



# The *Shepherd's Staff*

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#### *Interest:*

- **In Transition Meeting —  
March 6, 9am-12noon**
- **Bishop Jim's Installation  
March 21 — 2pm**
- **Alpha is Here!!!**
- **Ministry of the Month—  
SOS**

### **Mission Statement**

*Our mission is to be a  
beacon of faith known  
for engaging all persons  
in the  
love and truth of Jesus  
Christ*

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## **An open letter to the good people of Shepherd of the Hills, March 2010**

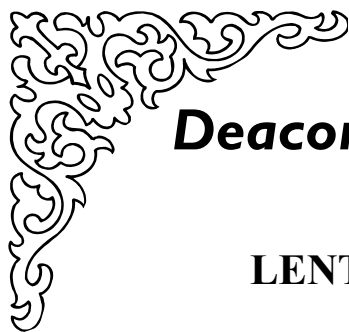
So that everyone will know, we have four members of our immediate family. There is me, Bishop Jim, and my wife of 38 years, Stacey, and our daughter, Bethany Mary. Bethany is 26 years old and now lives in a group home in Ellsworth, Kansas, a small community 40 miles west of where we used to live. Bethany suffered two strokes when she was born and it resulted in cerebral palsy which has left her disabled. But do not let that fool you, she is a remarkable human being and you will get to meet her later on as it will take some time for her to follow us to Florida. It is amazing how much paperwork is involved in moving between states and we even have to go to court to be re-named her guardians.

Then there is Ed (Edwin) Brookman, Stacey's father, who has lived with us for over 20 years. Ed is 85 years old and heading towards what his goal has always been; the century mark. You will get to know us shortly as we arrived in Florida with our household goods on February 23rd. We have found a wonderful house at 428 Cobblestone Loop in Hernando, just 2.4 miles from the Church. You will all have the opportunity to see it as we will schedule a house blessing sometime in the near future.

I can not tell you how excited we are as we come to be with you at Shepherd of the Hills. We met many of you as we visited in early January but there will be many opportunities for us to get to know each other in the months ahead. To enable that, I will be having a time on Sundays, or whenever else is convenient, to have a few "Ask the Vicar Anything" times. I have had such get togethers in the past and they have allowed many people to get to know me as I spend some time, in many other ways, to get to know you all.

To answer one question that many have asked, yes, I am still a Bishop as I join you at Shepherd of the Hills. But, I have a new ministry, as the Vicar, which means that I represent your Diocesan Bishop, John Howe, in his ministry to you. I am coming to work with you as we continue to grow the Kingdom of God in Central Florida. I say we, because one of the things that impressed me greatly, as I talked with your Search Committee and your Vestry, is your wonderful ministries within your communities which reach out with Christ from Shepherd of the Hills. It is what excites me as a priest to see everyone taking upon themselves the ministries Jesus gives to each of us as members of His Body, the Church. We will talk a lot more about that, but it is a wonderful sign that God's grace and love are alive and well in His Church here.

I, and my family, look forward to the time when we will be worshipping, working, praying and living with you all. A new day is appearing for Shepherd of the Hills and we are privileged to have been asked to join you in it. One thing I want to do now is thank Fr. Ladd and Judy, his wife. I am telling you nothing new when I say that God has blessed you greatly through them and their ministry over the past five years. God's further blessings and we will see you soon. In Christ, +Jim



## Deacon's Corner

### LENT 2010

What a whirlwind of changes this year  
 Flurries of sorting and packing boxes  
 Significant leavings, welcome comings  
 Much tearing down and evening over  
 More than many folks think they can stand  
 Praying for help with major challenges  
 Polishing essentials, discarding vices  
 Inspired by special scriptural readings  
 Purple drapery, absent hallelujahs  
 Fridays bring Stations of the Cross  
 Recalling Christ's ultimate sacrifice  
 We'll be the same old us in a refreshed state  
 For it's spring and soul-cleaning Lent once more.

— Joan Bonnell Clark

### WELCOME!!

We welcome The Rev Marnie Silk-Wright as our supply priest from February 20 thru March 7, 2010. Thank you for sharing your ministry with us!



Bishop Jim's first service at SOTH will be Saturday, March 13 at the 5:00pm service. Please give him a warm welcome!

## ***In Transition ...***

### **Supporting Your Pastor in Ministry**

In September 2008 six members of the vestry and search committee attended a seminar at Canterbury led by the Rev. Dr. Kurt Miericke on Supporting Your Pastor in Ministry.

Among the topics discussed were "Biblical Foundations for Pastoral Support", "Issues that Need Communication", and "Ways to Support Your Pastor". Since our new pastor will be with us this month, we would like to share with you how we as a church family can care for Bishop Jim and his family. We will give you data and some fun information and anecdotes about them that will surprise and delight you. Also we will give you some insight on how we can spiritually support our new vicar and family.

The six of us will be a panel on the second part of our *...in transition* program on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at nine a.m. in the church. Joining with Dr Earl Pratt will be Linda Papke, June Hombergen, Margie Johnson, Pat Howard, Bette Patz and Natalie Warrick.

Please put this date on your calendar as a ***must do*** — an important first step in welcoming our new pastor.

Natalie Warrick

## ***In Transition Meeting...***

**Saturday, March 6, 2010**  
**9:00am - Noon**

**At Shepherd of the Hills**  
**Episcopal Church**

**All members are encouraged**  
**to attend!!**

## ONE SERVICE ONLY

SUNDAY

MARCH 21, 2010

2:00 PM



*Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church  
requests the honor of your presence  
for the celebration of a new ministry  
of The Right Reverend James M. Adams  
by The Right Reverend John W. Howe,  
Bishop  
Diocese of Central Florida*

*Sunday, the twenty-first of March  
Two thousand and ten  
at two o'clock in the afternoon*

*Reception immediately following at  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy.  
Hernando, Florida*

Please R.S.V.P. by 3/15/2010 to 352-527-0052 or  
sign up in the Church Narthex



## *Ministry Notices*

### *Ministry of the Month*

#### *S.O.S. Ministry*



SOS (Serving Our Savior) Ministry supplies food each Thursday from 9:00 am until noon at the Key Center

in Lecanto to more than 2,400 Citrus County families annually. Four other churches are working with us in this ministry -- Unity Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran, House of Power and House of Peace. We have a total of 46 volunteers.

We procure food from donations, Suncoast Harvest, USDA, Operation Blessing, Homosassa Civic Club and purchases from Save a Lot. The food is picked up by volunteers and we use the Salvation Army truck once a month to transport food.

In January we served 256 families, 173 children, 436 adults and 81 seniors for a total of 680 people. We were able to give 19.5 pounds of food per person at a cost of \$ 5.26 per person. We had 53 volunteers who contributed 244 hours.

While the numbers are interesting the thanks our churches receive for the service makes us realize how rewarding our ministry is. We are happy SOTH plays such a critical role in this loving effort.

God Bless  
Your S O S Team

## ECW News



We had a great turn-out at our February meeting. Bill Kinley shared many memories, pictures and interesting facts on some of the places he has visited. It was great that so many men were able to join us. Thank-you Bill for sharing your adventures with us.

Our next meeting will be Sat. March 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the office in Beverly Hills. We will be learning to make palm crosses in preparation for Palm Sunday. Please come and join us.

Just a note to let you know how much we depend on and appreciate your donations at the Sunday Hospitality Hour. Since the loss of our building, we are unable to have our usual fundraisers. We purchase many supplies and have commitments to SOS and the Capital Campaign. Although we are exploring several fundraising possibilities, at present, your donations are what keep us going. Your continued support is very welcome.

Leah Foshay, President

## Parish Nurse



Maureen Harrison has registered for the Parish Nurse Program at Monroe Regional Hospital where she will be attending four monthly sessions from September through December 2010.

Thank you Maureen for continuing the Parish Nurse Program at Shepherd of the Hills.

Health and Wellness Ministry

Is there more to life than this?



**Come Explore  
The Meaning of Life  
at our next**

**Alpha Course  
A Free 10 Week Course on  
Basic Christianity.**

***New Location:*  
Nature Coast EMS  
3876 W Country Hill Drive,  
Lecanto, FL 34461**

***February 28 thru May16, 2010***

***5:30—7:30pm***

### Schedule:

Feb	28	Who is Jesus?
March	7	Why did Jesus die?
March	14	How can we have faith
March	21	Why and how do I pray?
March	28	Why and how should I read the Bible?
April	4	EASTER (no meeting)
April	9-11	Holy Spirit Weekend
April	18	How can I resist evil?
April	25	Why and how should we tell others?
May	2	Does God heal today?
May	9	What about the Church?
May	16	Celebration Dinner

*Contact Paul & Patty James, Bette Patz,  
Bob Palmer or Deacons Linda & Mike  
for more information*

## Faith Walk

Joseph Girzone is a retired priest who has written a wonderful series of books about Joshua, the carpenter.



Joshua transforms ordinary lives with words of peace and loving actions shown toward unscrupulous leaders and violent people he meets in his travels. The children always recognize the simple, unassuming goodness of this gentle stranger.

A few of my favorites in this series are:

- Joshua, A Parable for Today
- Joshua and the Children
- Joshua and the City

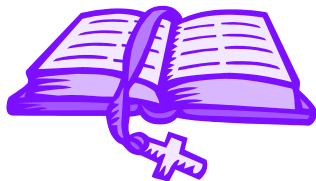
Although fictional, what takes place in these stories could easily happen in real life. The books are short and could be enjoyed by young adults also.

Girzone also wrote NEVER ALONE, A PERSONAL WAY TO GOD. This book is an inspiring look at a Friend who is always by your side... and will share your deepest secrets, joys, sorrow and accomplishments. We should all KNOW HIM.

Linda Papke

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## Bible Study



Bible Study meets  
Thursday evenings  
from 7-8pm in the church office.

We are starting the book of Isaiah.

***Come join us!***

## Hospitality Ministry

The Hospitality Ministry received a very nice email from one of our recent visitors:

**Subject: Thanks to Hospitality Committee**

I wanted to extend a special thanks to your Hospitality Committee for the very warm welcome that my aunt, Babs Faber, and I received with the hand delivered bag of goodies! What a unique and special way of making a person feel appreciated! We thank you so much for the baked bread, delivered in such a personal way!

We also thank Fth. Harris for his thoughtful letter which we received earlier last week.

Looking forward to attending service again sometime soon.

Terrie Toney

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Thank you Terrie. Please welcome Terrie and her aunt Babs. Other recent visitors include:

Jill Marsh  
Kathy & Bob Gibson  
Johanna Roskow  
Jeannette & Philip Taylor

Please continue to make our guests welcomed!



## ***Liturgical Notes...***

Marion Pappas has graciously provided for a Coronation tapestry altar frontal, given in loving memory of her mother Gertrude Pappas, her father James Pappas, and her brother Ronald Pappas. The new frontal will be used for the first time Easter Day.



## ***Stations of the Cross***

***Fridays in Lent***



***At 5:00pm  
in the Church***

## ***THANK YOU . . . THANK YOU . . . THANK YOU . . .***

Judy and I cannot express our gratitude enough for the wonderful Recognition Event on Sunday, February 7. It was truly first class all the way. We were overwhelmed by the attendance and love shown through words and gifts. Later that night we read every one of the Valentines. It brought back memories when we were in grade school and receiving Valentines from our classmates. We shall think of you when we eventually use the travel gift.

These past five plus years you have very much blessed us by your friendship and commitment to being the Church. Together, we raised ourselves up from the ashes to being a resurrection Community of Faith. And your story of faith is not over. A new chapter is about to be written under the leadership of Bishop Jim. May you continue to grow from the strength to strength in the life of perfect service to bring the Kingdom of God near.

Much love and stuff . . . Ladd and Judy

## **Church Directory Updates**

**Add:** Maria and Zaib Khan  
Maria's cellphone: 305-331-0059  
Zaib's cellphone: 400-5583

Karen Murfin  
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Email: Kamurfin@yahoo.com

**Change:** Bart and Jackie Jessup  
352-527-3755

Caroll Henry  
29 Washington Sq. W.  
Apt 7C  
New York, New York

Bette Patz  
270-3097 - home phone  
586-5450 - cell phone



## ***AND MORE THANK YOUS ...***

Judy and I wish to thank you for the record attendance of 150 on February 14. This was truly amazing. The service captured our wonderful spirit of ministry together since October 2004. It was also a treat having Cherie play flute during the hymns and anthem and she and Ladd providing exceptional communion music. Thanks also to ECW for providing a nice reception. As I have said before, you of SOTH are an amazing blessing! Carry on in this spirit.

Faithfully in Christ,  
*Ladd*

# March 2010



## Birthdays

- March 3:** Leslie Palmer
- March 4:** Dallas Daily
- March 5:** Bro. David Maasch
- March 6:** Juan Carvajal, Lurayn Haines  
Eddie Skipper
- March 8:** Bert Hombergen
- March 9:** John Husowitz
- March 13:** Sylvia Myer
- March 17:** Charles O'Bday
- March 19:** Ken Noll, Bob French
- March 20:** Glen Myer
- March 23:** Cal Clingan
- March 24:** Edward Herbert
- March 30:** Alice Zimmerman

## Anniversaries

- March 2:** Edward & Darelene  
Highstreet
- March 10:** Dallas & Tish Daily
- March 22:** Arthur & Edna Luther
- March 23:** Ronnie & Marilyn Stokes

## Greeters

### Saturday 5pm

- March 6: J & E Paskey
- March 13: N & J DeMerchant
- March 20: **No 5 pm Service**
- March 27: Betty Harnig

### Sunday 8am

- March 7: K & J Wasey
- March 14: B & G Krueger
- March 21: **2:00pm Service only** — L & H Papke
- March 28: W Simperts & C Segers

### Sunday 10am

- S & J Payne
- J & B Hombergen
- S & G Myer

## Chancel Servers

### Saturday 5pm

- March 6: D Maasch
- March 13: D Maasch
- March 20: **No 5pm Service**
- March 27: D Maasch

### Sunday 8am

- March 7: B Sewell
- March 14: P Cass
- March 21: **2:00pm Service only** —
- March 28: G Krueger

### Sunday 10am

- N Warrick/J Hombergen
- R French/M French
- N Warrick/S Keene
- M Reed/R Palmer

### Torch Bearers

- P & L Khan
- K Eddy/K Murfin
- P & L Khan
- B Patz/  
M Johnson

## Lectors

### Saturday 5pm

- March 6: J DeMerchant
- March 13: L Graybiel
- March 20: **No 5:00pm Service**
- March 27: J & S Carajal

### Sunday 8am

- March 7: M Wright
- March 14: P Cass
- March 20: **2:00pm Service only** —
- March 28: M Wright

### Sunday 10am

- Hagen/M Johnson
- S Giffune/B Patz
- P Cass/L Graybiel
- B Billingham/L Hopper



### Palm Sunday, March 28

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

*Luke 19:38 RVS*

**NOTE:** If you cannot come as scheduled, please call for a replacement and notify the office at 527-0052 to be sure the master list is corrected.



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**The Rt. Rev. James M. Adams, Vicar-Elect**  
**(Phone 527-0052)**

**The Revs. Joan Clark, Mike Hall and Linda Liebert-Hall, Deacons**

*We're on the Web!!*  
*[www.sothec.org](http://www.sothec.org)*

*Vestry Committee*

*Peter Cass Sr. Warden, George Krueger, Jr. Warden,*  
*John Bourdeaux, Allen Harlow, Marlene Harrison, Sonna Keene,*  
*Bette Patz, Linda Papke, Natalie Warrick*

*Clerk of the Vestry — Carla Bickford*