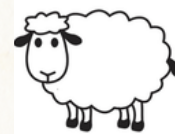


The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - July 31, 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., and Jim R.

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

Bishop Search

A "We Meet" Listening Session took place at Good Shepherd on July 19th. There was a short presentation of the results of the Holy Cow Diocesan assessment followed by a Q and A session.

The video presentation is available by clicking on this link:

<https://storage.evanzo.net/s/iBSyyPHTxicSoGqdir=/&editing=false&openfile=true>

Any questions regarding the search for a new bishop can be directed to Susan Woods.



Blood Drive

Good Shepherd recently hosted a blood drive with ConnectLife. We collected 16 units of blood, which could save the lives of 48 patients in WNY! Thank you all for coming out, sharing the date and supporting our efforts to make a difference in our community!

Thank you to Trevor Napoli

for arranging a beautiful musical celebration of faith at the 10:30 service on 7/26. The Good Shepherd Choir was joined by singers from Brocton Tri-Church Parish and friends along with conductor Lucy Andrus and pianist Jiyong Kim. We thank Trevor for his time with us as music director and wish him all the best in grad school.



Wednesday Evening Service

The Wednesday Evening Service has resumed with the Rev. Cathy Dempsey-Sims officiating. This is a contemporary service with Music provided by Mark DiGiampaolo. You are invited to come as you are. The service leaflets for Wednesday and Sunday services are published on the Good Shepherd web page under the "Members" menu.

Vestry Note

The Good Shepherd Vestry will be meeting with the diocesan transition officer, Rev. Bonnie Morris, this Monday 8/3. This will be an information-gathering session where we hope to learn more about the transition process and what resources are available from the diocese as we move forward.

Here Am I, Send Me

On August 15, join The Bishop Holly Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians to view the film, *Here I Am, Send Me: The Journey of Jonathan Daniels*, and meet the filmmaker, Dr. Lawrence Benaquist, who grew up in Buffalo. Jonathan Daniels was the seminarian who responded to Rev. Martin Luther King's call for white clergy to come South during the Civil Rights struggle. He was killed by a white supremacist in Lourdes County, AL in 1965 and is commemorated by the Episcopal Church as a modern saint on August 14th. The film is excellent. Lunch is provided. [Register here.](#)

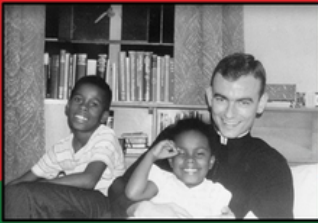


The Bishop Holly Chapter
Union of Black Episcopalians

*Make a
Morning of it!!!*

Here Am I, Send Me: The Journey of Jonathan Daniels

A film from Larry Benaquist & Bill Sullivan



Saturday, August 15, 2026
Diocesan Ministry Center
1064 Brighton Rd, Tonawanda, NY
9:00 AM Doors open w/ Coffee & Treats
9:30 AM - 11:30ish Film & Lunch

Free Event
Register Here → →



Meet the
Filmmaker
Dr. Lawrence
Benaquist

Weekly Schedule

08/02 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)

10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

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

08/03 Vestry Meeting

6:30 PM in Jewett Hall

08/05 Wednesday

10AM-2PM Ken Perry Food Pantry

6:30 PM Eucharist with Music

08/09 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)

10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

Training Opportunities

Would you like to serve Good Shepherd in an important way? Training is being organized for the following volunteer positions:

Lay Eucharistic Visitor - visits the sick and homebound members of our parish. Needs training and to be licensed through the Diocese.

Lay Eucharistic Minister - serves as a chalice bearer during Eucharist services. Training provided by the Diocese.

Worship Leader - leads worship in the absence of a Priest. Needs Diocesan training and licensing.

If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, (or need up-to-date training), please contact Elaine Richau at wegmom54@aol.com



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 5PM 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.

