

The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - May 22, 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.

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. Contact Elaine-wegmom54@aol.com if interested.

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

Electrical Issues

We have replaced an electrical subpanel in the basement that provides power to the north side of the church and should prevent further electrical problems with the organ. Unfortunately, after several attempts, repairs were not successful to the exterior lights at the Nativity window. Replacement would be cost-prohibitive, so the lights will be removed within the next few weeks.

This Sunday 5/24/2026 is the Day of Pentecost. Remember to wear red.

According to the Book of Acts, the arrival of the Holy Spirit was accompanied by dramatic, supernatural signs:



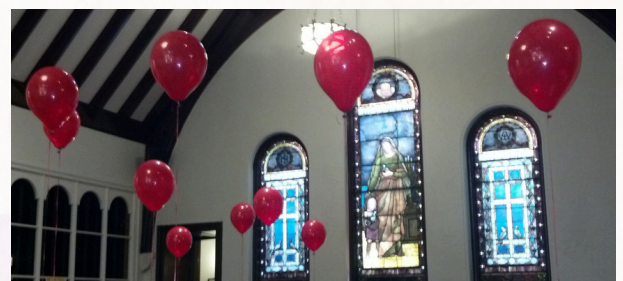
"And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them." (Acts 2:2-3)

The color red serves as a direct visual reminder of those



"tongues of fire."

It represents the warmth, light, and consuming power of the Holy Spirit entering into the hearts of Christians.





Strawberry Festival/ Chicken BBQ

The 120th Strawberry Festival and Chicken Barbeque is Saturday, June 20, from 4-7 PM. We still need your help in planning, setting up, serving, and cleanup.

Our basket raffle is always very popular.

The goal is for baskets to have a minimum value of about \$40. We have letters and flyers available to take to area businesses for donation requests.

Also, please consider picking up a lottery scratch-off or two that we can combine into an attractive lottery basket - always very popular. We would like to receive all baskets and donations no later than June 6th.

Chicken BBQ tickets are also ready 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.



Weekly Schedule

05/24 Day of Pentecost

8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)

11:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

05/27 Wednesday

10AM-2PM Ken Perry Food Pantry

10AM-12PM-Pet Food Bagging

6:30PM - Eucharist with music

05/31 First 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.

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.

United Thank Offering (UTO)

Thank you for your donations to Good Shepherd's spring ingathering for the UTO. If you have not yet donated and would like to do so, there is still time. Envelopes are available at the church entrances. The UTO invites every Episcopalian to:

- Notice the Good Things That Happen Each Day.
- Give Thanks to God for Your Blessings.
- Make an Offering for Each Blessing.

Through UTO, your Blessings become Blessings for Others.

Dottie Aikman
UTO Coordinator



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.

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.

BUFFALO MARATHON WEEKEND
COURSE MAP



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.