

Father, Son,



& Holy Spirit

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF
The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd
June 7, 2023

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:

For the first time in four years, Peterkin will have in-person camp this summer, beginning June 18th with Senior Camp. Generations of Episcopalians have thoroughly enjoyed attending camp at Peterkin, and have been brought closer to Christ there. It is a beautiful, holy place to spend a week having fun and making new friends, or seeing old friends. People from all over the country, not just West Virginia, come to Peterkin, as a camper, or to serve as a counselor or on the weekly staff. For many, it is the highlight of summer.

The first time I attended Peterkin was my first summer at Good Shepherd in 2011. I was asked to be a spiritual counselor for the Intermediate Camp (grades 5-8 back then). I love working with kids this age, and will never forget some of our own members serving as counselors that summer. On the first evening at the campfire Chucky Corra and Jerrod Justice were involved in a skit that had the kids falling over laughing. We sang silly songs and ate s'mores. It was a great start to the week.

On the last night of camp, we had a candlelight service with beautiful music. Everyone was singing in a large circle holding votive candles. There was a moment of silence and Addie Williams exclaimed, "I love you, Daddy!" to her father, George, who was on the other side of the circle. George was the leader of Intermediate Camp that year. That was my most memorable moment from that camp. Peterkin is a place where such things do tend to happen. Grace and the love of Christ abounds!

Good Shepherd has always been closely associated with Peterkin in terms of parish involvement, support, and leadership. I hope we will once again pick up that role in the Diocese. This year we have 3 youth who would love to attend MAD Camp (Music, Arts, and Drama). These are kids whose parents cannot provide transportation to get them there and back, so we will need your support. We used to raise money for scholarships by having a monthly breakfast on one Sunday morning each month. It would be great to restore those funds with donations. Camp is \$600 per camper, which our kids' families cannot afford.

Peterkin is not just for kids. Alpha Camp is for children and their grown-ups, whether those grown-ups are parents or grandparents, or adult siblings. This camp is set up to encourage our youngest campers their first time away from home. And Family Camp is for multiple generations of families. For many years, the majority of people attending Family Camp were from Good Shepherd. As we are trying to regain our sense of family after the pandemic, wouldn't it be great if all of us could recommit to doing so? Have you attended Peterkin as a camper recently? Please seriously consider it. Let's go together. Registrations close quickly, and people have been registering since the schedule came out a while ago.



MAD Camp begins Sunday afternoon on July 16th and concludes Saturday morning, July 22nd. I am not able to take the kids this year because of my schedule. Numerous times I have driven 1 or 2 kids all the way to Romney and back. The drive is about 4 hours one way, but the time passes quickly when you're spending it with the kids, and it is a beautiful drive. I have gotten to know our kids much better by listening to them as they chat excitedly on the way. It's a long day, but it is well worth it. Perhaps one person would volunteer to take them, and another would volunteer to pick them up. Please let me know if you'd like to help in any way. Attending Peterkin can be a life-changing experience for these kids.

And another Kid Experience:

OPEN SKY CLUBHOUSE

JUNE 27TH-30TH
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- Dancing
- Music
- Art
- Reading
- Soccer
- Play

OPEN SKY
ARTS COLLECTIVE

10:30-2:45 903 Charles St. (304) 428-1525

Shepherd's Closet Rummage

The June sale raised \$538 which was great, especially considering all the other sales that weekend. The July sale will be Friday and Saturday, July 7th and 8th, 9 AM-1 PM Deb is still eager to have more household items to sell including small pieces of furniture and linens, especially towels. All proceeds support our Adopted Families Christmas program.



Summer Hours Have Started: Please remember that we close an hour early in the summer. We will be open Monday-Thursday 9 AM – 3:30 PM in June, July and August.

The Blessings Continue!

Every week seems to bring something that is another reason for gratitude. In the last few weeks we have had donations of excess food from Head Start and from a family reunion, boxes of kids' books for the Little Free Library, even a nice armchair for the Columbarium. The staff is also extremely grateful for the volunteers who have stepped up to keep the office open and functioning while Ginger is gone.



Plus, we got another volunteer so we have enough volunteers to run the learning sessions for Reading Camp, this one will be driving daily from Jackson County. Now we just need a few more for other tasks....

And finally, on Monday, another busy day at Good Shepherd, Sally Harris had a memorable encounter with some of our pantry clients: One couple arrived late, huffing and puffing after walking here in the heat, and apologized for being late. They had a wagon with them to get their food home. Meanwhile the next client arrived with a 9 mo. old and a 3 year old and they had to wait. The couple with the wagon offered to let the kids have a ride and took turns with the mom pulling them around – the kids loved it, screaming with delight. And now a 3rd couple arrived – needing homeless bags.



The food for the first couple was ready so the kids were removed from the wagon, and it was loaded with their food. Of course the kids were wanting more rides and mom was explaining that the couple needed to take their food home. The homeless couple tried to help by distracting the kids. Sally rushed back to the pantry and got an empty cart so the kids could be pushed around in that while waiting and went back to work on the homeless bags while mom pushed the cart around. Then mom got a phone call, so she took the 3 year-old out to sit on the ground. He thought pushing the cart would be more fun and started pushing his little sister toward the street. Dennis was watching and tried to rush out the door, Sally yelled, and mom grabbed the cart, - all was well. Linda showed up with their food and the 3 year-old helped push the cart to the car. As mom unloaded it, she and Linda agreed that the 3 year old did a great job and he could be a volunteer when he grows up. Sally went home feeling blessed by all the loving interactions among these members of our neighborhood community.

Reading Camp



We now have volunteers to lead the morning sessions - Hurray! – now we need a few adults and teens for other roles (see below). We have small group sessions in the mornings to learn and practice reading skills and the afternoons include camp-type activities and field trips based on our theme: *Wild About Reading*. We offer our camp shortly before school begins to help kids feel more confident as they return. Wood County Schools begin Aug. 23. We will have our camp

Monday-Friday, August 7-11.

We just need a few more volunteers (see below). If you can help, please contact Linda Crocker.

Reading Camp Volunteer opportunities:

- Plan and serve breakfast and/or lunch for kids (including lunch for staff). This year we hope to use donated or purchased lunches.
- Plan and serve a simple mid-morning snack for kids and staff
- Listen to kids read a book of their choice in Pleasure Reading (one or more mornings)
- Accompany a small group of kids as they participate in learning sessions and/or afternoon activities
- Be a driver for field trips (afternoon)
- Offer a craft activity (one or two afternoons)
- Read a story to kids (one afternoon)
- Registration and name tags



Altar Flowers

We have many dates open for donations of Altar Flowers this summer. You may request one altar vase or both vases or donate for a small vase in the columbarium. Each altar vase is \$50 and columbarium flowers are \$20.

Open dates include most of July and August (July 2, 9, 16, 30; Aug. 13, 20 27). If you donate by check, please keep it separate from your pledge and mark it Altar Flowers. Include information on any wording you would like included in the bulletin such as “In honor of some loved one or special event _____” or “In memory of _____”. You can also call the office with that information and follow up with a check.



Found on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=unapologetically%20episcopalian>

Do you struggle with finding time to connect with God?

We know life can get busy, so that's why we created a short, 5-minute devotional called “God Pause” to give you the content you need to pause and spend time reading and understanding God’s Word each day.

In these devotionals, you’ll receive:

...A scripture passage to read and reflect on

...A brief meditation to focus on your thoughts

...A prayer of thanksgiving, supplication, or praise

You can get these free devotionals sent to your inbox every morning by clicking learn more below.

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this 5-minute
devotional.**



God Pause

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Staying Connected, Continuing to Serve

♥ Intercessory Prayers

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



Parish Prayer List

The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	John Lathrop - healing
Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	Rosie Lathrop – healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Diane Cottrill – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	David Cottrill - healing	Ann Stevens – healing
Dee Milhoan – healing of hand	Carol Lathrop – healing	Carl Slusher - healing
Dave Johnson – upcoming eye surgery	David Rose – healing, needs liver donor	

Deaths

Pam Mitchell, Gary Stanley, Cleve Wigal, and Patricia

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces
Sterling Slusher, Joe Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser



Those needing healing from cancer

Glen Kirk	Steve Wilson	Jean Singer	Kathy Castevetere
Judy McCoy	Phyllis Williams	John Stevens	Paul Rutledge
Tabitha Arceneaux	Tammy Marks	David White	Becky Winans
Roy Trembly	Jennifer Conaway		

♥ Pastoral Care

Someone is in the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Summer Hours June 1- Aug. 31). If you need pastoral care outside office hours, contact Mother Marjorie, Linda, or David Cooper at home (see the end of the Staff for our contact information). Additionally, the Stephen Ministers are able to offer a visit and/or home communion to those who can't come to church. This is to supplement visits from Mother Marjorie.



♥ 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 by a church member 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

- ♥ **Donuts** - We make day-old donuts available to our neighbors and the homeless. Thank you to McHappy's and to those who make sure the donuts are picked up each week.



- ♥ **Little Free Library** – Filling the church neighborhood with books to read.
Donations of paperbacks for adults are especially needed now.



- ♥ **Last Sunday Supper** – Our next meals will be July 30 and August 27. **We are skipping June** since most of our helpers are not available that weekend. Come to help set-up and cook at 1 PM or to serve at 5:15 PM.
- ♥ **Food Pantry** – The number of families for the pantry and the number of homeless for care packages (homeless bags) continues to be high. We handed out 523 bags to homeless individuals in May and also served 75 families. With staff and volunteer vacations we can really use more help handing out the bags. Contact Linda if you can serve a few hours weekly or bi-weekly.



Inreach Opportunities

We show our care for other members as we listen to each other, spend time together, support each other in our church ministries, share a hug during 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



Important Upcoming Calendar Dates:



- June 18 – Father's Day
- June 27-30 – Open Sky
- July 30 – Last Sunday Supper
- August 7-11 – Reading Camp
- August 27 – Last Sunday Supper

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