SEPTEMBER 2018

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY AT GOOD SHEPHERD





Our Worship Schedule

Weekly Sunday Worship

8:00 am Rite I Eucharist, with coffee afterwards
9:45 am Sunday School & Middle School Youth
10:00 am Rite II Eucharist with hymns, followed by our festive coffee hour
11:30 am High School Youth meets

Upcoming Special Services

Sunday, September 9 Program Year Kick Off

Come to the 10:00 am service to have your backpack blessed, and stay for the awesome Parish BBQ afterwards!

Friday, September 14 – Holy Cross Day 6:30 pm Rite 3 Eucharist, followed by Chickenfest!

Saturday, September 29 - Oktoberfest5:30 pm Rite 3 Eucharist followed by Oktoberfest! As your "entry ticket," please bring a bag of non-perishable food for CCNW.

Rector's Remarks

Yahoo! It's September! You know what that means? It's time to kick off a new program year (September to June)! Yahoo!

Join us Sunday, Sept. 9 as we jumpstart the new program year with hotdogs, hamburgers, Rita's ice cream, and much more after the 10 am service. Sides are potluck, so feel free to bring your favorite side dish to share, if you like. All are welcome. In fact, consider bringing family, friends, neighbors, stray bears, everyone – this is a great day to introduce them to Good Shepherd. And, as always, we shall have a backpack blessing, grandparent blessing, Sunday School and Middle School registrations, and more. Come!

Indeed, as you can see from reading this newsletter, there will be easy opportunities to learn more about our many groups at Good Shepherd and to sign up to get more information about them in the parish hall. (There's no obligation on your part for asking for more info, so don't sweat asking to learn more). Here's why getting involved in a group is so important:

Want more meaning, purpose, and happiness in your life? (Who doesn't, right?) **The secret is** to identify your gifts, talents, and interests and then to act on them for God & the common good. When you do, great things happen: a sense of personal purpose, meaningfulness, connectedness, importance, and actual happiness grows. You even start to grow in sensitivity to God's loving action in your life, too. God is love, and when we act more lovingly, we get more in sync with God. (Who doesn't want more of that, right?) So peruse this newsletter, pick a group you want to learn more about, write your name on the groups "Tell Me More" Sheet on the events bulletin board in the parish hall, and get ready for more happiness. Sign me up for that!

See you Sunday, Sept. 9th at either our 8 or 10 am worship service and at our New Program-Year BBQ Bash afterwards. (And I'll try not to eat all the galleons of Rita's ice cream myself, but no promises).

Yahoo! It's a new program year. And make no mistake: it's going to be GREAT!

Blessings, good people. You are a blessing to this community.

With love and gratitude,

Hal



Check out the amazing sunflowers that volunteered at the Rectory. Just for perspective: Hal is 6'4"!

Sunday School

The summer has flown by. Each Sunday throughout the summer we offered crafts and bible lessons in a laid back and relaxed classroom environment. Special thanks to Megan, Kerry, Susan, Teresa and Julie for leading the sessions. Also this summer, many of our Sunday School kids and parents participated in the 5th Annual Vacation Bible Camp on August 22-24 – a fantastic time was had by all (See photos and article in VBS Section)!

September 2 will be the last craft Sunday and mark the end of summer at COGS Sunday School. Then get ready for September and Back to School.

On September 9th we will have "Blessing of the Backpacks". Bring your backpack, bring a friend. Father Hal will start off the school year right with a special blessing for everyone's backpack as they head back to school. We will also have a Sunday School registration table and a festive coffee hour after the service. Please stop by and register your child for the year.

September 16 will be the beginning of the Sunday School program year. We will dig back into our Lectionary-Based Curriculum where children study the same bible lessons as their parents in church, just at their own level.

September will follow the regular Sunday School format until our first Family Sunday on October 28th which will also be our Halloween Party. More info to come.

Please share thoughts & feedback with Megan Whalen at meganswiderski@hotmail.com.



Liam B. of Boy Scout Troop 376 and his family show off the beautiful work being done at the Peace Pole.





Deacon Norm working the VBS table

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Fr. Hal is all ready for VBS



iPhones anyone?

Have an old iPhone lying around the house? Going to upgrade yours soon? Consider donating your old iPhones to Good Shepherd so Fr. Hal can teach the Middle and High School Youth how to create, shoot, edit, and publish their own videos using Apple's iMovie software. To do that, we need iPhones that can still record videos. If you have one to donate, email Fr. Hal (hal@goodshepherdny.org). Thanks for the consideration!

Middle School Youth

The Middle School Youth spent the summer doing what they do best — lending a helping hand! Each Craft Sunday the Middle School Youth in attendance provided assistance to the Sunday School Craft Sunday leader. Jobs included: setting up, cleaning up, assisting younger children, and helping new kids feel comfortable. The Sunday School leaders are grateful for their help. Also, the MS Youth conducted a School Supply Drive in conjunction with the CCNW. Thanks to everyone who donated school supplies — we collected over 70 lbs. of supplies! These supplies were delivered to CCNW at the end of August by members of the MS Youth Group.

Now it's time to get back to school. MS Youth are welcome to participate in the Blessing of the Backpacks on September 9th. Please bring your backpacks, get a blessing and enjoy the festive parish BBQ to follow. Also, be sure to stop by the registration table for the new program year.

Regular MS Youth Group meetings will begin on September 16 in the Guild Room. MS Youth will continue to tackle the Gospel readings at their own level and apply them to their lives. September will follow the regular MS Youth format until the first Family Sunday on October 28th which will also be the Halloween Party. More info to come.

The MS Youth are also very excited to participate in the Support Connection Walk with the High School Youth Group and Miss Diane. Please share thoughts and feedback with Megan Whalen at meganswiderski@hotmail.com.



Monarchs in the rectory garden.



High School Youth Group Discussions Sunday (dates below) at 11:30 a.m.

This gives us time to get food and say hi to our parish family and attend other committees if needed.

Our discussions focus on "Christian application" of the lessons and sermon. Fr. Hal will join us occasionally. This is an informal gathering where we grab some snacks and we join each other in our room for conversations whenever you can join us.



Theresa & Fay are ready to kick off another great year! See below for our schedule of events. All high schoolers welcome!

Sunday September 16th Youth Group Leader Blessing at 10am Service and Meeting at 11:30am Handprints for new members! Set norms for group discussion

Sunday September 30th 11:30 Youth Group Meeting

Sunday October 7th Support Connection Walk. 3-mile walkathon (rain or shine) at FDR State Park, Yorktown Heights, NY. We will meet at Church at 8:30am and drive together to the walk. We will have breakfast after the walk at church.

Sunday October 21st Youth Group Meeting

Saturday November 3rd Stewardship prayer vigil. We will meet for games and conversation at 9pm and then pray from 11pm until 12 am. We will then go to breakfast at the diner. Parents pick up at the diner at 1:30am

Friday November 9th "Taste of Somers Event" at church. Arrive at 6:45pm. We will share our spirit of hospitality with the community by helping pass appetizers. We will wear our t-shirts!!

Saturday November 10th Diocesan Convention 9 am -5pm. Youth Group Leaders and 2 additional members may attend! We will wear our t-shirts!!

Sunday November 18th 4pm Interfaith Prayer Service 4pm. Then we return to church for pizza and conversation.

Sunday December 2nd Travel to NYC to the Cloisters Museum and dinner. Cost is \$30 per person.

Sunday December 16th 11:30 Youth Group Meeting

Sunday January 13th 11:30 Youth Group Meeting

Saturday January 19th 5pm - 9pm Pizza and Movie Night (are we inviting our interfaith friends?)

Sunday January 20th Church Annual Meeting after church. Stay and learn about the wonderful accomplishments of our parish. Add your voice to future plans © Youth Group leaders will give the report to the parish.

Sunday January 27th 11:30 Youth Group Meeting? Come to Holy Cross for Retreat???? Come with confirmation class?

Saturday February 2nd Rite 3 service Candlemas 6:30pm Chilifest and game night with the Middle School Youth Group!! Dinner, Prayer and Game Night! We'll make dinner at church and then have a fun evening play Pictionary, Apples to Apples, Taboo, Perpetual Commotion, and D&D

Sunday February 17th Youth Group Meeting

Sunday March 3rd, 17th, 31st Youth Group Meetings

n HUGE thank you to our awerome counselors who helped make this year's YBS so fun and special!



Support Connection Support-A-Walk Sunday, October 7 @ 9:00 am FDR State Park

All are welcome to join our team! If you are interested in donating, please use this link and click "Join This Team."

https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/diane-buschel/walk2018

Sunday April 7th Visit the Chuang Yen Monastery with the Middle school Youth Group. We will attend the 8am service then drive to the monastery for a tour and lunch

Saturday April 13- Sunday April 14: Sleep Over at Church 5pm until after 10am service Dinner, Lenten reflection, movies, silent prayer, sleep over, breakfast at the diner!

Saturday April 20th Easter Vigil Pizza fest! 3:30pm arrive at church

Sunday April 28th Youth Group Meeting

Sunday May 12th Mother's Day Plant Sale 8 am - 1pm

Sunday May 19th Youth Group Meeting (this may be confirmation)

Saturday May 25th 3pm Youth Group Meeting and hike at Lasdon Park Veterans Memorial.

Saturday May 30th 6:30pm Accession Steakfest: let's all meet and eat!

Sunday June 2nd Youth Group Meeting

Sunday June 9th 10 am service Youth Group Transition Service Senior reflections at the 10am service

Sunday June 16th 10 am service Welcome to the new Senior High Youth Group Members.



Campers at VBS spent time with some of the beautiful dogs from Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

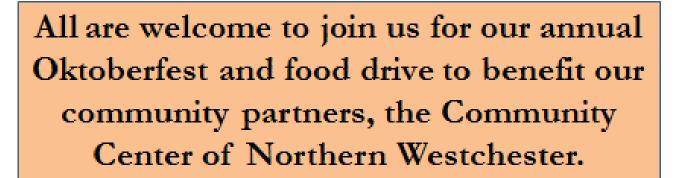


Oktoberfest 2018

September 29, 2018



Eucharist 5:30PM Followed by our feast



The suggested "entry fee" is a donation bag of food for CCNW. Consider taking one of the 100 reusable bags in the back of the church to fill. Thank you for your support!

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Seniors Group

The Senior Group enjoyed a trip to the **New York Botanical Garden** in July to view the Georgia O'Keeffe exhibit. While we were there, we were treated to a personal tour of the native plant garden by Michael Hagen, the curator of that garden and a fellow COGS parishioner. Thanks again Michael!





Come and join our dynamic and fun Seniors Group!
All are welcome!

Our next outings: **Lunch at Bear Mountain Inn** Thursday, Sept. 13, 11:00-3:00

Hudson River Fall Foliage Cruise Sunday, October 14, 2018

















August, we shared lunch and fellowship together at our Senior Saturday. Thanks again to Lori and Father Hal for taking on the grilling which resulted in delicious barbecued chicken and shrimp which were enjoyed by all!

The group will be heading out for lunch at the historic Bear Mountain Inn on Thursday, September 13, 2018. Information and a signup sheet are posted on the Breezeway bulletin board. Everyone is welcome!

In October, the senior group will be working with the Middle School Youth Group gathering coats, sweaters and iackets for our annual Veterans Warmth Drive. Collection bins will be located in the parish hall. During your Fall closet cleaning, please bring lightly used or new items to the church which will be delivered to the VA Hospital in Montrose, NY on November 6, 2018. A tour of sections of the facility will be conducted. All are welcome.

Also in October, the group will be coordinating our annual Hudson River Fall Foliage boat tour in which everyone is welcome to attend. The date is Sunday, October 14, 2018 and a sign-up sheet will be posted shortly.









FALL FESTIVAL & FASHION SHOW



Saturday, October 13th 11:00 AM - 5:00PM

*Live Entertainment *



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THESE GROUPS ARE RECRUITING NEW **MEMBERS:**

JOIN ONE!

Outreach

MINISTRY LEADER: AMANDA SLATTERY AMANDASLATTERYCTO@YAHOO.COM

NEXT MEETING - SUNDAY SEPT, 23 AT 11:30 AM IN THE GUILD ROOM, COME!

FUN, ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EfM

MINISTRY LEADER: CHRIS PALMER CMARMORA@AOL.COM

NEXT MEETING - MONDAY SEPT. 17 AT 7 PM IN THE GUILD ROOM. COME!

JOYFUL SINGING IN AN ALL-VOLUNTEER CHOIR

Choir

MINISTRY LEADER: CECILIA SPARACIO FLUTISTCS@GMAIL.COM SEE CECILIA AFTER A 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE. JOIN! THE WISE ONES HAVING FUN & FROLICKING TOGETHER

Seniors Group

MINISTRY LEADER: BRUCE BARBER BARBERBRUCE@YAHOO.COM

NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY SEPT. 13 LUNCHEON AT BEAR MOUNTAIN INN 11 AM-3 PM. COME!

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

WOCOGS

MINISTRY LEADER: ARLEEN FLURY AFGRANITE@AOL.COM

NEXT MEETING - MONTHLY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION FRIDAY SEPT. 14 AT 7:30 PM IN THE GUILD ROOM. COME

WE READ THE UPCOMING SUNDAY GOSPEL LESSON AND CASUALLY DISCUSS OVER LUNCH

Weekly Bible Study

MINISTRY LEADER: FR. HAL ROARK HAL@GOODSHEPHERDNY.ORG

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY SEPT, 26 AT NOON IN THE GUILD ROOM. BRING A BAG LUNCH.

EMPOWERING, DEVELOPMENTALLY-APPROPRIATE CURRICULUMS & ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH &

Child, Youth, & Teen Ed.

MINISTRY LEADERS: MEGAN WHALEN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL (MEGANSWIDERSKI/MHOTMAIL.COM) AND FAY WRIGHT FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (FWPHDRNINGSMAIL.COM) WEEKLY MEETINGS

CREATING FUN & PROFITABLE EXPERIENCES FOR PARISHIONERS AND GUESTS

Fundraising

MINISTRY LEADER: REV. DEACON NORMAN FULTON

NEXT MEETING - MONDAY SEPT. 10 AT 6:30 PM IN THE GUILD ROOM.

PROVIDING RIDES WHEN YOU CAN TO THOSE HAVING TROUBLE DRIVING

Ride Share

MINISTRY LEADER: BRUCE BARBER BARBERBRUCE@YAHOO.COM

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS BOARD IN THE PARISH HALL TO LEARN MORE, NO OBLIGATION. TEMPORARY HELP WITH MEALS FOR THOSE RECOVERING FROM AN EVENT

Meal Support

MINISTRY LEADER: BRUCE BARBER BARBERBRUCE@YAHOO.COM

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS BOARD IN THE PARISH HALL TO LEARN MORE, NO OBLIGATION,

PROVIDING CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO REQUEST THEM

Prayer Group

MINISTRY LEADER: BRUCE BARBER BARBERBRUCE@YAHOO.COM

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS BOARD IN THE PARISH HALL TO LEARN MORE, NO OBLIGATION. WE BUILD STUFF, BREAK STUFF, EAT STUFF, AND IMBIBE STUFF

Men's Group

MINISTRY LEADER: RICK VESPERMAN RIKVESPRIGMAIL.COM

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS BOARD IN THE PARISH HALL TO LEARN MORE. NO OBLIGATION.

CHILDREN AND TEENS ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP SERVICES

Acolytes

MINISTRY LEADER: RICK VESPERMAN RIKVESPROMAIL.COM

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS BOARD IN THE PARISH HALL TO LEARN MORE, NO OBLIGATION. READERS TRAINED TO READ THE NEW AND OLD TESTAMENTS DURING WORSHIP

Lectors

MINISTRY LEADER: RICK VESPERMAN RIKVESPEGMAIL COM

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS BOARD IN THE PARISH HALL TO LEARN MORE. NO OBLIGATION.

GREETING & SEATING FOLK DURING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

Ushers

MINISTRY LEADER: RICK VESPERMAN RIKVESPØGMAIL.COM

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS BOARD IN THE PARISH HALL TO LEARN MORE, NO OBLIGATION. ADMINISTERING THE CHALICE DURING WORSHIP SERVICES

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

MINISTRY LEADER: FR. HAL ROARK HAL@GOODSHEPHERDNY.ORG

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS BOARD IN THE PARISH HALL TO LEARN MORE. NO OBLIGATION.

SUPPORTING WORSHIP SERVICES BEHIND THE SCENES

Altar Guild

MINISTRY LEADER: ARLEEN FLURY AFGRANITE@AOL.COM

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS BOARD IN THE PARISH HALL TO LEARN MORE. NO OBLIGATION. HOW DO YOU WANT TO USE YOUR GIFTS & TALENTS FOR GOD & THE COMMON GOOD THIS PROGRAM YEAR?

What's Your Fancy?

JUMP IN. MAKE A DIFFERENCE, EXPERIENCE MORE MEANING, PURPOSE, & JOY.

Great for Newcomers!

At Good Shepherd, we offer a continuous stream of events and opportunities that are great for newcomers. Here are some to attend this month:

Thursday, Sept. 13

Seniors Group luncheon at the Bear Mountain Inn 11am-3pm. (To learn more, contact Bruce Barber at <u>barberbruce@yahoo.com</u>)

Friday, Sept. 14

Holy Cross Day Rite 3 Eucharist (6:30 pm) followed by Chickenfest. Come and enjoy the fun! (To learn more, contact Chris Palmer at cmarmora@aol.com)

Friday, Sept. 14

Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd (WOCOGS) monthly book group meeting at 7:30 pm in the Guild Room

(To learn more, contact Arleen Flury at afgranite@aol.com).

Sunday, Sept. 16

Sunday School and Middle School Youth Groups start (To learn more, contact Megan Whalen at <u>meganswiderski@hotmail.com</u>).

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Weekly Bible study of the upcoming Gospel reading resumes in the Guild Room, noon-1:30 pm.

Bring your own bag lunch

(To learn more, contact Fr. Hal at hal@goodshepherdny.org).

Saturday, Sept. 29

Michaelmas Eucharist (6:30 pm) followed by our annual Oktoberfest. Sign up to bring sides on the Breezeway bulletin board.

(To learn more, contact Chris Palmer at cmarmora@aol.com)

Sunday, Sept. 30

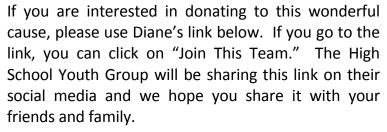
New Visitor & Member Welcome in the Guild Room at 11:30 (To learn more, contact Fr. Hal at hal@goodshepherdny.org)

Check the calendar at the back of the newsletter for other opportunities in October, November, and December. All our events are open to our members, their guests, and walk-in visitors. The key to spiritual growth is involvement, and we have something for everyone at Good Shepherd.

Support Connection Walk Sunday, October 7th

Support Connection is a non-profit organization that provides emotional, social, and educational support to women, their families and friends affected by breast and ovarian cancer. All of their services are free and confidential.

Diane is once again leading a team to support the amazing work of Support Connection called "Diane Buschel." In addition, as part of their outreach ministry, the High School Youth Group will be participating in the walk as the "Good Shepherd Sheep." The High School Youth Group is excited to collaborate with Diane! We will be raising money for the walk using Diane's webpage. The MS Youth Group will also be walking to show support for the cause and Miss Diane.



https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/dianebuschel/walk2018

We hope you join us! If you have any questions, please see Diane, Fay, or Theresa. Thank you so much!!



More VBS fun!





SEND US YOUR PHOTOS AND NEWS!

If you'd like to submit something for the October newsletter, please send it to newsletter@goodshepherdny.org

by September 15th!



Look for the Bag Tree at the back of the church and take one to fill for CCNW!

CCNW Update

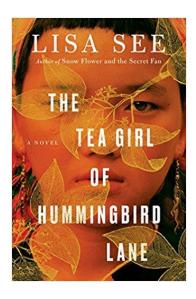
We support the Community Center of Northern Westchester (CCNW), one of our core partners, with monthly food donations. All nonperishable food items are always welcome! Grab something on sale at the grocery store and bring it with you on Sunday for a donation. All donations can be put into the basket under the CCNW table at the back of the church.

As of the end of June, we have donated nearly 700 lbs. of food and supplies to CCNW. Our annual donation goal is 2,000 lbs.

In September, we are focusing on our annual Oktoberfest food drive.

There are 100 reusable bags at the back of the church, labeled with CCNW's most requested items. Feel free to pick up a bag to fill anytime this month, and bring it with you to our celebration of Michaelmas & Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 29. Our goal is to fill 100 bags for CCNW by Oktoberfest. Join the fun and help out our neighbors in need at the same time!

Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors!



WOCOGS (Women Of the Church Of the Good Shepherd)

The book chosen to read over the summer and review in September is "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See. Our regular meeting will be Friday, September 14th at 7:30PM in the Guild Room. If you are interested in joining us in the book club, you are always welcome to come to any meeting or if you have any questions, please talk with me or Maria Kaprielian. Happy Reading!

Arleen Flury



Calling all Christmas elves!

We would like to be able to offer some really nice raffle prizes at this year's Christmas Bazaar (Saturday, December 8th). 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

What does it mean to think theologically? Come check out EfM and find out!

EfM is a vibrant and invigorating program of adult Christian formation, and we want YOU to join us! Participants study together, pray together, laugh together, and reflect together on their lived experience from a theological point of view. EfM makes our faith real, relevant and personal.

EfM begins Monday, September 17

Come to an EfM information session!

Monday, September 10, 7:00 pm - Guíld Room Sunday, September 16, 9:00 am - Guíld Room

Past EfM participants and mentors will be present to answer any questions you may have. We will also have various EfM materials available for you to review. Come and learn more!

Vacation Bible Camp

Our recent Vacation Bible Camp was a roaring success. We had 20 children ages 4-12 and five wonderful counselors age 13-18. Led by our seven adult teachers, the children and counselors explored making good choices.

On the first day we learned about making good choices with animals including: Animal Yoga, the Life of St. Francis Assisi, Guiding Eyes Dogs, Animal Ambassadors from the Nature of Things, and closing our day with Animal Sugar Cookies and Crafts.

The second day we learned about making good choices with the Earth including: celebrating God with Psalms, composting, visiting Stuart's farm and making caramel apples, planting seeds and learning about the food we eat that comes from seeds, and learning to pray with our hands.

The last day we learned to act as our own personal heroes for super by making banners unaccompanied minors in Somers, putting together gift bags for children at the Maria Ferrari Children's Hospital, going on a Prayer Treasure Quest, making potions in the kitchen, and reading bible stories about being a good friend.

We closed our camp with a lively family feast where children performed their "Camp Song" and great fun and fellowship was shared by all. Special thanks to teachers: Megan Whalen, Amy Baisley, Diane Buschel, Deacon Norm Fulton, Suzanne Bracken, Kerry Irwin, Fr. Hal and Maryann.







Animal Yoga!









Visitors from
Guiding Eyes for
the Blind and
The Nature of
Things were a huge
hit with kids and
adults alike!









We played with critters, then made our own critter cookies!





















SERVER, READER & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2:

CHALICE: JOSE TRINIDAD CRUCIFER: JOSE TRINIDAD

READERS: DOROTHY BAEDER, JOSE TRINIDAD

PRAYERS: LORI KENNEDY

USHERS: BOB VELZY, RICK VESPERMAN

COUNTER: VILMA MULHOLLAND

SEPTEMBER 9:

CHALICE: CATHY TRINIDAD CRUCIFER: CLAIRE HINTZE

READERS: GLENN HINTZE, CHRIS PALMER

PRAYERS: BOB BUBECK

USHERS: GLENN HINTZE, JOSE TRINIDAD

COUNTER: LESLIE FULTON

SEPTEMBER 16:

CHALICE: DIANE BUSCHEL
CRUCIFER: EMILY VESPERMAN

READERS: LUIS DELAHOLZ, RICK VESPERMAN

PRAYERS: CHRIS PALMER

USHERS: RIC LARSON, NICK POYSER

COUNTER: RICK VESPERMAN

SEPTEMBER 23:

CHALICE: JIM CORNING CRUCIFER: JIM CORNING

READERS: LORI KENNEDY, FAY WRIGHT

PRAYERS: JAN CORNING

USHERS: ARLEEN FLURY, RICK VESPERMAN

COUNTER: JIM CORNING

SEPTEMBER 30:

CHALICE: DIANE BUSCHEL
CRUCIFER: EMILY VESPERMAN

READERS: MICHAEL HAGEN; MIKE MARKUMAS

PRAYERS: GLENN HINTZE

USHERS: BOB VELZY, GLENN HINTZE

COUNTER: LEUDA FORRESTER



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; and we pray for Kerry, Maryann, Star, Doug, Diane, David, George, Joan, Janice, Sharen, Katherine, Max, Nancy, Yvonne, Bob, Steven, Michael, Judy, Laura, Bernie, Margery, Franca, Lois, Lee, Herb, & Maureen.

We pray for all who have died, especially Lillian, Connie, Mark, & 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, 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".

Our Calendar of Events

- **Note:** This is a list of the main events for the first semester of our 2018-2019 program year, from September to December, but not all our activities. It includes neither our Sunday 8 am and 10 am worship services nor our Sunday School and Middle School Youth meetings, since these happen every week of the year. It also does not include meetings for the individual COGS ministry groups, AA, or the Boy Scouts.
- If in doubt about an activity, see the master calendar in the church office for these details and/or contact the ministry leader for specific ministry details. Ministry leaders responsible for their events below are in parenthesis. To contact them, see your parish directory, contact the office at admin@goodshepherdny.org, or call the office at 914-248-5631. These are a friendly group of people to get to know.
- Assume the events below are free and child-friendly unless otherwise noted. Fr. Hal also has discretionary funds to support everyone to participate in our community life; money will never be a barrier to participation at Good Shepherd. Contact Fr. Hal at hal@goodshepherdny.org for confidential support, if needed.
- All are welcome! Get involved in anything and everything that interests you! Enjoy!

September 2018

- 9, Sunday: Start of the 2018-2019 Program Year: Blessing of Backpacks, Grandparents Day recognition, Sunday School Registration, & parish BBQ picnic thrown by COGS (Hal, Megan, Rick). Bring neighbors & friends!
- 13, Thursday: Seniors Group luncheon at the Bear Mountain Inn 11am-3pm. (Bruce)
- 14, Friday: Holy Cross Day Rite 3 Eucharist (6:30 pm) followed by Chickenfest (Hal & Chris). Come and enjoy the fun!
- 14, Friday: Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd (WOCOGS) monthly book group meeting at 7:30 pm in the Guild Room (Arleen).
- 16, Sunday: Sunday School and Middle School Youth Group (Megan), along with the High School Group (Fay) start meeting for the year. All are welcome to join them at any point in the year for fun, empowering Christian education.
- 20, Thursday: Vestry meeting 7:30 pm (Hal).
- 26, Wednesday: Weekly Bible study of the upcoming Gospel reading resumes in the Guild Room, noon-1:30 pm. Bring your own bag lunch (Hal).

- 29, Saturday: Michaelmas Eucharist (6:30 pm) followed by our annual Oktoberfest (Hal & Chris). Bring a bag of non-perishable food for CCNW as your "ticket" to the event. Can we fill 100 bags this year? Sign up to bring sides on the Breezeway bulletin board.
- 30, Sunday: New Visitor & Member Welcome in the Guild Room at 11:30 (Hal).
- 30, Sunday: High School Group meets in the Youth Group room after the 10 am service (Emily & Max).

October 2018

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Wednesdays: Weekly Bible study of the upcoming Gospel reading in the Guild Room, noon-1:30 pm (Hal).
- 7, Sunday: Support Connection Support-A-Walk at FDR Park. Join the COGS team! (Diane).
- 7, Sunday: 1 pm Blessing of the Animals. All welcome. Bring friends and neighbors. (Hal)
- 12, Friday: Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd (WOCOGS) monthly book group meeting at 7:30 pm in the Guild Room (Arleen).
- 13, Saturday: Fall Festival: Arts Jam, Fashion Show, & Pet Adoption (Deacon Norm).
- 14, Sunday: Hudson River Cruise (Bruce).
- 18, Thursday: Vestry meeting 7:30 pm (Hal).
- 20, Saturday: Classic Car show? TBD (Phill).
- 21, Sunday: Community Forum Welcome to New Visitor & Member Welcome (Hal).
- 21, Sunday: High School Group meets in the Youth Group room after the 10 am service (Emily & Max).
- 28, Family Sunday: Halloween theme at the 10 am Worship Service, with youth taking important roles in the liturgy. Halloween party afterwards. Kids of all ages are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to 10 am worship and the party afterwards (Megan W).

November 2018

- 2, Friday: All Saints/All Souls Rite 3 Eucharist (6:30 pm) with Slow Cooker Potluck afterwards (Hal & Chris).
- 3, Saturday: Stewardship Prayer Vigil, 8 am midnight (Jan).
- 4, Sunday: All Saints & Pledge Sunday. 10 am service starts in the Memorial Garden (Hal).
- 6, Tuesday: Seniors and Middle School Youth coat drop off at the VA (Bruce & Megan).

- 7, 14, 28 Wednesdays: Weekly Bible study of the upcoming Gospel reading in the Guild Room, noon-1:30 pm (Hal).
- 9, Friday: Tastes of Somers Fundraiser 7-9 pm (Deacon Norm).
- 10, Saturday: Diocesan Convention (Hal, Fay, HS Youth).
- 11, Sunday: Community Forum Welcome to New Visitor & Member Welcome (Hal).
- 15, Thursday: Vestry meeting 7:30 pm (Hal).
- 17, Saturday: Seniors Saturday 11:00-3:00. Seniors Group meeting at 11 followed by food and fellowship time (Bruce).
- 18, Sunday: Local Interfaith Community Prayer Service (Hal).
- 22, Thursday: Thanksgiving Day Rite II Eucharist at 10 am.

December 2018

- 2, Sunday: Advent begins. St. Nicholas visit; Mite boxes distributed (Amanda, Megan).
- 2, Sunday: High School Group trip to the Cloisters in NYC (Fay).
- 5, Wednesday: Last weekly Bible study of the calendar year, noon-1:30 pm, until it resumes again in January 2019 (Hal).
- 7, Friday: Quiet Advent Prayer Service. 6:30 pm Simple Soup and Bread Supper; service begins at 7:00 pm (Hal).
- 8, Saturday: Christmas Bazaar from 10 am to 4 pm (Arleen).
- 9, Family Sunday: Christmas Pageant at the 10 am Worship Service (Megan).
- 9, Sunday: Seniors' Trip to Westchester Broadway Theatre A Christmas Carol (Bruce).
- 13, Thursday: Vestry meeting 7:30 pm (Hal).
- 14, Friday: Deepening our Relationship with God in Advent, Eucharist & Simple Soup and Bread Supper, 6:30 pm (Hal).
- 14, Friday: Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd (WOCOGS) monthly book group meeting at 7:30 pm (Arleen).
- 16, Sunday: High School Group meets in the Youth Group room after the 10 am service.
- 23, Sunday: Advent IV. 8 and 10 am worship services as usual.
- 24, Monday: Christmas Eve. Family service at 4:30 pm; 7:30 pm Carols & Anthems, followed by the 8 pm Christmas Eve service (Hal, Cecilia, Megan).
- 25, Tuesday: Christmas Day 10 am Rite 2 Eucharist (Hal).
- 30, Sunday: Nine Lessons & Carols service at 10 am (Amanda & Cecilia).
- Last week of December TBD: Sunday School Family trip to Radio City Music Hall Christmas spectacular (Megan).

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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	6:30 Fundraising Committee meeting 7:00 EfM Info Session	6:00 AA	6:00 AA	All day - State & Local Elections Senior Group lunch at Bear Mountain Inn (11:00-3:00)	Holy Cross Day 6:30 Service followed by Chickenfest 7:30 WOCOGS	15
16 8:00 HE Rite 1 9:00 CF EfM 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM begins	18 6:00 AA	19 6:00 AA	7:30 Vestry Meeting	21	22
23 8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	12:00 Bible Study resumes 6:00 AA	27	28	Michaelmas 5:30 Service followed by Oktoberfest
8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour & New Member Welcome 6:00 AA			CF = Community Forum			

October 2018

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CF = Community Forum	1	2	12:00 Bible Study	4	5	6
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:00 HE Rite 1 9:00 Support Connection 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 1:00 Animal Blessing 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	12:00 Bible Study 6:00 AA		7:30 WOCOGS	Fall Festival Arts Jam Animal Yoga for Kids Adopt-A-Pet Fashion Show
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour Hudson River Cruise 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	12:00 Bible Study 6:00 AA	7:30 Vestry Meeting		Classic Car Show?
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:00 HE Rite 1 9:00 CF Visitor Welcome 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	12:00 Bible Study 6:00 AA			
28	29	30	31			
8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 Family Sunday 11:00 Halloween Party 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	12:00 Bible Study 6:00 AA			

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				6:30 Boy Scouts	6:30 All Saints/All Souls Rite 3 Eucharist w/ Slow Cooker Potluck	3 8:00 am – Midnight Prayer Vigil
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All Saints & Pledge Sunday 8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	Seniors & MS Youth drop coats at VA Hospital 6:00 AA	12:00 Bible Study 6:00 AA		7:00 Tastes of Somers	Diocesan Convention
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 4:00 Interfaith Prayer Service 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	6:00 AA	Thanksgiving 10:00 am Eucharist		
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8:00 Morning Prayer 10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	6:00 AA			

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Advent Begins 8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2			12:00 Bible Study		6:30 Simple Soup & bread Supper	10:00-4:00 pm Christmas Bazaar
11:00 Coffee Hour HS trip to Cloisters 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	6:00 AA	6:30 Boy Scouts	7:00 Quiet Advent Prayer Service	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 w/ Christmas Pageant 11:00 Coffee Hour Seniors: A Christmas Carol	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	6:00 AA	7:30 Vestry Meeting	6:30 Deepening Our Relationship with God in Advent – Eucharist & Simple Supper	
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8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	24 Christmas Eve 4:30 Family service 7:30 Carols & Anthems 8:00 Christmas Eve service	25 Christmas 10:00 HE Rite 2 6:00 AA ?	6:00 AA	27	28	29
30	31					
One service only 10:00 Lessons & Carols 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA						



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WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 AM RITE I EUCHARIST, WITH COFFEE **AFTERWARDS** 9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL Youth 10:00 AM RITE II EUCHARIST WITH HYMNS, **FOLLOWED BY OUR FESTIVE COFFEE HOUR** 11:30 AM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MEETS

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