



# Sheep E-News

June 27, 2009

## ♦♦ SPECIAL EVENT ♦♦ SPECIAL EVENT ♦♦ SUNDAY, JUNE 28, POT LUCK BRUNCH

One of life's truisms is that it's hard to know where you're going until you understand where you've come from. (It's also bad grammar to end a sentence with a preposition, but there you have it.) Another of life's truisms is that gratitude for gifts shared is not just nice, its expression is essential in the life of a healthy organization. So...

As part of our self-study and profile development in calling our next vicar, the Bishop's Committee is sponsoring a pot luck brunch following worship on Sunday June 28. We're going to tell stories about Good Shepherd, laugh and maybe shed a few tears, say thanks to a couple wonderful guys, create a genogram of our history and celebrate our life together as the remarkable community that Good Shepherd was, is and will be. Somewhere along the line this event acquired a life of its own and is now known as:

### *"Story Telling with Ann"*

This probably comes from having a former pre-school teacher on the Bishop's Committee. Nonetheless, many of you will be familiar with the concept of a genogram if you've spent any time doing family history. It is a way of visually capturing our history and looking at patterns of health and not-so-much health, themes we seem to repeat as a congregation, and the sharing of the Good Shepherd story for all to appreciate. Our Interim Vicar is going to facilitate this because she goes about the country doing this for all sorts and conditions of congregations and dioceses, so why not do it for the home team?

June 28 is also an occasion for us to thank Scotty McCaulley for his years of unstinting service to the Men's Shelter Dinners. After doing this for nine years, and the loss of funding that kept the program going, Scotty is moving into other ministries. The

Men's Shelter Dinners grew out of Good Shepherd but expanded way beyond the congregation and is one of the stories in our history that needs to be told.

The other "thank you" is to Kyle Sessions who has been our musician since December. Kyle thought he was just "helping out" for a few Sundays, little did he know it would turn into a 6 month gig. He's now released from this obligation (seen the next story) and we want to celebrate the gift of his time and talent over the past many months.

For the potluck, please bring an entrée, a salad, bread or drinks. But if you just want to come, please don't feel that vittles are a required admission fee.

**Apologies to all for whom this creates a conflict with Gay Pride Day. If this affects you, please make doubly sure you get yourself to a House Meeting to share your stories about Good Shepherd.**

## Vicar Search

The Bishop's Committee and Profile Committee did an online meeting today with the creator of the Congregational Assessment Tool, Russ Crabtree. The purpose of the meeting was to review Good Shepherd's report on the data. That information will become one of several resources that go into the creation of our profile. These two committees are also pondering the best way to share the survey data with the whole congregation. That will probably happen at or after the House Meetings. Since we just received the report this afternoon, some of these things just haven't been decided yet. So stay tuned....

In the meantime, House Meetings will take place during July. These meetings are a means for Good Shepherd members to gather in small groups to discuss hopes and dreams for the future of this congregation as we move into Area Ministry. Terry Trotter will facilitate these meetings. The meeting schedule and locations are:

- July 6, Monday at Lauren Cox-Pursley's home in El Sobrante (for those in Richmond, Pinole, and El Cerrito) 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- July 12, Sunday at Emerson House (for those in Berkeley) 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- July 15, Wednesday at the Kresha-Vanderburgh's home in Oakland (for those in Oakland) 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- July 21, Tuesday at the Abercrombie-Giddings home in El Cerrito (for those in Albany and El Cerrito) 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The meetings are geographically distributed so as to be, we hope, more convenient for attendees. Sign-ups for the meetings will be available at Coffee Hour.

## Diocesan News

Nominations are now being received for the elections at the 160th Diocesan Convention, October 17, 2009. The Convention will elect:

**Standing Committee – Class of 2013**  
One Clergy Position/One Lay Position

**Ecclesiastical Court – Class of 2012**  
One Clergy Position/One Lay Position

**Executive Council**

2 Positions, at least one must be lay.

**Secretary of Convention**

1 Year Term/One Position

**Nominating Committee**

1 Position, Clergy or Lay

**Treasurer of Diocese**

1 Year Term/One Position

Download a form (in Word format) at [diocal.org/convention](http://diocal.org/convention) and when completed email it to [onebreadonecup@msn.com](mailto:onebreadonecup@msn.com). If e-mail access is unavailable, please mail to:

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St. Clare's Episcopal Church  
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Pleasanton, CA 94588

Questions should be directed to Ron Culmer, 925.462.4802.

### *For continued prayer...*

- *Linda Finch Hicks, undergoing cancer treatment*
- *For the Profile Committee, The Bishop's Committee and those assisting Good Shepherd in the discernment of our next Vicar.*
- *For the growth and development of Area Ministry in the Berkeley-Albany-Richmond-Pinole zone, and for Good Shepherd's engagement in this vision for being the Beloved Community.*
- *For Lisa and Ginny as they are sharing their gifts in ministry with St. Alban's.*
- *For all who attend General Convention that the Holy Spirit will find room to breathe in them at the Anaheim Convention Center.*
- *Ann and Barry as they are on retreat at New Camoldoli and travelling to and from General Convention. (Ann will be away from June 30 through July 18, with cell phone and email access after July 5. Please check with Jeremy Giddings, Sr. Warden for immediate concerns.*