

Welcome



Summer!

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF
The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd
June 22, 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's husband Bruce has joined her in London and they are having some restful vacation time together. They are planning to visit Hereford, parts of Wales, York and the Yorkshire Dales, ending with a night in London. Father Bruce will fly home on July 2nd and Mother Marjorie will go to Oxford where she will stay at Magdalen College (part of Oxford University) and take a course called "An Inklings Week in Oxford" about the origin of stories.

Are they taking a trip on the Snowden Mountain Railway in Wales?



Will they walk the city walls in York and see this view of York Minster?



Maybe Mother Marjorie and Father Bruce are visiting Hardraw Force in the Dales or having lunch at this hotel/pub in Hawes???



- **Invite, Welcome, Connect**

IWC hosted a Father's Day event last Sunday after the 9:30 AM joint service with The Rev. Canon Dr. Lee Anne Reat, our celebrant and preacher. There was an opportunity to play cornhole, a photo gallery of fathers that led to stories being shared, and grilled hot dogs with delicious sides and ice cream bars/sandwiches. Thank you to everyone who helped pull this together after surgery and a death in the family sidelined the two original organizers.



- **Advanced Notice:** IWC is arranging a special Sunday of bluegrass music for July 24 with special guest Johnny Staats. See the flyer attached to this issue of the Staff and mark your calendar now.

Coming Up Soon: Lee Ann Reat, David Cooper and Open Sky

This Sunday, June 26 will be Canon Reat's last Sunday with us. One more great sermon (at 8 AM or 10:15 AM) and a chance to thank her for being here with us.

Sunday July 3 we will have 2 services of Morning Prayer at 8 and 10:15 AM led by David Cooper with special emphasis on Independence Day. The C-Notes will also be here at the 10:15 service.

Sunday July 10 we will have another Joint service at 9:30 AM with Morning Prayer led by David Cooper and participation by the Open Sky Arts Collective. Open Sky will offer 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.

Last Sunday Supper – This Sunday, June 26

The time has flown by and it is already time for our next neighborhood meal. If you are in town, please come at 1 PM to help set up and cook or at 5:15 PM to help serve and clean-up. It is a joy to work together to offer a nutritious meal to hungry families, seniors and the homeless, especially at the end of the month when whatever resources they have may be running low.

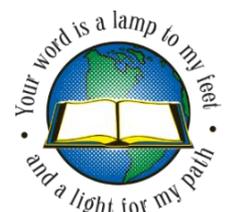


Bishop Klusmeyer's Retirement

As the diocese begins to prepare for Bishop Klusmeyer's retirement in October, the organizers would love to collect photographs you have of him throughout the years. Please forward digital copies to Vicki Iber. Her email address is mcivli65@gmail.com. If you have questions, please contact Vicki directly.

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).



Shepherd's Closet Rummage News:



The next sale will be Friday and Saturday, July 1 and 2 from 9 AM – 2 PM. If you have items to donate please get them here by Monday June 26 or wait until after the sale. We always 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. Call Deb Hepburn-McKinney if you have questions about donations or if you can help prepare for the 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

The People of Ukraine	Linda Hall – healing	Danny Satow – motorcycle accident
Mike Cottrill – healing	Mary Jo Kinney – COPD	Gene Allander – healing
Mary Gevas – healing	Hazel Ginther – peace	Jordan Tingler – healing & strength
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 Dille – healing & strength	Maggie Evans – healing	Sally Davis – healing
Jone Johnson – healing & strength	Brittany & Ian- Safe travels/bicycling across the US	

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

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** – This Sunday – see the article above
- ♥ **Food Pantry** -We continue to see a large number of homeless people coming for food (362 bags given out in May) and served 48 local families in May as well, a big rise. 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 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.

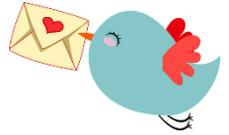
Currently in a hospital, rehab or care facility and appreciating a card:

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:

June 26 – Last Sunday Supper

July 1-2 – Rummage Sale

July 9-15 – Open Sky

July 24 – Bluegrass

July 31 – Open Sky



Open Altar Flower Dates:

Open dates coming up include June 26 and July 3 and 24. The cost has gone up to \$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.

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