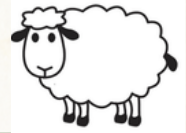


The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - October 30, 2026



Parish Prayer List

Vincent & Karen M., Kim G., Jim R., Mimy B., Halsey VL., Jane R., Beth R., Father John Paul Boyer, Jo M., Samuel, Darlene, Nekka, Carol B., Charlie O., Jim C., and Sue

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

As we search for our next Rector, please pray for our Vestry, Wardens, our next Rector, Mother Frieda, and for each other. God bless all of us.

Vestry Notes - Rector Search

During the October Vestry meeting, the following parishioners were approved by unanimous vote to the Good Shepherd Rector Search Committee:

- Dottie Aikman
- David Campbell
- Nancy Cich
- Paul Hojnacki
- Pat Lalonde
- Jesse Pyle
- Jessica Schlimgen
- Jennifer Snyder-Haas



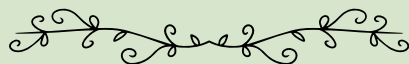
We are thankful to everyone who submitted recommendations and to the newly appointed Search Committee members.

Mother Bonnie is compiling the information gathered during our Day of Discovery and will be meeting with the Search Committee when that process is complete.

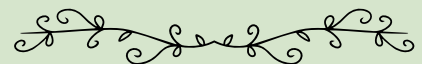
Vestry Notes (cont'd) - 8:30 AM Sunday Service

There has been recent consideration given to the temporary suspension of the 8:30 AM Sunday service through the winter months. With no staff onsite in the early morning hours there is concern for the safety of clergy and parishioners during bad weather conditions. The plow service may not always be able to service our property that early and we have nobody to verify that conditions are safe. We would re-evaluate this proposal in the spring if enacted.

We realize that losing the 8:30 service, even temporarily, could be upsetting or disappointing for some parishioners. The Wardens and Vestry welcome feedback from anyone wishing to share their views. We will be discussing and voting on this proposal at the November Vestry meeting.



Other Vestry Information



The Good Shepherd Vestry meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in Jewett Hall. The next meeting is 11/16. The December meeting is rescheduled for 12/14 due to the Christmas holiday. Vestry minutes are posted on the bulletin board after they have been approved by the Vestry at the following meeting.

All Saints Day - November 1, 2026

On this important day in our church year, we remember the saints of Good Shepherd. It is not too late to contribute to altar flowers for All Saint's Day, please list 'All Saint's flowers' in the memo line of your contribution. You are also invited to bring in a photo of your dearly departed for display in front of the altar on that day.



Save the Date!

Our Good Shepherd family has been invited to join St. Philip's Episcopal Church for their Harvest Festival gathering on Sunday, Nov. 22 starting at 11:30 AM. There will be no coffee hour on that date after the 10:30 service. They will be providing the meal and tell us that "we don't need to bring anything except ourselves"! (For anyone still wishing to contribute, they would accept donations toward the cost of the gathering.)

St. Philip's is located at 18 Sussex Street in Buffalo (a short 7-minute drive from Good Shepherd). Carpooling is recommended (just like at Good Shepherd) due to on-street parking. Contact Elaine Richau for more information.

Stewardship 2026

The 2026 Stewardship Campaign has a theme of ***With Joy, Gratitude and Generosity***. Our Stewardship campaign begins Nov. 8 and will conclude Dec. 6 with a special coffee hour. The pledge ingathering will be Sunday, Dec. 13. We will be asking how you experience joy at Good Shepherd!

The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:3

Calendar

11/1 All Saints

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music
3 - 4 PM Pete's Pet Food Pantry Distribution

11/4 Wednesday

10 AM-2 PM Ken Perry Food Pantry
6:00 PM Eucharist with Music
Ascension-Style Service

11/8 24th Sunday after Pentecost

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

12/13 Bishop Lane Visit

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

From the Treasurer

As you review your September statements, please take a look at your Step Fund balance (if any). This is the final year of the 3-year pledge period. The payment of any outstanding balances would be greatly appreciated! Thank you for your generous support of Good Shepherd.

Approximately \$510 has been received for Rector Search Expenses so far. Remember that we have a gift program in place, so please consider making a donation for this purpose.

**Strawberry
Festival/Chicken
Barbeque
June 19, 2027**

*Save
THE
Date*



Coffee Fundraiser



We will be selling coffee from Great Lakes Coffee Roasters between now and 11/8. Ground coffee and K-cups will be available in five varieties.

This is a great way to support Good Shepherd and a local business at the same time. And the high-quality coffee makes an excellent Christmas gift for the coffee lovers in your life. Don't forget to place some orders for yourselves!

Details and order sheets can be found in this week's email or in church. Online ordering begins 10/26. See below for details. The QR code will link you to the online ordering site. Student receiving credit is you - the church member. See Jennifer Snyder-Haas with any questions you might have, and thank you for your support!

FUNDRAISER INSTRUCTIONS



- Go to greatlakescoffeeroasters.com
 - Click on the "Fundraising" tab
 - Click on "Active Fundraisers"
 - Click on "The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd"
 - The password is GOOD (must be all caps)
 - Select the item(s) you would like to purchase
 - Each item requires the customer to input the student receiving credit for the sale (first and last name)
 - During checkout select "Fundraiser" as the shipping option.
- WE DO NOT SHIP FUNDRAISER ORDERS**
- Fundraiser runs 10/26 - 11/9



Scan to go straight to "Active Fundraisers"

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THESE INSTRUCTIONS BE FOLLOWED AS WE DO NOT CREDIT OR REFUND ORDERS PLACED INCORRECTLY



ERIE

Our "house blend." A light roast coffee.



SUPERIOR

A medium/medium-dark Italian roast.



FRENCH VANILLA

The rich taste of French vanilla pairs perfectly with our coffee.



HAZELNUT

A flavored coffee staple that cannot be beat!



MAPLE BOURBON

The sweetness of maple meets the boldness of bourbon.

United Thank Offering (UTO)

The theme for UTO grants in the triennium for years 2026-2028 is inspired by the "three-legged stool" of Anglicanism, the foundational framework of scripture, tradition, and reason. As stated on the UTO website, "The 2027 grant focus highlights the idea that 'we' are 'the gifts of God for the people of God,' as noted in the Book of Common Prayer—as well as incorporating the concept of a 'gift economy' discussed in Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, 'The Serviceberry,' said the Rev. Rowan Larson, chair of the United Thank Offering grant committee."

Rev. Rowan Larson goes on to say, "This year, the whole board has been captivated by 'The Serviceberry.' She writes about a different kind of economy than the one the Wall Street Journal and The New York Times report about. She describes an economy based on gifts and gratitude that sounds an awful lot like the economy of the kingdom of heaven that Jesus describes in the Gospels."

Rev. Larson continues, "We were inspired to ask churches, dioceses, and provinces to dream about what connecting their unique gifts with the unique needs of the community around them might look like. We hope to see applications for projects that are specific to where the applicant is located, as well as projects that will generate something that can be shared back to the community."

UTO accepts one grant application submission per diocese or Anglican province. In 2026, nearly \$1 million in UTO grant funds supported 25 mission and ministry projects around the world. Since 1883, UTO has awarded more than 5,400 grants totaling more than \$145 million to support projects throughout The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion.

Dottie Aikman, UTO Coordinator

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.

