



## Our Worship Schedule

### Weekly Sunday Worship

8:00 am Rite I Eucharist, with coffee afterwards  
10:00 am Rite II Eucharist with hymns, followed  
by our festive coffee hour

Craft Sundays offered at 10:00 am throughout  
the summer. All kids pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are  
welcome!



**The new program year kicks off on  
Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>!**

Ahhhh, July and August at last! They invite us back to our natural bodies, to shed all the layers that protect us from the wild world, and to experience hot life direct. It's the simple things that often abduct us, too. Fireflies at night. Blackberry picking. King Kone. In our liturgy during the summer, we exclaim: "God of all power, ruler of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. At your command, all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home." Luxuriate in our island home this summer. Luxuriate in the living, incarnate God. Lori and I shall, as we discover more towns of the Hudson Valley. (Can't wait!)

Here's a suggestion – do something wild this summer. Truly wild. What are you doing with your one wild and precious life, anyway? Consider becoming like a child again, if only for a hot afternoon. As Jesus said, "To such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). What does that mean for you? For **You**?

For me, it means Cajun dancing with my headstrong cottage garden. For you, it may mean thrilling to the views from a swing. Frying green

tomatoes. Canoeing. Or crying fresh tears. Whatever it is, just do it. **Do it.** Don't miss the Kingdom of God. As poet Mark Jarman warns: if we aren't intentional, if we don't choose to be childlike, our adult temptations will besiege us. And drag us away. As they always do. "We lie in bed at night," he writes, "thinking about the future, always the future, always forgetting that it will be the past, hard and hollow, veiled and humming, soon enough." (Sigh). Indeed.

So let's live in the Now. God is found in the Now. The eternal Now. The July and August Now.

Hear that wren singing in the sugar maple? It's God calling. Run. To such belongs the Kingdom of God.

Happy summer, beloved.

Faithfully,

*Hal*

## *The Swing*

*by Robert Louis Stevenson*

*How do you like to go up in a swing,  
Up in the air so blue?  
Oh, I do think it the pleasantest thing  
Ever a child can do!*

*Up in the air and over the wall,  
Till I can see so wide,  
Rivers and trees and cattle and all  
Over the countryside—*

*Till I look down on the garden green,  
Down on the roof so brown—  
Up in the air I go flying again,  
Up in the air and down!*



John leads a reading.



Sunday School Graduation



Ms. Cecilia & Julia perform a duet.



# Sunday School

June was a wonderful month for our Sunday School Group. Many of us enjoyed the Family Painting party making a mug or picture frame for our Dads (our ourselves!). The Graduation Service on June 10<sup>th</sup> was a joyful celebration of the program year. We had fantastic musicians, readers, acolytes, ushers and element bearers. We also demonstrated our gratitude to our teachers – they were a spectacular group this year – we could not have done it without them! Students were given a graduation certificate and will hopefully enjoy their Cold Stone gift cards this summer!

Speaking of summer – just because school is out does not mean Sunday School closes down at Good Shepherd. Please join us any summer Sunday at the 10AM service for our summer craft Sundays. Kids grades PreK-8 are welcome. Younger kids do crafts and stories while MS Youth Group helps the teacher. It's a laid back and fun way to learn more about the gospels.

Finally don't forget to mark your calendar for Vacation Bible Camp. The Camp is August 22-24 from 9:00-12:30 each day. The theme is making good choices and includes a day to celebrate the earth, cherish our animal friends and transform into our best super-hero selves. Please see Megan or Father Hal for more info.

Happy summer from the Sunday School Committee!



Sunday School graduates!



Claire is crucifer, and Anna & Emily are torchbearers.



Logan, John, Anna, & Ms. Cecilia were a fabulous ensemble!

## FIREFLIES IN THE GARDEN

By Robert Frost

Here come real stars to fill the upper skies,  
And here on earth come emulating flies,  
That though they never equal stars in size,  
(And they were never really stars at heart)  
Achieve at times a very star-like start.  
Only, of course, they can't sustain the part.

## Middle School Youth

The Middle School Youth Group finished strong this program year. Our June 10<sup>th</sup> Graduation Service was one filled with changes. Two of our members were heartily welcomed into the High School Youth Group and one member of Sunday School was welcomed into our Middle School Youth Group. Each MS Youth Group student received a Cold Stone Gift Card for all of their dedication and hard work this year. We also celebrated the MS Youth Leaders who provided the guidance, learning and support throughout the program year.

This Group of Youth and Leaders were especially focused on outreach in 2017-2018 and will continue to do so with the July School Supply Drive. The Community Center for Northern Westchester is collecting school supplies for Fall 2018. The MS Youth hope to lead a collection here at Good Shepherd, bring the supplies to CCNW, and stock shelves to support CCNW. Please see the list of requested items on the next page, and help if you can!

Also this summer, MS Youth will hopefully attend summer craft Sundays at the 10AM service throughout both July and August. Their assistance with stories, games and crafts for the younger kids will be much appreciated by the Craft Sunday teachers!

MS Youth looking for community service hours will also serve as Counselors at Vacation Bible Camp on August 22-24. Please contact Megan or Father Hal with questions.

Have a relaxing summer from the MS Youth Group Committee.



MS leaders Cathy, Jose, Bruce, and Megan are acknowledged.



Emily presents HS Youth T-Shirts to Logan & Jonathan.



And they are officially welcomed with the Top Secret HS Youth Group salute!





## SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE 2018

### **PRESCHOOL:**

Crayola large crayons  
Coloring book or pad

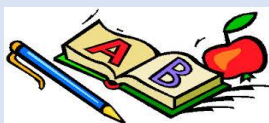
### **ELEMENTARY:**

Crayola Washable Markers  
Crayola crayons (box of 24)  
Glue sticks  
Colored pencils  
#2 pencils (packages of 12)  
Two-pocket folders  
Black & white marble composition books  
Handheld pencil sharpener  
Erasers  
3"x3" Post-Its  
Soft nylon pencil bag  
12" ruler (inches & metric units)

### **SECONDARY:**

Colored pencils  
#2 pencils (packages of 12)  
1" 3-ring binders  
Notebook filler paper  
Subject dividers  
Single-subject notebooks  
Two-pocket plastic folders  
Black & white marble composition books  
3" x 5" white ruled index cards  
3" x 3" Post-Its  
Erasers  
Soft nylon pencil bag

A donation of  
\$25  
will provide a  
student with basic  
supplies!



### **The Children**

By Mark Jarman

The children are hiding among the raspberry canes.  
They look big to one another, the garden small.  
Already in their mouths this soft fruit  
That lasts so briefly in the supermarket  
Tastes like the past. The gritty wall,  
Behind the veil of leaves, is hollow.  
There are yellow wasps inside it. The children know.  
They know the wall is hard, although it hums.  
They know a lot and will not forget it soon.

When did we forget? But we were never  
Children, never found where they were hiding  
And hid with them, never followed  
The wasp down into its nest  
With a fingertip that still tingles.  
We lie in bed at night, thinking about  
The future, always the future, always forgetting  
That it will be the past, hard and hollow,  
Veiled and humming, soon enough.

## The Summer Day

By Mary Oliver

Who made the world?  
Who made the swan, and the black bear?  
Who made the grasshopper?  
This grasshopper, I mean –  
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,  
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,  
who is moving her jaws back and forth  
instead of up and down –  
who is gazing around with her enormous and  
complicated eyes.  
Now she lifts her pale forearms and  
thoroughly washes her face.  
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats  
away.  
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall  
down  
into the grass, how to kneel down in the  
grass,  
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll  
through the fields,  
which is what I have been doing all day.  
Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?

## Building Our Relationship with Our Eternal Father

By Cecilia Sparacio

It's Sunday and I'm driving back from Good Shepherd. The service, sermon, and fellowship have kindled a spirit of hope and determination to more fully live out the values of my Christian faith. Sundays are my spiritual workout day, but come Monday, I can already feel the fervor of that day behind me. Short from staying in contact with my fellow parishioners, what can I do today to make those words of the scripture jump off the page and light the fire of my week?

Take baby steps. A fire need only be a continuous flame that is fed in small regular increments rewarding the giver with warmth and light. And so I submit that in our spiritual tool box lies a familiar yet underused tool to feed that flame; prayer. It's so simple that it gets forgotten. The first step is to take it with us from church and bring it home. At mealtime and before bed, prayer may make a short appearance depending on the mood. Is that enough prayer to keep our continuous flame?

As we consider the intention of giving prayer greater space, we can ask ourselves why we haven't done it before. My answers were:

I do it enough at church.

I don't have the time.

I don't know how.

Here is how I changed the narrative:

**I do it enough at church:** I determined that enough was good for church but I wanted more during the week.

**I don't have the time:** Every change worth making requires time. I'll start small and see what happens.

**I don't know how:** This was a big obstacle, and an experience at Good Shepherd put me on an opening path:

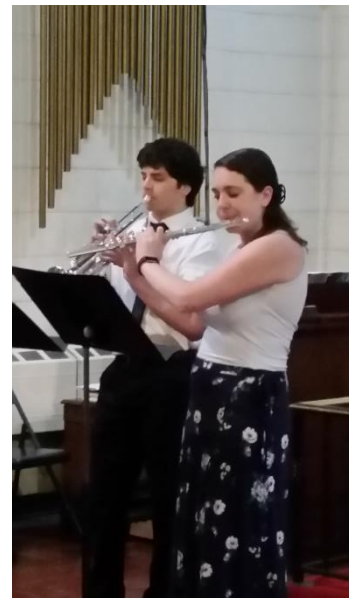
A number of years ago, I volunteered to do one hour of prayer during a twenty-four hour prayer vigil. I had never prayed continually for one hour. After reading written prayers, I tried feeling connected but failed. My answer was to be honest with myself, and ask myself what experience brought me close to God. I spent the next hour hymn singing. Lesson learned...Be true and follow the path to which the spirit is drawn.

We can take our intention, and remind ourselves every day how God appears in our everyday experience. Prayer as part of our daily routine reveals and keeps open our connection with God, God who loves us and lets us know he created this beauty of nature, and he bestowed his gifts on our family and friends. Prayer is an expression of our love for God and all he gives us. It is a time where we can send up our voices of praise and thanksgiving. Prayer, when given a comfortable place and welcome invitation, can enter in and remain a holy presence.

When we pull up a chair, look out our window, and listen for our hearts to beat, a bird to sing, and the wind to rustle through the trees, our awakening of those moments is where prayer exists. From there, a deeper life of prayer is within our grasp. And as we personally grow in prayer, its dimension expands into a freedom of embracing and intertwining with other people who pray. When prayer becomes a habit, it is truly integrated into the fabric of living and becomes a lively, dependable source of strength, comfort and wonder.



Emily plays a piano solo.



David & Katie



Wonderful choir anthem during Confirmation.



Bishop Dietsche leads us in renewing our Baptismal Covenant.

*We begin to pray, believing that it is our own initiative that compels us to do so. Instead, we learn that it is always God's initiative within us....*

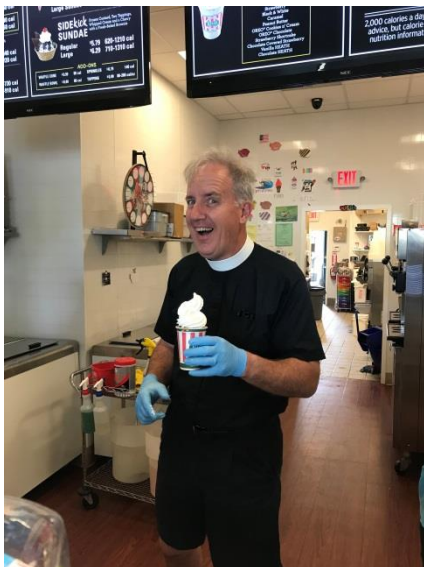
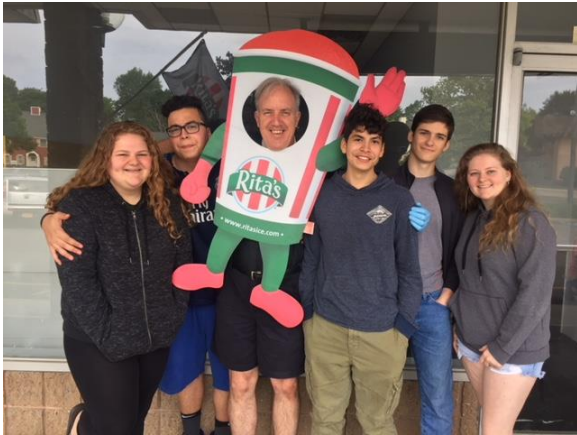
*(From: Crossing the Threshold of Hope)*



# Interfaith Celebrity Scoop at Rita's

Clergy from the Yorktown Interfaith Council and their congregations gathered at Rita's on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for a fun and silly time. Fr. Hal and others scooped ice cream and served happy customers for several hours.

In the end, over \$400 was collected to support relief efforts in Puerto Rico.





## From the Music Ministry

Summer is an ideal time to exercise your thoughts and abilities in the area of music. The choir is retired for two months leaving room to work on a favorite hymn, a musical piece on an instrument, or suggesting a way to enhance the musical side of our service. Individual and group input welcome!

Happy Summer!

Email Cecilia Sparacio at [flutistcs@gmail.com](mailto:flutistcs@gmail.com) or see me before or after a service.



Cecilia spends countless hours with anyone who would like to work on music! What would you like to try?

## Christmas in July!

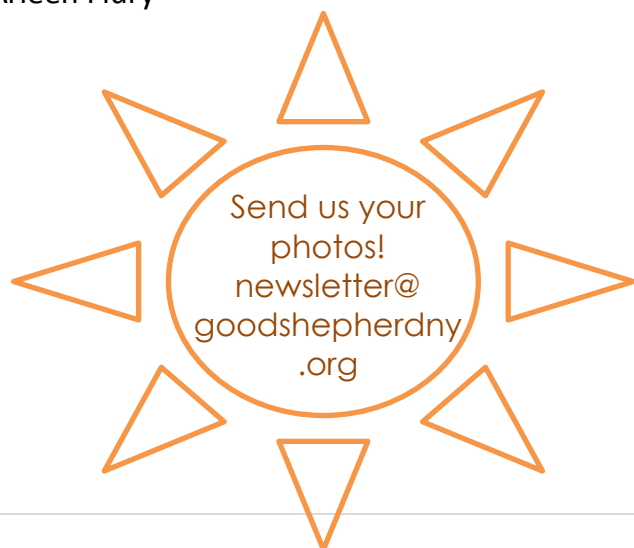
Calling all elves..... we would like to be able to offer some really nice raffle prizes at this year's Christmas Bazaar (Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>). Please let me know if you have any "Santa/Elf" connections or ideas for obtaining some great prize donations. Your help is always appreciated.

Watch for more "News from the North Pole" regarding Christmas Bazaar preparations.

Stay Cool!  
Arleen Flury



Fr. Hal & Zack relocated the hostas from around the flagpole.





Theresa leads a Vision Workshop for the High School Youth.

## Education for Ministry (EfM) begins September 17!

*Where is God in this situation? How do I live out my faith in today's confusing and tumultuous world? Who am I called to be? What does any of this church stuff mean anyway?* EfM is an Episcopal program of theological education that helps to develop an informed and knowledgeable laity by engaging these and other questions. The program provides adult education for a deeper understanding and practice of Christian spirituality.

### What is EfM? The official version:

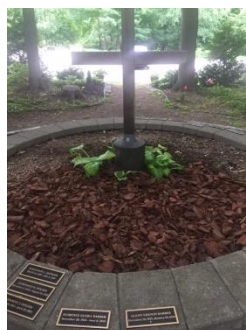
Every Christian receives the call to Christian ministry at baptism. Education for Ministry (EFM) provides the basics of a theological education in order to develop knowledge and confidence about the ministry we all share. EFM is a program of the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Completion of the program takes four years, during which participants study the Bible, church history and 20<sup>th</sup> century theology. Participants commit one year at a time to meet weekly in seminar groups led by a trained mentor. Participants can expect to do two to four hours of homework per week outside of the seminar. For more information directly from the program, check out the official EfM website at <http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm/about-efm>.

We are beginning a new year of EfM at Good Shepherd this Fall. Our first session will be Monday, September 17 at 7:00 pm in the Guild Room.

Please let me know if you are interested in beginning EfM with us in the Fall. Maybe at this point you're only *thinking* about being interested, or just toying with the idea. Please reach out! I am happy to speak with you at your convenience. You may also speak with other parishioners at Good Shepherd with EfM experience, including Bruce Barber, Wilfried Haensch, Cecilia Sparacio, and Fay Wright. For more information about our group and to register, contact Chris Palmer at [cmarmora@aol.com](mailto:cmarmora@aol.com).



Memorial  
Garden  
improvements  
are underway.  
← Before  
and  
After →





# Fund Raising Committee

During the past two years the Fund Rising Committee has grown and our events have grown to 8 a year. The committee understands that not everyone will be able to attend all events and each one has been carefully designed to give you a wide variety to choose from. This year we are offering at our "Tastes" event, Wine and Beer Tasting and Food Samples with a great Silent Auction, which offers a Condo in Hawaii, or maybe you like the Arts Jam Fall Festival or a Classic Car Show and, anchoring it all in December is our old-fashioned Christmas Bazaar. Of our 8 events, 3 are considered Good Shepherd Signature Events in the community.

Seventeen people serve on the committee and over the course of a year each person participates in one or more of the events. It is an amazing group. See the pictures in this issue from our most recent event, a fabulous Family Painting Party, where they painted mugs or frames which were later sent to a kiln for firing.

God's Blessings and thank you for your support,

Sybil Barnett, Diane Buschel, Fran DiBernardo, Arleen Flury, Glenn Hintze, Maria Kaprielian, Lori Kennedy, Sharen McKenna, Donna Paterno, Phill Pinkney, Cecilia Sparacio, Courtney Velzy, Lindsey Velzy, Rick Vesperman, Father Hal, and Deacon Norm, Chair.



HS Youth Leaders Brittany & Sindey offered guidance to our new leaders, Max & Emily, then signed their handprints on the wall.





Bishop Andy & Mrs. Margaret Dietsche joined us on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> for a wonderful celebration. We had one combined service at 9:00 am that day, so the entire congregation could celebrate together. Three youth were confirmed and 12 adults were received. Afterwards we shared a delicious Good Shepherd potluck brunch. Thank you to all who made the day so special.



Candidates for Reception



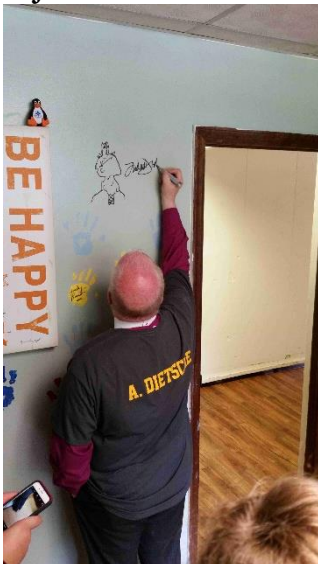
Candidates for Confirmation



John & Maria with Bishop Dietsche



La Familia Trinidad



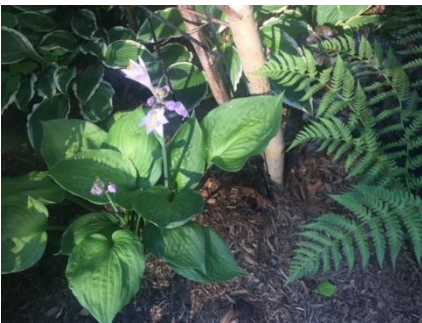
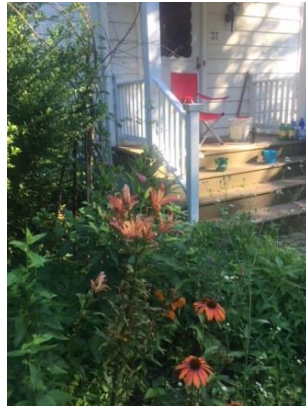
Bp. Dietsche adorns the Youth Room with an original cartoon.



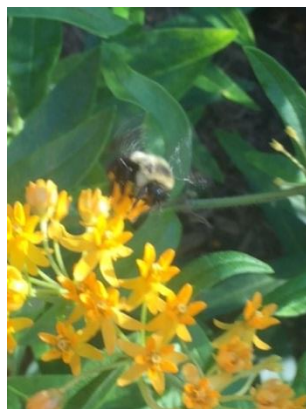
Christian, Emily, Jonathan, Bp. Dietsche, Abby, & Melody

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
 Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
 Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
 Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
 Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**I will, with God's help.**

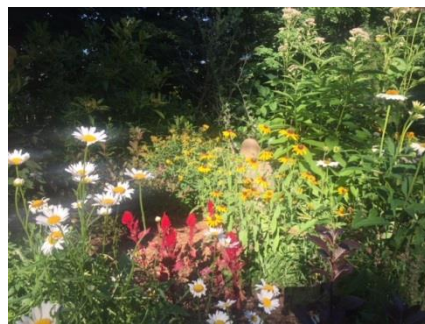




## *The emerging rectory cottage garden...*



*Now as we come to the  
setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the  
vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O  
God: Father, Son, and  
Holy Spirit.*





## Senior Group News

The Senior Group is coordinating a trip to the New York Botanical Gardens to view the Georgia O'Keefe exhibit and garden displays. The trip will be on Thursday, July 19. A sign-up sheet and details will be posted on the church bulletin board.

The Senior group will have a Senior Saturday at church on Saturday, August 18 starting at 11:00 am. We will have our meeting followed by lunch and fellowship.



Lunch and fellowship during our latest Senior Saturday.

## WOCOGS

*(Women Of the Church Of the Good Shepherd)*

The WOCOGS enjoyed a group movie night outing on May 25<sup>th</sup> to see the new movie, "The Book Club" which was great fun and met on June 8th to review our latest read, "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate, which got thumbs up all around.

We will not be meeting during July or August so our next meeting will be 7:30pm on Friday, Sept. 14th in the Guild Room. The book chosen to read over the summer and review in September is "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See.

We are looking forward to having a fun get together during the summer break - day/time/place to be announced later. If you are interested in joining us in the book club or have any questions, please talk with me or Maria Kaprielian.

Happy Reading!  
Arleen Flury



Laura G. (7/3)	
Lindsey V. (7/3)	
Ric L. (7/5)	
Ben W. (7/8)	Luke P. (8/1)
Jim R. (7/9)	Jennifer G. (8/2)
Sarah C. (7/14)	Zachary P. (8/5)
Andrew G. (7/15)	Daniel G. (8/6)
Donna P. (7/16)	Robert V. (8/6)
Kristi C. (7/17)	Scott P. (8/16)
John R. (7/17)	Amanda S. (8/18)
Julia B. (7/18)	Lori K. (8/22)
Emily B. (7/21)	Jean B. (8/23)
Nicholas P. (7/23)	Marie Y. (8/26)
Sindey R. (7/24)	Amy B. (8/29)
William C. (7/25)	Ashley F. (8/31)
Catalina T. (7/28)	
Katie D. (7/29)	
Jayne P. (7/31)	





**BOY  
SCOUT  
TROOP  
376  
BUILT  
A  
NATURE  
TRAIL!**



*And held a spaghetti dinner to raise money for Phase II of the Peace Pole project*



# Family Paint Party

Courtney, Diane, & Lori coordinated another successful paint party in June, this time for families and kids of all ages. Participants created either a mug or picture frame. Beautiful work, everyone!



## Newsletter FAQ

**Q: How do I get this stuff in the newsletter?**

A: It's easy to share your photos, stories, announcements, poems, etc. with our community! Just send your submission to [newsletter@goodshepherdny.org](mailto:newsletter@goodshepherdny.org) BEFORE the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter. (If you miss the deadline, your submission will appear in the following month's newsletter.) Thanks. Submit away!





# SERVER, READER & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

## **JULY 8:**

CHALICE: DIANE BUSCHEL  
CRUCIFER: CHRISTIAN TRINIDAD  
READERS: WILFRIED HAENSCH  
MICHAEL MARKUMAS  
PRAYERS: BOB BUBECK  
USHERS: RICK VESPERMAN  
RIC LARSON  
COUNTER: COURTNEY VELZY

## **JULY 15:**

CHALICE: CHRISTIAN TRINIDAD  
CRUCIFER: EMILY VESPERMAN  
READERS: LORI KENNEDY  
LUIS DELAHOLZ  
PRAYERS: OPEN  
USHERS: BOB VELZY  
NICK POYSER  
COUNTER: LESLIE FULTON

## **JULY 22:**

CHALICE: JIM CORNING  
CRUCIFER: OPEN  
READERS: CHRIS PALMER  
OPEN  
PRAYERS: JAN CORNING  
USHERS: RICK VESPERMAN  
OPEN  
COUNTER: JIM CORNING

## **JULY 29:**

CHALICE: DIANE BUSCHEL  
CRUCIFER: CHRISTIAN TRINIDAD  
READERS: RICK VESPERMAN  
DOROTHY BAEDER  
PRAYERS: BOB BUBECK  
USHERS: ARLEEN FLURY  
BOB VELZY  
COUNTER: RICK VESPERMAN

## **PRAYER LIST**

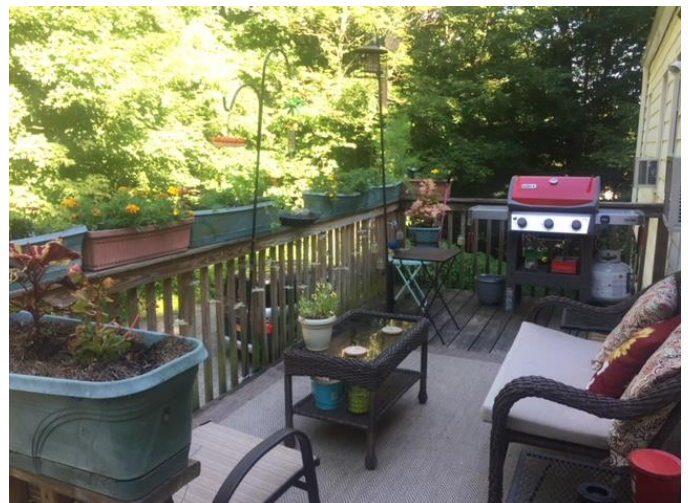
We pray for our core partners: the Community Center of Northern Westchester; the Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center; Somers Boy Scout Troop 376; and the Somers Granite Springs AA Group.

We pray for all who serve in the armed forces, especially Billy, Brendan, Jason, Matthew, Nicholas, and Noah; for all those in seminary, including Paul; and we pray for Star, Christine, Jacquie, Doug, Diane, Carrie, Sharen, Ian, Dave, Bonnie, Adam, Katherine, Max, Hazel, Leuda, Lilian, Janice, Jill, Lori, Amy, Michael, Stephen, Noel, Judy, Laura, Bernie, Margery, Franca, Lois, Lee, Herb, & Maureen.

We pray for all who have died, especially Mark and Louis, and for all those who mourn.

## **Are there others?**

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, simply go to [goodshepherdny.org](http://goodshepherdny.org), click on "[Prayer Request](#)" at the top of the page, and fill out the online form. You will receive a confirmation email that your request has been received, and it will be added to the prayer list. Alternatively, you can fill out a paper Prayer Request form, which can be found on the shelf at the back of the church. Simply fill out the form and place it in the wooden box marked "Prayers".



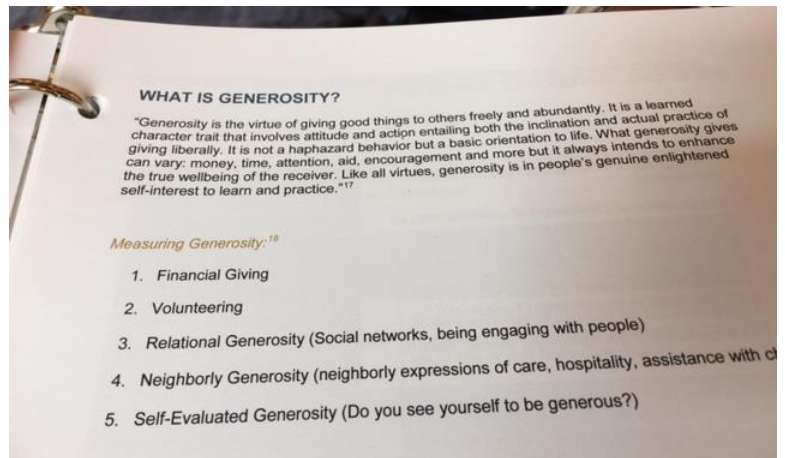
Check out the new grill on Hal & Lori's beautiful deck!

## July 2018

- 1, 8, 15, Sundays: Hal here to celebrate Sunday services.
- 19, Thursday: Seniors NY Botanical Garden Georgia O'Keefe Exhibit
- 26, Thursday: Fundraising Committee Meeting
- No Vestry meetings this month.

## August 2018

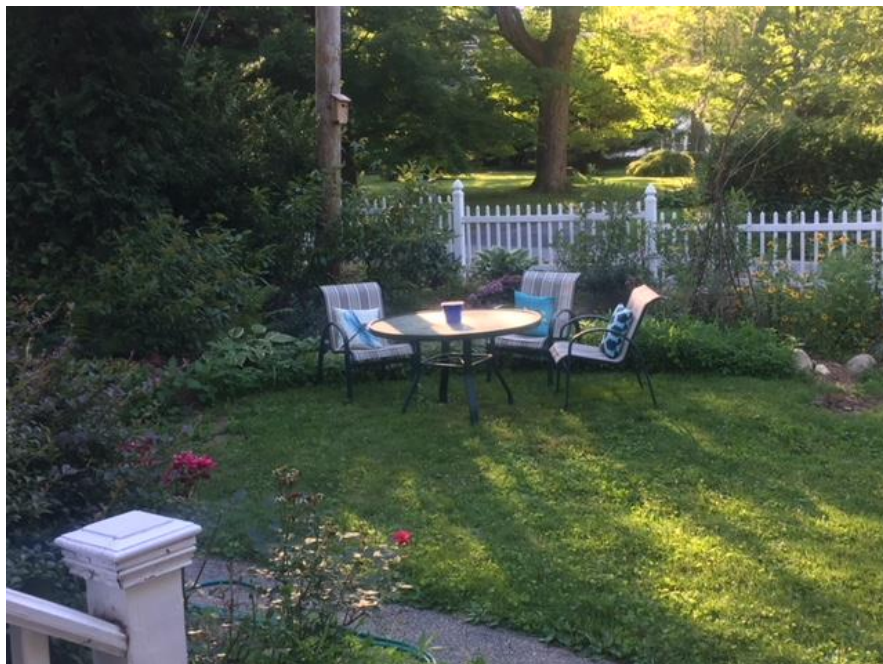
- 2, Thursday: Boy Scouts Monthly Meeting 6:30-9:00 pm.
- 18, Saturday: Senior Group 11-3 Parish Hall.
- 30, Thursday: vestry meeting 7:30 pm (Hal)
- 22, 23, 24, Wednesday – Friday: Vacation Bible School (Megan)
- 30, Thursday: Vestry meeting 7:30-9:30 pm. (Hal)



Fr. Hal attended a church finance training in New Haven, CT.



We had two delicious cakes on Confirmation & Reception Sunday!





## September 2018

- 1-3, Labor Day Weekend
- 6, Thursday: Boy Scouts Monthly Meeting 6:30-9:00 pm.
- **9, Sunday: Start of the 2018-2019 Program Year:** Blessing of Backpacks, Grandparent's Day recognition, Sunday School Registration, & parish BBQ picnic thrown by COGS (Hal, Megan, Rick). Bring neighbors & friends!
- 13, Thursday: Fundraising Committee in the Guild Room 6:30 pm; state and local primary election.
- 14, Friday: Holy Cross Day Rite 3 Eucharist (6:30 pm) followed by Chickenfest (Hal & Chris). Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship!
- 14, Friday: Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd (WOCOGS) monthly book group meeting at 7:30 pm.
- 15, Saturday: Seniors' World Peace Project & Cascade Mountain Winery.
- 16, Sunday: Sunday School and Middle School Group start (Megan).
- 19, 26 Wednesdays: Weekly Bible study of the upcoming Gospel reading resumes in the Guild Room, noon-1:30 pm. (Hal).
- 20, Thursday: Vestry meeting 7:30 pm (Hal)
- 23, Sunday: Confirmation class meets at the rectory 4:30-7 pm.
- 29, Saturday: Michaelmas Eucharist (5:30 pm) followed by our annual Oktoberfest (Hal & Chris).



Bishop Dietsche thrilled the congregation by wearing his Good Shepherd Youth Group T-shirt as part of his vestments!



Mrs. Dietsche wasn't convinced by the Bishop's cartoon on the Youth Group wall...

# July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 Rite 1 10:00 Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	2	3 6:00 AA	4 6:00 AA	5 6:30 Boy Scouts	6	7
8 8:00 Rite 1 10:00 Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	9	10 6:00 AA	11 6:00 AA	12	13	14
15 8:00 Rite 1 10:00 Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	16	17 6:00 AA	18 6:00 AA	19 10:00 Senior Group trip to NY Botanical Garden & Georgia O'Keefe exhibit	20	21
22 8:00 Rite 1 10:00 Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	23	24 6:00 AA	25 6:00 AA	26 6:30 Fundraising Committee Meeting	27	28
29 8:00 Rite 1 10:00 Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	30	31 6:00 AA	6:00 AA			

# August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 AA	2 6:30 Boy Scouts	3	4
5 8:00 MP Rite 1 10:00 MP Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	6	7 6:00 AA	8 6:00 AA	9	10	11
12 8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	13	14 6:00 AA	15 Submissions due for September's newsletter! 6:00 AA	16	17	18 11:00 Senior Saturday
19 8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	20	21 6:00 AA	22 9:00 VBS 6:00 AA	23 9:00 VBS	24 9:00 VBS	25
26 8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	27	28 6:00 AA	29 6:00 AA	30 7:30 Vestry Meeting	31	



## Blackberry-Picking

By Seamus Heaney for Philip Hobsbaum

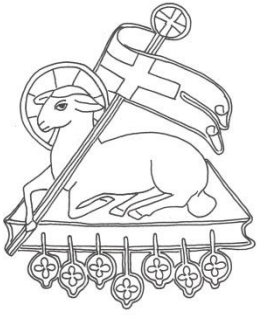
Late August, given heavy rain and sun  
 For a full week, the blackberries would ripen.  
 At first, just one, a glossy purple clot  
 Among others, red, green, hard as a knot.  
 You ate that first one and its flesh was sweet  
 Like thickened wine: summer's blood was in it  
 Leaving stains upon the tongue and lust for  
 Picking. Then red ones inked up and that hunger  
 Sent us out with milk cans, pea tins, jam-pots  
 Where briars scratched and wet grass bleached our boots.  
 Round hayfields, cornfields and potato-drills  
 We trekked and picked until the cans were full,  
 Until the tinkling bottom had been covered

With green ones, and on top big dark blobs burned  
 Like a plate of eyes. Our hands were peppered  
 With thorn pricks, our palms sticky as Bluebeard's.

We hoarded the fresh berries in the byre.  
 But when the bath was filled we found a fur,  
 A rat-grey fungus, glutting on our cache.  
 The juice was stinking too. Once off the bush  
 The fruit fermented, the sweet flesh would turn sour.  
 I always felt like crying. It wasn't fair  
 That all the lovely canfuls smelt of rot.  
 Each year I hoped they'd keep, knew they would not.

## September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	3 Labor Day	4 6:00 AA	5 6:00 AA	6 6:30 Boy Scouts	7	8
9 Program Year Kick Off! 8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 with Blessing of Backpacks 11:00 Parish BBQ 6:00 AA	10	11 6:00 AA	12 6:00 AA	13 All day - State & Local Elections	14 Holy Cross Day 6:30 Service followed by Chickenfest 7:30 WOCOCS	15 11:00 Seniors – World Peace Project & Cascade Mountain Winery trip
16 8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	17 7:00 EfM begins	18 6:00 AA	19 12:00 Bible Study resumes 6:00 AA	20 7:30 Vestry Meeting	21	22
23 8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	24 7:00 EfM	25 6:00 AA	26 12:00 Bible Study 6:00 AA	27	28	29 Michaelmas 5:30 Service followed by Oktoberfest
30 8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA						



# Vacation Bible Camp

## *Making Good Choices*

**August 22-24, 2018 – 9:00am-12:30pm**

**Church of the Good Shepherd: 39 Granite Springs Rd, Granite Springs, NY**

### **What will the Children Learn at VBC?**

- August 22: Animals and Friends: Making Loving Choices with all of God's Creatures
- August 23: The Earth: Making Respectful Choices for the Environment
- August 24: Heroes and Wizards: Making Wise, Strong and Caring Choices



### **Who:**

- Campers Age 3-12
- Counselors Age 13-18
- Teachers: Father Hal, Megan Whalen, Amy Baisley, & Deacon Norm



### **How Much:**

- \$30 per child (No charge for counselors age 13-18)
- Sibling discount \$10 each additional child



### **Our days will include...**

- |                           |                             |                        |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| • Daily Scripture Lessons | • Cooking in the kitchen    | • Trip to Stuarts Farm |
| • Healthy Snack Provided  | • Trip to Muscoot Farm      | • Scavenger Hunts      |
| • Animal Yoga             | • Planting and Bird Feeders | • Science Projects     |
| • Outdoor Activities      | • Crafts and Games          | • Family Feast         |

**Questions? Please contact Megan Whalen: 914-248-5631 and [info@goodshepherdny.org](mailto:info@goodshepherdny.org)**  
**Registration information is on the back of this flyer – Register SOON Space is Limited!**



# Vacation Bible Camp Registration

## Campers & Counselors

Church of the Good Shepherd: 39 Granite Springs Rd, Granite Springs, NY

Names of Parents or Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Medication or Food Restrictions? ☐ Yes

Month/Day/Year

☐ No

If "Yes", please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Medication or Food Restrictions? ☐ Yes

Month/Day/Year

☐ No

If "Yes", please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Medication or Food Restrictions? ☐ Yes

Month/Day/Year

☐ No

If "Yes", please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information (please write below if there is other information we should know about your child/ren):



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Megan Whalen, *Bookkeeper*  
Chris Marmora Palmer, *Office Support*

### 2017 VESTRY & PARISH OFFICERS

Leslie Fulton, *Warden*; Rick Vesperman, *Warden*;  
Leuda Forrester, *Clerk*; Glenn Hintze, *Treasurer*  
Chris Palmer, *Financial Officer*;  
2018: Luis Delahoz, Vilma Mulholland, Vito Rizzi  
2019: Jim Corning, Donna Nygard, Courtney Velzy  
2020: Leuda Forrester, Kerry Irwin