



**THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF**  
**The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd**  
**May 7, 2025**

**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](http://www.goodshepherdwv.org)

**From the Rector:**

While we are still awaiting the final totaling of our capital campaign funds, I want to express how grateful I am to everyone who donated, shared our need, or prayed for our campaign. The outpouring of support on all fronts, from those who developed the plan to those who have come alongside us to participate in the process, shows the love and care that you have for this church's service to the world.

Being able to move forward with the aims of the campaign, first the roof, then the kitchen sewer lines, and finally the bell tower, will also bring challenges. We will need to temporarily relocate things for weeks at a time. There will be noise and dust and who knows what. But the best thing about being here at the Pink Church is that I know you will rise to the challenge with flexibility, some smiles, and a lot of grace.

Thank you for loving this church. Thank you for being willing to serve. Thank you for being you.

Katie Beth+

**Capital Campaign – WORSHIP, SERVE, PROCLAIM!**

Thank you, thank you, thank you, We plan to announce our current total in church next Sunday May 11. We will still be waiting on one grant request, and of course it is never too late to donate! The more we have, the more we can do.

As the projects get underway, we will also let you know when there are other ways to help. If you were in church last Sunday, you will have noticed that the decorative organ pipes have been taken down, thanks to the Thursday Work Crew. In the Great Hall you may have noticed that work has been done on the drinking fountain to get access to some piping. As soon as we have a projected date from the roofers, we will ask for help to clear out the worship space and lay plastic to protect the interior of the church before the roof work begins. We may also ask for help removing items from the kitchen and bell tower to be able to do those projects. Stay tuned! Please continue to pray for a successful outcome to our campaign and the actual work projects.

**Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**

Local Letter Carriers will be holding their annual food collection on Saturday May 10. Leave a bag of non-perishables wherever you usually receive your mail and it will be picked up and taken to your local distribution center to be passed on to local pantries. We have been fortunate to receive several hundred pounds of food for our pantry in years past.



## Altar Flowers -we need your help

We have very few requests for altar flowers for the next few months. If you can sign up for a vase of flowers, it would be really appreciated. One vase costs \$50 and both vases cost \$100. You can donate your flowers in honor or memory of your loved ones, to commemorate a special event or in thanksgiving for something meaningful to you. If you donate by check, please put 'flowers' in the memo line. Be sure to include the details of your dedication or call Ginger with that information.

Thank you for your help in keeping our altar filled with flowers this spring and summer.



## Bible Study



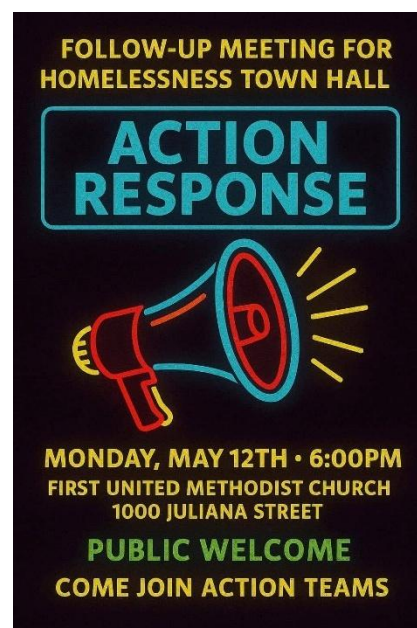
Wednesday Bible Study groups led by David Cooper meet most Wednesdays. There are two sessions. The group meeting from 4:15 – 5:15 PM is studying the Letter to the Romans. The group meeting from 5:15 - 6:15 PM is studying 1<sup>st</sup> Kings. Both groups welcome new attendees. Let David know you will be there so he can let you into the building (304-494-8790).

## Homelessness

Concerned about homelessness?

Did you know that local high school resource personnel routinely have to try to find housing alternatives for older teens who can no longer live at home? Did you know that we have local senior citizens who are living in cars or campers? Did you know that we have a lot of treatment beds for those with addiction or mental health issues but not enough transitional housing available when these people are ready for the next step? Did you know that there are younger children living in homes with no heat or no water because their parents/guardians can't pay the bills or the landlord won't do needed repairs?

A group of local churches and non-profits are coming together to see what we can do as a community. There is an organizational meeting Monday, May 12 at 6 PM at 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist on Juliana Street. The plan is to augment existing services by having teams of people work in a specific area of need such as food, health, transportation, resource management, clothing, temporary housing, etc. The hope is that our community will be able to have a coordinated response to deal with issues affecting our unhoused or inadequately housed population such as January's deep freeze or extreme heat as well as longer term solutions to the housing shortage.



## Blood Drive

The Red Cross Blood Drive at Trinity is scheduled for Tuesday June 3 from 11 AM – 4 PM. If you signed up to donate, please make a note of the date. You can also participate if you did not sign up, just show up.



## Easter Offering

We are splitting the total of \$1587 between Open Sky and the Moon King Fund for Humanity at the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation. Thank you for your generous support.

## Shepherd's Closet Rummage



The May sale raised \$611. Thank you to all you made donations or helped prepare and run the sale. More money for our Adopted Families Christmas ministry. The next sale will be June 6-7. If you have donations you can arrange to drop them off during office hours, M-TH, 9-12, 1:30-4. If you have a lot, call the office and someone will meet you in the parking lot next to the Rummage Room.

Household items always sell well. If you would like to help or have questions about donations, call Deb's cell (1-518-637-1734).



## 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:



### Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The People of Israel and Gaza	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Diane Cottrill – healing	Ann Stevens– healing	Lynn Van Fossen – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	David Cottrill - healing	Dee Milhoan – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Heyward Roberts - healing	Amanda Morris – healing
Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	Charles Sterchak – healing	Kenny Wagner – healing
Dave Rogers – healing	Bob Landefeld – healing	Joyce Haynes –healing
Pam Shuman - healing	Jennifer Sheets – healing	Jody Landrith – shoulder replacement
Buck Harris – strength/healing		

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

### *Those needing healing from cancer*

Hal Foss	Julia Lee	John Stevens	Ellis Corra	Judy McCoy
Alana Dailey	David White	Chris Angotti	Doris Lowe	Gary Greer
Wendy Meridith	Colleen Parsons			

### 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. Your donations are always welcome or help yourself to a book if you spot a good one – they are there for anyone and everyone.



♥ **Last Sunday Supper** – The next meal will be Sunday, May 25. Come help set-up and cook beginning at 1 PM or come help serve and clean-up at 5:15 PM. We begin serving at 5:30 and continue until 6/6:15 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 for our hosed clients in the pantry, the current need is someone on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. We also need substitute helpers when someone is out of town or ill. **Right now, we are looking for someone for Thursday May 29 to fill food orders in the pantry.** Contact Linda if you can serve a few hours weekly or just as needed.



### 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. 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.



- ♥ **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 for our contact information). Katie Beth now has a dedicated phone number for pastoral care emergencies for members of the congregation to use. If you would like to have that number, please call the office to obtain it. It will not be printed anywhere so that when Katie Beth gets a call, she knows it is from one of us and not from a non-member. 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.



### Calendar Dates

May 10 – Letter Carriers Food Collection  
 May 11 – Mother's Day  
 May 12 - Vestry  
 May 25 – Last Sunday Supper  
 May 26 – Memorial Day, Office closed  
 June 8 – Pentecost and Youth Sunday  
 July 14-18 – Open Sky



### Contact Information:

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Linda Crocker, Parish Ministries	304-428-1525, ext. 5	<a href="mailto:LLBC100@msn.com">LLBC100@msn.com</a>
Toni DeVore, Senior Warden	304-991-2259	<a href="mailto:drtld51@gmail.com">drtld51@gmail.com</a>

**One Call system 1-877-698-3261 This is the number to call if you need a message from the church repeated. If you are not receiving messages, contact Linda to be added to our call list.**