



THE CALL

OCTOBER 2017

Letter from Father Paul

“Living the Love of God”

A friend of mine, a retired priest of another tradition, is in Houston as chaplain to people stuck in two hotels. Their homes are destroyed and not yet rebuilt. He will be Christ in the midst of pain. He is retired, and he has the time, availability and gifts. He is being a good steward.

October is Stewardship Month. The needs of the church for 2018 will be presented to the people of the Church. On a long tradition that goes back to the ancient Jewish priesthood, the needs of the community at worship are the responsibility of the people who worship. The Old Testament rule was a tithe, 10% of one's income.

In the New Testament things are redefined a little. Paul teaches that some give a lot and some give a little, depending on what each can do. Jesus shows us in the story of the Widow's Mite (Mark 12:41-44) that it is not the quantity of the gift that counts before God, but the relative importance your gift has in relation to all the other demands on your resources. It's a question of what is most important and how you will show it.

It's like our gifts to our loved ones. We respond to their needs out of our deep love for them, and often quite sacrificially. Stewardship of our treasure asks us, “How will you show your love for God financially?”

I heard someone say recently that we should not give until it hurts, but give until it feels good. For most of us that wouldn't end up being very much, far out of proportion to what our faith means to us. The discipline of stewardship of treasure means to reach beyond our (often preset) budgets, down into where our truest self makes the wisest decisions in conversation with the Spirit of God, to make a gift that responds to the needs of the Church out of your love for God.

Next month: What else might it mean?

Paul+

STEWARDSHIP NOTES FROM THE VESTRY

In preparation for the stewardship drive this month, the Vestry has submitted the following statements and thoughts on what stewardship means to them:

When I was a little girl, I used to love to put my Daddy's crisp ten dollar bill in the offering plate. I am sure many of you share similar memories. This was my first experience with stewardship. Two things come to me 1) It wasn't my money 2) I didn't know where the money went. Those are my responsibilities now!

As we kick off our stewardship campaign. I am asking everyone to pledge 10% above what you pledged this year. This would almost take care of the \$20,000 budget deficit that we currently have. We are anticipating very little change in the budget for 2018. The administration does such a good job of management of the budget that most of us are unaware of the leanness of our budget.

As we begin this time of reflection of our own stewardship, look into your heart and pray about what you can do to support the health of our community. It is our responsibility to take care of this by your pledge and also your service.

Anita Larson

Senior Warden

A steward is, according to Webster, “a person put in charge of a large estate.” The estate does not belong to the steward, but he/she is responsible for its management and the owner has entrusted the estate to the steward with the expectation that it will be well cared for and will prosper. Seeing this definition as analogous to our annual parish stewardship campaign is in some ways fairly easy. God is the creator (owner) of all things, we are the stewards of all that we have been given, and it is our job to care for the large estate (all of creation) and return it in good order to God. However, this analogy is missing a vital factor - love. The dic-

tionary definition describes a strictly business-like arrangement between the owner of the estate and the steward. The steward will presumably give good service in anticipation of the agreed-upon payment from the owner. But that has not been my experience with God. From my first breath, God has lavished blessings abundantly on me, and has never waited for me to first offer anything in return. Each day, I experience the deep joy of seeing the beauty of nature, feeling the love of family and friends, experiencing the bounty of God's gifts. To want to share this abundance with others should grow out of my gratitude and love of God, not out of a sense of obligation or a contractual agreement. To be called to stewardship is a blessing and a privilege, not a burden. Truly, my cup runneth over and I am blessed to be able to share.

Linda Shay

WHAT STEWARDSHIP MEANS TO ME

To me, stewardship means "where the rubber meets the road."

Stewardship is my response to commitment to belonging – belonging to family, belonging to community, belonging to church.

I am a member of a family, a member of the community and a member of The Church. Because family, community and church provide to me and support me, it is a natural response to return the provision and the support. That does not mean it is a 50/50 relationship – sometimes I give more, sometimes I take more – but it is shared responsibility/commitment.

There are some mottos that I have adopted – "I would rather regret doing it than regret not doing it" – "Put your money where your mouth is."

I do not want to regret not doing something. I would rather do it, knowing I tried, maybe failed, maybe was rebuffed, maybe was refused, so what if I embarrass myself.

If I believe something should be, then I had better be willing to sink my own time, energy and money into it – not expect someone else to be responsible – whether it be a project or service.

Good Shepherd – composed of PEOPLE . . . and a building . . . and activities . . . is sharing – sharing commitment, sharing celebrations, sharing support – it is not a one way street – sometimes I receive more than I give, sometimes I give more than I receive – it takes all of us to make the body – I am willing to commit my talents, my energy, my faith to the best of my ability to Good Shepherd (YOU) – sometimes I succeed, sometimes I fail –

Frances Vasquez

Stewardship

From a young age I was reminded to be thankful for what we have and to share with others. I found out in my twenties that it was not only the amount of money you pledge, but what you give of yourself.

I give back because of all I have been given and continue to receive. You don't have to give until it hurts, but all pledges and services help. I serve on the Vestry, as Cursillo convener, and always available for others.

Give because you are Thankful!

Kathy Strange Memorials and Columbarium

A definition of stewardship is "the responsible over seeing and protection of some thing considered worth caring for and preserving." To me we are talking about supporting and furthering the activities of God's church in all its manifestations: clergy and staff, upkeep of church and its grounds, out-reach, worship, education, etc. etc.

Homer Hamby

"It is in giving that we receive."

-- St Francis of Assisi

As you may have already heard, it costs us more to run the church than we are currently taking in. That's including all our costs, care of the church building, salaries, outreach... everything. I won't go over the dollar amounts more than to say that they add up. I find it a bit overwhelming.

So I'm going to come at this question from a different angle. What's important in my life? And I ask you to think about what's important in yours.

I thought of these:

God

The people and animals in my life

Being of service

Writing

Keeping my home and business functioning

Money per se is not on the list... I see it as more of a tool.

I was a newcomer to this church 2 years ago. Was baptized. Signed up for a monthly donation. Sometimes I do get behind but always catch up. I can afford less than most people, having been self-employed for decades. . so I make a modest financial donation but I can contribute in other ways, mainly by working on the website and by being on the vestry.

So I ask you to join me in thinking of what is important in your life and contemplating how you can contribute to our church and our church family.

It is in giving that we receive.

Rosana Hart

GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF THE KITCHEN
PARISH HALL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

We at Good Shepherd are very fortunate through the hard work and good planning of many parishioners to have a well organized, well equipped kitchen to use for many activities.

There are many of us who use the kitchen and it is prudent to be mindful of the standards to care for the kitchen.

- The “old rule” applies – “Leave it cleaner than you found it.”
- The three sinks on the south side of the kitchen are used for preparation and clean-up.
- For hand washing, please use the small sink on the north side of the kitchen.
- Turn the sanitizer on to prepare for clean-up. The sanitizer has to heat up.
- All dishes and utensils must be washed with hot soapy water and rinsed before placing on racks for the sanitizer. Remove large food pieces to the trash. Wash thoroughly to remove all food particles before rinsing and placing on the rack for the sanitizer. Use the far left sink that has the garbage disposal to avoid a plugged sink drain.
- Be sure that cups, mugs and drinking glasses are thoroughly washed to remove particles and lipstick. ***It is not sufficient to simply rinse a mug, cup or drinking glass with running water.***
- **USE CLEAN DISH TOWELS** to dry off excess water from dishes and utensils once removed from the sanitizer.
- There is a water filter attached to the faucet on the right. **DO NOT USE FOR HOT TAP WATER!** Use only for cold water to avoid damage to the filter. To obtain filtered water, pull out the knob on the side. When finished, push the knob back in.
- **PERSONAL ITEMS!** Please refrain from placing personal items on the kitchen counters, such as purses, papers and packages, especially when the kitchen is being used.

THANK YOU!

from the MUSIC DIRECTOR

Have you wanted to learn to sing better and learn to read music but life kept you busy on other tasks? Tuesday afternoons are being looked at for individual tutoring to develop you as a musician who can contribute more fully in worship. You may eventually want to join the choir, or perhaps only sing for Easter and Christmas, or simply be a better congregational worshiper. Contact me, Adele Giusto, 575-654-0825 anytime, or chat with me Sunday mornings. We will all be worshipers in heaven. Let's get a head start.

Adele Giusto

Thank you to Nila Howard, Anita Larson and Linda Shay for diligently watching over Altar setups during my convalescence from knee surgery. Big thank you to Linda Shay for the measuring and ordering of the White hanging for the High Altar. This hanging will replace one damaged by our leaky roof.

Mary Harrell

8:00am SUNDAY ATTENDEES – coffee hour hospitality volunteers needed! Tom and Consuelo Hester have very generously provided coffee hour hospitality every Sunday – even though they had only committed to the first and third Sundays. Tom and Consuelo will be leaving at the end of October to spend at least three months in Oaxaca. Now it is YOUR turn to serve each other. There is a sign-up sheet to commit to the tasks. It is not sufficient to be able to make a pot of coffee. Every time the parish hall kitchen is used, it must be left cleaner than you found it. There is “kitchen etiquette” – including budgeting sufficient time on Sunday to tidy up after use versus leaving used dishes and flatware for the next person to clean and put away. (When Tom and Consuelo return from Oaxaca, they will again return to their commitment of first and third Sunday. Need volunteers for the remaining Sundays!)

It's Time to Fill our 6th Street Mission Tubs!

The 6th street Mission Team will be delivering food, health, and cleaning items to 2 or 3 families selected by the School Nurse and Counselor on October 16th. Children will be missing breakfast and lunch meals provided by the school for three days and a weekend.

Items needed are healthy snacks (raisins, crackers, peanut butter, etc), health items such as hand soap, tooth paste, tooth brush (children's) shampoo, wash cloths, and food items. Rice, beans, flour, hot cereal, hot chocolate mix, canned vegetables, fruit, and meat. are needed. If you would prefer to donate cash to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables, please put cash or check in envelope marked 6th Street Mission and give to Cecilia Bell or put it in the offering plate.

We are not all called to be missionaries in distant lands, but we are called to care for our neighbors.

Thank you,

Cecilia Bell

Coats For The Cold and Food For The Hungry



Luke 3:10-11. And the crowd asked him, "What then should we do?"

In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'

Please remember there are collection baskets at the rear of the sanctuary for
Coats for the Cold and Food for the Hungry.



Now is the Time for All Good Donations to Come to the Church!

BAZAAR 2017 – Saturday, November 4

This is the time to donate your really special items for the bazaar. Sooner is better than later, except for large items like furniture, which we would prefer to receive the day before the Bazaar, if possible. Let us know about them, though, so we will save space. Donations may be brought to the church in the mornings on Monday through Thursday. Lisa may be available to open the garage for you. If that isn't possible, please call Jill at 590-1069 or Linda at 956-3008. Please do NOT leave donations on the porch of Henderson Hall.

As always there will be large tables displaying the beautiful items you have donated. The "NEARLY NEW & UNIQUE BOUTIQUE" will again feature extra nice clothing, shoes, purses, linens, etc. Please leave clothing items on hangers, if at all possible. All pricing will be commensurate with the bazaar, not the garage sale. If you are donating something especially valuable, please include a note of explanation and suggested pricing. Please remember, and tell your friends, that this is a BAZAAR, not a rummage sale. WORDS MATTER. The garage sale will be in the garage, as usual.

- Crafts, baked goods, donations for the Café will all be needed as we get closer to the date.
- Sign up sheets for these and volunteers for the different areas will be in the Parish Hall.
- Please sign up for your favorite jobs as soon as possible.
- Set up will start on Tuesday, October 31. Volunteers will be needed for set-up and on the day of the sale.

It's FUN - REALLY! Please remember that there are NO early sales of bazaar items. There will be a Silent Auction for bazaar workers during the set up week.

The Good Shepherd Bazaar is a much-anticipated event in the community. Please help to make it a wonderful success again this year.

Thanks, Carol Barrington, Jill Olson, Linda Shay

Starting in October, those attending the Wednesday noon Eucharist and staying for the lunch that follows are being asked to bring a brown bag lunch for themselves and a little something to share on the Fourth Wednesday each month. We have volunteers providing lunch each of the other Wednesdays of the month. Please come and join us Wednesdays at noon for worship, fellowship and lunch!

October Lay Ministry Schedule

Eucharistic Minister, Lector and Acolyte Schedule

10/8	8:00	Karisse Moore Lector-1st Lesson: Ted Presler
	10:30	1st Reader - Bryce Wooton 2nd Reader - Kris Heck Eucharistic Ministers - Linda Shay, Kris Heck
10/15	8:00	Karisse Moore Lector - 1st reading: Tom Hester
	10:30	1st Reader - Paul Sherrell 2nd Reader - Jane Bates Eucharistic Ministers - Win Taylor, Jane Bates
10/22	8:00	Linda Shay Lector - Ted Presler
	10:30	1st Reader - Kris Heck 2nd Reader - Jeanie Locicero Eucharistic Ministers - Kris Heck, Jeanie Locicero
10/29	9:30	1st Reader - Virginia McCoy 2nd Reader - Jeanie Locicero Eucharistic Ministers - Linda Shay, Jeanie Locicero
11/5	8:00	Karisse Moore Lector - Ted Presler
	10:30	1st Reader - Pat Brown 2nd Reader - Win Taylor Eucharistic Ministers - Pat Brown, Win Taylor

October Eucharistic Visitor Schedule

10/8	John and Cecilia Bell
10/15	Homer and Ruth Hamby
10/22	Rosella Escobedo and David DeBusk
10/29	Jeanie Locicero



6 Catherine Jewell	21 Dora Somerville
7 Jennifer Olson	23 Carol Barrington
9 Eduardo Arguello	26 Lisa Kirksey
12 Betty Himes	26 Sam Boyce
16 Karisse Moore	30 Toby Guck
19 Sherry Wooton	30 Danny Ortiz
	31 MaryAnne Ihle-

Reminder: Parishioners Prayer List for the
Deceased will be due Oct. 30

NOVEMBER 5 - ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE

Reminder:

In preparation for the Bishop's visit on November 26, **Inquirer's Classes** are being conducted between services in Henderson Hall. If you are interested in being baptized or confirmed or would just like to know more about the church, please plan to attend. Oct. 8, 15, 22, Nov. 12 and 19.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Oct 7	Festival of Pets - Penny Park
Oct 19-21	Diocesan Convention
Oct. 29	5th Sunday Combined Service, informational meeting and Potluck
Nov. 4	Annual Bazaar
Nov. 5	All Saints Sunday
	YOUR Saint's List is needed now!
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Service and Feast
Nov. 26	Bishop's Visit