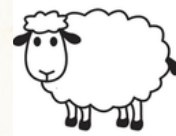


The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - August 7, 2026



Parish Prayer List

David N., Jim C., Darlene, Kim G., Nekka S., Samuel, Ibrahim, The Rev. Canon Wadie Far, Mimy B., Beth R., Cynthia G., Carol B., Jim B., Chris Y., Amber B., Halsey VL., and Jim R.

If there is someone you would like us to pray for, please let the office know.

As we begin the search for our next Rector, please pray for our Vestry, Wardens, Father Mike, Mother Elizabeth, our next Rector, and for each other. God bless all of us.

Vestry Notes - Transition Update

This past Monday, the Vestry met for the first time with the diocesan Transition Officer, Rev. Bonnie Morris. Mother Bonnie provided an overview of the Transition process and answered questions.

The first step is to infuse the process with prayer. Please note the addition to the Parish Prayer List above.

The second step is to properly say goodbye to the current rector which we were able to gradually accomplish over the past few months.

Next will be the formation of the Search Committee. Please be on the lookout for an email which will outline how all of us can be a part of this step in the process. Your input will be vital to the success of the search.

Lastly, please mark your calendars! There will be a **Day of Discovery** on **Saturday 9/19/2026** starting at **11:30 am** in Jewett Hall. All Parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend to provide input into our identity, mission, future direction, and desired qualities in a new rector. The meeting should last about 3 ½ hours and lunch will be provided. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to be a part of this important process.

Calendar

08/09 11th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

08/12 Wednesday

10 am-2 pm Ken Perry Food Pantry
6:30 pm Eucharist with Music

08/16 12th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

09/19 Saturday

11:30 am Rector Search "Day of Discovery" - all parishioners encouraged to attend

*View the calendar of all events at [goodshepherdbuffalo/calendar](https://goodshepherdbuffalo.com/calendar)



Blood Drive Results

Good Shepherd recently hosted a blood drive with ConnectLife. We collected 16 units of blood, which could save the lives of 48 patients in WNY! Thank you all for coming out, sharing the date and supporting our efforts to make a difference in our community!

Here Am I, Send Me

On August 15, join The Bishop Holly Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians to view the film, *Here I Am, Send Me: The Journey of Jonathan Daniels*, and meet the filmmaker, Dr. Lawrence Benaquist, who grew up in Buffalo. Jonathan Daniels was the seminarian who responded to Rev. Martin Luther King's call for white clergy to come South during the Civil Rights struggle. He was killed by a white supremacist in Lourdes County, AL in 1965 and is commemorated by the Episcopal Church as a modern saint on August 14th. The film is excellent. Lunch is provided. [Register here.](#)

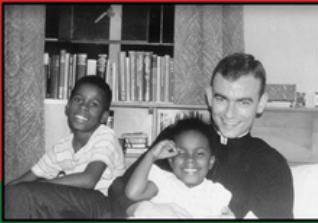


The Bishop Holly Chapter
Union of Black Episcopalians

*Make a
Morning of it!!!*

Here Am I, Send Me: The Journey of Jonathan Daniels

A film from Larry Benaquist & Bill Sullivan



Saturday, August 15, 2026
Diocesan Ministry Center
1064 Brighton Rd, Tonawanda, NY
9:00 AM Doors open w/ Coffee & Treats
9:30 AM - 11:30ish Film & Lunch

Free Event
Register Here → →



Meet the
Filmmaker
Dr. Lawrence
Benaquist

Wednesday Evening Service

The Wednesday Evening Service has resumed with the Rev. Cathy Dempsey-Sims officiating. This is a contemporary service with Music provided by Mark DiGiampaolo. You are invited to come as you are. The service leaflets for Wednesday and Sunday services are published on the Good Shepherd web page under the "Members" menu.



Training Opportunities

Would you like to serve Good Shepherd in an important way? Training is being organized for the following volunteer positions:

Lay Eucharistic Visitor - visits the sick and homebound members of our parish. Needs training and to be licensed through the Diocese.

Lay Eucharistic Minister - serves as a chalice bearer during Eucharist services. Training provided by the Diocese.

Worship Leader - leads worship in the absence of a Priest. Needs Diocesan training and licensing.

If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, (or need up-to-date training), please contact Elaine Richau at wegmom54@aol.com

Important Contact Information

Non-emergency messages can be sent to the office at officegoodshep@gmail.com or to Elaine Richau at wegmom54@aol.com or left on the answering machine in the office (716) 833-1151. For pastoral **emergency** calls (only) phone Elaine Richau at (716) 982-2890.

Non-emergency property messages should be left on the answering machine in the office, or sent to Dale Cich at dtcich@gmail.com. Property **emergency** calls (only) should be routed to Dale Cich (716) 353-0474.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers may be ordered for \$100/ pair in memoriam, in thanksgiving or for any other desired occasion. Two or more people can also share the cost of the flowers if desired. To order flowers, please send your flower request (colors, flower types) to Elaine Richau at Wegmom54@aol.com. Your dedication for the service leaflet should be sent to officegoodshep@gmail.com. Payment should be made through the Sunday collection or mailed to the church. Please reference 'Altar Flowers' in the description.

Keep saving your 2026 Dash's receipts. We can also submit 2025 receipts, but any old receipts from 2024 or earlier are expired. For every \$5,000 in receipts we submit, we earn \$100. Even small purchases add up!

We are also still collecting aluminum pull tabs from soda, soup, and other cans to benefit Ronald McDonald House.

Submissions for the Newsletter should be sent to nancy.cich@gmail.com no later than 5 pm on Thursday for publication on Friday.

Please consider remembering Good Shepherd in your will. It is a wonderful way to continue your support of your parish into the future for generations.

