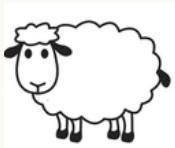


The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - November 6, 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., Sue, Larry L., the MacIntyre family, Christine A., and Norm and Sharon D.

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.

8:30 AM Sunday Service - Update

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 are still looking for feedback on this issue. All parishioners should have received an email from the wardens requesting a response to specific questions regarding the 8:30 AM service. Please take the time to read and respond. Your opinion is important. Thank you.

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.

Stewardship 2026 - *With Joy, Gratitude and Generosity*.

Our Stewardship campaign begins this Sunday with Julie Spina as guest speaker. We will have stewardship packets available for your prayerful consideration over the next few weeks before the ingathering on December 13th. This week, we invite you to think about a time when you experienced God's abundance. How does Good Shepherd help you trust in God's plenty?

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

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.



Strawberry Festival/Chicken Barbeque
June 19, 2027



Calendar

11/8 24th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

11/11 Wednesday
10 AM-2 PM Ken Perry Food Pantry
6:00 PM Eucharist with Music
Ascension-Style Service

11/15 25th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

11/22 Christ the King Sunday
11:30 AM Harvest Festival Gathering at St. Philip's - no coffee hour at Good Shepherd

11/25 Thanksgiving Eve Service
6 PM - Ascension-style service with music. Collecting non-perishable foods to support the food pantry.

12/13 Bishop Lane Visit followed by Maine-themed coffee hour.

*View the calendar of all events at goodshepherdbuffalo/calendar

Rector Search Expenses

Approximately $510 has been received for Rector Search Expenses so far. Remember that we have a matching gift program in place. There will be an additional $0.50 given for every $1.00 you donate. Please consider making a donation for this purpose indicating "Search Exp" in the memo line of your check. If you have any questions, please speak with Pat Lalonde.

Coffee Fundraiser

This is your last chance to order coffee from our Great Lakes Coffee Roasters fundraiser. Please make sure that Jennifer Snyder-Haas receives your order and payment by Monday 11/9. She will accept cash or checks made out to her. If anyone receives payment by check made out to them, please cash that check and pay Jennifer in the one of the methods listed above.

Ground Coffee and K-Cups are available in five varieties. This is a great way to support Good Shepherd and a local business at the same time.

Online ordering also ends on 11/9. 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!



YUM

Youth United in Ministry—better known as YUM—is a collaborative youth program for young people in 5th grade through high school. Supported by a group of partnering churches within the Diocese, YUM brings youth together twice each month for fellowship, fun, and meaningful service.

To support YUM, Good Shepherd will collect loose change (or bills) during both services on Sunday 11/8.

The next youth gathering will be at the Diocesan Ministry Center with Bishop Steve on November 8 from 4-8pm!

For more information, contact Wendy Schumacher





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.

