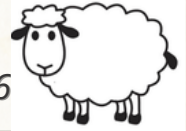


The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - September 25, 2026



Parish Prayer List

David N., Jim C., Darlene, Kim G., Nekka S., Samuel, Ibrahim, The Rev. Canon Wadie Far, Mimy B., Beth R., Cynthia G., Carol B., Jim B., Chris Y., Amber B., Halsey VL., Jim R., Father John Paul Boyer, Oliver P., and Vincent M..

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

As we begin the search for our next Rector, please pray for our Vestry, Wardens, Father Mike, Mother Elizabeth, our next Rector, and for each other. God bless all of us.

****The Prayer List will be reset as of 10/1. All names will be removed. Please notify the office if you would like to keep someone on the prayer list after 10/1. Thank you.**

Wardens' Update

The Vestry met last week and reviewed all the recommendations for the Rector Search Committee. Thank you to all who responded with recommendations, and to those who have agreed to serve. Once the list is voted on by the Vestry, we will publish the full list.

Thank you, also, to everyone who participated in our Day of Discovery with Mother Bonnie. There were many thought-provoking topics discussed by the participants. Mother Bonnie will now compile the discussion notes and share them with the Search Committee. This information will guide the creation of the church profile.

Please remember that the Wardens and Vestry members are YOUR representatives at Good Shepherd. If you have any questions or concerns you wish to share with them, please do.

Please continue to pray for your Wardens, Vestry, and the whole of Good Shepherd while we are on this journey together.

Elaine Richau
Dale Cich

Calendar

09/26 Saturday

11:00 AM A Celebration of Life for Ellen and Ernest Montgomery

09/27 18th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

09/30 Wednesday

10 AM-2 PM Ken Perry Food Pantry

6:00 PM Eucharist with Music - Ascension Style Service

10/4 19th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

3 PM-4 PM Pete's Pet Food Pantry Distribution Day

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

Save
THE
Date

Strawberry
Festival/Chicken
Barbeque
June 19, 2027



UNITED THANK OFFERING

The theme for the 2026 UTO grants was Justice Through Bridging Divides, inspired by Amos 5:24, and the "three-legged stool" of Anglicanism (Scripture, tradition, and reason). These grants focused on projects demonstrating collaboration between two disconnected groups. UTO was able to fund 25 projects for a total of \$1,987,833.35.

A sampling of some of grants awarded are:

- Province of Burundi, Diocese of Buye: \$48,000. Promoting Collaboration through Joint Catechists Training & Microloans. Changing cultural mindsets and bridging the gender gap by training women as catechists and supporting their work via microloans.
- Province Six: By Indigenous Hands, for Indigenous Healing: \$43,575. Creating a faith-based Suicide Prevention Program by Indigenous people in Province 6 for Indigenous people across the church.
- Diocese of Rochester: Bridges of Faith and Action: \$53,541. Through Rural and Migrant Ministries, this project will connect immigrant and local youth around faith and shared experiences.

Good Shepherd's Fall Ingathering for UTO is Sunday, October 4. UTO envelopes are available at the Church entrances and in the pews. (If you write a check, please make it payable to Good Shepherd and put UTO in the memo line.)

Thank you.
Dottie Aikman
UTO Coordinator



Wednesday Evening Service

The Wednesday evening service time has changed to 6:00 PM. The Rev. Canon Cathy Dempsey-Sims officiates with music provided by Mark DiGiampaolo. Come as you are and join us for this uplifting contemporary service in the Ascension Style.

The service leaflets for Wednesday and Sunday services are published on the Good Shepherd web page under the "Members" menu.



The Rev. Ellen Maddigan Montgomery
Sept 3 1929 - Jun 9 2026

H. Ernest Montgomery II
Dec 2 1928 - Jan 11, 2020

A Celebration of Life will be held for both Ellen and Ern
Sat, Sept 26, 2026, 11:00 am
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
96 Jewett Pkwy, Buffalo, NY

A reception to follow
The Buffalo Tennis and Squash Club
314 Elmwood Ave

Two lives together, lived long and well.

Search Expenses

To demonstrate to the Diocese that we have the ability to pay search and relocation expenses, a donor has offered to match donations for that purpose at \$.50 on every dollar for a maximum donation of \$5,000. Please consider donating to this fund by putting "Search Exp" in the memo line of your check. If you have any questions, please speak with Pat Lalonde.



**Throwback to October of 1999.
Good Shepherd friends helped
Patty and Bob Mertens
celebrate their 10th Anniversary
by sporting red lips – as they did
on the wedding day. Must have
been a fun wedding!**

photo courtesy of Patty Mertens

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.

