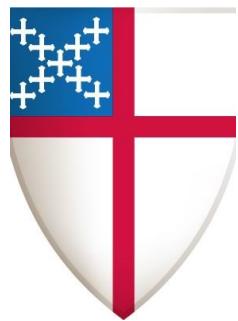


PROFILE 2017

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
 96 Jewett Parkway
 Buffalo, New York 14214



"We are a dwelling place where love of God and love of neighbor are embraced and lived."

- *Mission Statement*

A Prayer for Transition

Ever-present God, you call us on a journey to a place we do not know. We are not where we started. We have not yet reached our destination. Be among us, we pray. Calm our fears, save us from discouragement, and help us to stay on course. Open our hearts to Your guidance so that our journey to this unknown place continues as a journey of trust. Amen.



www.episcopalgoodshepherd.org

Who We Are

We are a friendly, vibrant community that is flexible and open to change. We welcome diversity and strive to be progressive and inclusive. We worship creatively with both contemporary and traditional services



Shepherd's Table—German Dinner



Shepherd's Table—Cinco de Mayo

Our Vision

We hope to grow in numbers and ministries. We strive to build community in our congregation, neighborhood, diocese and city. Looking after the pastoral needs of our community is important to us. We seek to be energized by sermons that include current events and that show us how to make a difference. We also hope to be empowered by delegation of responsibilities from the leadership. We understand and appreciate communication by email and social media. We look forward to working with our new rector to achieve this vision.

Dreams for the Future

We dream of new ideas and new ministries to make a difference in the world. We hope to grow through ecumenical services with area churches, facilitated retreats and mutual ministry reviews as well as celebrate our community through social events.



Shepherd's Table - Prime Rib Dinner

Ministries

Outreach

- * Ascension Pet Food Pantry—Provides sustenance to pets whose caretakers need assistance through our Pet Food Pantry on the 1st Sunday of each month from 3-4pm.
- * Episcopal Partnership for Mission and Outreach - partnershipwny.org/
- * Food Pantry—Operates once a week offering monthly allotments of food and donated clothing to about 160 households.
- * Our Little Roses - ourlittleroses.org/
- * School 54 - We serve breakfast for the Student of the Month, collect school supplies including books for the students and generally help where needed.
- * St. Mary's School for the Deaf - We help with job training and socializing with hearing people.
- * United Thank Offering



Annual Events and Fundraisers

- * Strawberry Festival - a community event for over 100 years
- * Shepherd's Table - a themed community dinner
- * Parkside Community Association Sponsored Events
- * Parish Annual Meeting
- * Outdoor Worship & Parish Picnic



Worship

Our worship is a mix of old and new—contemporary and traditional. We enjoy a variety of music and express our spirituality through it. We have a traditional spoken service at 8:30am, a traditional choral service at 10:30am, and a pet-friendly contemporary service with music at 12:30pm.

Programs

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| * Adult Education | * Blessing of the Animals |
| * Ashes to Go | * Women's Group |
| * Bible Studies | * Advent and Lenten Study Groups |

Ministries (cont'd)

Leadership and Committees

Vestry, Treasurer, Clerk, Nominating Committee, Property Committee, Worship Committee, Stewardship & Evangelism Committee, Finance Committee, Gardeners for God (Lay Weeders)

Building Use

- * Alcoholics Anonymous—The oldest and largest AA in the City of Buffalo meets on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.
- * Buffalo Girlchoir—www.buffalogirlchoir.org/
- * Eaton Summer Reading Program provides reading support to Buffalo Public School students in our diocese.
- * Festival School of Ballet—www.festivalschoolofballet.com/
- * Gun Buy Back Program—We are a location for the City of Buffalo for this program and often have the highest number of guns turned in.
- * Musical Groups
- * The Family Companion (Dog Training) - www.thefamilycompanion.com/



Financial Activity

A \$100,000 Capital Campaign is in progress.

	Budget 2017	2016	2015	2014
Number of Pledging Families	40	47	50	52
Amount Pledged	90,366	96,294	100,328	99,116
Pledge & Plate Revenues	96,350	97,134	107,789	101,755
Other Operating Income	34,300	33,072	42,616	53,382
Total Income	133,650	149,244	176,838	171,160
All Operating Expenses	163,687	139,590	169,657	188,721
Diocesan Assessment included in above	21,091	25,981	24,385	26,944
Major Additions to Property & Equipment		30,005	8,800	24,732
Endowment/Investment Fund Balance	461,863	445,028	445,087	456,841

Coming together with Ascension, we anticipate improved finances with a strengthened congregation.



Party in Jewett Hall

In its 128-year history, Good Shepherd has had eleven rectors serving its congregation - two with tenures of 25 years or more. All have added to the spiritual growth and missionary service of its congregation to the community. We are very proud of our heritage, and anxious to forge ahead into the future. We look forward to continuing our renewed leadership role in both the diocese and the community.

History

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd was founded in 1888 on land donated by Elam Jewett. It was built as a memorial to Edward Ingersoll, rector of Trinity Church in downtown Buffalo and Jewett's closest friend.

Beautiful stained glass windows were installed in Good Shepherd from several of the most respected stained glass studios in the United States, England, and Canada. The stained glass windows of Louis Comfort Tiffany's Tiffany Glass Company, however, dominate the interior of the church with three large triplets: "The Good Shepherd" in the chancel, "Purity" (Mary and Jesus in the Temple) in the south transept, "St. Paul" in the north transept, and two floral single light bay windows on the south wall of the nave.

The parish facilities were expanded in 1890 with the addition of the Guild Hall and the rectory. The rectory was a personal gift of Caroline Wheeler Jewett, Elam Jewett's widow. In 1922, the facilities were expanded again with the construction of Jewett Hall.

About forty years after the founding of the church, the Guild Hall was transformed into a Children's Chapel as a memorial to William Phelps Northrup, one of the original three trustees designated by Elam Jewett who saw to the completion of the original church. The centerpiece of the chapel is Good Shepherd's last Tiffany window, "Christ Blessing the Little Children."



Church Complex

Church

- ◆ Romanesque style
- ◆ Richardson design by Silsbee and Marlett
- ◆ Seats 200
- ◆ restored Kilgen organ and Steinway grand piano



Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel

- ◆ Completed in 1930
- ◆ Tiffany Studio window



Rectory



Jewett Hall

Three Parish Halls

- ◆ Mears Hall—dance studio
- ◆ Smith Hall—food pantry, AA, community groups
- ◆ Jewett Hall—church offices, most church and community activities

Detached, three-bedroom sexton's cottage being renovated for rental income.

In 2011, Good Shepherd entered into a Covenant Relationship with the Church of the Ascension whereby our rector also served as their Priest-In-Charge. In 2015, when Church of the Ascension determined that they could no longer afford to maintain their building, they moved to Good Shepherd, while still retaining their identity as Church of the Ascension at Good Shepherd. We are now in the process of coming together as one congregation.



Community

Good Shepherd is located in the historic Parkside neighborhood in North Buffalo, which was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, who also designed Central Park in NYC. As part of his grand design of a parks system in Buffalo, Olmsted wanted to stimulate development of individual free-standing homes rather than traditional urban compacted row houses. As a result, Parkside's beautiful design, rich architecture and its significance as a social idea have earned it a place in the National and State Registers of Historic Places. Good Shepherd is considered to be a cornerstone of the Parkside Community.



Strawberry Festival

Parkside draws its name from its close proximity to Olmsted's Delaware Park, which provides the setting for the Buffalo Zoo, one of the oldest zoos in the United States. It has recently updated several exhibits and added new ones. (www.buffalozoo.org). Delaware Park is also home to the Buffalo History Museum, the Albright Knox Art Gallery, and is in close proximity to the Burchfield Penney Art Center, and several local colleges. On summer evenings, live outdoor performances of Shakespeare's plays are presented on Shakespeare Hill in Delaware Park. The nearby H.H. Richardson Olmsted Complex was recently renovated and reopened as a hotel, restaurant and urban conference center (www.hotelhenry.com).



Adjacent to Good Shepherd is one of the most prominent landmarks in the area: the prairie style Darwin D. Martin House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. The Martin Restoration Corporation has rebuilt all of the original elements and is restoring the house to its former glory. The site is open and attracts tourists from all over the world. (www.darwinmartinhouse.org). There is no on-site café at the site. For a time, Good Shepherd partnered with St. Mary's School for the Deaf to host the Elam Jewett Café on our premises to provide coffee, pastries and light lunches to fill this need. The operation did not become self-sufficient and had to close. There is now a neighborhood restaurant within walking distance but there is no place to get a cup of coffee nearby. There is still potential for such a place at Good Shepherd.

Buffalo residents love their sports teams, including the Bills, the Sabres, the Bisons, and the Bandits. We also support the performances at our many theatres such as Shea's Performing Arts Center (www.sheas.org) and The Irish Classical Theatre (www.irishclassical.com). The historic North Park Theatre, a single screen theater built in 1920, is located nearby on Hertel Avenue.

The Parkside neighborhood abounds with many religious denominations- Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox, and reflects the rich heritage and ethnic diversity of Buffalo.

The City of Buffalo Public School System (www.buffaloschools.org) offers a variety of focused learning areas such as a PK-8 Montessori program, performing arts and honors programs, as well as several charter schools. There are also several private elementary and high schools nearby including Nichols, Elmwood Franklin and Canisius High School.



Personnel

Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. R. William Franklin

Long-Term Supply Priest: The Rev. Ann Markle

Parish Administrator (Part-Time): Patrick Davis

Minister of Music: Mark DiGiampaolo

Director of Music: To Be Determined

Sexton: Property Committee

Treasurer: Pat Lalonde

Wardens: Charlie Ohl, Jo Meachem

Vestry

Class of 2017: Katie Thomas, Patty Mertens, Kathy Toth

Class of 2018: Joe Spina, Carol Burns

Class of 2019: Zoe Koston, Julia Mount

Clerk of the Vestry: Kathy Boone (Gloria Longo, Asst. Clerk)

Profile Committee: Carol Burns (Chair), Susan Andrews, Bev Barry, Nancy Cich, Jennifer Coleman, Pat Lalonde, Jo Meachem, Patty Mertens, Marjorie Torrell

Search Committee: Jennifer Coleman (Chair), Bev Barry, Dennis Byczynski, Carol Burns, Zoe Koston, Jo Meachem, Marjorie Torrell, Kathy Toth, Susan Woods