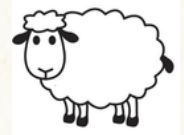


The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - June 12, 2026



Parish Prayer List

David N., Jim C., Darlene, Kim G., Nekka S., Samuel, Ibrahim, The Rev. Canon Wadie Far, Mimy B., Rev. Ellen Montgomery, Paul V., Tracy & Richard S., Beth R., Cynthia G., Carol B., Andy A., William L. Cooke, Jim B., and Chris Y.

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

A Message from Father Mike...

Pilgrimage to the Jewett Gravesite

Following the Reception on Sunday, Mother Elizabeth and I will lead a short driving pilgrimage to the gravesite of Caroline and Elam Jewett who paid to have the church, chapel, and rectory built. We will place the flowers from the altar on their graves where Mother Elizabeth and I have placed a wreath each Christmastide we have been here. This is to remind the church that we are part of the Communion of Saints; that what they began more than a hundred and twenty-five years ago, what was planned here in New York with the blood of martyrs like Isaac Jogues, and what was spread from this land by missionaries like Harriet Bedel, lives on in us as we strive to live as subjects of the Kingdom of God in our times and places.

Contacting us

Both Mother Elizabeth and I plan on keeping our cellphones and emails. Our physical address will be:

**7591 Sandy Bottom Rd
Chestertown, MD 21620**

Strawberry Festival/Chicken BBQ

The 120th Strawberry Festival and Chicken Barbeque is Saturday, June 20, from 4-7 PM. Please speak to Elaine Richau or Nancy Cich if you would still like to help out. We can always use more helpers.

Thank you for your generous contributions to the basket raffle. The baskets look beautiful and we have a wonderful variety gift cards ready for the raffle.

Chicken BBQ tickets are still available to buy and sell. We hope you will purchase your own tickets early and invite your family and friends. Pre-event price is \$16 for chicken dinners. They will be \$17 on the day of the Strawberry Festival. Please speak to Pat Lalonde or Nancy Cich for tickets and more information.



Save the Date

Our next bloodmobile will be held here at Good Shepherd on Monday, July 27 from 3-7 pm. If you are eligible to donate, please plan to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Richau at Wegmom54@aol.com.
(See flyer on last page)

A Note from the Wardens

Dear People of Good Shepherd,

As you know, our Parish is in a time of transition. Fr. Mike and Mother Elizabeth will officially leave Good Shepherd on June 30, after taking their two weeks of accrued vacation starting June 15. Rest assured, Good Shepherd is moving forward with faith and confidence in our future.

We will have Mother Frieda Van Baalen Webb, who will be officiating at both Sunday services starting June 21st, and Mother Cathy Dempsey-Sims officiating at our Wednesday evening services beginning in July until a new priest is called.

The Vestry will begin the search process after the Hadaways' departure, as per Diocesan protocols. We have ample resources and support from the Diocese during this time.

The Music Committee has already secured supply musicians to play at the 10:30 services after Trevor Napoli, our current supply musician, leaves for his Graduate studies in August. The Committee is preparing to advertise for a permanent Director of Music in the coming weeks.

Please keep the Wardens and Vestry in prayer during this time. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Good Shepherd going forward, please speak with one of the Wardens.

Faithfully,
Dale Cich
Elaine Richau

Training Opportunities

Would you like to serve Good Shepherd in a very special and important way? Training is becoming 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.

Training will be arranged either through the Diocese or by Mother Cathy Dempsey-Sims. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, (or need up-to-date retraining), please contact Elaine Richau at wegmom54@aol.com

Good Shepherd T-shirts available

We have a limited number of blue Good Shepherd t-shirts available for purchase at \$16 each. Sizes available are small, medium, large and XL. These shirts are a great way to be seen during the Strawberry Festival or at other church events.

Please contact Elaine Richau (wegmom54@aol.com) if you're interested.

Update on the Bishop Search

The search process to find a new bishop has been extended. Leadership of both the Standing Committee and the Search Committee decided to refine, deepen and broaden our discernment around 1) who we are as a Diocese and 2) what we need in our next bishop.

Throughout the summer, members of the Search Committee will be visiting each parish in the Diocese to consider the results of the Holy Cow survey and ask how these resonate. We'll be listening for the Holy Spirit in the voices of the people to refine our understanding of who we are as a Diocese beyond a collection of parishes.

The new search aims to have a new Bishop in place by May 2027. Provisional Bishop Steve Lane has agreed to stay with us throughout this process. A new timetable can be found on the Diocesan webpage:

<https://episcopalwny.org/bishop-search/>
Look for more updates in the Diocesan e-newsletter.

Susan Woods, Search Committee member

Please note:

Articles for the newsletter must be received by 9:00 AM on Thursday morning. Email Nancy Cich - nancy.cich@gmail.com with your submission.

Weekly Schedule

06/14 Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)

10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

11:30AM Farewell Reception for Father Mike and Mother Elizabeth in Jewett Hall after the 10:30AM service.

06/17 Wednesday

10AM-2PM Ken Perry Food Pantry

6:30PM - Eucharist with music

06/21 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)

10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music



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.

Women's Group - Church of the Good Shepherd

We are a group of women from CGS (but not limited to) who meet the First Saturday of the month at 9:30 – 11:30. Sometimes we meet in Jewett Hall and sometimes at a member's home.

The books we discuss are chosen by the group. We open with prayer, share a meal -and discuss our chosen book. Facilitators, prayer leaders, and food providers are members who have volunteered to do so.

We were inspired by one of our books, Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide by Nicholas D. Kristoff and Sheryl WuDunn, to sponsor women as "sisters" through Women for Women International. Women in 9 conflict or post-conflict countries across the world enroll in their program to break the isolation of war and conflict by joining a small group of women like themselves. Through our sponsorship, we are connected with a woman as a sister who writes to us and we can write back. When she graduates from the program with new skills, businesses, savings, connections with other women like herself as well as new knowledge on health, nutrition and her rights, we are connected with another sister as she enrolls in the program.

We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of our sisters' journeys, Donations here are small – and voluntary.

We would love to have you join us. If you are interested, please contact Carol Burns 716-863-1558 or Jennifer Coleman 716-515-5328

Update on Organ Repair

Between the work needed to replace the leather parts on the wooden organ pipes and electric work needed, we expect to spend approximately \$16,000. We've collected \$9,000 for the Organ Fund to date. Can you help fund this project? Just be sure your check has Organ Fund in the memo line. Thank you.

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.

 ConnectLife



Blood Drive

Monday, July 27, 2026

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

96 Jewett Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14214

On the ConnectLife Bus

All July donors will receive a  gift card!
Use towards any car wash, detail shop or oil change service!

Not valid on gasoline or in the convenience store.



Win a pair of tickets to see a pre-season game at the new stadium! 8 donors will win throughout the month!



 SCAN ME

To make an appointment:

Scan QR code, call ConnectLife
at 716.529.4270 OR visit
ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org
& enter sponsor code: 001281