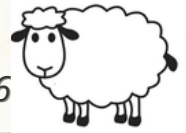


# The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - September 18, 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 Frank C.

*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.**

The **Day of Discovery** is this **Saturday 9/19/2026** starting at **11:30 AM** in Jewett Hall. This is a gathering of the entire congregation to talk about the past, present, and future of the parish - a time for listening, discussion, and data-gathering. No decisions will be made. The best results come from the participation of all members of the parish. Please join us even if you didn't send an RSVP. The meeting should last about 3.5 hours and lunch will be served.



## Transition Update - Search Committee

Thank you to everyone who sent in their recommendations for potential search committee members. The vestry reviewed the recommendations at the 9/14 meeting and is in the process of contacting parishioners to ascertain their interest in serving on the committee. The Search Committee should be finalized soon.

## Calendar

### 09/19 Saturday

11:30 AM Rector Search "Day of Discovery" - all parishioners encouraged to attend

### 09/20 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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

### 09/23 Wednesday

10 AM-2 PM Ken Perry Food Pantry  
6:00 PM Eucharist with Music (note time change)

### 9/26 Saturday

**11 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

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

## 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.

### United Thank Offering (UTO)

Fall is upon us and it's time to start thinking about The United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering. The United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church.

UTO reminds us to think about all the things in our life that we are thankful for, and to continue with our spiritual discipline of gratitude. United Thank Offering (UTO) is known for the Blue Box and envelope—tangible reminders that encourages one to pray, give thanks to God, and make a thank offering.

Good Shepherd's fall ingathering for UTO is Sunday, October 4. Boxes and 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



**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.*

### Wednesday Evening Service

As of 9/2, 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.

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



### Grounds Update

**The church driveway will be sealed Thursday 9/17 and will be unavailable to vehicles Thursday and Friday.**

After our lawn service company abruptly closed down, we were able to secure mowing and snow removal services from Percy's Lawn Care and Son.

**Many thanks to Bev Barry and Debbie Wiesner for their recent efforts in beautifying our property - cleaning up gardens, planting perennials, edging walkways, and more!**



**Did you know** that you are not automatically considered to be a member of Good Shepherd if you attend regularly and make regular donations? It is necessary to request membership. If you are an Episcopalian, it is also necessary to request a transfer from your former parish, to prevent being "double counted" as a parishioner.

**Save  
THE  
Date**

**Strawberry  
Festival  
June 19, 2027**



### 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.*

