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February 2005

# The Shepherd's Herald

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd  
Over 100 Years of Service in Kips Bay

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Dear Friends in Christ,

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it is not short on blessing. January is traditionally a month of letdown as we pack up the lights and decorations of Christmas after Twelfth Night. The first month is a time of facing the bleakness of winter and the snow that accompanies it! February, on the other hand, is filled with the anticipation of new life as the days begin to lengthen with the light of promised spring.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 9. The name "Lent" has the same root as the word "length." Lent is a season that stretches out before us and invites us to behold the light of Christ in the lengthening of our days as we prepare for the great feast of Easter. For the length of 40 days and 40 nights we Christians are called to practice "prayer, fasting and self-denial." (*Book of Common Prayer, p.265*) We do this as a form of spiritual spring house cleaning so that we might be more fully aware of the presence of Christ in our lives, and so that we might have more room in our hearts to receive the blessing of our Lord's Resurrection.

We are all familiar with the tradition of "giving something up" for Lent. For nearly twenty years I have claimed the practice of "taking something on" for Lent. For me, the discipline of taking more time for prayer and spiritual reading opens my soul to true fasting and self-denial, thus making more room for God. I encourage each of you to practice whatever works for you this Lent: give up or take on. The point is to keep a Holy Lent---one that will bring you closer to God and closer to your neighbor.

With my arrival as your Rector this Lent, I invite you to take on our Lenten series on Healing, one of our House Eucharists and suppers in the Rectory, and/or next month's Quiet Day. February may be short on time, but the season of Lent encourages us to look at each day in order to be open to the abundance of God in our lives.

With love in Christ,  
David+



## Then there was the Blizzard of 2005...

By Kate Stronk

Thanks to all those who participated in a wonderful worship service on Sunday January 23rd 2005. With no priest available and actual blizzard conditions outside, members of Good Shepherd rose to the occasion. Don Carolina pro-

vided music and hymns and Eva Forson led a service complete with lessons, psalm, Gospel: and for good measure, a few morning prayers to round thing out. Eva and Don were literally making it up as they went

along and the result was a great service. So from the 19 people assembled in the choir stalls – thanks for keeping the doors of Good Shepherd open for worship on that snowy day.

### 2005 Annual Meeting

Having been delayed a week by the Blizzard of 2005 (see separate article), the Annual Meeting took place on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

- Outgoing warden and mistress of ceremonies Jean Krulis reviewed the minutes of the 2004 meeting and,
- On behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of candidates for the annual election.
- Treasurer Annabelle Marchadesch presented the 2004 financial results as well as the budget for 2005.
- Christina Hing reported on news and announcements of the Diocesan Council
- Marie Foray and Kate Stronk were elected to fill the expiring vestry seats of Jo Abalos and Jarrett Kroll, and Adair Russell was confirmed as the new warden, to replace Jean Krulis.
- A celebratory dinner was enjoyed by all, despite our disappointment that, due to the schedule shift, Father David couldn't be with us as planned.

### A profile of Jean Krulis

With the 2005 Annual Meeting, held January 29<sup>th</sup>, Jean Krulis stepped down as Senior Warden and Vestry member, in compliance with parish "term limit" bylaws. In this article, with thanks to Demi Silides for acting as our collective memory, we take a look at Jean's 42 years of tireless service to Good Shepherd, and a moment to contemplate how much poorer our parish life would be today if she hadn't found us.

Jean found Good Shepherd in 1962 shortly after she moved to Manhattan from Little Neck, Queens. We were at that time still the Chapel of the Incar-

nation. There was no vestry but a "Planning Committee" and she quickly became a member of that group. When the name was changed and we became an independent parish, there was a vestry, but women were excluded from membership.

Nevertheless, Jean was instrumental in forming the Christmas dinner (friends, family and parishioners numbering about 100+ people) had a traditional Christmas meal, as well as the Christmas Boutique and annual Spring White Elephant Fair. Sometime later she also prodded the parish into a Shrove Sunday.



When our new rector, Father Bower, arrived, the vestry began to accept women and Demi Silides, Jean's partner and a lifelong member of Good Shepherd, was one of the first to be elected. In 1977, Jean took over parish bookkeeping and the job of untangling Father Tom's rather casual record keeping. Soon, she was elected Treasurer, a position she held until 1997. In 1995, when Demi stepped down from the vestry, Jean was elected to take her seat. Three years later, she became a Junior Warden and has served as a warden ever since.

In her 42 years of devotion to Good Shepherd, Jean has seen good times and tough times. As Senior Warden she worked ceaselessly to hold our parish family together through some of the worst uncertainty we have known, and at considerable cost of time, talent and treasure. Her countless hours spent in the parish office, and her many two-hour trips from her home in Lakeville, CT, amounted to much more than a full-time job (and we thanked our lucky stars that she had just retired and was able to do it). As she

steps down, we are expecting the arrival of our new Father David Carlson, our new rector, and we can only pause in our excitement and say to her, in a fit of understatement: "thank you, Jean, for a job well done."

### Lenten series to focus on Healing

Father David is clearly planning to "hit the ground running" when he arrives. In addition to his series of Thursday Evening House Eucharists, he will lead a Lenten Series on Biblical Stories of Healing. The three Wednesday-evening programs will begin February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm, with a focus as follows:

2/23 Healing the Blind  
 3/2 Healing the Lame  
 3/9 Raising the Dead to Life

Each evening will include a simple Lenten-style supper prepared by our wonderful Hospitality Committee.

### Join Father David for a Lenten Eucharist and dinner at the rectory

You're invited to join Father David for Eucharist and dinner at the rectory on one of a series of four Thursday evenings, February 24, March 3, 10, or 17. He is looking forward to the chance to get to know each of us as we celebrate the Eucharist and share in his ministry of hospitality. Please sign up after church or call the Parish office to reserve your evening.

### A stewardship note

Pamela Heywood & Shirley Brooks  
 We all have some talent to give. Our own growth and the growth of our church depend on the willingness of us all to invest that talent for others. As a member of your church, you are called to share in all aspects of its life.

Membership is responsibility – the response to the call to ministry and to service. To be a member is to answer that call with time and talent.

### Vestry notes

*We hope this will be the first in a series of monthly columns written to keep you up-to-date on Good Shepherd's Vestry meetings.*

The Vestry met on January 18<sup>th</sup> with Wardens Jerome Hanauer and Jean Krulis and Vestry members Jarrett Kroll and Jeanet Radifera attending, along with Treasurer Annabelle Marchadesch. Due to illness and the weather, we were shy of a quorum, and as a result, could not conduct official business. Nevertheless, we discussed a number of matters, including:

- The 2004 Year-End and January 2005 financial reports as well as the proposed 2005 budget were reviewed and discussed (acceptance pending a special Vestry meeting before the Annual Meeting).
- The report of the Buildings & Grounds Committee, including the status of the roof repairs, which are about to begin, weather permitting, and will require approximately two weeks of decent weather to complete
- The report of the Communications Committee, focusing on recent changes in the Shepherd's Herald, improvements and updates in the web site, and the planned review of the format for the Sunday Bulletin
- The Stewardship Committee report that we have received 30 pledges totaling \$52,455 to date
- Plans for the Annual Meeting
- Space Use rates, which are scheduled for a major review by the Finance Committee Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> based on a competitive survey to be conducted by Jerome and Jarrett

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Rector's Study, at which time the Vestry will welcome Father David, along with the newly elected Warden and Vestry members. Meetings of the Vestry are open to all interested parishioners.

## Music this month

By Don Carolina

- **February 6<sup>th</sup>** will feature William Mathias' *Communion Service in C Major, Ev'ry Time I Hear the Spirit* by William Dawson and *How beautiful upon the mountain* by John Stainer, along with two Bach organ pieces.
- **February 13<sup>th</sup>** we'll swing into the spirit of Black History Month with the traditional spirituals *Lift every voice and sing, Give me Jesus, My Lord what a morning, Go down Moses and I want to be ready* as the organ postlude.
- **February 20<sup>th</sup>**, we'll welcome Father David with *God so loved the world* (Stainer), and *There is a Balm in Gilead* (Dawson). *Deep river* and *Nobody knows the trouble I've seen* (Negro Spirituals) will be sung as the prelude, along with organ pieces by Bach and Dupré as the postlude.
- **February 27<sup>th</sup>** will feature *Ride the Chariot* and *O come everyone that thirsteth*, along with *Go down Moses* and *Sometimes I feel like a motherless child* sung as the prelude.

## Diocesan memorial for tsunami victims

Bishop Sisk and Dean Kowalski have announced a Service of Remembrance and Solidarity for our brothers and sisters and their families who were victims of the tsunami in South Asia. The Service will be held on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at the Cathedral and is open to the Diocese and the community at large.

There will be meditations, prayers and a performance of Fauré's *Requiem*, by a combined Asian chorus for the Metropolitan area. Donations will be accepted for the relief effort.

## Marian Wright Edelman to speak on putting faith into action

Marian Wright Edelman, President of the Children's Defense Fund, will be

the keynote speaker for a worldwide panel of Anglican women. Their topic is "Repairing the World: Anglican Women's Faith in Action." This program will be held on Sunday, March 6 from 3 to 5 pm in Synod Hall at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine. The public is invited.

This event is being sponsored by the Anglican Women's Empowerment - Taskforce (AWET), a diverse group of women founded by the wives of several Episcopal Bishops with the help of the Episcopal Office of Women's Ministries to support the work of the Anglican Observer to the United Nations. A panel of Anglican women among those gathering in New York as delegates to the United Nations Commission of the Status of Women. Each woman will tell how her personal faith has led and sustained her while working to improve the lives of women and children. Panelists will also discuss how all individuals can answer God's call in their work.

## February is Black History Month Absalom Jones: First African American Priest in the Episcopal Church

Absalom Jones was born a house slave in 1746 in Delaware. He taught himself to read out of the New Testament, among other books. When sixteen, he was sold to a store owner in Philadelphia. There he attended a night school for blacks, operated by Quakers. At twenty, he married another slave, and purchased her freedom with his earnings.

Jones bought his own freedom in 1784. At St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church, he served as lay minister for its black membership. The active evangelism of Jones and that of his friend, Richard Allen, greatly increased black membership at St. George's. The alarmed vestry decided to segregate blacks into an upstairs gallery, without notifying them. During a Sunday service when ushers attempted to remove them, the blacks indignantly walked out in a body.

In 1787, black Christians organized the Free African Society, the first organized Afro-American society, and Absalom Jones and Richard Allen were elected overseers. Members of the Society paid monthly dues for the benefit of those in need. The Society established communication with similar black groups in other cities. In 1792, the Society began to build a church, which was dedicated on July 17, 1794.

The African Church applied for membership in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania on the following conditions: 1, that they be received as an organized body; 2, that they have control over their local affairs; 3, that Absalom Jones be licensed as a lay-reader, and, if qualified, be ordained as minister. In October 1794 it was admitted as St. Thomas African Episcopal Church. Bishop White ordained Jones as deacon in 1795, and as priest on September 21, 1802.

Jones was an earnest preacher. He denounced slavery, and warned the oppressors to "clean their hands of slaves." To him, God was the Father who always acted on "behalf of the oppressed and distressed." But it was his constant visiting and mild manner that made him beloved by his own flock and by the community. St. Thomas Church grew to over 500 members during its first year. Known as "the black Bishop of the Episcopal Church," Jones was an example of persistent faith in God and in the Church as God's instrument.

*from Lesser Feasts and Fasts 1991,  
Church Hymnal Corporation*

### Happy Birthday, February Babies!

Sarah Salomon 4<sup>th</sup>, Skip Dietrich 6<sup>th</sup>,  
Eva Forson 7<sup>th</sup>, Hugh Adams 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
Edrick Ngai 25<sup>th</sup>, Adair Russell 29<sup>th</sup>

*Please let us know about your special dates and anniversaries (baptisms, confirmations, marriage, sobriety, smoking cessation, joining Church of the Good Shepherd) so we can celebrate with you!*

### Outreach & Activities

Quilters & Crafters	Bi-weekly on Saturdays, 10am - 1pm: Feb 12, 26; Mar 12, 26
Thrift Shoppe & Friendship Center	Saturdays, 10am - 1pm: Feb 5, 12, 19, 26; Mar 5, 12, 19, 26
Dickens Society	Monthly on Saturdays, 1-4pm: Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2
Gamblers Anonymous	Tuesdays, 5:30pm - 10 pm: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Tibetan Meditation Group	Mondays, 7pm - 9pm: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; Mar 7, 14, 21, 28
DAR	Occasionally. Call for information
Pigeon People	Monthly on Sundays, 2pm - 4pm: Feb. 5; Mar 5
Crochet Group	Monthly on Thursday evenings: Feb. 3, Mar 3
Chess Kids	Selected school holidays: Feb 21-25
New York Companion Bird Club	Monthly, May thru Oct on Sunday afternoons
MFM Metropolitan Filipino Ministry	Monthly on Saturdays, 6:00 PM: Feb. 19, Mar 19
MJM Metropolitan Japanese Ministry	Monthly on Sundays, 3:00 PM: Feb. 20, Mar 20
Phipps Plaza Tenants Assoc.	Call for information

*To avoid disappointment, call (212-689-1595) in advance to confirm date and time.*

## Upcoming Parish Events

### February

Sun	6	Shrove Sunday Pancake Brunch; celebration of Rev. Margaret Rose's ministry
Wed	9	Ash Wednesday
Sun	13	Monthly Healing Service
Wed	16	Vestry Meeting 6 pm
Sun	20	Fr. David Carlson's first Sunday as Good Shepherd's new Rector
Wed	23	3-week Lenten Program begins: "Biblical Stories of Healing" (this week, Healing the Blind) 6:30 pm
*Thu	24	First in a series of four "House Eucharists," small-group celebrations of the Eucharist followed by dinner with Fr. David in the Rectory
Sun	27	Black History Sunday (Fr. David Carlson, speaker)

### March

Wed	2	Lenten Program continues: "Biblical Stories of Healing" (this week, Healing the Lame) 6:30 pm
*Thu	3	Second in a series of four "House Eucharists," small-group celebrations of the Eucharist followed by dinner with Fr. David in the Rectory
Wed	9	Lenten Program continues: "Biblical Stories of Healing" (this week, Raising the Dead to Life) 6:30 pm
*Thu	10	Third in a series of four "House Eucharists," small-group celebrations of the Eucharist followed by dinner with Fr. David in the Rectory
Sun	13	Monthly Healing Service
*Thu	17	Fourth & final in a series of four "House Eucharists," small-group celebrations of the Eucharist followed by dinner with Fr. David in the Rectory
Sun	20	Palm Sunday
Thu	24	Maundy Thursday
Sun	27	Easter Sunday

*\*Reservations required -- sign-up sheets in the back of the church, or call or e-mail the parish office*

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