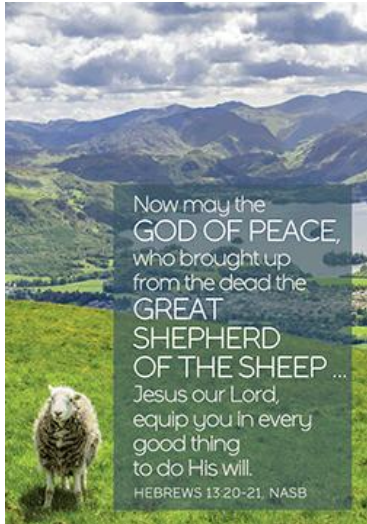


Coming Up Soon...



Good Shepherd Sunday April 26

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF
The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd
April 15, 2026

Our mission: To **Worship** God, to **Serve** our neighbors, to **Proclaim** the Good News

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

www.goodshepherdwv.org

From the Rector

For those visiting our church during the day this week, you might have noticed a team of volunteers graciously cleaning out our food pantry, stuffing bags for our unhoused neighbors, washing windows, and a host of other activities. This group from Cherry Hills Christian School in Colorado is part of a Praying Pelicans mission team. Eric Tucker, the director of Escape Community Ministries, located right down the road from us on 13th St., is on the board of Praying Pelicans. You might know of the Escape from their middle and high school outreach to youth from our neighborhood. In addition to that ministry, the Escape hosts Praying Pelicans teams throughout the year. They have built dorms and laundry facilities within their building to facilitate these groups. These teams come to Parkersburg and serve with several local organizations.

In addition to serving with us here at the Pink Church, there are groups headed to Old Man Rivers, House to Home, and Latrobe Street Mission. We are so grateful for the ways these individuals, Praying Pelicans as an organization, and Escape Community Ministries are making an active difference in our community. If you want to learn more about the Escape or Praying Pelicans, hop on over to the Escape Community Ministries Facebook page which has information and links for both groups. Also note, Open Sky held a teenage version of the clubhouse at the Escape in the evenings last year. It is my understanding that they intend to do that again this year, when they are here at the Pink Church the week of July 13-17. Official confirmation of that is forthcoming.

Katie Beth+

*** Check out the last page of the Staff for some photos of Praying Pelicans at work. ***

Where in the world is Katie Beth?

April marks the beginning of the **Where in the world is Katie Beth?** game. Through the next few months, Katie Beth will be away for at least one Sunday per month. She will often be doing diocesan work, with a little bit of vacation thrown in for good measure. She wanted to give you ample notice, so you are prepared, but also to let you know who you can be excited to see in the pulpit in her absence.



On April 19th, Katie Beth will be at Peterkin leading the diocesan women's retreat. Meanwhile, here at Good Shepherd, we are excited to welcome **The Rev. Lou Hays** back for that Sunday to lead us all in worship. We know many of you will be happy to see him and share with him the great works of our church, all that has happened since he departed. Please mark your calendars for this important Sunday.

Good Friday and Easter Offerings

Thanks to your generosity, for Easter we collected \$1828 to be split between Open Sky and Episcopal Relief and Development as well as \$355 for Good Friday to go to support the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. If you have any further donations, please get them to us by the end of next week.

Worship and Welcoming Ministries

Linda will be working on the schedule for May and June next week. She would love to add more variety to the list of those who read lessons, lead the prayers, offer the chalice at communion, and serve in the Welcome Center. If you are interested in helping, please let Linda know – ESP is not one of her gifts! See the contact information below.

Altar Flowers

Almost every date between now and the end of August is available for your donation(s) in memory of loved ones or to honor special occasions. The only date taken so far is June 14. We have all been enjoying the beauty and quality of the flowers we are receiving from Dudley's. The current cost (lower than our previous florist) is \$40/vase. Please help us keep fresh flowers on the altar as we enjoy worshipping together this spring and summer. Call the office to reserve your date.



Books for the Little Free Library

Whoa! We asked for books and we got books, **lots of books**. We are in good shape for kids for quite a while so thank you. We also have an abundance of religious/spiritual books including the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series, so we don't need more of those right now. We could use cookbooks, DIY books and other interesting non-fiction.



Shepherd's Closet Rummage

The first sale of 2026 held April 10 and 11 raised \$474 which will be used to support the Adopted Families Christmas program. For the rest of the year a sale will usually be held the 1st weekend of the month. Please come and find some summer clothes or a treasure for your home. Hold future donations until mid-April.



Juliets

Mark your calendar for the second Tuesday of the month!

This new dinner group which is open to the women of Good Shepherd and Trinity will meet on May 12 at 6:00 PM. The venue will be announced closer to the date. Please plan to attend and let the office at Trinity know by May 11. That number is 304-422-3362

Any ideas? New renter needed

The Head Start lease ends on June 30 and, unfortunately, the program will not be returning to Good Shepherd. If you know of a non-profit that would be a good fit for us, both in terms of mission and space needed, please pass your suggestion to a staff or vestry member or ask the agency/program to contact us directly.

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. If you or a loved one would like a card, a visit, a meal, or a home communion, please call the office and we will connect you with someone who would love to be asked to help.

Appreciating a card or note:

Peggy Roberts (in assisted living) Brookdale Chapel Hill, 2220 Farmington Dr., Apt. F2, Chapel Hill, NC 27517
Cathy Freed (in assisted living) c/o Ryan Freed, 200 W. Red Bud Road, Knoxville, TN 37920

♥ Pastoral Care

Someone is in the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you need pastoral care outside office hours, contact Toni DeVore or Linda Crocker (see below). Additionally, the Eucharistic Visitors can offer a visit and/or home communion to those who can't come to church – just ask!

♥ 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.



Staying Connected, Continuing to Serve

Intercessory Prayers:

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

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The war in the Middle East	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
The People of Israel and Gaza	Marlene Smith- healing	Dee Milhoan – healing
The People of Ukraine	Diane Cottrill – healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Victims of gun violence	Peggy Roberts – healing	Jone Johnson – healing/strength
Buck Harris – strength/healing	Ann Stevens– healing	Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing
Amanda Morris – healing	Gene Allander – healing	






Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces

Sterling Slusher, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

John Stevens	Alana Dailey	Gary Greer	Lois Switzer	Betty Jahahn
Faith Beha	Mirtala Smith	Everett Gilmore	Charles Sterchak	Wilbur Lemmon
Ellen Faymon				

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 daily. 
- ♥ **Little Free Library** – Filling the church neighborhood with books to read. Your donations are always welcome. 
- ♥ **Last Sunday Supper** – The next meal will be Sunday, April 26. Come help set-up and cook at 1 PM or come help serve and clean-up at 5:15 PM. We begin serving at 5:30 and continue until about 6 (or earlier if we run out of food). We are usually out of the building by 7 or 7:15.
- ♥ **Food Pantry** – If you would like to help handing out food bags to the unhoused or preparing food orders in the pantry for our housed clients, the current need is someone on Monday afternoon and Thursday morning. We also need subs occasionally. Contact Linda if you can serve a few hours weekly or just as needed. Also, **we need your used bags**, doubled if possible. 

Coming Up:

April 19 – The Rev. Lou Hays, our former interim rector, fills in for Katie Beth

April 26 – The people of Trinity, Parkersburg, join us here at Good Shepherd for Good Shepherd Sunday followed by a potluck lunch. The Last Sunday Supper for April will be that evening.

One Call system 1-877-698-3261

This is the way we notify our members of important announcements.

Caller ID will say that the call is from Good Shepherd, but it is really from One Call.

Call the number above if you need a message from the church repeated.

If you are not receiving messages, contact Linda to be added to our call list.

Contact Information:

The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa	304-428-1525, ext. 4	rector.goodshepherdwva@gmail.com
Ginger Smith, Parish Administrator	304-428-1525, ext. 1	gingersmith.goodshepherdwva@gmail.com
Linda Crocker, Parish Ministries	304-428-1525, ext. 5	LLBC100@msn.com or text 304-210-5591
Toni DeVore, Senior Warden	304-991-2259	drtld51@gmail.com



KEVIN SUDDENLY REGRETTED
RECEIVING THE IRISH BLESSING
"MAY THE ROAD RISE UP
TO MEET YOU"

Bill
Whithead

Praying Pelicans Visit

Cleaned Pantry shelves (and freezers)
for Linda



Packed bags for the unhoused for Joe



Cleaned windows



Stored files for Ginger

And will be back to do more with the Work Crew
on Thursday