

The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of Good Shepherd Parish

Parish Founded 1868
Church Built 1872

May 2018

From the Pastor's Desk ... There are many ways to stay connected to what's going on at Good Shepherd and around the diocese—even though Caryl Frink and her correspondents pack this parish newsletter full of info, it can't cover everything. Here are a few things you should be sure you're subscribed to:

We are going to be using the parish Facebook page more and more as another way to share the latest happenings at Good Shepherd. We know not everyone uses Facebook, but if you do, be sure you've "Liked" our page:

<https://facebook.com/GoodShepherdRI/> Facebook only shows you posts from pages you interact with a lot, so please be sure to "Like" all our posts when you see them. You can also change a few settings to make sure you see our posts first and that you always get a notification in your Facebook header when we post. Use the drop-down arrow on the "Following" button to change your settings.



The Diocese of Rhode Island publishes an electronic newsletter every two weeks, with information about diocesan-sponsored trainings and events and also parish leadership resources, and links to articles featuring successful ministries in parishes. You can sign up here: <https://www.episcopalri.org/connect-with-us/publications/diocesan-enews/>

If you did not get a copy of "RISEN," the annual diocesan full-color magazine, mailed to your home, extra copies are available at the church. You can also give copies to friends or family who are curious about the Episcopal Church. This year's issue focuses on Evangelism.

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SUNDAY MORNINGS AT GOOD SHEPHERD



Choir Rehearsal 9:15--9:50 a.m.
Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour immediately after worship



Though the world around us thinks that Easter 2018 is long gone, the Church thinks and acts differently. **Easter is a season** that began with the Vigil on March 31st and will end on the Day of Pentecost, May 20th.

May 6th is the 6th Sunday of Easter.

Thursday, May 10th is Ascension Day

May 13th is the 7th Sunday of Easter,
the Sunday after Ascension Day

May 20th is **the Day of Pentecost** when all are encouraged to wear **RED** - a shirt, a tie, socks, a headband or even a flower. Why?

From the Acts of the Apostles "Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them ... all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit."

May 27th is Trinity Sunday when we sing with joy of this mystery,
"Holy, holy, holy ... God in three Persons, blessed Trinity"

On the secular calendar this is also Memorial Day weekend when we pause to pray for those who have died in defense of this country and to pray for peace everywhere.

Ongoing events:

Trash or Treasure is open on Wed. and Sat. from 9 a.m. to noon.

There's an **AA meeting** every Saturday at 7 p.m.

Vestry Meeting at 6 pm on Tuesday, May 15th

During May we will collect **canned fruit** for the Food Closet.

Thanks to the **Advent Fund** a large freezer was recently delivered to the Food Closet; this will enable Harvest Hope to receive a variety of frozen items from the RI Community Food Bank. Every job requires special skills and it was amazing to watch 2 men carry that freezer down the stairs around the corner, then up 2 steep stairs - squeezing through another door, then around the desk to the recently added proper electrical outlet. It really is a step up for the Food Closet!

Friday, May 4th is the final **Fun Friday** for this school year though we hope to see many of the families again at the Block Party in June. As this newsletter is being written good weather is predicted for the cookout; this will break a record of consecutive rainy Fun Fridays! Yeah!! Kids will be able to make a Mother's Day gift, & color a card, and even decorate an active toy for themselves.

A May breakfast is a wonderful RI tradition and you'll only have to travel to the Good Shepherd Parish House to enjoy this one.

Harvest Hope Church of God in Christ

invites you to a **May Breakfast**
Sat., May 5th from 9 - 11:30 am

Menu: eggs, bacon or sausage
grits, pancakes, toast
juice, coffee, & tea

Donation: \$ 8.00 your choice;
\$10.00 entire menu

\$ 6.00 children under 11 years old.



Are you ready for a



Youth Sunday (June 10th) is coming up soon and we are inviting all the youth to participate from picking hymns, to reading the lectionary and ushering, they will be doing all the parts they can except when a priest is needed. Our first meeting, right after church, will be May 6th. So, if you haven't signed up for a spot or you know a youth who would like to participate, please email Deacon Mary Ann at maryannmello@verizon.net.

There is a spot for everyone no matter how young you are!



After we bagged up all the winter merchandise at Trash or Treasure, all that was left were about 30 winter coats. We hung them on a rack in the hall with a sign that read "FREE". After about 3 days all that was left was the sign... several customers asked if they could have the rack!! If it's free it's for me!

The thrift shop has been humming along nicely with the dedicated workers that we have. We welcome and appreciate our newest volunteers, Pat Pelletier from our parish and Brenda Merkel from the neighborhood. Thanks to all! Cheryl



The Episcopal Charities 2018 Campaign began officially at Good Shepherd on Sunday April 22nd with a presentation by Joanne Silvia Harrison about the Episcopal Conference Center, a major beneficiary of Episcopal Charities. Joanne spoke movingly about the involvement of her own children at ECC and the difference that has made to their growing up. She also spoke of the variety of programs offered not only in the summer but throughout the year - a place for everyone.

It is never too late to make a gift or a pledge to Episcopal Charities. While the chocolate hearts that were given out to donors on April 22nd may be gone, Carol Keiser has blank pledge forms. Ask her. And, do remember that you will be supporting not just ECC but nearly 60 agencies making a difference for our neighbors.

Whether you have children or teens who are considering a session at ECC this summer or if you are just curious about this place called ECC, consider putting an **ECC Open House** on your calendar. It's also a great destination for a ride in the country - west on Route 44 to Reservoir Rd. in Chepachet (Gloucester), turn right on Reservoir Rd. and ECC is about a mile down the road.



- **Sunday, May 10th, 11 am - 3 pm.** “Church in the Barn at 11, giving a sense of our worship together - it’s fun! Tours and activities follow with refreshments available in the Pavilion”
- **Saturday, June 23rd, 1 - 4 pm.** Tours and activities; if you stay around, there’s also an Alumni softball game at 5 pm.
Each Open House is come when you can, leave when you want.

Around the parish:

- **Oops!** We missed the April 12th birthday of Deacon Mary Ann Mello in this newsletter and in the Staff, so here’s a heartfelt, belated and loud “**Happy Birthday**” from all of us.

- A note of appreciation from all of us not on the Altar Guild to those who are on the Altar Guild - it was mostly gloomy outside during April but when we stepped inside Good Shepherd we were surrounded with beauty. Thanks for your continuing hard work.



- There is a **Block Party** being planned for **Saturday, June 16th** from 1 - 3 pm. This event is being sponsored by the Kevin Hosey Hospitality Fund as the kickoff of the 150th Celebration. Stay tuned for more information but please **put this on your calendar now**.

- During Lent and into the Easter season we have been collecting socks and basic toiletries for the **Pawtucket Soup Kitchen**. Now we have 3 boxes and a bag ready to go; they are filled with 70 pairs of socks and lots of soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant and more. Thanks for your participation in this project.

- From the September 2017 Shepherd’s Voice: “During this summer we have welcomed **Linda Zannarelli and Brian Vivieiros** to this congregation”. It’s not a secret - they will be married at Good Shepherd on Saturday May 19th and they want to share their joy as this day approaches. Please add your Amen to this prayer:



*“Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life.
Amen”*

- **Pat Pelletier** recently had an accident on the Slater Park Bike Path when a young person on a motorized scooter knocked her off her bike. The only positive thing she can say is that a sturdy fence kept her from being tossed into the Ten Mile River! However, she did have an unplanned emergency room visit.

• We have been signing up gardeners for the **Ken Lagerquist Memorial Gardens**, putting an extra emphasis on gardening as a May to October commitment. With that in mind Master Gardener Jeff Faria has scheduled 3 presentations to help gardeners; if you have a garden at home you are certainly welcome to attend. The first one will be on **Saturday, May 12th at 10 am in the parish house**

Preparing for and Planting your small garden

Jeff will be here from 9 am until noon to provide individual support.



Historical note: The groundbreaking for the gardens was on Saturday May 5, 2007 and there is one gardener who has had a plot or two every year since then and she's signed up for 2018!

Note of Thanks to Jim Scarpetti for lugging all the tools from winter storage to the shed and the general garden area.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to those celebrating their special day in May



2 Claire Eggiman	2 Freda Luther	10 Melissa Scarpetti
10 Matthew St. Jean	10 Raymond Whewell	10 Peter Tengbeh
15 Carter James Gentile	17 Dennis Tripodi	18 Richard Warner
19 Patricia Pelletier	19 Brenda Rubin	22 Janice Courtemanche
25 Sue Hosey	29 Gail Lexner	30 Helene Risho

Happy Anniversary

on May 25th to Ric & Jean Emerson

on May 26th to Carol and Raymond Keiser

What is the Church?

The Church is the community of the New Covenant.

(Prayer Book, p. 854)

The history of the Church of the Good Shepherd began in 1868 with 18 children and a few dedicated volunteers - a community. This is New England and while the community could gather outside, that would not be very appealing in January!

So as this community grew, "**a lot was secured** on the corner of what is now Broadway (then known as the Pike) and Woodbine Street for \$ 400. Ground was broken on Thursday, March 9, 1872 and the cornerstone laid for the 'Mission of the Good Shepherd' and the opening service in the new chapel was June 23, 1872."

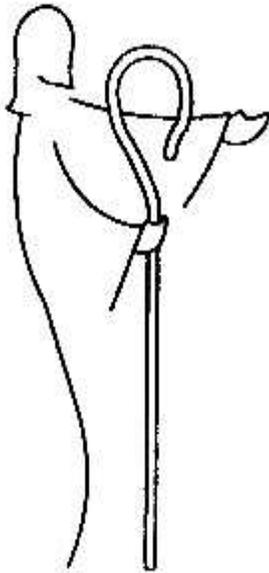
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Celebrating
150 years
 1868-2018
Good Shepherd Parish

The 150th Anniversary Committee met on Sunday, April 29th and there are ways for many people to be involved in the preparation for the **day of celebration, November 4, 2018. For a starter**



1. Help us update the history - This is a preliminary list of things that have happened in the past 25 years (or so) at Good Shepherd:

- Stained glass window cleaning and repair - dedication???
- Beginning of Fun Friday
- Tools for School
- Beginning of Ken Lagerquist Community Garden
- Merger with the Church of the Advent (some history of Advent)
- Major storm damage and repairs
- Organ flood & repair
- Acquiring the piano for the church
- Welcoming people from other countries
- Bringing Esther's daughter Earlene from Liberia

2. Make suggestions for a new time capsule



3. Contact people who remember Good Shepherd and be sure we have a current address so that this 150th Anniversary Celebration can be a homecoming, too. Ask them to add their memories.

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- email to goodshepherdri@comcast.net
- mail to 490 Broadway, Pawtucket, RI 02860
- want to talk: call Caryl Frink @ 401-231-0412

Next 150th Anniversary Committee meeting - Sunday, June 3rd

Finally, Spring has sprung!

