



The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - May 8, 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.

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

Lay Leader Training Opportunity

Lay leaders are very important in the life of any parish. There is an upcoming opportunity to organize a training session for those people interested in serving Good Shepherd as a Lay Worship Leader. Please consider this opportunity to serve your Parish in this very important ministry.

Lay worship leader: Leads public worship under the direction of a member of the clergy or other designated leader of a congregation.

The Parkside Tour of Homes will be held on Sunday, May 17 from 11-4. The PCA has asked if Good Shepherd would be interested in offering tours of the Church after our 10:30 service is over. We would need volunteers if we were to offer tours. Please speak to Pat Lalonde if you have an interest in participating.

St. Francis Garden

After consulting with four different landscaping companies, it was determined that due to many years of neglect the weeping cherry and holly bush were dying and could not be saved. Additionally, this garden and several others on the property have been overtaken by invasive weeds. We have engaged a landscaping company to weed and mulch the planting beds. In the area of the St. Francis garden, there is a leaking drainpipe that needs to be fixed before anything is replanted. We will be getting some recommendations from the landscapers as to appropriate, low-maintenance replacement plantings for this shaded area. We also welcome your input. Any questions or suggestions please email Dale Cich at dtcich@gmail.com.



Strawberry Festival/ Chicken BBQ

Mark your calendars! Our 2026 Strawberry Festival and Chicken Barbeque is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, from 4-7 PM. We will need your help once again in planning, setting up, serving, and cleanup. It isn't too early to start thinking about donations for our popular basket raffle. The goal is for baskets to have a minimum value of about \$40. We will also have letters available to take to area businesses for donation requests. Please speak to Pat Lalonde or Nancy Cich for more information.

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.

***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

05/10 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

05/13 Wednesday

10AM-2PM Ken Perry Food Pantry
6:30PM - Eucharist with music

05/17 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

United Thank Offering (UTO)

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. UTO is known for the Blue Box and/or envelope – tangible reminders that encourages one to pray, give thanks to God, and make a thank offering. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. Good Shepherd's spring ingathering for UTO is Sunday, May 10. Envelopes are available at Church entrances and in the pews. (If you write a check, please make it payable to Good Shepherd. Put UTO in the memo line.)

Thank you.

Dottie Aikman
UTO Coordinator

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.

Financial Summary	Dec 2025	Mar 2026
Pledge & Plate	\$112,185	57,616
Other Operating Income	45,928	10,035
Other Non-Operating Income**	--	--
Total Income	158,113	67,651
Total Expenses	198,021	65,637
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$39,908)	\$2,014
YTD Endowment & Investment Fund Withdrawals	20,000	5,000
**Does not include Unrealized Gain on Investments	11,704	7,686

Marathon Sunday

The Buffalo Marathon is Sunday May 24. The 10:30 AM service at Good Shepherd is **changed to 11:00 AM**. Some streets around Good Shepherd will be closed to vehicles. See course map below or email Elaine Richau at wegmom54@aol.com for more information.

COURSE MAP



Start (Green star) at Niagara Square, Delaware Ave & Franklin St.

Finish (Red star) at Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, Pearl St & Franklin St.

26 (Mile marker) at Franklin St & Pearl St.

Legend:

- HALF MARATHON
- MARATHON
- GEL-SHOT
- HYDRATION
- PORT-O-POTTY
- EMS

RELAY EXCHANGES

- ★ 1 278 Delaware Ave
- ★ 2 Washington St & Buffalo News
- ★ 3 Crescent Ave & Amherst St

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