

The Shepherd's Flock

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Good Shepherd

Sunday School Here we grow!

Our Annual Harvest Bazaar was a success! Thank you for bringing the children to help out, and thank you to all who helped sell tickets beforehand. All had a great time, and we raised over \$300 for the Sunday School! Congratulations, kids!! Thanks for all your hard work!

Christmas Caroling: We are planning our Annual Christmas Caroling party.... details to come. It is usually held the first part of December.

Our Christmas program this year will be held on the Sunday before Christmas, December 19th ---during the regular church service. Please mark your calendars! The children will present "Teach the Children," although...even the adults will learn a thing or two as well! ☺ We will start practicing shortly, so don't be alarmed if your child comes home speaking and singing of Christmas-time soon!

We will send home reminders as events draw near and wanted to inform you of the plans. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call any one of us. Thank you for all your support and for sharing your children with us!

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Help us spread the news! Amy and A.J. O'Donnell welcomed baby girl, Madilyn on November 14!
A baby shower is planned for her in early January.



The Rev. Leslie Nesin

John 10: 14-16

" I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

A Message from Leslie+

It seems to me that the only thing that stays the same is that nothing ever does. Our lives are always in flux-- just ask Corky, or Gloria, or, say, me. Personally, I think the changes in our lives encourage growth and strength, even when they aren't changes we would have sought. In the life of the church, change encourages new ministries and new identities, and of course the life of a church is extremely fluid much of the time.

At November's Vestry meeting I made it firm that I will return to 1/2 time the first of the year. We just can't afford a 2/3 time priest; I'm your biggest expense. I also announced that Sunday, May 8th will be my last day as your priest (you notice I'm not saying "my last day with you," as I'm sure I'll be needed for supply in the future and I will love that). We have lots to do together before that day arrives!

Also at Vestry we (you) voted to have the children's service and pageant on the Sunday before Christmas, and to have our Service of Lessons and Carols at 7PM Christmas Eve. This takes the stress off of young families and will allow children to attend the Christmas Eve service as well. I find that service in particular to balance the secularization

of Christmas, bringing a measure of peace into our hearts in the face of the hoopla of Christmas Day. I hope you will all attend!

As we enter into the season of Advent, let's remember that that is also a season of change. For the leaders of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus' birth, that change was frightening; they did all they could to deny its coming. For those who yearned for a God on whom they could truly lean, a freedom-professing, acceptance-giving God, Jesus was not a threat but the fulfilling of a promise. And we love Advent and Jesus today because we too need to lean, be accepted, and to be given freedom. May your Advent season be a time of quiet waiting for a blessed event. Leslie+



I have a 1916 first edition of Robert Frost's book "Mountain Interval," with a hand written inscription on the fly leaf and a note written by the couple he gave it to. This is not a poem ever published, but a gift to them. I offer it to you.

"Like music may thy Christmas flow;
May Love take up the strain,
May Joy be it's accompaniment,
And Peace be it's refrain;
And when it ends, may Memory
Strike the same chords again."

Robert Frost



The Rev. Jessie Drysdale

From the Deacon's Bench



Dear Friends,
Many thanks to all who made our annual bazaar the great success that it was! What a mighty force we are when we all work together.

As I write, I am mindful that Advent is upon us, Sunday, November 28th, in fact! Advent is such a joyful, anticipatory season, full of hope, and although it begins in the darkness of the year, we are urged to look for the light, the light of Christ.

Here is an Advent prayer: Gracious God, send us your grace this Advent season so that we can prepare for your coming. Touch our hearts with longing so that we can better love and serve you and each other. Fill us with the hope that we can be transformed by your Spirit and so help to transform the world. Give us the peace of knowing that you came to share our human life and redeem us for the sake of love. We ask these things in the name of Jesus whose kingdom we seek. Amen.

May God's peace be with you, *Jessie*

Coming up in Advent & Christmas



- We will be having some very special music during the season of Advent. Dale is working on several lovely offerings by the choir and others!
- The Rev. Dr. Vesta Kowalski, an Episcopal priest and Hebrew scholar, will be with us on Dec. 12. She will preach, and after the service offer a study of the prophetic writings of the Old Testament that point towards the coming of the Messiah. Vesta is NEVER boring! Plan to stay and enjoy her presence among us.
- Children's pageant Sunday, December 19th during the 10AM service.
- Christmas Eve service of Lessons & Carols 7PM December. 24.

Editor's note . . . from Corky Pinette An angel does it

Have you ever wondered how 'The Flock' magically comes together each time and ends up in your hands or in your email inbox? I'll tell you. It begins when you send me your prayers, stories, poetry, photos and announcements. Then, by



the Grace of God and the help of an angel on earth, the real work gets done. Thanks be to God for Joan Logan and the patient, reliable and dedicated work of a good and faithful servant. *Corky*



Matthew 6: 19-21
Treasures in Heaven

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

From the Treasurer: Financial Update thru October 2010

October's income was \$122 more than our expenses [\$10,822 - 10,720]. Year to date we are now only \$590 unfavorable. This is \$1,245 better than expected. However, to achieve this position, we again rely heavily on income sources and have deferred some building repairs.

Through October, our major income sources were Pledges [\$39,928]; Loose collection [\$3,997]; Parish women [\$4,500]; Rotary meals [\$8,100]; gifts [\$8,148]; Fund raising [\$2,677]; Rectors fund [\$2,154]; Diocese grant [\$16,667] and Memorial fund principle [\$9,600].

Pledge income is \$1,170 below what was committed for 2010. This shortfall would help balance out budget. The Memorial fund principle has been reduced by 60% [about \$115,000] during the past five year period as we continue to build our congregation and repair our buildings.

While reviewing parish expenses, we note that 11 of the 55 expense categories are exceeding budget.

Fortunately the other 80% of the expense budget is offsetting those 11 categories.

Roger Habrle, Treasurer

It's not too late, and makes a *world* of difference when you pledge your support for the mission and ministry of Church of the Good Shepherd.

Thank you!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

	Birthday	Anniversary
2	Miller, Elaine	
8	Ellsworth, Jim	
24	Bates, Janet	
25	Delano, Dana	

January

	Birthday
6	Mooers, Emily
16	Grant, Renee
30	Stoton, Earle
31	Mooers, Carolyn and Rebecca

February

	Birthday
11	McIntosh, Edwin
12	Williams, Freda
16	Sanders, Lillian
19	Coburn, Elva
23	Toby, James
27	Anderson, David



Do we have your special date?

Please let us know!

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Thanks be to GOD! Your prayers of thanks are needed here.

For the success of the Harvest Bazaar For all who helped out and made donations making this the most successful since Joan began keeping records in 1997. \$2,661.55 was raised before expenses. In keeping with our commitment to give 10% of all fundraisers, a donation to the Salvation Army of \$300.00 will be made from the proceeds of the Bazaar and the Pie & Ice Cream Social.

For the birth of a baby girl, Madilyn, to Amy and A.J. O'Donnell on November 14 ... which means Amy will be out on maternity leave from her nursery duties. If you can help even one Sunday a month it is greatly appreciated..

For generous support of the UTO! Coordinator, Jeff Prozzo says, "Anytime near Thanksgiving please bring your change banks to church! Or - and this would be terrific - count up your change and write a check for that amount to Good Shepherd Church with 'UTO' in the memo section. This also works well if you just estimate how much change you would have saved over the last six months if only you had remembered."



A Parish Album
collage of blessings



Butler
family
baptisms



Harvest
Bazaar



Bishop Lane proves that
Convention is not ALL work!



A young ministry grows!

Our Maine community of faith
Diocesan convention in October

Our Parish Directory

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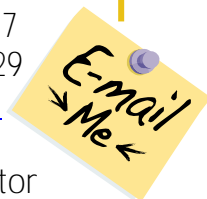
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Send an email to Corky requesting to be added to this list. You may also request to be removed at any time. **DEADLINE** for "The Flock" is the 15th of each month.

Your photos are gratefully received to share with our flock. Please include caption information i.e name(s), date & photographer.

Photos in this issue are courtesy of Michael A. Clark & Leslie Nesin



Vestry Meetings

Wednesday December 8 &
January 19, 2011 at 6 PM

Christmas flower memorials

The paper version of this 'Flock' edition contains an envelope for your Christmas flower memorials which may be mailed to the church or dropped in the collection plate by Dec. 19th. Extra envelopes are available at church.

Children's Pageant

Sunday, December 19th during the 10AM service.

Service of Lessons & Carols

Friday, December 24th 7PM

No Wednesday service ...

December 29, 2010 *while Leslie is on vacation*



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