

Welcome



Open Sky!

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF
The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd
July 6, 2022

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

Sabbatical News

- **Where's Mother Marjorie?** Mother Marjorie is currently at Oxford where she is staying at Magdalen College (part of Oxford University) and taking a course called "An Inklings Week in Oxford - The Origin of Stories: The Inklings and the Christian Scriptures". According to www.britannica.com The Inklings were an "informal group of writers that included [C.S. Lewis](#) and [J.R.R. Tolkien](#) and that met in [Oxford](#), [England](#), in the 1930s and '40s. Tolkien explained the name as a pun, meaning both "people with vague or half-formed intimations and ideas" and "those who dabble in ink"—thus doubly suitable for a group of writers discussing works-in-progress."

Eagle and Child pub, Oxford

The Eagle and Child pub, Oxford, Oxfordshire, England. In the mid-20th century it served as the meeting place of the Inklings literary group, which included C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. Photo by *Stefan Servo*



Mother Marjorie will be spending most of the rest of July in Newmarket where she has rented a small cottage in Wickhambrook, a nearby village in Suffolk, which is in eastern England. She plans to enjoy horseback riding, reading, prayer and reflection.



Here is a photo of All Saints, Wickhambrook.

Open Sky

Sunday July 10 we will have another Joint service at 9:30 AM with Morning Prayer led by David Cooper with liturgical dancing and music by the Open Sky Arts Collective. A great opportunity to experience worship that is a little different. Open Sky will continue by offering their Open Sky Clubhouse program for area children ages 6-11 on Monday July 11 through Friday July 15 from 10 AM-2 PM. Kids will enjoy sports, art, lunch, and the chance to experience the love of Jesus. If you know any 6-11 yearold children, encourage them to attend. Plan to stop by to experience the joy as well.



- **Invite, Welcome, Connect**

Music, Food & Faith

IWC has arranged a special Sunday of bluegrass music for July 24 with special guest Johnny Staats. We will begin with a joint communion service at 9:30 AM which will include a gospel-style offertory hymn played by our guest. After the service IWC is hosting a free BBQ and bluegrass concert from 11 AM – 1 PM. Please **Invite** your family and friends, **Welcome** our neighbors, and **Connect** with your friends, our guests and the music.

All of these IWC events (and the guest preachers) are the parish's share of Mother Marjorie's sabbatical – a time of refreshment, renewal and inspiration for us as well as Mother Marjorie.

About Johnny Staats from his website: www.johnnystaatsproject.com

Johnny Staats exploded onto the Nashville and national scene in 2000, when his first CD, "Wires and Wood" by The Johnny Staats Project, was the talk of Music City and quickly received international attention and acclaim. Johnny's vocals and astonishing guitar and mandolin speed and creativity have since won him a large and varied following worldwide.

Johnny has appeared on NBC's "The Today Show," CNN shows including "Larry King Live," the CBS Evening News, CMT Country Music Television, as well as on numerous iconic national programs and stages (including the Grand Ole Opry five times).

He has been featured in People Magazine, Country Music Magazine, the New York Times, the Austin Chronicle, Bluegrass Today, and various other national and regional publications.

Johnny first established his musical dominance in his home state of West Virginia winning Charleston's prestigious Vandalia Gathering Mandolin championships in 1996, 1997 and 1999. 1997 was particularly notable for Johnny at the Vandalia Gathering when he won first place in both the mandolin and guitar competitions while also placing third in the fiddling competition. Early appearances on West Virginia's "Mountain Stage" NPR Radio Program caught the attention of the music industry and led to the launch of his recording career.

Our next guest celebrant and preacher – Rev. Richard Skaggs



Rev. Skaggs was born in Wheeling, WV and grew up in a small farm community in eastern Ohio. Later, his family moved back to Wheeling where he graduated from high school in 1965. He attended West Liberty University (then State College) and received a B.A. in English and theater and later a M.A. from Wheeling Jesuit University in applied theology. After graduation he began the career that would take up most of his working life---teaching. He taught elementary school at Wheeling Catholic Consolidated for 14 years and then moved on to teach high school at Mt. de Chantal Visitation Academy, a private girl's school, for 21 years until it closed in 2008. Rev. Skaggs was ordained to the diaconate in 1991 and priested in 2004. After the school closed, he came to work as the Assistant Priest at St. Matthew's in Wheeling, the parish he has been a member of since 1963. In the private sector he serves on the boards of Faith In Action Caregivers and the Children's Home of Wheeling. In the diocese, Rev. Skaggs has served on Diocesan Council, the

Commission on Ministry, the Sandcrest Board and the Diocesan Study Program. Rev. Skaggs retired from ministry officially in 2018, but he still works part-time. Since Rev. Skaggs is driving from Wheeling, we will have joint services at 9:30 AM the 2 Sundays that he is here – July 17 and 24th. We hope you can be here to welcome him one or both Sundays.

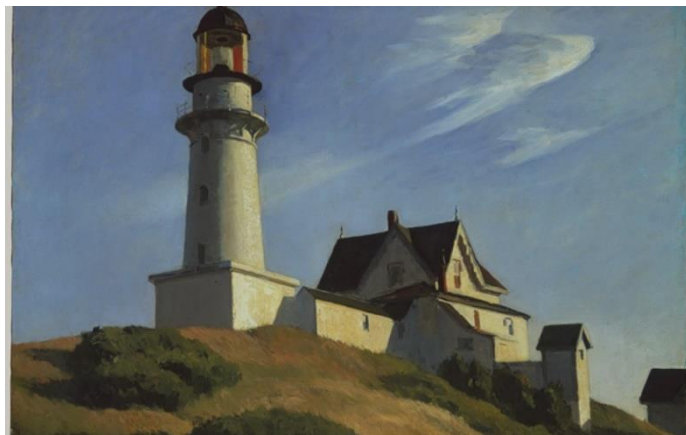
Bible Study Opportunity – Wednesday Evenings

David Cooper, our Senior Warden, is leading two one-hour Bible Study sessions on Wednesdays, one at 6 PM and the other at 7 PM in the Adult Study Room (next to the Choir Room). Please let David know if you are coming so he makes sure you can get into the building (304-494-8790).



Found on Facebook – Parts Unknown, a blog by Jake Owensby, the author of *Looking for God in Messy Places*, a recent book group selection.

More and more, we're tempted to stay in our own little bubble. We talk to the people who think like us, vote like us, look like us. Go to parts unknown. That's how you become the self you were always meant to be. And how you make the impact you're called to make.



Edward Hopper, "Lighthouse at Two Lights" (1929)

Read Jake Owensby's entire blog here:

https://jakeowensby.com/2022/06/17/parts-unknown/?fbclid=IwAR3cKoh_I210oVKnimSz0pzL5hvHi4Upc2xNOKf7BOjGx_c_VqqNcqDUcEY

Shepherd's Closet Rummage News:



We raised \$474 on a holiday weekend – what a blessing! If you have items to donate for the August sale, please get them here by Monday August 1st. We continue to need gently used seasonal clothing, shoes, household linens, knickknacks, dishes and cookware. If you have kids or grandkids, we always need clothing they have outgrown, especially since this will be 'back-to-school' shopping time. Call Deb Hepburn-McKinney if you have questions about donations or if you can help prepare for the next sale. 518-637-1734 (cell) or 304-834-3734.

Staying Connected, Continuing to Serve

♥ Pastoral Care during the Sabbatical

If you have a pastoral need while Mother Marjorie is gone, we have plans in place to help you. Three local clergy are on call in case of an emergency or death. The office will be open Monday – Thursday, 9-4:30 (closing at 3:30 June 1st through September 1st). If your need is outside office hours, call David Cooper, Senior Warden or Linda Crocker, Parish Ministries Coordinator (contact info on the last page). We will connect you with someone who can help.

Additionally, the Stephen Ministers will be connecting with shut-ins and other parishioners to see how things are going. They also will be able to offer a visit and/or home communion to those who can't come to church. As always, the prayer chain is available for prayer requests and we can bring a meal to people convalescing from surgery, an illness or having another need.



♥ 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

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| The People of Ukraine | Linda Hall – healing | Hazel Ginther –healing |
| Mike Cottrill – healing | Carl Slusher - healing | Gene Allander – healing |
| Mary Gevas – healing | Danny Satow - healing | Jordan Tingler – healing |
| Dave Johnson – healing of eye | Diane Cottrill – healing | Carol Lathrop – healing |
| Chris Heckman – MS | Ann Stevens – healing | Nanette – healing and strength |
| Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing | Joe Martucci – healing | Peter Gevas – healing |
| Vickie Dilley – healing & strength | Maggie Evans – healing | Sally Davis – healing |
| Jone Johnson – healing & strength | Hal Foss – healing | Kelly Egnor Christian – liver problems |

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces

Nathan Jones, Hannah Slusher, Noah Estes, Sterling Slusher, Joe Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

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| Glen Kirk | Buddy Lee | Renee Peters | Hazen | Lisa Tanner |
| Vicky Wilson | Rod Layfield | Tina Westfall | Rain | David White |
| Matthew Jacobs | Ray Kidder | John Sartor | Tessa | J D Williamson |
| Sharon Burnside | Noel Chapman | Mitchell Lowe | | |



♥ 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.
- ♥ **Last Sunday Supper** – Our next meals will be July 31 and August 28
- ♥ **Food Pantry** -We continue to see a large number of homeless people coming for food (335 bags given out in June) and we served 43 local families in June as well. We continue to see a few of our formerly homeless moving into housing – a sign of hope! Thank you for your donation of plastic bags from area grocery stores – we can always use more. We are still looking for people to help hand out bags during office hours – a chance to catch up on your reading or double up bags for us while waiting for clients to arrive.



Inreach Opportunities

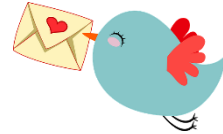
We show our care for other members as we listen to each other, spend time together, share a (virtual) hug during the exchange of the peace, help in times of need and celebrate special moments.

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



Important Upcoming Calendar Dates:

July 10 – Joint Service at 9:30 with Open Sky
July 11-15 – Open Sky Clubhouse
July 24 – Bluegrass with Johnny Staats – Music, Food & Faith
July 31 – Last Sunday Supper
August 18 – 1st day of school in Wood County
August 28 – Last Sunday Supper
Sept. 5 – Labor Day
Sept. 11 – Special service for 9/11
Sept. 18 – Mother Marjorie's 1st Sunday back

Open Altar Flower Dates:

Open dates coming up include July 24 and all of August. The cost is \$50 per altar vase and \$20 for flowers in the Columbarium. Call Ginger to reserve a date and tell her whether your flowers are for a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary or if they are in memory of someone.



Contact Information:

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