

THE GOOD NEWS

Growing in Christ together through worship,
fellowship, ministry and stewardship.

December 2018

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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Monday: 8 a.m. – Episcopal Day School-Chapel

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 8:30, 10:30 a.m. in the Church & 5 p.m. in the Chapel.

September-May

Thursday: 2 p.m. – Episcopal Day School-Church

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

Wednesday: 12:05 p.m. With unction in the Chapel

BISHOP OF WESTERN LOUISIANA

The Right Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, Ph.D.

RECTOR-*The Rev. John "Jack" G. Myers*

ASSISTANT PRIEST-*The Rev. Jim Lueckenhoff*

RETIRED PRIEST-*The Rev. Petroula Ruehlen*

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School

The Rev. Frances "Boo" Kay

PARISH SECRETARY- *Margie Collins*

FINANCIAL SECRETARY/

OFFICE MANAGER- *Ann Lindsay*

MUSIC MINISTRY- *Pam LeBlanc*

**Decorate the Church for
Christmas!**

**Saturday, December 22 at
9:30 a.m.**

All are invited to help.

Dear Good Shepherd –

By now most of you know that I have accepted a call to another congregation. Many of you have expressed your disappointment while at the same time mentioned your hope that Joan and I find happiness in this new ministry. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you all for your friendship, love, and support over the years. We will miss seeing your faces and our prayer for you is that Good Shepherd will be strengthened by the upcoming process of self-analysis and search for new ordained leadership. I would like to hear nothing but good news from Good Shepherd going forward, and I believe that reality is in your hands.

So, now what? Let's enjoy this holiday season with one another and make it special! As far back as I can remember, Advent has always been a time of searching and spiritual renewal for me. I love it! The Season's Spirit of tender love combined with the anticipation and excitement of Christmas has always been a powerful source of hope and passion.

I pray that all of the people of Good

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Shepherd will be blessed with that same spirit of hope and passion for God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ and one another. God is always moving ahead. All he needs is willing and energetic partners. Let me leave you with one of my favorite toasts.

My candle burns at both ends;
it will not last the night.
But ah, my foes, and oh my friends –
it brings a marvelous light!

Edna St. Vincent Millay

Much love and blessings be with us all,

Fr. Jack+

*Lessons
& Carols*

Join us for a service of **Advent Lessons and Carols** on **Sunday, December 2** at **10:30 a.m.**

We will have a **Gumbo party** at the **King's home** (1004 Pujo St.) following the service.

Share your famous gumbo and special treats by signing up on the bulletin board in Hardtner Hall.

SAVING THE BEST UNTIL LAST– Chateau du Lac

The October 25th Birthday Party at Chateau du Lac was AMAZING! Why? Because you cared enough to donate refreshments, door prizes, money to purchase gifts and the most precious gift, your time, smiles and friendship. More than 80 residents had a fabulous time. The McNeese Cowgirl Basketball Team added their special sparkle and worked to serve food, clean up, pass out gifts and door prizes. The residents really love those girls; we do too! And thank you to **Robin Theriot Domingue** who donated 70 ball caps. Two residents, Dianne and Brenda, passed them out as guests arrived and became the most popular ladies at the party.

So...Thanks to the Tourist Bureau for providing name tags...to **Charles Dalgleish** for posting the invitations on all 200 apartment doors...to **Petroula and Jerry Ruehlen, Bryan Storozyszyn, Anita Luff and Becky Watson** for helping with refreshments..to **Libby Schneider, Jan Ware** and everyone who dropped door prized items in "the box" ...to **Coral and Ron Jones** for their cash donation..to Shepherd Staff for guiding this ministry...to the Staff for their support...and to the McNeese Cowgirls, **Melissa McHenry, Anne, Eddy and Jimmy Phillips, Anita and Bill Luff, Jane and Bryan Storozyszyn and Wade Shaddock** for hosting.

What does the future look like for Chateau du Lac Outreach at Good Shepherd? It **needs a new leader. If anyone is interested in guiding this ministry, please get in touch with Fr. Jack or me. I want to help you get started; I have detailed descriptions of what has been done in the past. New ideas would be fantastic.**

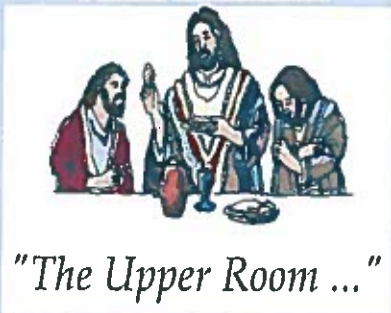
Until someone else comes along, I will continue to deliver household items, clothing, linens, etc. which you place in "the box."

This has been an interesting journey. Many of our original friends have moved away or gone to live with God. The opportunity to serve God in this place has enriched my life spiritually. And it was fun! Thanks for your support.

PEACE and JOY, **Missy Shaddock, 439-9737**

BOOK SALE: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SORT BOOKS ON MONDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 A.M. IT'S A FUN WAY TO START THE WEEK! Bring a friend to help!

Adult Education



"The Upper Room ..."

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

ADVENT STUDY begins Dec. 2 FAITHFUL: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph

We're not that different from Joseph. True, we may not be part of a story that will be remembered for all time, but like Joseph, we encounter circumstances that we'd never choose for ourselves. At times, it can be tempting just to walk away, but Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand, faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. Join Adam Hamilton as he examines Christmas through the eyes of Joseph and learn to accept and glorify God's will even when our situation makes it difficult to do so. Chapter topics include:

1. A Carpenter Named Joseph
2. Whose Child is This?
3. Raising a Child Not Your Own
4. The Journey to Bethlehem

milestones

Deaths: Kay Noble, Marge Gill and Cora Lee Moon. May they rise in Glory and rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Marriage: We give thanks for the marriages of: Savannah Walker and Sam Smith, daughter of Diana and Frank Walker; and **Ellen Latil and Marshall Paris,** daughter of Susan Latil, granddaughter of Sarah & Buddy Spiller.

Needed: Chalice ministers and lectors for the 5 p.m. service. Fr. Jack

- **Ladies Lunch Bunch– We will not have Lunch Bunch in December. Schedule will resume on January 17, 2019.**

Father, I receive, welcome and acknowledge each of my children as a delightful blessing from You. I speak your blessings upon them and over them.

Children, I bless you in the name of Jesus, proclaiming the blessings of God, my Redeemer, upon you. May He give you wisdom, a reverential fear of God, and a heart to love.

December 2018 Calendar

Sunday, December 2—breakfast by Bloody Marys

- † Services 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
- † LESSONS AND CAROLS AT 10:30 A.M.
- GUMBO PARTY AT THE KING'S, NOON
- Adult Christian Ed., 9:30 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 3

- † EDS Chapel, 8 a.m.
- Study Group—11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4

- Rosewood at Anne Phillips' to prepare bags for Christmas party, 9:30 a.m.
- Labyrinth in the gym, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 5

- Men's Breakfast at Big Daddy's, 7:30 a.m.
- Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- † Healing Service and Holy Eucharist, 12:05 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Study Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 6

- EDS Eucharist, 2 p.m.
- EDS Christmas in the Garth, 5:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal, 6:30 -8 p.m.

Friday, December 7

- Salvation Army Bell ringing at Sam's, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Saturday, December 8

- Salvation Army Bell ringing at Sam's, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- AA in Outreach House, 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 9-breakfast by Quackers

- † Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m.
- Adult Christian Ed.—9:30 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 10

- † EDS Chapel, 8 a.m.
- Study Group, 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

- St. Cecilia's Christmas Party, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12

- Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- † Holy Eucharist and Healing service, 12:05 p.m.
- AA in Outreach House, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Study Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 13

- † EDS Eucharist, 2 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 6:30—8 p.m.

Friday, December 14

- Rosewood Nursing Home Christmas Party, 10 a.m.
- JEYL Middle School Retreat at Camp Hardtner

Saturday, December 15

- AA in Outreach House, 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 16—breakfast by Road Kill, 9:30 a.m.

- † Services 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
- Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 17

- † EDS Chapel, 8 a.m.
- Study Group, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19

- Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- † Holy Eucharist and Healing service, 12:05 p.m.
- EDS Teacher Lunch in HH, 12:30 p.m.
- AA in Outreach House, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Study Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 20

- † EDS Eucharist, 2 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 22

- Decorate the church for Christmas, 9:30 a.m.
- AA in Outreach House, 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 23—no breakfast

- Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m.
- Adult Christian Ed., 9:30 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.



Monday, December 24– Christmas Eve
 † Services at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.



Tuesday, December 25– Christmas Day
 † Service at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, December 26

- Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- † Healing Service and Eucharist, 12 noon
- Daughters of the King meeting, 1 p.m.
- AA in Outreach House, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 27

- Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 –8 p.m.

Friday, December 28

- Wedding rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 29

- AA in Outreach House, 10 a.m.
- Stulb/Breaux wedding, 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 30

- † Services at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.
- Fr. Jack & Joan Myers farewell party, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, December 31– New Year’s Eve

- Church office closed.

Tuesday, January 1

- Church office closed.

Advent & Christmas Schedule

December 2– Advent Lessons and Carols at 10:30 a.m. Gumbo fellowship following the service at the home of the Kings, 1004 Pujo St.

December 4– Labyrinth in the gym, 6-8 p.m.

December 22– Decorate the church for Christmas, 9:30 a.m.

December 24– Christmas Eve– Services at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

December 25– Christmas Day– Service at 10 a.m.

December 30– Farewell Party for The Rev. Jack & Joan Myers, 9:30 a.m.

Poinsettias and Music for Christmas

In thanksgiving for _____

In loving memory of _____

Acknowledge to:

Name _____

Address _____

Flowers _____ Music _____

Deadline is Monday,
December 17th.

Send your donation to Good Shepherd, 715 Kirkman St. Lake Charles, LA 70601



EDS– each student drew a picture of their hand and wrote what they were thankful for.



Library Club

Helps out at Faith and Friends Food Pantry.



INTERGENERATIONAL Advent Wreath making was fun!



ADVENT

Advent wreaths are circles representing God's infinite love with green leaves which represent the hope of eternal life brought by Christ. Candles around the wreath represent the four weeks of advent, as well the light of God through the birth of Jesus. Each candle represents HOPE which is the first week being violet; PEACE is week two with violet; JOY is week three which is rose being the GAUDETE Sunday meaning rejoice. The middle candle is white symbolizing Christmastide also known as the "CHRIST CANDLE." It is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Submitted by Ruth Gayle

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING– sign up in Hardtner Hall on the bulletin board if you would like to help. We will be at Sam's Friday and Saturday, December 7 & 8 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE– The tree is up in Hardtner Hall. Pick your angel, record you name and the angel you selected, go shopping and return your gifts by Thursday, December 13th. Thank You!

St. Cecilia's Guild 2018-2019 6 p.m.

November 12

December 10

♦ Christmas Party

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13



Happening #57, Grades
9-12, January 18-20,
2019

CLEY High School Retreat,
Grades 9-12, March 22-
24, 2019

All programs will be held at the Hardtner Camp and Conference Center.

ANNUAL MEETING- JANUARY 27, 2019

Before we all get busy with Advent and various holiday activities, we need to remember to put a few things in our "Congregational Pipe-line" now, before our Annual Meeting on January, 28th. During our Annual Meeting we will review our finances, elect a new class of **Vestry Members**, and a new class of **Delegates to Diocesan Convention**.

In order to accomplish these duties smoothly in January we need to do three things NOW.

1. Complete your 2018 pledge and make your pledge for 2019.
2. Nominate an interested person for vestry. The Nomination Committee will bring forward at slate of at least three (3) CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY. If you know someone or if you yourself are interested in serving on Vestry, sign them up on the **Vestry Nomination Sheet*** posted on the kiosk in Hardtner Hall or give their name to one of the Nomination Committee members.

Nominate persons to serve as **Delegates to Diocesan Convention**. Delegates to convention help elect persons to various diocesan posts, debate and vote on various resolutions regarding the future direction and policies of our Diocese. A **Delegate Nomination Sheet*** can also be found on the kiosk in Hardtner Hall

All candidate are encouraged to submit a personal history and statement of candidacy to our January Newsletter (deadline - Dec.15).

Vestry Nomination Committee: Becky Watson, Mason Lindsay, Henry Riquelmy, Susan Ardoin

Qualified Voters at The Parish Annual Meeting shall include:

"All communicants (baptized members) in good standing of Good Shepherd Parish, who shall have attained the age of 16 years of and who shall have been contributors of record toward the support of said Parish during the period of one year next preceding such election, of which the Treasurer's books shall be the only competent evidence" (from Western Louisiana Customary)

Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Wednesday, December 5th at 7:30 a.m.
Big Daddy's– 1737 W. Sale Road
Men, tell your friends. Thanks!

Bishop Owensby's Sabbatical Announcement

Beginning May 1, 2019, Bishop Owensby will be on sabbatical. He will return to the office at the beginning of August. The bishop's study plans include reading and traveling to learn more about Christian Spirituality and about the Holocaust. Woven together with his continuing work on the Trinity, on the doctrine of creation, and on Christian Mysticism, these areas of study will provide background for his next book tentatively called *Practicing Love*. The bishop's sabbatical will also include time to be with family and to recharge physically and spiritually.

Throughout this time the bishop will remain the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese. However, he will not be in the office and will step away from daily operations such as emails, phone calls, and routine administrative functions. If an emergency or crisis requiring the bishop's attention arises during his absence, a member of the diocesan staff will contact him immediately. [The Very Rev. Rich Snow](#) and the [Rev. Annie Etheredge](#) will continue to serve as intake officers for misconduct complaints.

Bishop Owensby is confident that the diocese will be in very good hands while he is away. The diocesan staff will continue to function as normal. [Canon John Bedingfield](#) will oversee day-to-day operations and handle all routine administrative matters in the diocesan office. The Canon will also be available to offer support to clergy and to congregations while the bishop is on sabbatical.

December Birthday & Prayer Calendar

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| <p>1 Finn Kelley</p> <p>2 Joe Vincent, Wes Maze</p> <p>3 Terry Poole, John O'Donnell</p> <p>5 Barry Whitten</p> <p>7 Sylvia Seals</p> <p>8 Ben Olsan</p> <p>9 Jeanine Newman</p> <p>10 Chris Lowe, Audrey Lindsay</p> <p>11 Larry Fontenot, Lindy George, Ava Lindsay</p> <p>13 Rachael Riquelmy</p> <p>15 Keith Duplechin</p> <p>16 Donna Little</p> <p>17 Dorothy Sahlmann</p> <p>18 Field LaMotte</p> <p>19 Ginger Tatum, Janie Duplechin</p> | <p>21 Remy Girard, Meredith Kingham</p> <p>22 Ellen McAdon, Gabby Saucier</p> <p>23 Elaine Cameron, Katie Fruge</p> <p>25 Eddy Phillips, Frances Walker</p> <p>26 Janet Allured, Tom Sanders</p> <p>27 Miles Prestia, Camille Pousson</p> <p>28 Jean George, Jerry Lynne Hollins, Martha Hoskins, Linda Lueckenhoff, Charles Reeves</p> <p>30 Doug Walsworth, Martha Whelan</p> |
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Pray One For Another -James 5:16

We are honored to pray for you but we would also love to know when you are well. Please call us and tell us when we can say "Thank you Lord!"

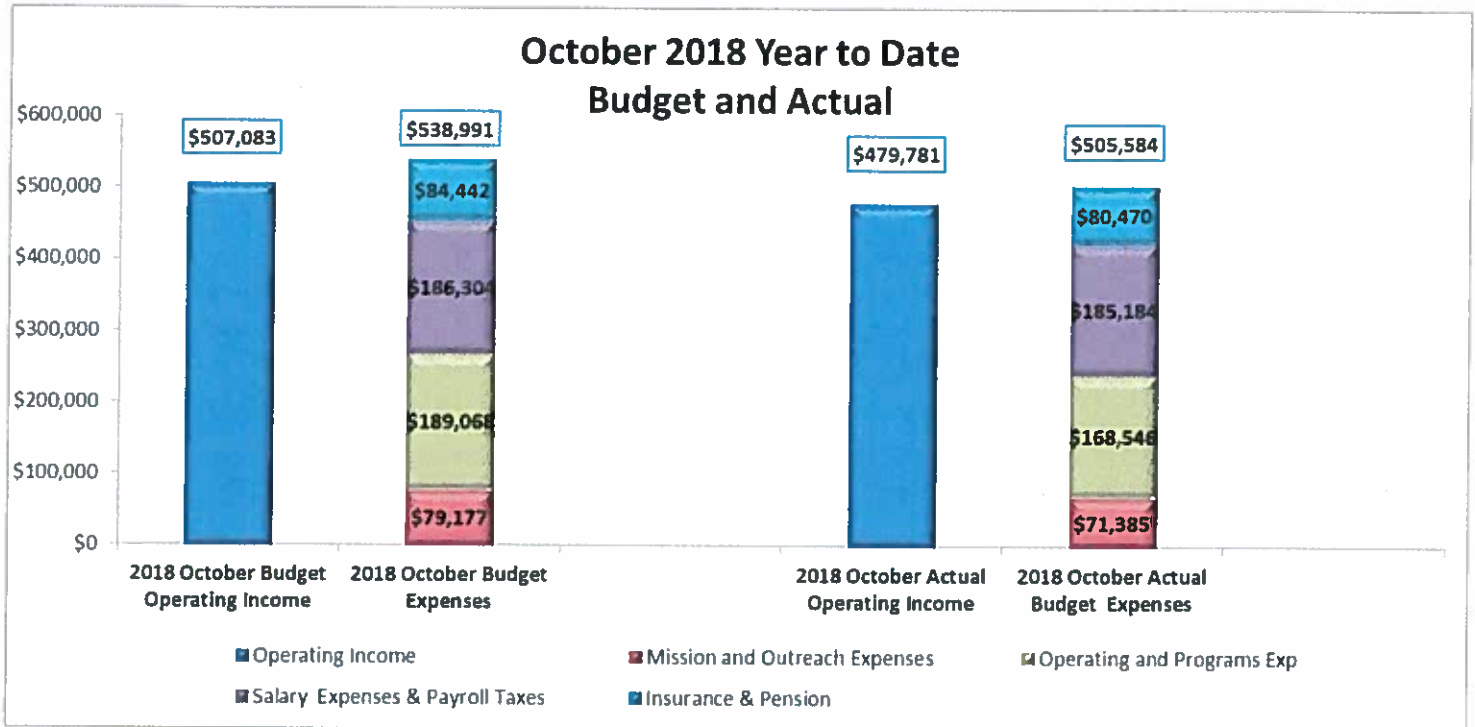
Prayers for healing: Jane Storozyszyn, Eleanore Hilton, Victor Muse, Jonathan Elzie, Jeff Allain, Nancy Czejkowski, Chris Salvo, Nancy Hanchey, Rick Richard, Don Chavanne, Bonnie Vaughn, Larry & Sue Parker, Gary Dimas & family (Ro Risa Reina Pierce, Mrs Ray Dimas, Chris Arnold) James Dellarossa, Libby Patterson, Ann Abernethy, Lanny Wallace, Mike LaFleur, Jackie & Bob Hellman, Chris, Bobby Phillips, Noni Haight, Melanie F. Koonce, Maxine & Elmer Lenz, Johnny Haas, Ben Ladner, Julie Hess, Liza Jackson, Melody Luff Hannon, Jeanne Meek, Paula Rogers, Doug Lindsay, Laura Fletcher Lindsay, Jane Myers, Debbie, Marcie, Allen Desormeaux, MaryAnn Kiser, Daniel Brownfield, Ginger Walker, Ron Futrell, Bob Theaux, Elaine Davison, Ed Chavanne, Jean Wagstaff, Lucas Merrill, Tabitha Rider, Randy Haight, Laura Miller Drews, James Hayes, Gordon McNutt, Joyce Mack Williams, Bryan McKinley, Crawford Pernici, Daryl Harper, Laura Meche, Sheila Chisholm, Rosemary, Stephanie Lemoine, Holly Boudreaux, Ike Stanfield, Conner Gezell, Chris Clinkscales, Jack, Chrystal Butler, Bella Hahn, Cole Cormier, Adeline Jackson, Hannah Linowski, Fletcher Pierson, Dr. Charles Smith, Martha Schnauder, Lena Myers, Lois Bradley, Joy Smith, Ethel Coulter, Bobby.

Safe Pregnancy: Heather Hoover Lindsay, Audra Martin Vichland, Elizabeth Haxthausen Reardon.

Our continuing prayers are offered for: Bel Painter, Chuck Lemoine, Gabby Saucier, Nancy Wyman, Nancy Draughn, Lindy George, Jean George, Mildred Abraham, Caroline Hollins, Shirlene Clark, Buddy Leach, Ginger Tatum, Sylvia Seals, Josephine Thweatt, John Landry, Jenilyn Gibson, Patricia Luff Wood, Carolyn Earhart Whittington, Marjorie Dempsey, Deneen Draves, Caroline Hammett, Emily Judice, Everett, Patricia Reeves, Cliff DeRousselle, Jaxon Sellers, Bobby Thomas, Rocky Cormier, Charmaine Hufstedler, Riley Soder, Ollie Cavin and Katie Hoffman, David Crowe, Bob Kickel.

Traumatic brain injury: Luke Burnham, Jason Trahan, Ty Griffen, Damani James, Michael Barrett.

We pray for those serving in our armed forces: SPC Craig May US ARMY; Danasia London, NAVY; Chief Petty Officer Justin Phillips, NAVY, nephew of Margie Collins; SSGT John Dalgleish, US ARMY, son of Linda & Charles Dalgleish.



Number of Members - 406	October 2018 Year to Date Estimated	October 2018 Year to Date Actual
Operating Income	\$507,083.40	\$479,781.04
Mission and Outreach Expenses	\$79,176.70	\$71,385.26
Operating and Programs' Expenses	\$189,068.43	\$168,545.56
Salary Expenses & Payroll Taxes	\$186,303.89	\$185,184.07
Insurance and Pension Expenses	\$84,441.70	\$80,469.56

Revenue	\$507,083.40	\$479,781.04
Expenses	\$538,990.72	\$505,584.45
	(\$31,907.32)	(\$25,803.41)

Upcoming Maintenance Projects

- Replacement of Suppression hood system - kitchen
- Replacement of vent - kitchen ✓
- Roof and gutter repair and replacement - gym,

and nursery hall

- U-bolt replacement for the bell
- Interior church walls repair, plaster and paint
- Outreach house maintenance

Jr. Warden- Mason Lindsay

The Wednesday Night Study Group.

Our official designation is PATRE:
Progressive Adult Theological Re-education

To paraphrase St. Paul: When you were a child, you spoke like a child, you thought like a child, you reasoned like a child. When you became an adult did you give up childish ways? Or did you continue on in the same fashion?

Do you have questions about doctrine, dogma, the Creeds, the Traditions?

PATRE is a place from which you may benefit. The group's inquiry, research and shared discussions are vital to the group's strength and the realization that we, as individuals and as a group, are not alone in asking searching questions about our faith.

The group has been going since 2007. During the first year we viewed and discussed Karen Armstrong's *What is Religion*, three lectures by Marcus Borg on atheism, literalism, and convention, a progressive study of Christianity titled *Living the Question*, and another titled *Saving Jesus*. We are currently viewing *How Jesus Became God* by Bart Ehrman. Next up, in a few weeks, is *the TEN commandments, Laws of the Heart*, with Joan Chittister, OSB.

These are some of the Norms that we follow as a group:

- **Confidentiality** must be observed so that all members feel safe in participating in open discussion about issues relating to their spiritual journeys. It is understood that details that members share of their lives are not discussed outside the group.
- **Nothing is a heresy.** The purpose of the group is to create a small community in which various aspects of religion and spirituality can be studied and discussed with an open heart and mind.
- **All members may feel free to discuss their beliefs without fear of judgment or criticism.** In order to explore belief systems and spirituality fully, members should feel secure about entering into any discussion without censure or fear that their beliefs will be criticized.
- **No participant is required to take part in the discussion.** While one goal of the group is to develop a community where free and open discussion flourishes, no one should feel compelled to participate if he/she is unprepared or uncomfortable.

The group currently has openings for 4 or 5 people. If you are interested contact Jamie Whelan at jpw19039@gmail.com.

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Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School collected groceries in November to be handed out at Faith and Friends Food Pantry.

