



## *Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd*

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# *Cross and Staff*

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*Pentecost - The Strength of the Spirit*

### **Coming Events**

#### **Covenant Parish Meeting - Monday, June 11:**

7 PM: Good Shepherd - all invited

#### **Friday, June 15: Our 160<sup>th</sup> birthday!**

7 PM: Good Shepherd Church

Free Screening of award-winning documentary film to highlight PRIDE month. All are invited!

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost -**

##### **Sunday, June 17:**

10:00 AM: Eucharist

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost -**

##### **Sunday, June 24:**

10:00 AM: Eucharist

#### **Pie Making -**

##### **Wednesday, June 27:**

6:00 PM: Make Rhubarb & Strawberry Pies

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost -**

##### **Sunday, July 1:**

10:00 AM: Eucharist

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost -**

##### **Sunday, July 8:**

10:00 AM: Eucharist

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost -**

##### **Sunday, July 15:**

10:00 AM: Eucharist

#### **1:00 - ? : Church Picnic at Swan Lake With the Clearwater/Burza Project**

**4202 Breezy Point Drive Allegan**  
Bring your kayaks, boats, yard games, friends and a salad or dessert to pass.

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**SMILE** (From Pastor Dean)

Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

### **A Closer Look**

There are several activities happening in the next couple of months that deserve special attention.

#### **Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>: Covenant Church Meeting**

When you receive this Cross and Staff, this meeting will have happened. You may wish to get with Judy Buchanan or Gari Voss to get information on how close Good Shepherd is in sharing a priest and pastoral guidance with St. Mark's in Paw Paw and St. Barnabas in Kalamazoo. The biggest hurdle is the financial piece. Everyone is invited to make suggestions

#### **Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>: Free Film Showing and Discussion**

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is marking Pride Month with a free screening of the award-winning documentary film "Matt Shepherd is a Friend of Mine." Please come and bring your family and friends!

The Pride movement is not an easy topic for some to discuss, and neither is racism or gender inequality, but knowledge can bring understanding and understanding can strengthen love.

Our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry set a high bar in his sermon at the Royal Wedding. He reminded us, "There's power in love. Don't underestimate it... There's power, power in love." He continued, "Love is not selfish and self-centered. Love can be sacrificial. And, in so doing, becomes redemptive, and that type of unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive love, changes lives. And, it can change this world."

#### **Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>: Pie Baking 6 PM**

This summer, we are having a special pie making session while rhubarb and strawberries are easier to get at a better price. Please, take time to come and join in the fun. There are jobs for everyone. You can sit and mix or sit and bag or stand and roll or pinch crusts. Many hands make light work

#### **Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>: Parish Picnic & Live Music 1 PM - ?**

The Parish Picnic will be on Swan Lake (well the channel) at Gari's house - 4202 Breezy Point Drive, Allegan. Nanette and family will be in town, Heather Voss Barta will preside at the Sunday service, and the Clearwater/Burza Project will provide music. You can kayak, canoe or row on the water, swim, play yard games or just sit and enjoy. You are welcome to bring your own water craft. We do have life vests for many ages and sizes.

Bring family members, friends or strangers who need a bite to eat. Please bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share and your favorite beverage. The meat will be furnished.

## Vestry Notes

The Vestry Meeting on June 10, 2018 covered the following:

### Items for decision

- A. The next regular Vestry meeting will be July 8 after the 10 AM service.
- B. They appointed Kandi Gibson to fill the remaining 3-year Vestry term for Gari Voss.
- C. They appointed Ann Perrigo to the position of Clerk of the Vestry with a thank you to Gari Voss for her years of service.
- D. Welcomed Wendy Simmons as an Associate Vestry member.

### Information

- A. Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Church of the Good Shepherd will be 160 years young. (If you do not know our history, you might be amazed that a small congregation of Episcopalians decided to build a church during the Civil War. They definitely took a huge leap in faith!)
- B. Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, the PRIDE movie will be shown at 7 PM. This is also the date that the Church of the Good Shepherd will be 160 years old, so there will be some special surprises to celebrate our birthday.
- C. Our finances are stable with pledges fairly current and most bills paid, but we have had some extra expenses. One note, we are several months behind in paying our diocesan pledge.
- D. Grants of \$1000 each for the Baby Closet and Clothes Closet were approved by the United Church of Christ in Douglas. These ministries can now purchase some special items like men's and boys' jeans and toiletries for the Clothes Closet and extra diapers and car seats for the Baby Closet.
- E. The Vestry decided to continue having activities centered around monthly themes. June is PRIDE month with the showing of the award-winning film *Mathew Shepherd is a Friend of Mine*. In July, weekly topics will center around Ecology and Earth Friendly activities. Watch for more info.

## Variation on our Monthly Theme

This is PRIDE Month, and Good Shepherd will give an opportunity for us to increase our understanding of the LGBTQ. A parishioner shared an article that explains the PRIDE flag, but it really included some history... The following comes from <http://www.stop-homophobia.com/rainbow-flag-history>.

Gay Pride was not born of a need to celebrate being gay, but our right to exist without persecution. So instead of wondering why there isn't a Straight Pride movement, be thankful you don't need one.

### THE HISTORY OF THE RAINBOW FLAG.

Color has long played an important role in our communities' history and expression of pride.

Purple (or, lavender) became popularized for the lesbian and gay communities with "Purple Power".

The pink triangle was first used by Hitler to identify gay males in Nazi concentration camps, and the black triangle was similarly used to identify lesbians and others deemed "asocial". The pink and black triangle symbols were reclaimed by our communities in the early 1980s to signify our strength of spirit and willingness to survive oppression.

By far, the most colorful of our symbols is the Rainbow flag, and its rainbow of colors - red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple represent the diversity of our communities.

The first rainbow flag was designed in 1978 by Gilbert Baker. Baker used the five-striped "Flag of the Race" as his inspiration, and designed a flag with eight stripes: pink, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. These colors were intended to represent respectively: sexuality, life, healing, sun, nature, art, harmony, and spirit. Baker found that "hot pink" was not commercially available. The flag was then reduced to seven stripes.

In November 1978, San Francisco's lesbian, gay and bisexual community was stunned when the city's first openly gay supervisor, Harvey Milk, was assassinated. Wanting to demonstrate the gay community's strength and solidarity in the aftermath of the tragedy, the Pride Committee decided to use Baker's flag.

The indigo stripe was eliminated. Soon the six colors were incorporated into a six-striped version that became popularized and the symbol of pride in standing up for what we believe, and a symbol of hope for recognition as equal members of a society that accepts diversity.

## Have Another Blessed Year!

### Birthdays

June 11: Linda Kauppi  
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 June 17: Michael Buese  
 June 26: Sherrie Vanderpoel  
 June 27: Mark Zimmerman  
 June 30: Melissa Washburn  
 July 2: Dede Lewis  
 July 9: Blake Zimmerman  
 July 14: Susan Squiers-Frank  
 July 14: Gari Voss  
 July 15: Carrie Ashba  
 July 15: Marv Voss  
 July 21: Leah Northrup  
 July 21: Ann Perrigo  
 July 22: Cameron Knoepke

### Anniversaries

June 12: Anne and Dan Brenner  
 June 18: Nick and Theresa Wenban  
 June 30: Fr. Tom & Deirdre Toeller- Novak  
 July 25: Ed Spicer and Ann Perrigo  
 July 28: Steve and Jana Tibbitts

## Thank You!

### Mowing & Trimming:

A special thank you to Jim Wendt, our mowing magician, for keeping our lawn and bushes looking so very nice!

### Upper Room Carpenters:

Thank you, Ray Lewis and Wally Pabis for doing such a beautiful job of framing the window and attaching shelves and molding. The room upstairs looks so very welcoming.

### Garden Volunteers:

Many thanks to Ann Perrigo, Vicky Barber, Pam Sinden, Marv Voss, Betty Miner and Gari Voss for weeding, replanting and caring for the Memorial Garden and Parish House front garden.

### Bridgefest Committee:

A thank you to Korree Johnson, Lynne Winters, Judy Buchanan, Ann Perrigo, and Gari Voss who planned and manned the Bridgefest Tent. It was a little wet, but fun to interact with so many people from Allegan and beyond.

### Water Shut-off Valve

Thank you, Jim Kauppi, for making it possible for us to have a master water shut-off valve. Our water bill will definitely decline!

## Schedule of Servers

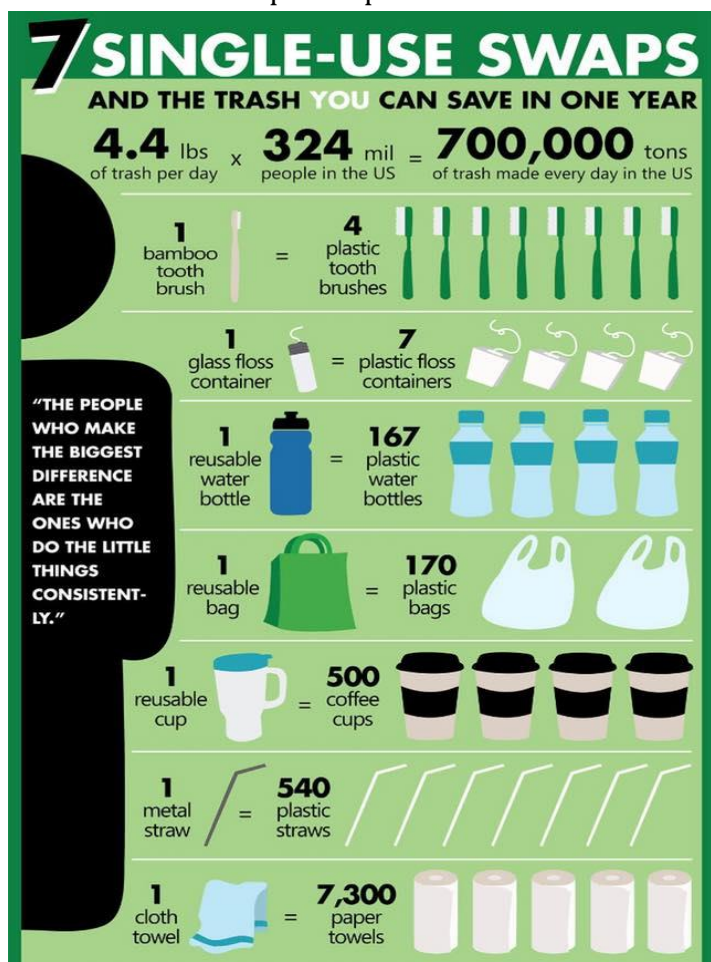
	June 17, 2018	June 24, 2018	July 1, 2018	July 8, 2018	July 15, 2018	July 22, 2018
<b>Clergy</b>	Pastor Dean	Father Mike	Pastor Dean	Fr. Mike Wood	Rev. Heather Voss	Father Mike
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Judy Buchanan	Gari Voss	Judy Buchanan	Ray Lewis	Gari Voss	Gari Voss
<b>Crucifer</b>	Ray Lewis	Wendy Simmons	Ray Lewis	Wendy Simmons	Ray Lewis	Wendy Simmons
<b>Lector # 1</b>	Wendy Simmons	Judy Buchanan	Gari Voss	Sue Buese	Wendy Simmons	Ann Perrigo
<b>Lector # 2</b>	Gari Voss	Sue Buese	Ann Perrigo	Wendy Simmons	Gari Voss	Sue Buese
<b>Lector # 3</b>	Judy Buchanan	Ann Perrigo	Wendy Simmons	Kandi Gibson	Judy Buchanan	Ann Perrigo
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Ann Ferris	Dede Lewis	Lynne Winters	Gari Voss	Kandi Gibson	Carrie Burza
<b>Usher</b>	Jim Wendt	Betty Miner	Jim Wendt	Ray Lewis	Kandi Gibson	Betty Miner
<b>Vestry Duty</b>	Sue Squiers-Frank	Vicki Barber	Judy Buchanan	Korree Johnson	Lynne Winters	Kandi Gibson
<b>Musician</b>	Siqi Li	Jane Kozhevnikova	Siqi Li	Jane Kozhevnikova	Siqi Li & Nan Voss	Jane Kozhevnikova
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Linda Kauppi	Judy Buchanan	Pastor Dean		Church Picnic	

# Sharing our Time and Talents

## Environmental Stewardship

July will help us focus on environmental stewardship. Good Shepherd parishioners began thinking about saving the environment by using glass or ceramic mugs during coffee hour. This was extended with the introduction of recycle bins in the kitchen. But, have you considered other ways to save our environment?

Here are some facts related to ways you could reduce the impact of plastic on the environment.



If you have not considered plastic’s impact to our environment, you might wish to review “Great Pacific Garbage Patch’ is massive floating island of plastic, now 3 times the size of France” produced by ABC News in May 2018.

<https://abcnews.go.com/International/great-pacific-garbage-patch-massive-floating-island-plastic/story?id=53962147>

What we do each day in small ways can impact our Earth home in the future.

## Prayers recently requested for:

Tim; Nicholette; Barb; Kate; the family and friends of Patrick Beacom; Bill; Jordan; Mary Ann; Bob and Ashley; Val; Carol G.; Annie; Lenora; Don; Vicki; Terry

## Please continue to pray for:

Gary and Suzanne; Denise; the Hammock and Burke families; Ron and Gretchen Wedge; Robin and Theresa; Renae; Bill; Rita; Jeana; John and his family; Louise; Sally; David and family; Linda; Greg; Dawn; David; Jordan; Herb; the Sloan family; Daniel; Chuck and Linda; Jim; Shawn and his family; Ken; Tink; Theresa

## Cookbooks now available for \$10 each



The spiral-bound, professionally printed book features 415 recipes from current and past parish members, including recipes used in the Allegan County Fair Booth.

**Sale proceeds to help fund parish projects and programs.**

See Kandi Gibson or Judy Buchanan to purchase your copy or get copies to sell in the community.

## Office Hours

From June 22 to July 6, the Office Hours will be in flux. Please watch the outer doors for information regarding when Sharon will be in the office. We wish Sharon and her family the very best on the wedding of her daughter!

## Celebration List Update

Please help us update our birthday and anniversary list. We are missing some family members, especially our babies. Please call the office 269 763-2254 or email [goodshepherd@allegan.net](mailto:goodshepherd@allegan.net) with the information. Thank you