

Shepherd Notes

4 to 17 June 2007

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On Good Shepherd's web site www.GoodShepherdBUF.org you will find:

- Calendar of events for the month
 - Parishioner birthdays (and a way to send them electronic greetings)
 - Photos on many events
 - Schedules for servers, etc.
 - Announcements from the current Sunday bulletin
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For our neighbors ... events that could have more than fifty people present ...

1. Sunday and Wednesday – 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm – North Buffalo AA
2. Sunday mornings – 7:45 am to 1:30 pm – Church services
3. Monday mornings – 9:30 am until Noon – Food Pantry

4. Wednesday – 13 June – Planned Parenthood meeting 9 am to 5 pm – Jewett Hall
5. Saturday 16 June – 10 am until Noon – Parkside Suzuki Recital

Reminder – Thursday 7 June is the Corporate Challenge in Delaware Park

Upcoming events ...

1. Tuesday 19 June – Festival School of Ballet Recital – Jewett Hall – Begins at 7:00 pm.
 2. Friday 22 June – 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm – Roycroft Concert in the Church with reception at the Darwin Martin House.
 3. Saturday 23 June – 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm – 101st Annual Strawberry Festival – Note, Summit Avenue will be blocked off from the Church property to Jewett Parkway.
 4. Sunday 24 June – 10 am until 4:00 pm – Parkside Community Association Garden tour – begins at Good Shepherd.
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Graduates: Alex Tripi (Akron High School), Katie Salmon (Nichols High School), Catie Lalonde (PhD from SUNY at Buffalo). Congratulations!

Upcoming events ...

DIVERSITY TRAINING – Saturday 9 June, 9 am until 11 am – St. Peter's Episcopal Church; Eggertsville – Registration – contact Kathy Williams at 716-881-0660, ext. 12.

LEADINGS (Diocese of Rochester) – “An Inconvenient Truth – A Climate in Crisis” with Scott Cicora, 9:30 am until 11:30 am at St. Luke & St. Simon Cyrene Church, Rochester – for more information: 585-546-2162.

FINGER LAKES CONFERENCE – 24 to 29 June, at Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY, with Mary Joseph. Website: www.FingerLakesConference.org.

ST. LUKE’S ANNUAL LOOP THE LAKE (Bicycle Ride around Lake Chautauqua) – Saturday 4 August. Contact 716.483.6405 or www.wingedox.com.

DIOCESAN CAMP APPLICATIONS and FORMS – go to: www.eyouthwny.org
Senior High Conference (24 – 30 June at SUNY Fredonia), **A.R.T.S. Camp** (5 to 10 August at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center), **Junior High Camp** (12 to 18 August at Dunkirk Conference Center), and **Sleep Away Camp** (15 to 18 August at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center).

WEB SEARCHES – Try www.goodsearch.com and enter “Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd” for all your web searches, and we earn money!

Mayor Byron Brown’s Gun Buyback Program – The Buffalo Police Commissioner’s Office and the Mayor’s office in March contacted the Church about being avenue for the Gun Buyback program (initially scheduled for May). The Vestry considered the proposal and accepted. The date was set for Saturday 2 June, and an initial press release was in the Buffalo News on Thursday 26 April, with the Church of the Good Shepherd listed first among sites. The City of Buffalo was responsible for all notices and advertising.

A neighbor expressed concern, and a resolution was considered by the Parkside Community Association Board not to endorse the program. That resolution was defeated. Extensive conversations with the Parkside Community Association and the Darwin Martin House ensued, and there were two open Parkside Community Association meetings at which the proposal could have been discussed (one with the Mayor and Police Department present, and both at Good Shepherd), but no one raised it. Two days before the program, another neighbor expressed great alarm and warned the Church that another gun buyback program would not happen here again.

With very adequate police protection and safety, the gun buyback was a complete success. Over 800 weapons were turned in, and Good Shepherd was one of the top three sites for collection (*Buffalo News* – Sunday 3 June 2007.) Good Shepherd received no money for space use, and in fact provided lunch and refreshments for the police officers (thanks to Lomato’s Pizza on Parkside Avenue for a substantial discount on the pizzas!)

Ongoing ... **Good Shepherd has yard signs** – “Nonviolence Begins with Me” and “I Leave Peaceprints” from Bissonette House (residence of Sister Karen of blessed memory) for sale at \$5.00 each, with accompanying yard stands. Call or e-mail or drop by the parish office to purchase your signs.

The Vestry at its Annual Retreat (Photos are on the Good Shepherd web site) began work on a **new mission statement**. The first read is:

As the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, we are a dwelling place where love of God and neighbor are embraced and lived.

Give us your response – thanks!

Thanks to ...

- ❖ Michael Salmon and the Choir and our Musicians – the Psalm Tones, Jennifer Coleman, David Salmon – for the wonderful gift of music we enjoy at the 10:30 am Eucharist.
- ❖ To the volunteers of the Food Pantry for their weekly work in offering food to those in need.
- ❖ To **Julia Mount** and **Laurel Cammarata** and **Marie Hubbard** for their work with the Parish Office in finances and in preparing the bulletins and other materials for the Church.
- ❖ To the **Vestry and Wardens and Clerk and Canon Victoria Duncan** for their hard work at the Vestry Retreat, and in their guidance of the parish as leaders.

Wanted ...

- **Treasurer** – we continue to be in need of a person to be the Treasurer for the parish. This is a Volunteer position. See the Rector or Parish Administrator or Julia Mount.
 - **Bookkeeper** – We are in need of a part-time bookkeeper with bookkeeping and accounting skills – three to four hours per week – and available to meet with the Parish Administrator on a weekly basis – Quickbooks knowledge essential (this is a paid position.) See the Rector or Parish Administrator or Julia Mount.
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REMINDER – During the Summer, please keep your pledge and other financial support up to date for the parish. Our expenses (building, personnel, program) continue. Thanks.

The Millennium Development Goals

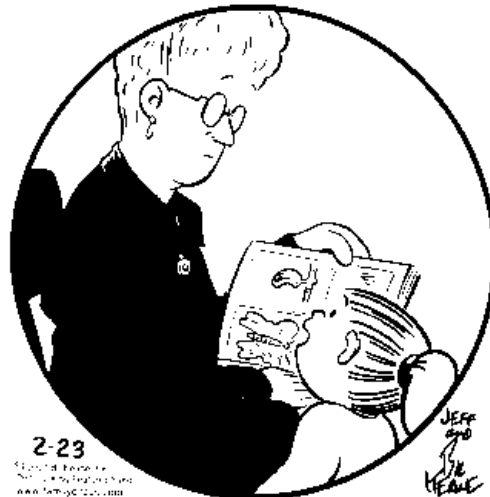
1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education.
3. Promote gender equality and empower women.
4. Reduce child mortality.
5. Improve maternal health.
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.
7. Ensure environmental stability.
8. Develop a global partnership for development.

The comedian Robin Williams, who is an Episcopalian, gave these top ten reasons for being an Episcopalian on an HBO special:

10. No snake handling.
9. You can believe in dinosaurs.
8. Male and female, God created them; male and female, we ordain them.
7. You don't have to check your brains at the door.
6. Pew aerobics.
5. Church year is color-coded!
4. Free wine on Sunday.
3. All of the pageantry, none of the guilt.
2. You don't have to know how to swim to get baptized.

And the number one reason for being an Episcopalian:

1. No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other Episcopalian who agrees with you.



"Do caterpillars know they're going to be butterflies, or does God surprise them?"

Send us your e-mail address to be added to the list!

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