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*REVEALING CHRIST'S LOVE:
CARING FOR THE SHEEP, SEARCHING FOR THE LOST*

2018 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

JANUARY 28, 2018

AGENDA
2017 REPORTS



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AGENDA

11:30 am – 12:45 pm (including lunch)

Call to order and opening prayer	Rev'd Sarah Bronos
Minutes from 2017 meeting	Terri Sims
<u>Reports</u>	
Treasurer's Report	Susan Burley
Presentation of the 2018 Budget	Susan Burley
Senior Warden's Report	Scott Ricker
Rector's Report	Rev'd Sarah Bronos
Recognition of retiring members	Rev'd Sarah Bronos
David Ashcraft, Ralph Darville, Irene Burgess	
Vestry Election	Rev'd Sarah Bronos
Presentation of candidates	
Nominations from the floor	
Election	
Good of the Order	Rev'd Sarah Bronos
Adjournment and closing prayer	Rev'd Sarah Bronos

Organizational meeting of the new vestry in Roberta's Hall

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

2017 Annual Parish Meeting – January 29, 2017
2016 Reports and 2017 Budget

Members gathered in the Parish Hall and were served a Pot-Luck supper prepared by the Hospitality Commission and other members of the church.

Rev'd Sarah blessed the food. Rev'd Sarah called the meeting to order with prayer.

It was moved and seconded to elect Terri Sims as Clerk of the Annual Parish Meeting by unanimous decision.

Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Sue read from the Financial Reports in the Annual Parish Report. We ended 2017 with a surplus of \$42,000 which has been transferred into our Contingency Fund. Our budget for 2016 has exceeded our expectations. The 2017 Budget was accepted – Refer to the Annual Parish Report.

Junior Warden: Refer to the Annual Parish Report

Senior Warden: Refer to the Annual Parish Report

Curate Report: Fr. Cameron thanked everyone for making his being here at Good Shepherd a very blessed experience. He also read from his report in the Annual Parish Report. He has been reaching out to the Macedonia Baptist Church in Eatonville. There may be joint community events in the future.

Rector: Refer to the Annual Parish Report. Rev'd Sarah added that the Vestry voted to increase our tithe to the Diocese to 11% in 2016, of which, .5% was assigned to the Sao Paulo Mission and .5% to the Timothy Fund. For the 2017 Diocesan tithe will be increased to 12% with 1% given to the Sao Paulo Mission and 1% given to the Timothy Fund. Rev'd Sarah added that the Vestry voted to increase our giving to the diocese 11% in 2016 of which .5% was assigned to the Sao Paulo Missions and .5% to the Timothy Fund. Giving to the Diocese in 2017 was increased to 12% of which 2% going to the Sao Paulo Missions and Timothy Fund.

Susie was thanked for her 4 year service on the Vestry.

Wayne was given gifts in thanksgiving for his service on the Vestry.

Nominees were presented for the Vestry: Scott Ricker, Gloria Grant, and Joe Small. Nominations from the floor were opened. None were presented. The slate was elected by acclamation.

Meeting closed with prayer and the announcement that Vestry will meet in Roberta's Hall immediately following the meeting for the Organizational Meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Terri B. Sims, Clerk of the Meeting

CLERGY REPORTS

RECTOR'S REPORT

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

In August, Celandine began its second year on our campus and Terri, Fr. Cameron and I comment on a regular basis how wonderful it is to have so much life on the campus all the time – we miss the children when they are on break! The initial challenges of working with shared space have been resolved and we are enjoying the relationship that we have with the school. Your vestry has been brainstorming ways to bring the communities even closer together. This summer will begin the higher payments of \$103,200.00 annually for the following three years, and hopefully for several more years to come. Not only is it a blessing to have the children and staff on the campus but also the rental income has provided a financial stability for our parish that would otherwise have been impossible for a congregation our size, although we also receive some extraordinarily generous special gifts that help us to cover the ongoing needs of a campus this size.

Our wonderful outreach ministries continue to provide for various needs in our community and worldwide: Food Bank, Tabitha's Treasures chemo cap and prayer shawl ministry, Lenten Ingathering, Timothy Fund, Sao Paolo Missionaries, and various other special offerings.

This year we offered two spiritual formation parish retreats. In early spring, we welcomed then Dean of Nashotah House, The Very Reverend Steven Peay, who led a retreat on Benedictine Spirituality. In the late fall, we welcomed Mary Fleeson of the Lindisfarne Scriptorium who led a retreat on Celtic spirituality and knotwork using the Breastplate of St. Patrick as the prayer foundation.

Early in the New Year we had a wonderful brunch organized by Bev Lassiter and members of our Fundraising Committee. We saw a great turnout from other parishes who enjoyed the food, fellowship and the very engaging speaker. Unfortunately, at the same time we experienced three deaths in a five-day period: Ethel Copes, Lavon Shelley and Shakira Webster. This was an intense time emotionally for both clergy and parish, and quite a stretch for our Hospitality Committee and DOK who provided three beautiful funeral receptions in five days.

The Diocese continues to send deacons in training to be mentored by our own amazing Deacon Dick Costin. This year we welcomed Rich Wilson and Nina Cassady Bolton, and our own Gordon Sims is exploring a call to diaconal ministry.

During my summer sabbatical, this year's Senior Warden, Scott Ricker, did an absolutely outstanding job of keeping on top of all of the buildings and grounds issues with the ever-faithful help of this year's Junior Warden, Ralph Darville, and others! Our treasurer, Sue Burley, with our Parish Life Administrator Terri Sims kept all of the finances on track. And Fr. Cameron did a stellar job with the liturgical, pastoral, and teaching ministries during my absence. His classes have all been exceptionally well researched and very well received, and this year's Back to School Sunday was the best ever! Fr. Cameron also prepared confirmands for the Bishop's visitation, and got our Evangelism Commission off the ground, mentoring Gordon Sims in his current leadership role of that commission.

With the change in service time to 10:00 am we have seen an increase in attendance at our post-service coffee hour in front of the church, (something that has absolutely delighted our dear Charlotte Everbach.) Our new greeters add so much warmth and hospitality as people enter and

leave the church! With the amount of new homes being constructed in our close neighborhood the Evangelism Commission is poised to start reaching out to our new neighbors.

I returned from sabbatical to be greeted by Irma – Hurricane Irma that is! Which meant that my first weekend of services had to be cancelled – a first! Once again, the staff had everything under control. Our calling tree fell apart a bit when some of our first order callers’ phone towers went out, but once again, Fr. Cameron set off in his trusty little blue Fiat and went knocking on doors to make sure those we hadn’t heard from had weathered the storm.

When Dee Barroso, who is a registered nurse, and I sat down to go over possible ministry opportunities we realized that a Parish Nurse ministry would fit her to a “t.” This was something that I had heard about, and had hoped that we would be able to have down the road. Well, in the Lord’s perfect timing, He sent Dee to us. Expect to hear more about the Parish Nurse program in the New Year.

On my return, I realized that I needed to be able to stop the day at noon for a half an hour of prayer either in the Chapel or the Prayer Room and have invited others to share that time with me. It has been a very rich time of prayer.

There are so many other quiet ongoing ministries on our campus. Everyone who comes here for their field education training is amazed at the breadth of what our small congregation accomplishes. For details on these ministries read further on in this booklet. One thing is sure, it is because of so many faithful Jesus-followers who call Good Shepherd home!

Peace and Grace to you in Our Lord Jesus Christ,
Rev’d Sarah+

CURATE’S REPORT

Brothers and Sisters,

It’s hard to believe I have been in your midst for 18 months! And what a blessing it has been. Over the last year I’ve learned so much from you all and from Rev. Sarah about what it means to be a priest and pastor. While most of you see me primarily at the altar or preaching, there is a lot more going on “behind closed doors”! This report intends to give the congregation some insight into the curate’s ministry in 2017.

Under Rev. Sarah’s direction, I’ve done many hospital visits, home visits, and Eucharistic visits. This has provided an opportunity for me to experience pastoral ministry by praying with people, offering encouragement in times of suffering, and administering the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist in private settings. I can truly say I’ve experienced Jesus’ presence in these situations in powerful ways! This past year also involved a lot of pastoral counseling and spiritual direction with different persons—especially when Rev. Sarah was away on sabbatical. Rev. Sarah and I also worked together on five funerals my first year here. During these times, she taught me how to pastorally approach the planning process with families and invited me in on some of those meetings to observe. She also invited me to preach at some of the funerals.

One of the things I most enjoy doing is teaching and Rev. Sarah has been very generous in giving me the opportunity to do that on Sunday mornings in the Christian Formation classes. So far, I have

taught classes on how to pray with the Book of Common Prayer, the Apostle's Creed (preparation for confirmation), How to Read the Bible, and Growing in Christ (a class on discipleship). I've been blessed by the number of participants who not only listen to me ramble on for an hour, but actively engage in the conversations! In 2018, I hope to do some more teaching, especially on how to understand the Bible and its role in our lives—my particular area of interest.

Rev. Sarah has also shared the pulpit and altar with me, allowing me to preach and celebrate the Eucharist every other week. I've talked to other curates and this is very generous—some rectors are not so inclined to share with their assistants! Rev. Sarah's generosity in this area has helped me grow as a preacher and liturgist, and I'm very grateful.

While I led a "youth group" on Sundays after church the first half of 2017, for various reasons attendance was not consistent, and with Rev. Sarah leaving for sabbatical it seemed time to put it on hold since I would need to be available after church on Sundays. Currently, I am trying to keep the youth active in the church by incorporating more of them into the Sunday liturgy, and scheduling occasional youth events. 2018 will definitely involve more youth-oriented activities! We are also praying God will send us a leader interested in doing some youth ministry.

Finally, I've been learning much on the administrative side of things. Rev. Sarah and I are currently meeting weekly for training sessions on things like budget, dealing with contractors, parochial reports, seasonal liturgy planning, etc. I also sit in on vestry meetings and have been learning by observation how to run them. I've been partially involved with the fire alarm and intrusion system as well. My other administrative duties have been the creation of service bulletins and poster displays, collecting and editing annual parish reports, and helping organize church work days.

All in all, my priestly training here has been invaluable, and each week I feel a little more experienced and a little more equipped to do the work God will call me to do. None of this would have been possible without the goodness and love of the Good Shepherd family. So, thank you for embracing me and my family. We will always feel at home in your midst!

In Christ,
Fr. Cameron+

DEACON'S REPORT

Serving as deacon at Good Shepherd is a privilege, an honor, and a lot of fun. This past year we had Rich Wilson join us as deacon-in-training. Deacon Rich now serves at St. Richard's in Winter Park. We now have Nina Bolton as our deacon-in-training. She is likely to return to her home parish of St. Peter's in Lake Mary after her training is finished. Both have grown tremendously in their ministry and added much to the life of Good Shepherd. It is a joy to have the diocese choose our parish for a training ground for future servants. My role is to work with them as well as engage in pastoral care, serve at the altar, oversee Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors and anything else asked of me by Rev. Sarah and Fr. Cameron. Along with several home and medical center pastoral calls, there were 34 Eucharistic visits involving 83 communicants.

Blessings,
The Rev. Dick Costin

TREASURER AND WARDEN REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Revenues for 2017 exceeded expenses by approximately \$31,000. This surplus occurred for three reasons: 1) the rental of our classroom buildings to the Celandine School, 2) the generosity of the congregation through the payment of their pledges and multiple gifts during the year and at year end and 3) the efforts of the staff in controlling expenses. The surplus has been added to the Contingency Fund and is available to the Vestry to meet the needs of the parish in 2018. The budget committee met twice to create a budget for 2018. The result of these meetings is a budget that will meet the expected expenses of the parish for 2018.

A Finance Committee was created this year to assist the Treasurer in reviewing the monthly statements presented to the Vestry and to rewrite the Financial Policies for Good Shepherd. The members of the Committee are Susan Burley (Treasurer), Scott Ricker (Senior Warden), George Madill and Joe Small (Vestry members), and Susie Pelham. The new Financial Policies manual was completed in September and has been adopted by the Vestry.

The financial reports for 2017 as well as budget comparisons are found at the back of this annual report for your review.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan D. Burley
Treasurer

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

2017 was an interesting year that offered up quite a few challenges. With Rev. Sarah's Sabbatical being the most significant (from the Sr. Wardens perspective), the Vestry maintained the focus and moved forward on a number of different projects while Fr. Cameron assumed the clerical responsibilities.

As Senior Warden, I volunteered to chair the Facilities Committee and to assist with several fundraising events. The Facilities Committee began meeting in 2017 and developed a spreadsheet checklist as a means of identifying and prioritizing all of the facilities related projects that need to be accomplished on the campus. A significant number of projects have been completed with a long list lined up for 2018. Gordon Sims, Ralph Darville, Chuck Kadlecik, Allen Thatcher, and Joe Small participated in setting the priorities and helped to carry out numerous efforts.

Major Projects on the campus included:

Painting the Kitchen – Ralph, Chuck, and I painted the walls and Valerie helped paint the kitchen prep tables.

Campus Cleanup – we had two congregation cleanup projects in 2017. The most recent effort occurred just prior to the Live Nativity. It was supported by numerous members of the congregation and staff who helped to clean the church and chapel while others focused on landscaping issues around the campus braving the cold weather.

Hurricane Irma cleanup - One item that thwarted many of our efforts was the aftermath of Hurricane Irma which left significant tree debris throughout the campus. The work that was needed to get the campus back in shape required an all hands on deck approach and took away time that could have been devoted to other projects. Ultimately, we had to address the temporary movement of tree debris (until it could be removed), contracting for roof repairs for lost shingles from wind

damage, and coordinating with two different companies for the removal of tree debris that was not picked up by the City of Maitland. By November, all tree debris and roof repairs had been completed. In an effort to minimize future cleanup from future storms, we have contracted with a tree trimmer to address the tree canopy at Good Shepherd – work should be completed soon.

Before long we were in full preparation mode for the Live Nativity. Now that we have settled into the New Year, we are looking forward to reengaging the Facilities Committee and working on our priorities which include painting several buildings on our campus. Looking forward to 2018, we are pleased to have Louise Field chair the Landscape Committee which will help address some longstanding issues that we are looking forward to resolving on the campus.

With respect to Fundraising, we held several events this year that helped to support the Church: the Chili Cook-off, the Spaghetti Dinner and the Game Night. Each event generated significant funds and was enjoyed by the congregation. David Ashcraft's experience in cooking for over a hundred people at a time was a real help.

In closing, I would add that there are numerous (NUMEROUS) parishioners that I would like to thank for their help in 2017. Be it a big effort or a small effort, it was noticed and appreciated. I am afraid to mention names since some don't want the attention combined with the fact that I will likely leave out someone that I wouldn't want to miss. However, I do want to say that I could not have made it without my right hand, our Junior Warden, Ralph Darville. His constant optimism, much needed sense of humor and boundless source of energy was a huge help. My experience has made me grateful to have served with so many caring people.

On a personal note, while I understood that there would be additional responsibilities that would come from taking on the role of Senior Warden, it was something that I wanted to do. Having been a member as a child here at Good Shepherd, I have found it especially rewarding to be part of the effort to help Good Shepherd move forward as an adult. And while the role has required time from my calendar that I did not think I had, I have to say that there have been several areas in my personal life that I can thank God for his faithfulness to me in areas that had yet to bear fruit until I stepped up and said I am willing to help.

Thank you,
Scott Ricker

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

In 2017, I painted the kitchen walls along with Scott Ricker and Chuck Kalecik. Valerie Welch painted the tables in the kitchen. We also painted arrows on the east side of the parish hall in the parking lot to help direct the flow of traffic around the school.

We applied non-stick paint on the chapel ramp for added safety. We painted five "No Skateboarding" signs on the campus grounds. We created two new signs of maps to help direct people around the campus. We also replaced and painted bare wood with primer around the campus. Finally, we reinstalled traffic signs that were knocked down in front of the church due to the construction across the street.

Thank you,
Ralph Darville

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

This was another great year for Adult Christian Formation at Good Shepherd. Sunday morning studies, weeknight groups for men and women and a weekday co-ed group offered many opportunities for our members to deepen their knowledge of scripture and grow in their faith. We also were blessed to have a couple of special retreats this year, which helped us enter into the seasons of Lent and Advent with an attitude of mindfulness, worship, and reverence.

Sunday Mornings

Starting in January, our Sunday morning Adult Christian Formation classes, led by Reverend Sarah and Father Cameron, explored the fiction of C.S. Lewis in “Beyond Narnia.” Attendees viewed the film “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” and discussed biblical themes Lewis revealed in his famous children’s books. Beginning in March, Jim Sutton led a study of the gospel of Matthew using a word-for-word film dramatization of the NIV translation. During the summer, Father Cameron led an 8-week series called “The Apostle’s Creed: Learning to Know and Trust God.” This class was offered for those wishing to be confirmed and all others desiring to deepen their understanding of the foundational truths affirmed in the creed. Father Cameron taught a 6-week study called “How to Read the Bible: An Introduction to Learning, Loving and Living God’s Word.” in August, and in mid-September through October Reverend Sarah shared insights gained during her sabbatical with a Rector’s Forum series and a study of early Celtic Christianity called “How the Irish Saved Civilization.” To end the year, Father Cameron taught a series called “Growing in Christ: Pursuing the Path of Discipleship.”

Thursday Mornings

This co-ed Fellowship Under the Word group, led by Mary Bloodworth, delved deeply into the gospel of Matthew this year. They used the word-for-word film version of the gospel as well as the book, *Core Values for the Young and Not So Young Christian*, by Darryl Bloodworth. The group paid particular attention to the truths contained in the sermon on the mount. For Christmas, they gathered at the Bloodworth’s home for a special viewing of *The Nativity Story*.

Tuesday Evenings

The Men’s and Women’s Tuesday evening Fellowship Under the Word groups, led by Curtis and Debora Lisle, continued their journey through the book of Acts using a wonderful study by N.T. Wright. To conclude the school year, they pondered the truths in Paul’s letter to the Galatians with a guidebook written by Timothy Keller. In September, after a summer hiatus, both groups enjoyed a journey through the book of James using *James: Faith that Works*, by Andrew and Phyllis Le Peau.

Special Events

On March 10th and 11th, members of Good Shepherd and others from the community enjoyed a Lenten retreat conducted by the Very Reverend Steven Peay, Dean of Nashotah House Seminary. Father Peay’s topic was “Benedictine Spirituality Outside the Cloister.” He emphasized the importance of incorporating the principles of listening, stability, change and balance into our everyday Christian lives.

On November 18th, the artist Mary Fleeson conducted a pre-Advent retreat. Attendees entered into a spirit of prayer and meditation as they created colorful illuminated scripture passages and listened to special music provided by Hannah MacMillan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debora Lisle

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Infants and Toddlers

The nursery is open Sundays after breakfast and throughout the 10:00 service. Joanna Ward, Ayla van Hissenhoven and Megan Vitale serve as the full-time nursery staff. With three full – time staff we are easily able to fulfill guidelines for Child Protection.

The Quiet Room in the Narthex of the church is also available and in use. The Quiet Room provides CCTV of the service, rocking chairs and infant toys for parents and infants only. We are fortunate that it was nicely renovated this fall as part of Olivia Davey's Girl Scout project.

Participation We now steadily have 3-5 children in the nursery.

Elementary Elementary-aged children are dismissed at the beginning of the 10:00 service to attend Godly Play TM in the Children's Worship room. "Story" days are interspersed with "Work" days to give the children benefit of the entire program.

Joanne Darville and Darlene van Hissenhoven continue to serve as Coordinators with other parish members teaching in rotation. Good Shepherd remains an official member of Godly Play Foundation and as such is listed as a participating congregation in the National Registry. This year, we were fortunate to be able to purchase several beautiful icons through the generosity of the Memorials Fund, and our room received a fresh coat of paint.

If you are not familiar with Godly Play TM, there is a welcome video on the website that speaks about this wonderful and creative way of walking with our children as they form their own growing relationship with Christ and His Church.

Children return to the 10:00 service for a special Blessing and Communion with their families.

We remain in need of parents and other parishioners to act as Storytellers and Doorpersons, and to fulfill guidelines for Child Protection.

Participation:

Participation has been consistent at 3-9 children at the 10:00 Sunday service.

Other events included:

The Blessing of the Backpacks and Ice Cream Social
Teacher's Commissioning
Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you,
Dari van Hissenhoven

HOSPITALITY

Coordinator: Joann Darville

Coordinator, Breakfast Teams: Etienne Van Hissenhoven

2017 was a busy year for the devoted members of our parish who volunteer for all phases of the Hospitality Commission responsibility. While sponsoring our various functions; Good Shepherd Sunday, Sunday breakfasts, funeral receptions, helping with fundraisers, they plan, cook, and cleanup, making everything run smoothly.

We had a total of 4 Funeral Receptions, the Annual Parish Meeting, Good Shepherd Sunday where everyone brought a covered dish, as well as a reception for our Live Nativity. We also hosted a Lenten Retreat and Pre-Advent Retreat. Our Annual High Tea was also a success. This year, we held a "Back to Church Sunday" Potluck where we were able to make new friends. A very busy year!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make everything a great success. We are good at fellowshiping and eating!

The Breakfast Teams under the leadership of Etienne Van Hissenhoven have continued to provide the best breakfast in town for the price. Now, even the Youth are involved in preparing the breakfasts! Bob Borr also coordinated our delicious Easter lunch.

The Breakfast Teams are:

Team Thatcher

Team Van Hissenhoven

Team Williams-Petersen

Team Youth

Team Moye

NEWCOMERS/EVANGELISM

After having meetings with Fr. Cameron to explore our churches' role in carrying out Christ's great commission and welcoming everyone to our church, Fr. Cameron and I reintroduced the Evangelism and Greeter Ministry this year at Good Shepherd. Fr. Cameron led the meetings for the first half of the year, giving us his experience, teachings, and vision on what we needed to do to move forward with this ministry.

We started by standing at the front door of the church greeting and welcoming our parishioners and visitors. Later we provided a table near the entrance to give a more welcoming setting for everyone with a place to meet, greet, gather and provide information on what is happening at Good Shepherd. When the Church worship time changed to 10 AM, we saw an opportunity to offer a time of fellowship and hospitality and started serving coffee and refreshments after the services. It has been great to see so many people stay after services and enjoy the hospitality and have the opportunity to fellowship with each other.

We had the opportunity to send a few small groups out for personal prayer and welcoming to the people walking around Lake Lily and look forward to expanding this part of our evangelism ministry into the community this year.

Our National Back to Church Sunday "A Place to Belong" was interrupted by the hurricane but we were able to redirect our efforts and help parishioners and the church recover from the aftermath of the hurricane.

During the Live Nativity event, we were able to greet everyone at the entrance and provided information about our church in the Parish Hall to the visitors.

We look forward to carrying forth Christ's love and healing, both in our church and into the community this year. We give thanks to everyone who helped make 2017 a blessed year and "A Place to Belong."

Gordon Sims
Chairman, Evangelism & Greeter Ministry

OUTREACH

FOOD BANK

2017 has been another fruitful and successful year for Good Shepherd Food Bank. In 2017 we served 1,536 clients and with that number 5,825 family members. One must remember we service only Orange County residents per Second Harvest guidelines. Prior to responding to a request from Rev. Sarah we serviced clients every 60 days. We now serve clients every 30 days.

The number below reflects the weight of total food product, both perishable and non-perishable. We received 58,961 pounds of food products and money spent was \$5,932.56. We do not break out products received via postal workers and Boy Scouts food drive, nor does it break out food received as a result of disaster relief boxes after the hurricane of 2017. Additionally, we did not break out food from the total received from TEFAP—free food from the Emergency Food Assistance Program.

We cannot forget non-perishable products we received from St. Richard's Episcopal Church, Maitland Library, Curves, and our own parishioners who support the food bank both monetarily as well as with product.

Lastly, the Food Bank would not be a success without the time and effort put forth by our volunteers in the day to day operations.

Again, thank you all for your support of the Food Bank.

The Committee

LIVE NATIVITY

Our fourth annual Good Shepherd Live Nativity was held on Sunday evening, December 10, 2017, and despite the very cold weather, was well attended.

This year sub-committees were formed and each sub-committee chair(s) given a comprehensive check list for their area of responsibility: Advertising/Marketing, Catherine Davey; After Glow Entertainment, Bobbi Vogel; After Glow Food and Beverage, Joann Darville and Valerie Welch; Animals, Barbara Masters; Casting, Gloria Grant and Rev'd Sarah; Chapel Showcasing, Susie Pelham and Ilene Fallot; Costuming, Susan Burley; Grounds, Scott Ricker; Guest Welcome, Evelyn Falco, Lillian Williams-Petersen, Terri Sims, Fr. Cameron; Lighting/Electrical and Full Sail Liaison, Gordon Sims; Parish Hall decoration, Karen Sarno and Barbara Masters; Photography, Joe Thoma; Safety and Parking, Jim Sutton and Barbara Masters (luminaries); Set Construction/Placement, Gordon Sims and Louise Field; Set Maintenance, Louise Field and Ralph Darville; Set Props/Staging, Bobbi Vogel and Shawn Ricker; Signage, Ralph Darville; Take Down/Clean up, Gordon Sims, Scott Ricker, David Ashcraft; Volunteer Hospitality, Pat Madill. We had one planning meeting before the summer and another in early October with all the chairs and other volunteers. The extraordinarily high parishioner and school participation in this event is such a blessing both to the parish and the greater community.

This year's After Glow entertainment was provided by the very energetic and talented Seminole High School Gospel Choir who delighted the audience with their repertoire.

We once again partnered with Full Sail College Theatrical Lighting Department for the lighting of the sets as well as audio set up for the After Glow entertainment. Their commitment to Good Shepherd's

Christmas event is invaluable. We often say that we wouldn't want to attempt The Live Nativity without them!

Thank you,
Rev'd Sarah

TABITHA'S TREASURES

Tabitha's Treasures has been an outreach commission at Good Shepherd for 7 years. On Wednesday morning a group of dedicated ladies meet to knit, crochet, or loom chemotherapy caps and prayer shawls as well as newborn baby hats and blankets.

When Reverend Sarah returned from her sabbatical, items completed during her absence were placed on the altar in the chapel and church to be blessed. It took both altars to hold the completed caps and prayer shawls.

During 2017 more than 600 caps were delivered to Florida Hospital or given to members of the church who sent them to friends and family. 15 Prayer shawls have been completed and were given to offer prayer and comfort.

Florida Hospital requested red newborn baby caps to be given to each baby born in February. The ladies of Tabitha's Treasures were able to contribute 15 caps in response to this request.

Tabitha's Treasures is open to anyone who wants to participate in this ministry. You don't need to be a current knitter, crochet expert or know how to loom, we are happy to teach you the basics. Equipment and yarn is given to anyone who wants to volunteer.

Thank you,
Susan Burley

OTHER OUTREACH PROJECTS

We donated \$1573.49 for the Good Shepherd Academy in South Sudan with our "Souper Bowl" Lenten Offerings, \$2604 for our Sao Paolo Missions, \$2604 for the Timothy Fund to help our diocesan seminarians, and \$212 from our Good Friday Offering for the Diocese of Jerusalem, and our collection to help victims of Hurricane Harvey.

We have an outreach ministry to several Gamblers Anonymous Groups, providing a meeting space for a small donation.

PERSONAL CARE/HYGIENE MINISTRY

This year 463 persons received personal care/hygiene items from our food bank. All recipients were most grateful as these items are often luxuries to those with limited resources. The food bank orders items from Second Harvest as available but your donations are also vital to sustaining this ministry. Monetary gifts to the food bank or in-kind donations are appreciated and needed. Thank you to those whose support this year made this ministry possible. Let us remember that Jesus said when we provide for the least we are providing for Him.

Thank you,
Barbara Masters

PASTORAL CARE

CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry continues to bless parishioners with cards on their birthdays and anniversaries, when hospitalized or when grieving the loss of a loved one.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK)

In 2017, the DOK led several different projects including assistance for hurricane relief efforts, a hygiene ministry, hospitality for Compassion Sunday, and preparations for the Bishop's luncheon on confirmation Sunday. The DOK is also responsible for hospitality at church funerals. Evelyn Falco was nominated as our new president. Lillian Petersen, Sally Smith, and Edith Burwell were installed as new members.

“Daughters of the King includes members from the Anglican, Lutheran (ELCA), and Roman Catholic churches. Members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. By reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish.” (From *The National Handbook and Bylaws of The Order of the Daughters of the King*)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP (IPG)

A group of dedicated intercessors pray regularly for those who have requested our prayers through the Prayer Request page on our website or by completing one of the pew prayer cards. Since confidentiality is of the utmost importance in such a ministry each member annually signs a Covenant of Confidentiality in which they vow to keep all prayer requests in absolute confidence. If you feel called to this vital ministry, please speak with Rev'd Sarah Bronos. There are only 2 requirements: 1) to read Richard Foster's book, “Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home,” and 2) to sign and adhere to the Covenant of Confidentiality.

MAGNIFY THE LIVING LORD

For the eighth year in a row, Good Shepherd has collected and published *Magnify the Living Lord*. It contains writings by individuals telling about unique happenings in their lives in which they experienced the Lord's hand. *Magnify the Living Lord - Volume 8* was published in booklet form as well as sent out online.

Blessings,
Joy Sutton

ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

Our Order of St Luke (OSL) members continue to offer prayers for healing in the “healing ministry transept” during Communion at the 10:00 am service

Love and blessings,
Deborah Brittain

MEMORIALS

This year the Memorials Commission was able to purchase Icons for the Godly Play Room as well as Linens for the altar in memory of Ethel Copes and Shakira Webster. Our new Stations of the Cross Icons were purchased in memory of Ethel Copes.

STEWARDSHIP

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairpersons: Lillian Harkenrider, Barbara Rawls

The Audit was successful. Barbara Rawls did the internal control portion while Lillian Harkenrider did the cash receivables and other financials.

The audit was filed with the Diocese according to Canonical requirements.

COMMUNICATIONS

Website:

This year we switched to GoDaddy's online web design program to design and update our website. This provides more flexibility for different people to be able to make updates (at the moment Rev'd Sarah and Father Cameron – we are always looking for help from anyone familiar with web design!)

The website is primarily geared to people who might be looking for a place to worship, consequently the home page provides easy access to service times, contact information and an interactive map. There are other prominent links to sermon audio, our prayer request form, and also information on the parish, including our various ministries. There are also links to archived weekly e-news and a link to sign up for the weekly e-news. The parish calendar is also available on the home page and on the Resources Page parishioners can find a number of useful documents, including the monthly serving schedule.

E-News:

The weekly e-newsletter is sent out to over 300 people via the free MailChimp online program. The weekly e-news is also posted to the Good Shepherd Facebook Page, Twitter & LinkedIn. Those who do not have Internet access can pick up a hard copy of the weekly e-newsletter each week in the church and chapel, and our homebound members are mailed a print version together with a bulletin, the Good News Daily, and the weekly lections insert.

Facebook and Instagram:

We have a Good Shepherd Facebook page and Instagram account. If you have a Facebook account please be sure to “like” our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdMaitland/>

Sermons online:

Curtis Lisle uploads the recorded sermons to our Sermon Studio program that is accessible through links on our website and in our weekly e-news. It is also uploaded to our iTunes Podcast page.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

The fundraising goal in the church's 2017 budget was set at \$8,002. The 3 fund raisers held at the Church: the Spaghetti Dinner and basket auction, the Chili-Cook Off and dessert auction, and the Luncheon with Guest Speaker & Author, Leah Richardson. We brought in a total of \$9,644. The efforts put forth went over expectations by \$1,642. A most hearty thank-you to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to all who helped to make these events a blessing to the Church!!

Gloria W. Grant
Chair

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

The Human Resources committee (George Madill, Sue Burley, Joe Small and Susie Pelham) met on October 4th to review current salaries and benefits and made their 2018 recommendations to the Budget Committee.

Thank you,
Susie Pelham

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

We are committed to monthly maintenance of the Memorial Garden. On November 4th, Garth Schweizer sent his company to control the invasiveness of the creeping fig vine wall. Our committee members weeded the garden. On December 2, we laid pine bark and planted lariope in the chapel corner by main entrance stairs. Garth's crew did extensive tree trimming and cleanup in preparation for the Live Nativity. We also planted coontie palms and laid pine bark in front of the church. Garth's team performed needed sprinkler repairs. Additional pine bark was spread as needed around the campus.

This year, we had extensive tree trimming and restoration in the back lot area.

The Landscape Committee looks forward to spring plantings in 2018 when sprinklers are operating in the appropriate areas.

Thank you,
Louise Field
Chair

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS MINISTRY

Joann Darville, Pat Madill, Barbara Rawls, Katiana Mirvil, Mary Brinson, Marilyn Bellonci, and Barbara Masters offer a wonderful ministry support for the staff by "manning" the front desk, helping Terri with the weekly count, helping Terri with folding and collating the weekly bulletins, and helping the rector with various tasks. The Staff here at Good Shepherd really appreciate our Volunteers...we wouldn't know what to do without them!

WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Warden: Jay Nicolle

2017 was a wonderful year in the Acolyte Corps for Good Shepherd. We saw the addition of 3 new servants of the Altar join the ranks. With formal training soon to be complete for all of them, we are at a mark that will allow increased participation in the coming year. With the new crop this year my hope is to have a “full crew” for at least one service per month so we can cross-train and cement in all the various skill sets that are part of the acolyte customary.

As always, much thanks to my veteran servers who anchor down the service schedule during each month. Your willingness to give of your time and talents is noticed at the highest levels.

And as always, we are always on the lookout for new servants at the altar. If there is an interest in serving, please see Fr. Cameron and have a discussion to see if this might be a possibility for you. My prayers are always for all who are part of this ministry.

Thank you,
Jay Nicolle

ALTAR GUILD

Membership in the Altar Guild is a ministry of service—the calling of a Levite. Our Altar Guild has functioned smoothly again for another year, thanks to the dedicated members who serve on weekly teams. The primary concern of the Altar Guild is preparing the altar for each of the three services on Saturday and Sunday, and for the children’s chapel service on Wednesday. Additional preparation is made for services during the week such as weddings and funerals. Duties include keeping the altar vessels and linens clean and ready for us, and maintaining an inventory of supplies needed. Probably the busiest seasons for Altar Guild are Christmas and Holy Week due to the extra services. But it is an extra joy to make these times more special and meaningful.

The Altar Guild members at this time are Peggy Schulke, Joann Darville, Barbara Rawls, Frances Pierce, Sallie Smith, Dede Eshleman, and Lillian Williams-Petersen. We can always use more help. If you are interested, please let us know!

Thank you,
Peggy Schulke

BEATING THE BOUNDS AND HIGH TEA

Our Beating of the Bounds and High Tea were held on Sunday, May 7th. A formal definition of Beating of the Bounds is: “A group of old and young members of the community would walk the boundaries of the parish, usually led by the parish priest and church officials, to share the knowledge of where they lay, and to pray for protection and blessings for the lands.” We have adopted the practice of doing this yearly so to strengthen our bonds with one another as a community as well as pray the Lord’s blessings upon Good Shepherd.

Afterwards, we enjoyed a “High Tea” with 9 elegantly set tables with beautiful wares from various parishioners as well as Dede Eshleman setting a Children’s table. Each table was plated with finger foods, small desserts and of course, tea. Many volunteered their time and their lovely tea sets to make this a great success!

AUDIO AND RECORDING MINISTRY

Keith Folsom, Curtis Lisle, and Joe Thoma have faithfully manned the soundboard for the 10:00 am service in the church. Joe Thoma is a new addition to the team and has been a great help. Curtis processes and uploads recorded sermons to the website (see STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION, *Communications* for more information). We're always happy to train new volunteers! Please see Keith or Curtis if you are interested.

Thank you,
Keith Folsom

FLOWER GUILD

The members of the Flower ministry would like to express their appreciation and thanks to the Good Shepherd congregation for their continued support. Your donations have allowed us to provide flowers for every service held at Good Shepherd. In addition to weekly arrangements, we have provided arrangements for funerals, receptions, and special services at the Church, including enlarged displays at Easter and Christmas.

Our flower ministry is funded by contributions from members and friends. We invite all parishioners to support the altar flowers in memory of a loved one, in celebration of an anniversary or birthday, the birth of a child, grandchild or someone special, or just to celebrate a special event or member of your family. You can make your request directly to the church office by calling (407) 644-5350 or by placing your donation in the offering plate in an envelope giving dates of your donation and who you are honoring.

Thank you,
Karen Sarno & Joanne Darville

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LECTORS

We ascribe glory to your name Lord, we come before You in worship for You are holy. (1 Chron. 16:28-29)

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors as always have been dedicated to the call to serve and use their gifts in the reading of the Word to God's people as well as assisting the clergy in the administration of the chalice at Holy Communion. In addition to these services, the LEMS also serve as acolytes at the 5:00 PM Saturday services in the Chapel. All LEMS must have participated in a training session, and be licensed by the Bishop at the request of the Rector.

During 2016, there was a welcomed increase in the number of Lectors, but a decrease in the number of LEMS due to various reasons. We are always interested in increasing our number of participants. Anyone interested in serving should contact Rev'd Sarah, or Father Cameron. While we pray for others to join this ministry, we are always thankful and prayerful for those who always return each year to serve. Training sessions will continue on an as-needed basis. At the beginning of the 2018 Church calendar year, Father Cameron will be the Coordinator of this Ministry. I am indeed thankful for having the opportunity to serve in the capacity of Coordinator of this Ministry for several years.

Thank you,
Gloria Grant

LITURGIES

Weekend Eucharists: 125 Services

Baptisms: 1

Home/Hospital Communion: 34

Noonday Prayer: 87 Services

Children's Chapel Services: 35

Other Weekday Eucharist Services: 5

Burials/Memorial Services: 4

Weddings: 0

Special Services:

Beating of the Bounds, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (Veneration of the Cross), Lenten Weekly Stations of the Cross, Christmas Day Service

MUSIC MINISTRY

During 2017, the music ministry offered a variety of ensembles and musical styles to support worship services. Naturally, the choir is the focal point of these efforts and leads congregational singing of hymns accompanied by piano or organ. In addition to singing anthems for Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday and Easter services, the choir sang anthems once a month in the fall including *How Great Is Our God*, *All Good Gifts* and *Born in Cry*. We have continued to provide preludes prior to worship providing a variety of styles from gospel, jazz and classical. Most prelude music was primarily solo piano hymn arrangements with the incorporation of voice or violin as special music from time to time. For the Christmas Eve service this year, we were able to involve children from the congregation playing violin, cello and trumpet in addition to adult instrumentalists on violin and clarinet. Looking forward to 2018, we would like to continue all of these efforts to enrich worship and continue to seek ways to involve more people in the music ministry. Music arrangements are selected to glorify God and to be accessible to choir members and participating instrumentalists. All are welcome to praise God through their unique contributions of music.

Thank you,
Brad Gant
Director of Music

USHERS' MINISTRY

Our ushers are Joe and Karen Sarno, Evelyn Falco, Bob Borr, Joe Small, Ralph Darville, Dede and Jamie Eshleman, and Scott Ricker whom we welcomed to the ministry this year.

It was a wonderful year, and our team was good about filling in when others needed substitutes.

Thank You and God Bless You All,
Michael A Passarella Jr

RITES OF PASSAGE

BAPTISMS

Jennifer Arthurton

CONFIRMATIONS

Jennifer Arthurton

Ray Lisle
Jane Smith

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

Patrick Van Hissenhoven

COLLEGE GRADUATION

Keisha Moore

IN MEMORIAM

Ethel Copes
Dane Nicolle
LaVon Shelley
Shakira Webster

TRANSFERS IN

Jim Sutton
Joy Sutton
Dee Barroso

NEW MEMBERS

Sue Steward
Lyn Plotkin
Deleslyn Holman
Henry Holman
Edith Burwell
Jennifer Arthurton
Gigi Price