

# Summertime



# Ministries

## THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd July 30, 2025

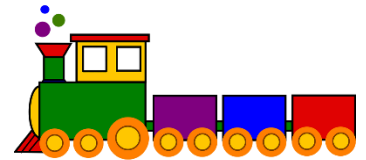
MISSION STATEMENT: Good Shepherd is growing in: Faith and knowledge of God, ministry in our neighborhood, love for one another and support for those seeking Christ.

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

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

**Reading Camp – August 4-8                      8:30 AM – 4 PM**

**Applications are coming in – now is the time to join the team for an hour, a morning or afternoon, or even the whole week.**



*Hop Aboard the Reading Railroad* for a fun-filled week helping area children refresh or improve their reading skills and self-esteem before they head back to another year of school.

**How can you help?** We still welcome both adult and teen assistance.

**In the morning** you could mentor a small group of children as they move from one learning station to the next, help serve a light breakfast, lunch or daily snack, or listen to a child read in the Pleasure Reading Room.

**In the afternoon** you could accompany a small group of children through the afternoon activities (field trips, on site activities like braille, cooking, science and crafts), lead or help with an onsite activity such as crafts or cooking, help serve an afternoon snack, and/or drive to field trip locations.

**Do you know a local celebrity?** We want to invite people to come share their favorite children's book with the kids at the end of the camp day (3:30 – 4 PM). Please give us their contact information.

Can't help during the week due to work or other obligations? **Come help us decorate** on Saturday August 2.  
Call Linda now to offer your help! 304-210-5591

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

The kitchen is open again and is in better shape to **SERVE** our neighbors and community.

Besides working drains, we have new flooring, cleaned and repainted walls, a 2<sup>nd</sup> disposal, improved counterspace and better faucets. We also have a new dishwasher between the triple sink and the refrigerator. Discussions are underway about the possibility of making a few more improvements.

Next up is the Bell Tower....

## Keeping Ministry Going and Growing in the Summer

- **Last Sunday Supper**

July 27 was our 1<sup>st</sup> meal prepared in the ‘new’ kitchen. Thank you to everyone who came to help, filling in for some of our workers who were out of town. The outpouring of volunteers was awesome. We served 77 of our neighbors and had enough so our workers could enjoy the meal as well. The next meal will be August 31, the day before Labor Day.

- **Food Pantry/Homeless bags**

We still have days when we will need substitute helpers to be able to serve our neighbors and the homeless. You can volunteer to come hand out bags to the homeless for a morning or an afternoon (9-noon or 1-3 PM). You could also help by taking a shift doing food bags for housed families who come by appointment - mornings or afternoons – your time preference. Call Ginger or Linda now to schedule your time in August or September.

- **Shepherd’s Closet Rummage**

The August sale is this weekend, Friday and Saturday, 9-1. If you feel like ‘thrifting’, this is the place. Please save your next donations until after August 10 since we will be busy with Reading Camp until then. If you would like to help sort and price items or have questions about donations, call Deb’s cell (1-518-637-1734).



- **Garden Produce?**



Has all this rain given you a bumper crop of something? Maybe more than you need?

If you have an abundance of fresh vegetables or fruit, we welcome your extra apples, tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, etc. for our pantry clients. Just bring them by on Sunday or during office hours.

### Altar Flowers

We currently have August 24 and 31 available. The cost for both vases is \$130. If two donors share a Sunday, the cost for one vase is \$65; if four donors share a Sunday the price would be \$32.50 each, so consider sharing your date with a friend. Flowers for a vase in the Columbarium are \$30. 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 keeping our altar filled with flowers this summer.



### Hymns

Katie Beth would like to have your suggestions on hymns to add variety to our services. Whether it is “one we used to sing” or something you have heard elsewhere, put the name and any other identifying info (written by, sung by, I have a copy, especially verses ..., etc.) on the sheet in the Welcome Center. We appreciate your help in enriching our worship.



**Found on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ndeministries>)**

As you can imagine, after a week away and with Reading Camp next week, my plate is overflowing. Therefore, I was dismayed (to put it mildly) when Joe noticed blueberry juice leaking from then Last Sunday freezer in the food pantry. Even worse to discover that all the food had warmed up enough to have to be discarded. Added to that, we have food, including plenty of frozen food, arriving tomorrow from Mountaineer Food Bank. Plans are underway to buy a freezer and get it here and chilled by tomorrow morning. As I was also trying to finish the Staff, I needed the 'Found on Facebook' item. This is the first thing that popped up when I searched 'spiritual' saw 'spiritual inspiration' and clicked.

Linda, feeling supported and grateful

# *July 30th*

## *Today's Verse:*

*Don't worry about anything;  
instead, pray about everything.  
Tell God what you need, and thank him  
for all he has done. (Philippians 4:6)*

## *Today's Message:*

*Remember these 4 things today:*

- 1. The healing you need is coming.*
- 2. The money you need is coming.*
- 3. God will make a way for you.*
- 4. Trust His perfect timing.*

## 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	Susan Allander – healing	Steve Wilson – healing and strength
Flood victims	Peter Gevas – healing	Buck Harris – strength/healing
Ann Stevens– healing	Lynn Van Fossen – healing	Jody Landrith – shoulder replacement
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Dee Milhoan – healing	Vickie Dilley – healing/strength
Heyward Roberts - healing	Amanda Morris – healing	Colette Pawlik – healing
Charles Sterchak – healing	Gene Allander – healing	Peggy Roberts - 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	Faith Beha	Judy McCoy
Alana Dailey	David White	Chris Angotti	Doris Lowe	Gary Greer
Wendy Meridith	Lois Switzer			

### 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, August 31. 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 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 housed 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. Contact Linda if you can serve a few hours weekly or just as needed. 
- ♥ Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our ministries thriving!



## 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

August 1&2 – Rummage Sale

August 2 – Reading Camp set-up

August 4-8 – Reading Camp

August 31 – Last Sunday Supper

Sept. 1 – Labor Day, office closed

Sept. 2 – the office returns to normal hours – 9 AM – 4 PM, Monday-Thursday.



### 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.





## More Summer Busyness

### Open Sky

We had another wonderful week as the Open Sky Team ran their Open Sky Clubhouse here at Good Shepherd for elementary-age students and then joined The Escape most evenings for preteen and teen activities. So much joy, enthusiasm and love.

