

## THE SEARCH IS OVER!

**The Vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is thrilled to announce that**

***The Reverend Doug Scharf***

**has been called as our fifth rector.**



Doug is a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and is currently enrolled in a Doctor of Ministry program at Emory University. He served as an Assistant Rector at Church of the Holy Spirit in Osprey, Florida before being called as the third Rector of Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church in Valrico, where he has served for the past nine years. In addition to his parish ministry, Doug has been active in diocesan and national leadership, which has included two terms as a deputy to the General Convention.

In his spare time, Doug enjoys reading, hiking, music, and occasionally playing golf. Doug and his wife, Shannon, have been married for 17 years and have three sons, Clayton (12), Parker (9), and Grady (5). Shannon has taught elementary education for the past 15 years and currently teaches fourth grade. She enjoys the performing arts, shopping, and any time spent by the water.

The boys each bring a unique flavor to the Scharf family. Clayton is passionate about playing the guitar and ice hockey. He loves taking part in the youth group and participating in various diocesan events. Parker is a compassionate "people person". He sings in the Children's Choir and enjoys serving as an acolyte. Don't let his blue eyes and shy smile fool you - he's a fire cracker. Grady marches to the beat of his own drum. He's a happy soul who is very imaginative and tender hearted. He adores his family and church family and plays the role of the youngest Scharf well. All three boys excel in school and exhibit numerous academic strengths.



The Scharf family is looking forward to joining the Good Shepherd family very soon!

**Father Scharf will be installed as our new rector on Thursday, January 12, 2017.**

**He will celebrate and preach on Sundays beginning January 15, 2017.**