



THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF
The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd
July 7, 2021



MISSION STATEMENT: Good Shepherd is growing in: Faith and knowledge of God, ministry in our neighborhood, love for one another and support for those seeking Christ.

*Please check out the **church calendar** available on our website.*

www.goodshepherdwv.org

From the Rector

The good people of The Open Sky Arts Collective, which is based near Houston, Texas, provided two wonderful, free day camps for neighborhood children the past two weeks. Creative Arts Camp and Sports Camp were well-attended by as many as 35 children per day. The children received breakfast, snacks, and lunch. They played soccer and did tumbling, enjoyed singing, dancing, and painting, all while learning about Jesus and praying together. On the final day of camp the children received backpacks with children's Bibles, personal journals, stuffed animals, and other small gifts.



Carolynne Cooper, John Grega, and I took the children and youth from the church on a little outing at McDonough Wildlife Refuge last week too. We enjoyed a campfire, roasted hotdogs, smores, and fun games. We finished our time together just before dark, praying Compline. Only one person got poison ivy. We intend to keep having such gatherings with our children and youth once a month or every other month.

Peter Crocker, son of Bob and Linda Crocker, has joined our staff as the new sexton, following Jim Miller's retirement July 11th. Peter has been a volunteer in the Rummage Room for several years and he helps with the live-streaming of our 10:15 service. Peter has a background in sound technology and music, and he has been so helpful with setting up and operating the equipment. If you see him around the church doing his new job, please stop to introduce yourself. Welcome aboard Peter!

Farewell Reception for Jim Miller

Join us at the 10:15 AM service, this Sunday, July 11, as we give our retiring sexton, Jim Miller, a big Thank You for his 23 years of faithful service. In addition to his regular janitorial duties, Jim has cheerfully picked up donuts from McHappy's, collected thousands of pounds of food for our food pantry from the Mountaineer Food Bank truck, opened the church at 5:30 AM for elections, emptied mouse traps, salted the sidewalks, run errands, fixed toilets and answered alarm call-outs if no one else was available.



We plan to honor Jim with a cake and punch reception, a framed certificate of appreciation, and a nice big check as a parting gift. If you'd like to contribute, **please get your check or cash to the office no later than 2 PM tomorrow (Thursday).**

Found on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ContemplativeMonk/)

Lord, make me a channel of your peace.
That where there is hatred, I may bring love.
That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness,
That where there is discord, I may bring harmony,
That where there is error, I may bring truth,
That where there is doubt, I may bring faith,
That where there is despair, I may bring hope,
That where there are shadows, I may bring light,
That where there is sadness, I may bring joy.
Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort,
than to be comforted,
To understand than to be understood,
To love than to be loved.
For it is by forgetting self that one finds.
It is by forgiving that one is forgiven,
And it is by dying that one awakens to eternal life.
Amen.



*This is the version of the St Francis Prayer that Mother Teresa prayed.

Picture: The River Lude in Lancaster

Capital Campaign

Thank You to those who have helped us pay off more of our loan for the 2016 Capital Campaign. That campaign enabled us to create the Welcome Center, accessible entrance, a beautiful new nursery, and repair and paint the stucco. We are so grateful for your generous response. Any additional donations will also be joyfully accepted.

Shepherd's Closet Rummage News:



The July sale brought in \$715! Our next sale will be August 6-7. We continue to especially need gently used summer clothing, kids' clothing (including 'back to school', and household goods. More help with sorting items or helping at the sale is always welcome. Call Deb to offer your help: 518-637-1734.

Head Start

The Thursday Work Crew has been working hard to get things ready. The classroom (recently used as a men's workroom and food pantry overflow) is painted, the flooring is partially installed, and the new lights have arrived and are ready to be mounted. Meanwhile Carolynne and David Cooper and Linda Crocker have been busy emptying the Resource Room, moving items into the refurbished closet between the Adult Meeting Room and the Sunday School Room, and preparing a few bins of less frequently used items for storage elsewhere. Other items have been given to the Rummage Room to be sold or just discarded. A few things have also been left for Head Start to use.

There is still plenty to do so call the office if you have a few free hours and we will find a job for you.

Altar Flowers

We have upcoming open Sundays: August 15, 22, 29. Please call Ginger and let her know if you would like to honor or remember a loved one or special occasion this summer. One vase is \$33.50 or two vases are \$67.



Last Sunday Supper



Shawn McColligan fixed some awesome beef BBQ for June's meal. We had a low turnout with the neighbors since we haven't done this for so long, but it gave us a good chance to visit with the Open Sky crew as we ate together.

The next meal will be Sunday July 25. We will begin meal preparation and set up at 1 PM and begin serving at 5:30 PM – our usual schedule. Please come help at either time. If you have any questions, please call Linda Crocker 304-210-5591.

Staying Connected, Continuing to Serve

Someone is in the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (**summer hours**). If you need us outside office hours, contact Mother Marjorie, Linda, or Larry at home (see the end of the Staff for our contact information).

♥ Intercessory Prayers

During your prayer time at home please use the lists below to remember those who have asked for our prayers:



Parish Prayer List

Deb Hepburn-McKinney –healing	Carla Werry – A-Fib	Rev. Canon Mark Seitz - healing
Peter Gevas – healing	Gene Allander – healing	Vickie Dilley - healing and strength
Carol Lathrop – healing	Joe Bono - healing	John Stevens – knee surgery recovery
Amber Semones – healing	Jerry Shaw – neck healing	Dean Parsons - healing and strength
Ann Stevens – healing	Mary Gevas – healing	Jone Johnson – healing and strength
Paul W. - healing	Diane Cottrill – healing	Kira Mace – newborn, eye surgery

We also pray for those suffering from COVID and give thanks for vaccines, for health workers and for all those providing services to keep us safe, fed, housed and cared for.



Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces

Donovan Burns, Nathan Jones, Hannah Slusher, Noah Estes, Sterling Slusher, Lauren Fielder

Those needing healing from cancer

Glen Kirk	Stan Moore	Renee Peters	Hazen	Lisa Tanner
Vicky Wilson	Larry Seevers	Krista Wolfer	Rain	David White
Matthew Jacobs	Ray Kidder	Helena Shaffer	Tessa	Floyd Anderson
Leonard Gerber	Buddy Lee			



♥ **Prayer Chain**

We have a group of people who pray for those having emergency situations – surgery, accidents, or other crises. Linda Crocker makes the calls using the One Call system when she is notified of an immediate need. If you want to be added to the prayer chain let Linda know (304-210-5591). **God hears all our prayers** – you don’t need a special gift to pray for healing and comfort for those in distress. All prayer chain calls remain confidential.



Outreach Programs

- ♥ **Food Pantry** - Numbers have been fluctuating in response to pandemic relief, the weather and school schedules. We do see lots of homeless people as well as local residents. Thank you to everyone who has made a special donation to keep us funded and thank you to all our volunteers. For now we have plenty of food.
- ♥ **Donuts** - We continue to make them available to our neighbors and the homeless. Thank you to McHappy’s and to Jim and Bob who make sure the day-old donuts are picked up each week.
- ♥ **Last Sunday Supper** –July 25th.



Inreach Opportunities

We show our care for other members as we listen to each other, spend time together, share a (virtual) hug during the exchange of the peace, help in times of need and celebrate special moments.

Those who can’t be here in person are also valued members of our congregation.

Currently in a hospital, rehab or care facility and appreciating a card:

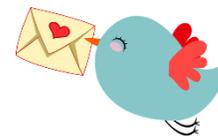
Dennis Armstrong: Ohio Valley Healthcare, Room 309, 222 Nicolette Rd, Parkersburg, WV 26104

Bob Flinn: Wyngate Senior Living, 1 Wyngate Way, Parkersburg, WV 26105

At home:

Gene Allander: 1405 Washington Ave. Parkersburg, WV 26101

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Important Upcoming Calendar Dates:

July 11 – Reception for Jim Miller

July 25 – Last Sunday Supper

August 5 – Bible Study and Evening Prayer resume

August 29 – Last Sunday Supper

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