

News From The Good Shepherd



Dear Friends in Christ:

As you all know, I am a member of the discernment and nominating committee to select our new bishop. I thought I'd catch you up on the process thus far and give you a brief timeline of what we hope to accomplish in the coming months.

I was appointed in March to be a member and we were commissioned by the Standing Committee of the Diocese. There are 12 of us, six lay and six clergy. We have been hard at work since then. Currently we are in the process of gathering information about our diocese and the qualities and strengths we would hope to see in our new bishop. We have held meetings throughout the diocese and well as zoom meetings for those who could attend in person. One of the first of these gatherings was here in our own parish. We also developed a survey that has been distributed throughout the diocese as well as being available online. It's been an intense month of May and we have gathered as much information as was possible.

Looking ahead, in June and into July we will fashion a profile describing our diocese and what qualities we hope for in someone to lead us into the future. Late summer and into early fall, we will conduct a national search for potential candidates to be our bishop.

If all goes as planned, by October we will begin to review all the candidates who have applied, conduct initial interviews of these individuals, and then select three to five person that will be invited to a retreat here at the Notre Dame Conference Center in Canandaigua. This important time will be devoted to in-person interviews and a time to really get to know the potential candidates to be our bishop. If we all agree on these persons, they will be vetted thoroughly, and background checks will be conducted. If all goes well after that, potential candidates will again be invited to come back to our diocese and you all will have the opportunity to meet them at some point, to get to know them further, and to ask questions. Details of this process will be worked out as we enter late fall.

Finally, there will be an electing convention in February to be held at Hobart William Smith College in Geneva. Those elected to be our representatives to convention will be our voice and vote at this time. If there is an election, our new bishop will be consecrated in July of 2024.

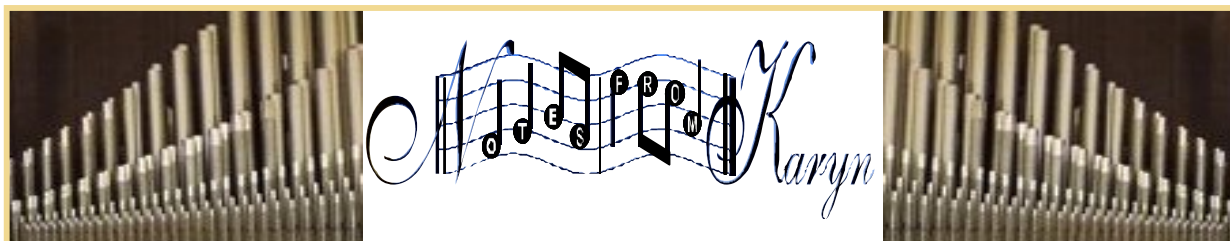
I realize that this is a brief summary of the process but I hope this is somewhat informative. I wanted to keep all in the loop on this. Let me end with the following prayer:

"Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

-- from our Book of Common Prayer, p. 818.

Faithfully,





As Recognition Sunday and the Youth Concert approach, we recognize Isabel O'Neil and Natalie Martin who will be graduating from high school this year. Over the years they have shared their beautiful voices and their love of music with us at Good Shepherd.



Natalie Martin has been singing since 2nd grade when she joined the Junior Choir. She has a lovely soprano voice. This year she had the opportunity to sing in the Youth Choir with both of her sisters. Natalie has also participated in Sunday School and with the Youth Group. She enjoyed helping with the pancake suppers and going Christmas caroling.

Natalie sang in choir and played the clarinet while in middle school. But her greatest joy was Irish dancing. She has danced for 12 years and achieved championship level. From 2017 she was in the Regional Competitions. In 2019 she made it to Nationals and in her final year of Irish Dancing she made it to the World Competition!! What an amazing feat! She traveled to Ireland with her mother and performed a solo dance at the World Competition in 2022. Her dedication to dance found her practicing four days a week for two hours every evening!

In addition to dancing and singing, Natalie enjoys working out, spending time with friends and family and travelling. She danced in Arizona and Vancouver as well as Ireland.

Natalie will attend Cortland University in the fall where she will take a variety of courses as she determines her major.



Isabel O'Neil (Izzy) began singing at Good Shepherd when she joined the Teen Choir in 6th grade. She has a beautiful voice and enjoyed singing in the soprano section with her friends, Payton and Talor. She has been active in Sunday School, enjoying her classes with Mike Rosato. And she participated for many years in the Youth Group. While in the Youth Group, Izzy attended ROC the Diocese which was a spring weekend retreat with diocesan youth. She also enjoyed helping at the pancake suppers and going Christmas caroling. Her favorite carol was "We Three Kings" when the boys would sing the kings' solos and the choir would join in on the refrain.

She sang and played trombone for several years, but on entering high school her interest changed to art. She studied drawing, ceramics, and AP art. She also enjoyed French class. Izzy is a swimmer and was on the swim team until 9th grade. In 10th grade she became a lifeguard at the Webster Aquatic center (all year) and

Mill Creek Pool Club in the summer. Her other interests include boxing, spending time with friends and travelling.

Her goal in life is to become a commercial airline pilot! She will attend MCC next fall to fulfill her prerequisites for flight school. She will go on for a 4-year aviation degree either at the University of North Dakota, Purdue, or Farmingdale, Long Island. In seven years, you may book a flight with Izzy in the pilot's seat.

You will hear Natalie and Izzy sing a duet at the Youth Concert on Friday, June 9 at 7:00 pm.

All of us at Good Shepherd give our heartfelt thanks to both of you for the many years you have shared your musical talents with us. You bring such joy to our lives with your beautiful singing and by your caring and gracious spirit. God bless you on your graduation and best wishes to you as you pursue your dreams and goals at college.

Update on the Organ

*June 8 is the day! Parsons Organ Builders will take the organ console to begin work to change it to a solid-state system. The pipes will stay here.
I will use the piano this summer for our music.*

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the Good Shepherd**

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GOOD SHEPHERD VESTRY

By Diane Castle Babcock, Senior Warden

The vestry met on Sunday, May 21st. Bruce Dunn was absent but provided information regarding the budget, as follows: We accrued \$1,774.58 in interest from our Diocesan Investment Fund in April. Our Key Our total income for April was \$20,928.51. The only atypical expense was for power washing of the exterior of the building.

A motion was passed to authorize Chris Nuccitelli to purchase a new AED machine. The current AED machine is 17 years old and no longer operational. The model is obsolete and Medtronics no longer supports parts or repairs. The new machine will cost \$1,868.24. Narcan will also be available near the machine.

Pete Rothfuss reported that he has been trying to contact Monroe County regarding requirements to bring the kitchen to code. He has been unable to reach them because they are only open 9-12 Monday through Friday, but he will keep trying.

He also reported that he and Chris Nuccitelli have two structural engineers whom they will contact to assess the work that needs to be done at St. Andrews Chapel. Pete will report back once the engineer's reports are complete.

Father Lance reported that the Altar at St. Andrews was refinished and looks amazingly beautiful. The vestry approved payment of \$1,700 to the craftsperson who completed the work.

Pete also presented three documents synthesizing our work to date on the strategic plan. At our June meeting, we will formulate specific, measurable goals to address the needs of our church.

The vestry discussed a possible fundraiser for the fall. The possibilities include Bay Vista Taqueria, a chicken barbeque, or possibly a food truck rodeo. Art Mason reported that Yvonne Arnold has stepped down as chairperson of the Outreach Commission, and a new chair is needed. The commission is also in need of new members, and Art is not sure that we currently have enough people to staff a take-out dinner fundraiser. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Art.

Art also reported that the raffle of the gift baskets during April was extremely successful. Thanks to the parishioner who donated the baskets.

The new website is up and running and looks great. The website committee will meet one more time to determine who should have administrative rights to the site. For now, you can contact Chris Nuccitelli if you have feedback or would like to add information to the site. Here's the link: <https://goodshepherdepiscopal.org/>



Stitchers continue to meet on Thursdays mornings. Please join us from 10am till 12pm in the parish hall. There's always something fun going on. Questions? Please contact Pam Meyris at pmeyris@rochester.rr.com.

The next book club meeting will be Thursday, June 22 at 10 am via Zoom. We will be discussing *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.

The book club will not meet in July but will return with the following schedule:

Aug 24	<i>The Children's Blizzard</i> by Melanie Benjamin
Sep 28	<i>Waiting for the Night Song</i> by Julie Carrick Dalton
Oct 26	<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i> by Bonnie Garmus
Dec 7	<i>Mistletoe Promise</i> by Richard Paul Evans

If you want more information about stitchers or book club or want to get on the email list, please contact brenda.munch@gmail.com

ADULT EDUCATION

By Edward Kushall

We have two adult education events scheduled for June

The metamorphosis of our organ by Dr. Karyn Robbins

Tuesday June 6 10:15 in the sanctuary

How the functions and features of the organ will be transformed over the summer.

Trip to Zion Episcopal Church in Palmyra hosted by Rev. Keshia Stokes

Tuesday June 13, Depart by car pool at 10:15 AM

Help Zion Episcopal celebrate its Bicentennial with a church tour, explore the Labyrinth

Lunch (optional) will be available for approximately \$10 by advance reservation only by June 6.

Lunch sign up sheet in the Narthex or contact Ed Kushall at 315 333-5228 or edkushall@juno.com

You do not need to purchase lunch, you may bring your own lunch, sign up is only required if you wish to purchase lunch.



OUTREACH

at Good Shepherd

by Yvonne Arnold

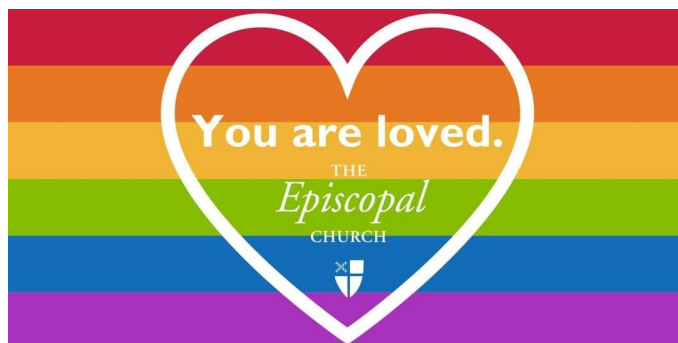
Here we are on Memorial Day weekend 2023. How did we get here so fast?! Didn't we just celebrate Easter Sunday? I could go on recalling my own highlights of the first few months of 2023, but regardless of those memories, the summer season is here. Yesterday I spent a few hours at a beautiful garden center in Brockport. People of all ages, loading up their carts with all the promise of the coming season.

Thank you again, for your support of the *Next to New Raffle* held in April. \$300.00 was raised for Outreach work. Thank you to Lenore and Bernie O'Sullivan, for your generous donations for the raffle.

A collection of new collectable dolls was given to Good Shepherd this spring. Sue Van Cura will have these dolls for sale during the Fairport Yard Sale Weekend, June 16-18, from 9 AM- 2 PM. Her location is: 58 Eaglesfield Way, across from the Eagle Vale Golf Course on Route 250. These dolls are brand new, still in their original packaging. If you are interested, please contact Sue at 585-489-5009 or stop by the sale. All profits will go to Outreach.

On May 18th, our dear friend Janet Maier moved on to her heavenly home. Janet utilized "networking" long before it was part of our vernacular, drawing on her many friends to create and be a part of the many activities she loved. Janet was an idea person. She frequently came to me with a proposal of how to support an Outreach cause. The Stitching Ministry she birthed supported the making of fleece and knitted hats that are donated to A Meal & More for their annual holiday gift bag collection. She found people and places that were in need and then found a way to give them what they needed. When we were all at home during the pandemic, Janet made sure that we stayed connected utilizing the Zoom technology via Good Shepherd for the Book Club and Stitchers meetings. When I was with Janet at a Stitcher's meeting in March, I used her as a sounding board for the April raffle, on how to organize and advertise the baskets. She walked with me to the basement at church, looked at the baskets and we brainstormed the *Next to New Raffle*. In Janet's memory and honor, please consider volunteering your talent on the Outreach committee and/or becoming part of the Stitching Ministry at Good Shepherd. Let us ensure that these ministries live on.

Green is the color of Summer, and the season of Pentecost. Ordinary time as the Church refers to it. May we continue to care those in our hearts, minds and lives during the months ahead. Your donations to the Little Food Pantry table in the narthex will be delivered to Immanuel Lutheran Church for distribution. Be well, be safe. Happy Summer!



ADULT EDUCATION IS BACK

By Richard Reid

Thanks to the efforts of Fr. Lance, Ed Kushall and a few other parishioners, Good Shepherd's Adult Education programs have returned on occasional Tuesdays at 10:15am.

On Tuesday, May 16th, parishioner Marcy Guarino offered attendees her absorbing program, "The Planets, Their Moon, and the Mythology That Ties Them Together." The quick survey looked at the planets (example: Mars), moons (example: Europa), and asteroids (Vesta) in our solar system, named for various gods and goddess in Roman and Greek mythology. Few may have heard of centaurs, recently discovered bodies of rock and ice that orbit between Jupiter and Neptune, that are half asteroid and half comet. (Centaurs in Greek mythology were half horse and half human men.) Marcy concluded her cosmic tour with a brief consideration of exoplanets in other solar systems in our galaxy, which are being discovered on almost a daily basis. There are at least 5,000 of them with such un-mythological names as T01-700. Where's the fun in that?

On Tuesday, June 6th, twenty parishioners gathered to hear our organist, Karyn Robbins, talk about the solid-state upgrade that the console unit of the organ would be receiving over the summer and how it will impact such organ features as stops and keyboards. After today it will be moved out and worked on in a factory about an hour's drive from here. Being added will be a 32-foot stop which Karyn said will be affectionately known as the "Bill White Stop" because the late, beloved parishioner who had helped to select the organ when the new church was being built, had always wished it had one. Karyn was particularly excited about the memory units being installed so that all the settings needed for a particular piece of music can be saved for when the piece is played again. It will even be possible for Karyn to record the music she has played, then listen to it from different parts of the sanctuary to see how it sounds to those who sit there. Karyn concluded her presentation with a playing of a variation on hymn 420 in our hymnal after those present had gotten to sing it. A complicated piece, Fr. Lance, who usually turns the pages for Karyn when she does a postlude, was heard to ask as he walked up to the organ, "Does the new organ come with its own page turner?" No doubt she assured him his job was safe, at least until the next upgrade after this one.



Trip to Zion Episcopal Church in Palmyra hosted by Rev. Keshia Stokes

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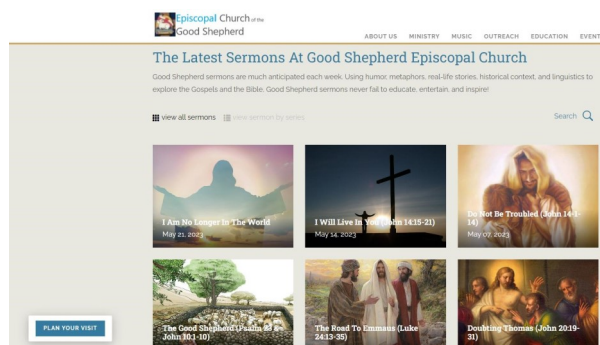
Help Zion Episcopal celebrate its Bicentennial with a church tour, explore the Labyrinth

INTRODUCING GOOD SHEPHERD'S NEW WEBSITE

by Chris Nuccitelli



On May 15th, Good Shepherd launched its new website. The web address is still the same: (<https://goodshepherdepiscopal.org>) but the look and functionality are revamped and upgraded! Some of the new features you will find:



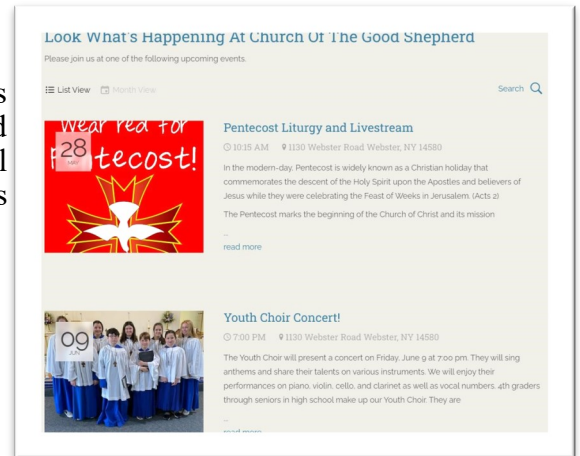
Video Sermon Library – If you missed last Sunday's sermon, or if you want to go back and experience an inspirational moment from week's past, the new Sermon Library puts it only one click away.



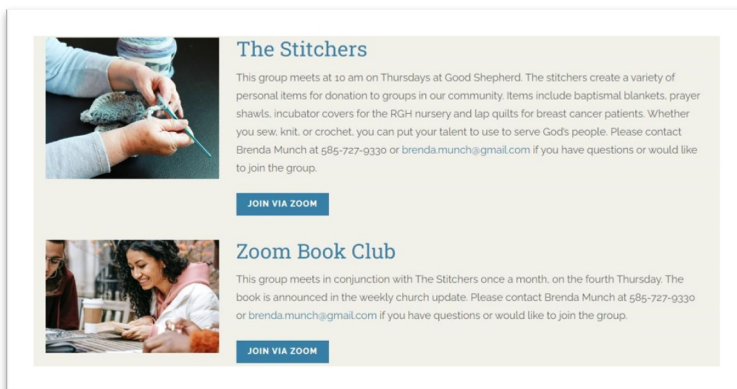
Sliders (that move every few seconds) across the top of the Home Page give you quick access to past recorded Sunday Services, Father Lace's Tweet of the Day, and information forms for new and existing church members.

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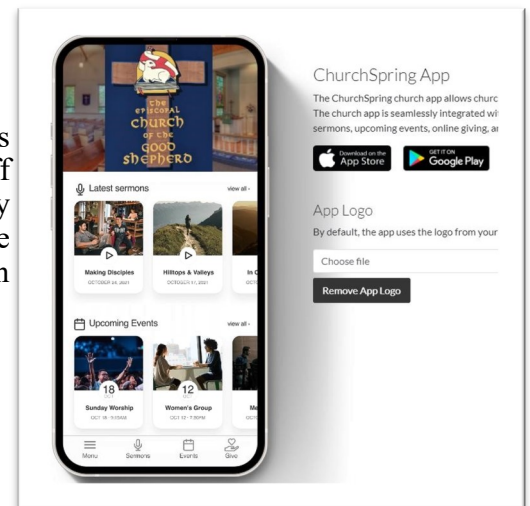
Events Page – See what is happening at Good Shepherd this month and beyond. You are encouraged to post your parish and community events on the website and Good Shepherd's social media. Please send requests to nuccitellichris@gmail.com as early as possible prior to the event!



Expanded and Convenient Links – throughout the website provide easy access to prayer requests, volunteer opportunities, Zoom meetings, and more!



Good Shepherd Phone App – Our very own phone app provides easy access to sermons, event information, on-line giving, Staff and Vestry info, and (soon to come) Parish Directory. Simply download the **ChurchSpring** app from the Apple Store or Google Play and enter the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd when you open the app for the first time.



The goal is for our website and social media platforms to become useful tools for enhancing communication among our parishioners, and as marketing tools to grow our Good Shepherd Community by encouraging people and families to stop by and give us a try. I encourage you to grab a cup of coffee or tea and explore the new site and phone app. Please send us your thoughts, ideas, and critiques to help make the website more useful for current parishioners and a better tool for welcoming new members.

How can I get back to the Home Page from another part of the website?

Users can return to the home page from anywhere on the site by simply clicking on the "Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd" logo on the upper left of any page.

Do I need a login or password to use the website?

All pages and information on the site are available to any viewer without a login or password. However, a login will be used for parishioners who want access to the Church Directory. We are starting to build the Directory now and hope to have it available by the end of this Summer. In order to keep Directory information secure, only known members of our parish will be granted a login. When you login, a "Directory" button will appear on the top of your Home Page.

How can I promote an event on the website and Good Shepherd social media?

Send information about the event to nuccitellichris@gmail.com and include a photo if you can. Remember to include the time, date, place, if the event is re-occurring, and a short description of the event. If you choose, your events can be scheduled for posting to social media on a specific date. You also have the option to add registration for the event.

How do I report errors or technical problems with the website?

Simply scroll down to the bottom of the Home Page and click on the "Email the Webmaster" button. Use can use this for suggestions and questions as well.

Can I still make donations through the website?

Yes! Please look for the "Give" button on the top right corner of the Home Page. Click on that and you'll have the option to donate through PayPal (please remember that PayPal charges a fee to do this) or send your donation by mail to the listed address.

How can I join the Livestream Sunday service or watch the recordings of past services?

All Livestreamed events and services will display a countdown clock on the homepage on the day of the event. Clicking on that event will take you to the Livestream program on Vimeo. For previously recorded services, you can click on the "View Past Sunday Services" button located on the *Add'l Worship Opportunities* slider at the top of the Home Page.

Do I have to wait for the Sliders to move to see them?

No. There are arrows at the right and left edge of the slider area. Simply click on the arrow to index the slider to the next or previous one.



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In celebration of Pentecost, there were four readings of the Gospel on May 25th. From left to right: Rudy Meyris (German), Jack Brennick (Hawaiian); Fr. Lance (English) and Kathy Stokes (Spanish)

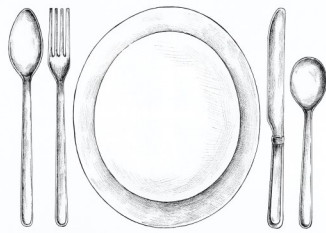
On June 4, Sunday School teachers were recognized for their service, as was Karyn Robbins for her leadership of the Junior Choir. Pictured from left: Karyn Robbins, Shayna Schinaman, Dianna Guerin, and Ellie Martin.



As part of Family Sunday on June 4, the Youth Choir sang Mozart's "Alleluia Canon" as arranged by Moore.



On June 4th, the Adult Chime Choir presented two pieces: Eithun's "Festive Air" as the Prelude, and Geschke's "Joyful Praise" following the Homily.



MEAL MINISTRY

by Debra Nelson

Recovering from illness? Surgery? Losing a loved one? When you are struggling to do that one more thing – Meal Ministry will help! By preparing and discreetly delivering a meal to your doorstep, or if invited in for a visit, our volunteers respect confidentiality, and your wishes. Please call us if anyone from Good Shepherd could use these resources... or if you would like to join us in preparing meals, delivering & visiting, have a new idea for this ministry, or want to volunteer your help in another way!

We use an on-line organizational service called takethemameal.com. Volunteers give their email address to Debra Nelson. When one of our church family needs a hand, an email comes from buttler1@hotmail.com but you respond to the takethemameal.com website, choosing the date and recording the meal you plan to make. Ideas, addresses and phone numbers, dietary restrictions, and so on are all included on the site. You will also receive a reminder from takethemameal.com the day before.

ANYONE can contribute a meal. If you eat supper, you can bring a supper! Our “guests” generally enjoy simple, homemade cooking, but if you would prefer to get take-out or buy a prepared meal – just make it easy and do whatever you are doing for yourself. It doesn’t need to be expensive or elaborate, either. One of our parishioners loves grilled cheese and tomato soup! We have helped people of all ages, from compound fractures to temporary elder care. It is a rewarding ministry when you have the chance to meet someone new and make their day much easier, and when you visit one you have known for years and renew the friendship.

If you want to try it out, send an email to buttler1@hotmail.com or call Debra at 585-671-5581 or 261-9570. Thank you!!



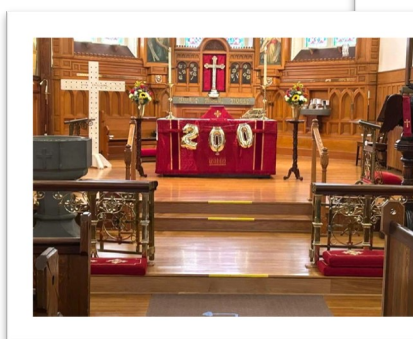
Talor Marren	06/01	Kris Murray	06/18
Keisha Stokes	06/01	Cynthia Lindquist	06/19
Leah Nelson	06/03	Ellie Allen	06/19
Michael Zurell	06/04	Karyn Robbins	06/21
Sarah Zurell	06/04	Sophie Markovitz	06/22
Jonathon Ragan	06/04	Erica Ragan	06/22
Caryl Sweeney	06/05	Kate Jackson	06/23
Dottie Smart	06/04	Judi Giovinazzo	06/23
Marj Matzky	06/05	Jeff Arnold	06/23
Gene Nitschke	06/06	Marlene Allen	06/25
Jane Chamberlain	06/07	Art Mason	06/25
William Semmler	06/07	Craig Dennison	06/25
Jerry Smart	06/07	Maureen Marr	06/26
Marilyn McCann	06/07	Kaitlyn Petrotta	06/26
Beth Dinan	06/08	Cristin Ensign	06/27
Mary Lou Mason	06/09	Helen Yorkey	06/29
Gena Brennick	06/11	William Hayman	06/29
Pauline Stebbins	06/17		



Congratulations to our rector, Rev. Lance Robbins, who recently became a member of the board of Directors of, A Meal & More Inc. Located in Rochester at Christ Church, this soup kitchen serves free, hot, nutritious midday meals to people in need every Wednesday and Sunday. Fr. Lance has been a long-term supporter of its vital ministry, although his schedule at Good Shepherd precludes helping them serving meals on Sundays or Wednesdays. "With Debra Nelson as volunteer coordinator, John Kaemmerlen in charge of day-to-day operations, and all the parishioners who volunteer to help serve meals or contribute food items for it, I believe as a parish we provide the most volunteer support," Fr. Lance beams. As a board member, he "hopes to assist in any way possible to help oversee the operation. Financial reports, staffing issues, purchasing, grants, etc., are all part of being on the board. I'm very proud of the efficiency, the quality of meals provided, and the atmosphere of caring and concern for the guests."



Congratulations to Rachel and Rainey Walker whose son, Mateo Archie Walker, was baptized on the feast of Pentecost, May 28th at the 10:15am service. His godparents are Bonita Peace and Blake VanAuken.



Congratulations to Zion Episcopal Church, celebrating its 200th birthday --150 of them in the current building! Karyn and the Good Shepherd Choir were on hand to share with Zion parishioners in singing two festive, uplifting pieces.

INVITE. WELCOME. CONNECT

By Dawn Wilkins



Guided by the gospel imperative to “Go and make disciples of all nations,” the ministry of Invite Welcome Connect equips and empowers individuals and congregations to practice evangelism, hospitality, and connectedness. Invite Welcome Connect’s founder, Mary Parmer, shares the deep truths of this ministry as well as practical steps to assess your faith community and begin implementation.

For the last several months, a team at Good Shepherd has been studying the book *Invite Welcome Connect* and it looking toward this fall to roll up our sleeves and start implementing strategies at Good Shepherd. Father Lance, Dick Laidlaw & Dawn Wilkins took part in a webinar that got us motivated to look into implementing this process at Good Shepherd. We’ve been joined by Tom Curtain, Lisa Dunn, Kris Murray (vestry liaison) and Roch Whitman, in the journey of reading the book that launches this process and we’ll be meeting soon to develop plans for putting what we’ve gleaned from the book into action in our parish.

To quote from the book:

"Implementing the ministry of Invite Welcome Connect requires courage. Clergy must be serious about leading the way in equipping people to share the gospel, and they must be unafraid to empower the laity for ministry. Likewise, lay leaders must be willing to step out of their comfort zones for the sake of the gospel, discerning their giftedness and using those gifts in the Body of Christ. We, both clergy and laity, need courage to confront obstacles that are holding us back from ministry, and we need to use that courage to be more relational and intentional in everything we do. And, we must be willing to tap into our wondrous creativity so we might...

Imagine a church filled with members who are bursting with love for one another and God, who feel compelled to invite others to experience the same joy...

Imagine a church filled with people who have cultivated the ability to really see the other with the eyes of Jesus and truly welcome them...

Imagine a church filled with holy listeners, hearing the stories of those with whom we worship and those who have entered the doors of our churches for the first time...

Imagine a church filled with people who take the challenge of creativity seriously...

Imagine a church filled with courageous clergy and laity, with inspired risk-takers who see obstacle as opportunity...

Imagine a church transformed by a loving God."

Hope you are ready to learn more and to move forward in making Good Shepherd even more inviting, welcoming and connected.



THE HAPPY FACES OF THE A MEAL & MORE STAFF



Chef Cordero Rivera



Fr. Lance with Will, the doorkeeper



John Kammerlen-Operations Manager



Lois Jones-Board President



Typical crew of volunteers



Peter Rothfuss and Robert, the dishwash-



he food donation focus for the month is:

WATER BOTTLES, GRANOLA BARS, SANDWICH BAGS,
PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, &/or BROWN LUNCH BAGS.

Please continue to drop off any food from the grocery list at the Narthex at Good Shepherd. If you generally go to the chapel in the summer, you can give it to Debra Nelson or Fr. Lance.

YOUTH CONCERT RETURNS

Richard Reid reports on the concert & Laura Rosato shares a personal reflection

A Friday at Good Shepherd can also be “Good” for non-religious reasons. Friday, June 9th was one such example because it marked both the return of a tradition waylaid by a pandemic for three years – the annual concert offered by the youth of our church – and a satisfying evening of instrumental and vocal music in the sanctuary plus an interlude of fellowship at the reception that followed in the parish hall, organized by parish hospitality leader Laura Rosato.

All ten youth, except when Kayleigh Lowenguth accompanied them on the piano, performed five pieces, including “Love Grows Here,” “Alleluia Canon,” and “Now the Green Blade Rises.” The musical talents of several teens were not limited to just a single instrument. Besides piano, Kayleigh demonstrated budding proficiency with a violin. Leah Schinaman, who with her sister, Chloe, performed some piano solos, also played, “Shenadoah,” on a clarinet. Daniel Guerin entertained the audience with, “Hurry Scurry,” on the piano, then returned using a second instrument, his voice, for a solo of the McCartney and Lennon favorite, “Let It Be.” Duets came from Malani Brennick (violin) and Sasha Daniels (cello) on Reinagle’s “Minuet,” and by Natalie Martin and Isabel O’Neil, who sang Wagner’s, “O Give Thanks.” Before the final musical offering, musical director Karyn Robbins presented Natalie and Isabel, both graduating high school seniors, with thanks for their long-involvements with Good Shepherd’s music program. Natalie’s little sisters Ellie and Meghan, who sang with the full chorus in its five pieces, have a fine example to follow in their sibling who, Karyn noted, had made it to the world competition level for Irish dancing.

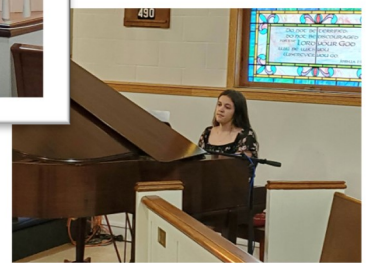
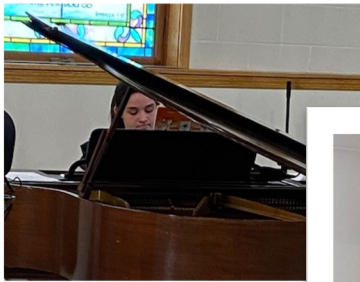
The only sour note of the evening for the more than 60 people in the audience was the realization afterwards that they would have to wait a whole year for another such evening.

Additional note from Laura: The Teen (now Youth) Concert has been a well-loved experience for our family ever since our kids were little. We are truly blessed by how Karyn nourishes and inspires all of these kids to explore their musical gifts. Three things stand out for me when I look back:

I remember all of the kids really looking forward to the event, even if they were nervous about doing a solo! And when the concert was over, their celebration together at the reception was always fun to watch.

The coolest thing for me was seeing Teen Choir “alumni” come back for the concert! As I recall, the tradition of using “Gloria Fanfare” as the closing choir song every year was mostly influenced by the love all the older teens (and alumni) had singing it. Every year we cheered as “alumni” would jump up from the audience to join the choir. It’s an upbeat, peppy song with clapping, arm waving or swaying, depending on whatever they all spontaneously decided to do! Fingers crossed that the tradition will return next year as the youth choir grows.

But most importantly: The enthusiasm, support, and love from the entire Good Shepherd community. It wasn’t just parents and siblings out there in the audience by any means! We had no extended family members living close enough to be able to attend, but so many folks in our Good Shepherd family were always there, cheering them on.



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 David Wille
 Mary Kay Dry
 Lisa Peets
 Liz Hill
 Nancy LeFevre
 Nancy Whitman
 Olive Bach
 Judith Meyer
 Richard Robinson
 Neil Giudice
 Bill Munch
 Karissa White
 Rob Schinamann
 Joe Bishop
 Betty Sussman
 Diana Taylor
 Leah Schinamann
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 Christopher Marren
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