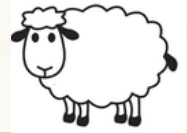


The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - October 2, 2026



Parish Prayer List

Vincent & Karen M., Kim G., Jim R., MimyB., Halsey VL.,
Jane R., Beth R., Father John Paul Boyer

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.

Wardens' Update

On 9/14 the Vestry 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 Vestry votes to approve the committee at the 10/19 meeting, 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

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

10/7 Wednesday

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

10/11 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

10/19 Vestry Meeting

6:30 PM Jewett Hall

*View the calendar of all events at goodshepherdbuffalo.com/calendar

*Save
THE
Date*

**Strawberry
Festival/Chicken
Barbeque
June 19, 2027**



UNITED THANK OFFERING



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.

This year nearly \$1 million in United Thank Offering grant funds were awarded to 25 mission and ministry projects around the world. Since 1883, UTO has awarded more than 5,400 grants totaling more than \$145 million to support projects throughout the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. (per the UTO website).

Good Shepherd's Fall Ingathering for UTO is this coming 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.)

Funds collected will be given during an ingathering at our Diocesan Convention in October. Our Diocese then forwards these ingathered funds (along with funds from Diocesan congregations) to UTO for grants to be awarded in 2027. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings and distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

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.

Coffee Fundraiser



We will be selling coffee from Great Lakes Coffee Roasters between now and 11/8. Ground coffee and K-cups will be available in five varieties.

This is a great way to support Good Shepherd and a local business at the same time. And the high-quality coffee makes an excellent Christmas gift for the coffee lovers in your life. Don't forget to place some orders for yourselves!

Details and order sheets can be found in this week's email or in church. See Jennifer Snyder-Haas with any questions you might have, and thank you for your support!

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.

