

**THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF**  
**The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd**  
**July 3, 2024**

**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)

**Reflections by the Rev. Lou Hays:** Our Presiding Bishop-Elect

Last week the Bishops and lay and clergy deputies gathered in Louisville, Kentucky for the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church. This is the ultimate governing body of our denomination (under Jesus Christ, the head of the Church) that normally meets every three years. I believe the most significant action of this General Convention was the election of our new Presiding Bishop, and particularly the person chosen in the election, the Right Reverend Sean Rowe.



You probably know that our Presiding Bishops are elected for a nine-year term. Our current Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, is in the final months of his term; Sean Rowe will be our Presiding Bishop as of November 1.

Sean Rowe was the youngest priest in the United States when he was ordained following his graduation from Virginia Theological Seminary and was the youngest Bishop when ordained and consecrated at the age of 32. While the youngest of the five candidates for Presiding Bishop by a substantial margin, he has the most experience as a Bishop of any of the candidates. He has served as Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania since 2007, as Bishop Provisional of the adjoining Diocese of Western New York since 2019, and also served as Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Bethlehem (centered in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania) from 2014 to 2018.

There are three reasons why I am so excited about Sean Rowe being elected as our new Presiding Bishop. First, Sean is 49 years old and represents a generational shift in our leadership. Second, he has amazing real-world experience with struggling Dioceses and parishes, and believes more resources need to be directed away from the top of the Church to the Dioceses and parishes. He also realizes that in order to not just survive, but to thrive, the Church needs to become less attached to the past and become more missional and future-oriented. Finally, I know Sean. He's a great guy. I overlapped with him at seminary. When I was part of the leadership of the Diocese of Pittsburgh trying to rebuild after the great schism of 2008, he was very helpful and supportive. He's funny, he's self-deprecating, he's solid theologically and is a great communicator of the love of Jesus Christ.

I give thanks for the amazing ministry of Michael Curry over the past nine years, and I give thanks for the election of Sean Rowe as his successor. Please keep Bishop Sean in your prayers as he prepares to enter into this new season of his ministry.

## Reading Camp! Wild and Wonderful Monday – Friday August 5-9

We are going ahead with Reading Camp and we still need your help. What help do we need?

- Drivers for afternoon field trips
- Craft person to offer some simple crafts one afternoon – perhaps 3 so kids can try 3 different things and work in rotation in small groups
- Someone who can pick up lunch and bring it to us one or more days
- An adult to lead one of the morning learning stations
- Adults or teens to be a group leader for a small group of kids – mornings and/or afternoons
- People who can spare an hour or more in the morning to listen to a child read.



If you cannot help, perhaps you know a college or high school student who is available.

There will be a meeting for everyone helping at 3:30 PM, Monday July 29. Even if you are not sure how you can help, please come – your ideas and input are welcome. Call Linda for details. 304-210-5591.

Know a 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grader who needs reading help? Call the office or email Linda for an application.

## Shepherd's Closet Rummage

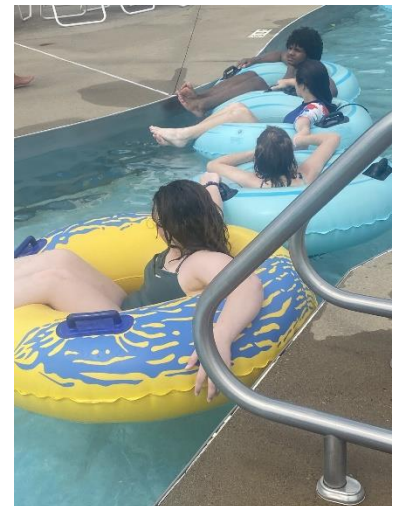
The July sale will be this weekend, July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – 3 PM. We have a LOT of new items, including a generous donation of some of former member Pat Amos's belongings by her family. If you have friends or family members who are 'thrifters', make sure they know about this sale.

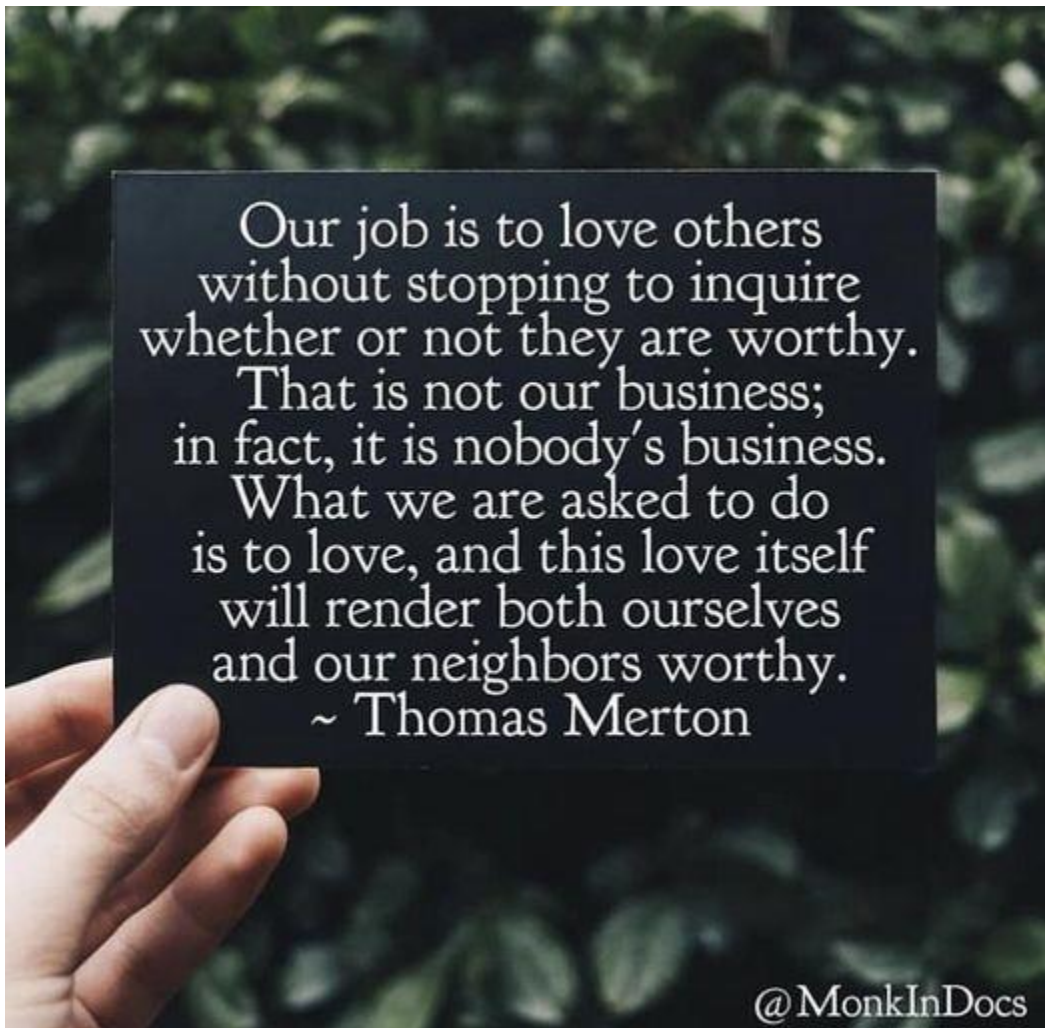


## Youth and Young Adult Update

The youth and young adults have been keeping a monthly schedule of events. In January they went to see Anthony in Sponge Bob at the Actors Guild, in February they had the l-o-n-g awaited-for lock-in, March meant a trip to Sky Zone, in April they hiked at North Bend State Park, in May there was Youth Sunday and on Sunday, June 23rd, they went to the Marietta Aquatic Center. Our participants include Eva Crocker, Kaitlyn Foggin, Brooklyn Heiermeier, Kinley Houdyshell, Logan Houdyshell, Aubrey Smith, Demetrie Smith, Anthony Williams and Yazmin Allander who joins us for old time sake.

Here are some photos from the Aquatic Center





### **Accessible Parking**

We have added additional handicapped parking spaces around Good Shepherd.

- Two HC spaces were striped on the Williams-Charles Street parking lot. In addition, that intersection was resurfaced by the City to eliminate the potholes and cracks and we added a crosswalk.
- One space was added on Charles Street, in front of the church, just ahead of the existing two spaces.
- Two more HC spaces were striped in the Latrobe-Charles parking lot
- One more space was added on the lower parking lot by the Rummage Room entrance.



On Sundays and for special services or events, please leave these extra spots available for those folks who need them! Thanks to the Semones and their MAM company for doing this work.

## Altar Flowers:

July 14 and 28 are available as well as all Sundays in August. Please contact the office to choose your date and to indicate if the flowers are in memory of someone or to honor a special person or event.



## 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 Israel and Gaza	Marcia Doyle – healing	Eric Dailey – healing
The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Larry Hand—healing	Mary Gevas – healing	Heyward Roberts – healing
Vickie Dilley –healing/strength	Becky Winans –healing	Dee Milhoan – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Diane Cottrill – healing	Ann Stevens– healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	David Cottrill - healing	Mike Werry - healing
Colleen Parsons – strength/healing	Chris Heckman – healing	

#### *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	Sherry Shepler	John Stevens
Judy McCoy	Paul Rutledge	David White	Alana Dailey
Doris Lowe	Ellis Corra		



## 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.  
**We still need books for children and teens!**

Your donations are always welcome or help yourself to a book if you spot a good one – they are there for us too.



- ♥ **Last Sunday Supper** – We had a big crowd last Sunday and they all loved the food – sloppy joes, coleslaw, fruit cocktail and apple crisp. Pulled pork in on the menu for July 28. 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 the bags, the current 'holes' are Monday and Thursday afternoon and Tuesday morning. We also occasionally need help when our regular volunteers are not available. Contact Linda if you can serve a few hours weekly or bi-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 The Rev. Lou Hays, Larry James, or Linda Crocker (see the end of the Staff for our contact information). Lou will be available on most Sundays, some Wednesdays and Thursdays and at other times for emergency needs. 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.



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## Remembering Open Sky's Visit in June



Staying cool (er) in the shade



Awards

Thank you for a great week!



Last day Sno-Cones



Celebration for families and friends