



Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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Cross and Staff

May 2018 / June 2018

Pentecost - The Strength of the Spirit

Coming Events

Day of Pentecost – May 20:

10:00 AM: Eucharist

1st Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday, May 27:

10:00 AM: Eucharist

2nd Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday, June 3:

10:00 AM: Eucharist

Bridgefest Booth

Saturday, June 9:

Volunteers are needed

3rd Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday, June 10:

10:00 AM: Eucharist

Covenant Parish Meeting – Monday, June 11:

7 PM: Good Shepherd – all invited

4th Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday, June 17:

10:00 AM: Eucharist

5th Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday, June 24:

10:00 AM: Eucharist

Save the Date:

Church Picnic at Swan Lake

Sunday, July 15th

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Reminders

Do you know of anyone who is having a **baby**? Have them call Good Shepherd 269 673-2254 and request a baby layette.

Do you know of people who are getting rid of **clothes**? Please, suggest that they bring them to the church on Tuesdays between 2 and 5 PM, or on Fridays between 9 AM and noon.

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The Power of the Spirit

“...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth...” Acts 1:8

Jesus sends us Out – Together with Joy

In his homily on Sunday, May 13, Fr. Wood reviewed how “*Chronos* time and *Kairos* time - our time and God’s time... initiate an interval of expectant waiting, and uncertainty.” The reality of Jesus disappearing into the clouds left the disciples contemplating their future as they await Jesus’ return.

Fr. Wood shared, “I suspect Jesus felt ... that he knows he still has so much yet to teach them — yet it’s time they were on their own. And so, he opens their minds to Scripture; and also to truth, to new ideas, and to change. And he promises them a gift: to be ‘clothed with power from on high.’ Not power, as culture defines power. But power to stand with the powerless. Power to endure. Power to love. Power to know God. Power to change, and most of all, power to *be* changed.”

“Jesus was really gone now. I suspect there was a certain amount of anxiety. How would they carry on Jesus’ ministry without him? Who would lead them now?” With this Fr. Wood told a story of “a wise old Teacher and his disciple. The disciple worried that the Teacher might die before the student had learned all she needed to know. The Teacher heard of her concerns, and one late evening, taking a torch, he led the disciple into the darkest part of the woods—and then extinguished the torch. As he began to walk away, the disciple cried out, ‘Master, are you going to leave me here in the dark?’ To which the Teacher replied, ‘No, I am going to leave you searching for the light.’ ...To follow, it is necessary that we look up from time to time to see *where* he is leading us, because it may not be where we anticipated going.”

“At the ascension, the disciples were seeing something amazing yet unsettling; simultaneously both loss and the promise of wonderful things to come... then they turned and walked together with joy into a future that they could not have imagined ...”

The ascension did not mean the end of pain and oppression in the world. It did not mean the end of anxiety and trial. It did not mean that the waiting was over. For the disciples, the only thing resolved in their immediate world was their hearts. But that was enough to change the world. (Additional thoughts on page 2...)

Excerpts from Rev. Michael Wood

Vestry Notes

The Vestry Meeting for May found Canon Spaid and the Rev. Rebecca Crise in attendance.

Items for decision

- A. The next regular Vestry meeting will be June 10, 2018 with the Opening Prayer by Vicky Barber.
- B. April's Treasurer's report was accepted for audit.
- C. Sharon's vacation from June 22 to July 2.
- D. Payment mechanism for Office 365.
- E. One estimate for new printer (Konica-Minolta Bizhub C258, 36-month lease); awaiting further estimates
- F. Bridgefest Participation, June 9: We will sell cookies or small treats. Volunteers are needed.
- G. June is LGBT Awareness month. Korree will work with Ray to find appropriate film to screen.

Information

- A. Cookbooks have arrived and are for sale.
- B. Our Diocesan apportionment decreased by \$177.
- C. Applications completed for DCUCC grants of \$1000 each for Baby Closet and Clothes Closet
- D. Delano Foundation to photograph Baby Closet on May 7

Discussion — ECG (Episcopal Covenant Group)

Father Bill gave background. Churches have been meeting for a year; final lineup consists of Good Shepherd, St. Mark's Paw Paw, and St. Barnabas, Portage. The Covenant is based on work done in Northern Indiana and SW Michigan. Mother Rebecca to be rector, assisted by Father Mike Wood and Canon Bill Spaid.

Mother Rebecca stated that in theory it would be one church in multiple locations. Each local Vestry would remain in place, thus maintaining the culture or flavor of each Parish.

Challenges will include providing for a clergy person in each congregation every week; remaining committed to the Covenant budget; establishing Covenant leadership council; and maintaining trust among the Parishes.

Opportunities include combined service projects, joint stewardship campaigns, and vestries brainstorming together.

Small Church Collaborative

Fr. Wood preached on Jesus' Ascension and shared how the disciples may have felt loss and uncertainty. He referred to how artists of the Middle Ages "often depicted the Ascension by painting Jesus' feet dangling below the clouds. But if you look at the ground..., you'll see they also painted a set of footprints left behind; a reminder that the disciples—and us—are not without guidance, even though Jesus has ascended to heaven."

Fr. Wood continued, "That painting may be a good metaphor for the ongoing dialog between Good Shepherd and... other small Episcopal parishes... to form a covenant group. As did the disciples at the ascension, we are looking at something that looks a bit unsettling at first, but with the promise of wonderful things to come."

All members of Good Shepherd were invited to work with other churches to share resources to ensure that we would have clergy guidance for worship and pastoral care. So far participants have outlined a covenant and rector job description.

The Covenant Agreement states: "The vision of the Covenant is to be 'One Church in several locations,' a new concept with roots in the ancient Church. The realization of our vision will be one of common identity and shared ministry, in union with our Bishop, who also nurtures our individual parishes." The Covenant Rector and Covenant Leadership Team will work with the Diocesan Regional Missioner (previously the Canon to the Ordinary) to follow the canons of the church.

Those who have participated in the dialog have tried to consider the needs and expectations of each parish and create guiding documents. There are still questions regarding finances, but opportunities have already been created for the Easter Vigil at St. Barnabas and Ascension Day at St. Mark's. The next meeting will be at Good Shepherd on June 11th at 7 PM. You are invited.

"And before us is this one set of footprints on the ground. It is not a path clearly marked in the woods to show precisely how to get from here to there. But even one set of prints is enough to at least point us in the direction with which to start such a journey." Jesus' sole instructions to his disciples was to be his witnesses in Jerusalem and to the ends of the earth. He never said how. He only promised to be with us along the way.

-excerpts from Fr. Mike Wood

Have Another Blessed Year!

Birthdays

May 19: Jeff Simmons
 May 24: Alex Granat
 May 26: Alex Ashba
 May 29: Ann Stough
 June 1: Sandy Wheat
 June 5: Amber Pettee
 June 6: Atticus Hornback
 June 11: Linda Kauppi
 June 11: Richard Krickow
 June 17: Michael Buese
 June 26: Sherrie Vanderpoel
 June 27: Mark Zimmerman
 June 30: Melissa Washburn

Anniversaries

May 21: Doug and Stacy Ferris
 May 21: Ray and Dede Lewis
 May 30: Devyn Morris and Sean Conley
 June 12: Anne and Dean Brenner
 June 18: Nick and Theresa Wenban
 June 30: Fr. Tom & Deirdre Toeller- Novak

How Can You Help?

Window coverings:

The Acolyte Room has a new floor and paint, but it needs some window coverings. If you are willing to donate to the Window Fund for this room, please contact Kandi Gibson.

Hymn Suggestions:

Please, send or give the title(s) of your favorite hymns to Judy Buchanan, Ann Perrigo or Gari Voss.

Garden Parties:

The family of Kay Zimmerman contributed money for the annuals in the Memorial Garden. If you would like to make suggestions of flowers and/or assist in planting, please come to church on **Saturday, May 19, 9-noon**.

Assistance is also needed to move plants. Please contact Gari at 269 303-0451.

As the days get warmer, please consider stopping at church to water the garden. Thank you

Check the Diocesan Newsletter

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/1634ba47d9370f0c> The newsletter has diocesan and parish news. One of the articles is about hosting a charity fishing tournament. Now, there is an idea!

Schedule of Servers

	May 20, 2018	May 27, 2018	June 3, 2018	June 10, 2018	June 17, 2018	June 24, 2018
Clergy	Rev. Dean Beckwith	Fr. Mike Wood	Rev. Dean Beckwith	Fr. Mike Wood	Rev. Dean Beckwith	Fr. Mike Wood
Chalice Bearer	Gari Voss	Judy Buchanan	Gari Voss	Ray Lewis	Judy Buchanan	Gari Voss
Crucifer	Ray Lewis	Wendy Simmons	Ray Lewis	Wendy Simmons	Ray Lewis	Wendy Simmons
Lector # 1	Sue Buese	Ann Perrigo	Gari Voss	Sue Buese	Wendy Simmons	Judy Buchanan
Lector # 2	Kandi Gibson	Judy Buchanan	Sue Buese	Ann Perrigo	Gari Voss	Sue Buese
Lector # 3	Linda Kauppi	Wendy Simmons	Kandi Gibson	Wendy Simmons	Judy Buchanan	Ann Perrigo
Altar Guild	Dede Lewis	Lynne Winters	Carrie Burza	Ann Perrigo	Mary Ann Ferris	Dede Lewis
Usher	Jim Wendt	Betty Miner	Kandi Gibson	Ray Lewis	Jim Wendt	Betty Miner
Vestry Duty	Lynne Winters	Judy Buchanan	Gari Voss	Judy Buchanan	Sue Squiers-Frank	Vicki Barber
Musician	Siqi Li	Katherine Plier	Pufan Wang	Jane Kozhevnikova	Siqi Li	Katherine Plier
Coffee Hour	Gari Voss				Linda Kauppi	Gari Voss

Sharing our Time and Talents

Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy

Volunteers are being sought by the Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center to help children who have been abused and neglected.

Anyone who is at least 21 years old, has a valid driver's license and has no criminal history of abuse and/or neglect is eligible to complete the detailed application, interview process and complete a 40-hour training before being sworn in by an Allegan County Court judge as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

Each CASA then is assigned to work with and advocate for an Allegan County child who has been removed from his or her home due to abuse or neglect and who is involved with the court system.

Last year, there were about 115 children in Allegan involved with Child Protective Services due to alleged abuse and neglect. SAFE Harbor CASA volunteers worked with 25 of those children, but there were no volunteers available to work with the other children.

More information about the volunteer opportunity is available by calling Lauren Frederick, CASA Volunteer Coordinator, at (269) 673-3791 or contacting her via email at lfrederick@safeharborcac.org

Environmental Stewardship

7 SINGLE-USE SWAPS AND THE TRASH YOU CAN SAVE IN ONE YEAR

4.4 lbs of trash per day × **324 mil** people in the US = **700,000 tons** of trash made every day in the US

- 1 bamboo tooth brush = 4 plastic tooth brushes
- 1 glass floss container = 7 plastic floss containers
- 1 reusable water bottle = 167 plastic water bottles
- 1 reusable bag = 170 plastic bags
- 1 reusable cup = 500 coffee cups
- 1 metal straw = 540 plastic straws
- 1 cloth towel = 7,300 paper towels

"THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE ARE THE ONES WHO DO THE LITTLE THINGS CONSISTENTLY."

Prayers recently requested for:

Ken; Tink; Theresa; Jaqueline; Tim; Heather and her family, the family and friends of Butch Iehl; Nicolette; Barb; Kate; the family and friends of Patrick Becom; Bill; Jordan; Mary Ann; Bob and Ashley; Val; Carol G.; Pam

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; Vicki; David; Jordan; Herb; the Sloan family; Daniel; Chuck and Linda; Jim; Shawn and his family

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.

The Holy Spirit interacts with Jesus

- The angel to Mary:
The Holy Spirit will come to you (Luke 1:35)
- At his Baptism:
*John explained that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire (Luke 3:16)
*The Holy Spirit came upon him like a dove... (Luke 3:22)
*He was filled with the Holy Spirit... (Luke 4:1)
- During his ministry:
*He received the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:14)
*The Spirit of the Lord was with him (Luke 4:18)
- With his disciples:
*He promised them that they would be clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:53)