen how nice they look?), and has been organizing our library and developing a system so that Parishioners can check out the books. Soon Loretta will be starting up a little church store in the library. Thanks so much to Loretta for all that she is doing.



Sue Lemke has been a visitor, especially at the Out to Lunch Bunch outings. She and husband Rich, a master machinist at Springfield Tool, are pictured here. Sue and Rich both grew up in Wisconsin, Sue in the Roman Catholic faith and Rich in the Lutheran faith. She helped Emerson compile the artwork for our cookbook project, and with his various recent car club projects. She has formerly worked in a church office in Florida, where they lived before coming to Greer. She will be in the office on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 am to 1 pm, primarily assisting with accounting.

## Regular Sunday School Classes Begin Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

- **Elementary School** aged children (above nursery and below middle school) will meet with Grayson Marpes in the 1<sup>st</sup> room on the left at the bottom of the stairs. Seven children will be with Miss Grayson.
- **Middle School** aged children will meet with Ann Doscher in the 2<sup>nd</sup> room on the right downstairs. Miss Ann will also have seven children.
- Seven specific **Junior High/High School** students will participate with Jeanie Gottrich in a program called "Destination Unknown", which will require parental permission forms to be signed at the beginning of the semester. These students will be walking (for the most part) to their destinations, which will become the basis for the topic. Loretta Tingle will assist with this class.
- **Adults** will meet in the large meeting room at the end of the hall downstairs for JT Hewitt's Adult Bible History class. Adults will also have the opportunity to meet with Pam Nelson in the 1<sup>st</sup> room on the right downstairs for her adult class called "Foundations for Healing Prayer 1". (See article p.6)

## **Marvin Coster, August 15, 1922 – August 16, 2007**



On August 16<sup>th</sup>, we lost our friend, Marvin Coster. But when you look at anything around Good Shepherd, you will see his contributions, and we won't forget him. Except for a few new members, most of us have known Marvin and Marion Coster for a long time, seen here at the Blessing of the Pets in 2004. Marion, a cradle Episcopalian, brought Marvin to Good Shepherd before they were married. He was confirmed here in 1972 and they were married in 1974.

Marvin has worn every hat possible as a member of Good Shepherd. He has served as both Senior Warden and -Junior Warden too many times to count. If anything needed doing, Marvin was the person to get it done. He helped Jack Millar establish our rose garden, and, after Jack's death, Marvin continued maintenance of the rose garden until his own health slowed him down. For years he maintained the grounds, helping to level and landscape the lower lot, and he handled numerous other handyman chores as they arose.

We give him great praise for building the racks in which our past Vicars' and Rectors' pictures are displayed in the Harris Parish House. He said he got tired of every time he went in the Parish House seeing that the pictures needed to be straightened. Then too, there was the problem of properly aligning a new frame to the existing ones. His brilliant design has allowed easy arrangement of our priests!

Marvin's memorial service was attended by so many people that Good Shepherd ran out of seating and standing room. His ashes were interred in our rose garden.

Our sympathy goes out to the entire family.

### ***Blessing of the Pets:***

The 2007 Blessing of the Pets will take place at **6:00 pm on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Even if you don't have a pet, this is a wonderful event. See you there!

### **The Out To Lunch Bunch:**

The Out to Lunch Bunch will "reactivate" in September after the summer recess. Check the notices in the church bulletins and your email (for those receiving notices like so). Bj has promised an exciting new experience for us, like always! [Emerson promises to bring the good camera to all outings!]

**The average Sunday attendance for 2007 though July 29<sup>th</sup> was up 16%** over the average Sunday attendance for all of 2006. June and July 2007 are up 20% over June and July 2006. This is notable because June and July are usually the quietest months. What a wonderful amount of growth! Bless all of you who are new and those of you who are sharing worship and Eucharist with us more often!