



# The Shepherd's Call

## Newsletter of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church "To Restore All People to Unity with God and Each Other in Christ"

### January 2018

#### Clergy

The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller, Bishop  
Rev. Cliff Perkins, Deacon

#### Worship Services

##### Sunday

9 am Service

11:45 am Hispanic Service

#### 2017 Bishop's Committee

Lisa Smallwood..... Sr. Warden  
.....Jr. Warden  
Beth Doescher .....Treasurer  
Mary Ray Worley ..... Clerk  
Mary Deininger ..... Member  
Buzz Hetzer ..... Member  
Conni Brandt ..... Member  
Teresa Benson.....Member

*The Bishop's Committee is responsible for conducting the business of the church. If you have questions or concerns feel free to speak with any member. All are listed in the directory.*

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### BC Buzz

Submitted by Lisa Smallwood, Sr. Warden

### A LOOK BACK AND A GLANCE FORWARD

As 2017 draws to a close, I'd like to take the opportunity to reflect back on all of the positive things that have taken place at Good Shepherd this past year and take a quick look forward into 2018.

First and foremost, I feel the most positive aspect of 2017 is that we have become financially solvent. We have paid off nearly \$25,000 of debt (combination of mortgage, credit card and general bills) and have started a reserve account for future building/grounds repairs and maintenance while also maintaining a positive balance in our checkbook! We replenished the Music Equipment account; refinanced our building mortgage; reduced the costs of the copier, phone and internet services; continued supporting Marie Dacilla through the Haiti Project, along with various other outreach ministries. I want to give a huge shout out to **Beth Doescher**, our Treasurer, for her time and talent in getting our financial house in order. Without her expertise and dedication to this process, we would not be where we are today. In addition, our current situation would not be so positive without the dedication of **all of you** who have pledged and given financially to Good Shepherd this year. Thank you for your generosity!

Secondly, I'd like to recognize all of you who continue to worship at Good Shepherd and continue to make it a loving and welcoming church home for all of us. We have supported each other throughout the year and have stayed positive and faithful, despite the lack of a permanent priest. We have been blessed to have had a few dedicated supply priests that provided us some consistency throughout the first 9 months of the year and then having **Fr. Peay** here for nearly 3 months was truly a shot in the arm for Good Shepherd. I'd like to thank **Bishop Miller and Peggy Bean** for making Fr. Peay's time here a reality. Although he was with us for a short time, I believe he made a difference to those who attended his teachings and heard his sermons. He also obliged us with a healing service on most Wednesday nights, which had been missed by many people.

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One additional highlight I would like to make for 2017 is the financial support we have been given from the Diocese. Money has been given to us to replenish the Columbarium account to the tune of approximately \$12,000. We applied for a \$4,600 grant to help start-up a Community Garden in 2018 and received the full amount we requested. We have recently received \$15,000 to fund a priest for the Hispanic ministry for 2018. I don't believe I need to state the obvious here as to where we would be without this financial support. There is faith and belief at the diocesan level that there are good things in store for Good Shepherd!

So what will 2018 bring? Much of the answer to this question is up to us. We are in a sound financial position to start the new year (you will see the 2018 budget at our Annual Meeting on January 14). The Diocese has arranged for **Fr. Jonathan Melton** to be our celebrant at the 9:00 services from January through May. Deacon Cliff and I have already met with Fr. Jonathan and are very excited about what he will bring to Good Shepherd over the course of 5 months. **Fr. Oscar Rozo** will serve the Hispanic community for 2018, but has been asked by Peggy to conduct some joint annual planning with us, which I'm very excited about. (**Teresa Benson** has agreed to join the Bishop's Committee, which is a great first step in this joint planning effort)! I will be meeting with Fr. Oscar in early January to begin those discussions and you will hear more about the process at the Annual Meeting. And then there is the start of our Community Garden project! I am hopeful there is enough enthusiasm and commitment from parish members to staff this project and to bring it to life. I feel this can be the one ministry for Good Shepherd that will help unite our two services a bit better and bring something of value to the Sun Prairie community. Another big shout-out to **Sue Aiello and Mary Deininger** for their work and commitment to getting this project started and carrying it through. More information will be coming out soon about how you can get involved.

In closing, I would like to recognize several individuals; first your **Bishop's Committee** for their time, talent and dedication to Good Shepherd. Much work is done behind the scenes of which you never hear or see, but is so vital to the workings and health of the parish. Thank you to **Conni Brandt, Mary Deininger and Buzz Hetzer** as well as to **Mary Ray Worley**, Clerk. There is also the **Altar Guild (Sue Aiello, Susan Inman, Elizabeth Fletcher, Buzz Hetzer, Pam Teige, Joyce Bower)**, led by **Thelma Sutton; Lizzie Haller and Mary Ray Worley**, musicians; **Conni Brandt** who sends out the weekly e-blast and publishes our newsletter every month; **Sue Aiello** who continued to take the lead on several outreach projects throughout the year; **Greg and Carol Wagner** for their lawn mowing dedication; and **Deacon Cliff Perkins**. Deacon Cliff has done a remarkable job in my eyes and has stepped up to take on many duties and tasks he would not otherwise be asked to perform should we have a permanent priest. We have been extremely lucky to have him throughout this time frame. (I'm sorry if I have missed anyone!)

I am excited for 2018 and all of its possibilities; I hope you are as well! Please continue to have faith and patience as we await a permanent priest. Our future at Good Shepherd will be as bright as we make it! Please join me in contributing to a prosperous New Year!

God bless,  
Lisa





## How Does Your Garden Grow? And more Questions!



Now that we have the funding secured for our first year of the Community Garden, it is time to begin the assignments for the upcoming growing season. The first step will be getting together with others that are interested in helping and see where you fit in. Would you like to team up with a neighbor, friend, or someone else to be a part of this? Or does being a co-Treasurer appeal to your accounting side where you could help collect fees and pay bills? Perhaps you have the tools and minor carpentry skills to help build the raised beds? Or are your skills better matched to be the Registrar who will assign the plots, keep records of gardeners, and attend the Season Opener meeting? How about helping with outreach and communication between the garden staff, the public, and our gardeners? Maybe you just want a place to grow your own produce and you desire to rent a raised bed?

Mary Deininger, Lisa Smallwood, and Sue Aiello have volunteered to oversee the garden project from start to finish. We need hands and helpers to assist with the scope of this project. Please let us know your interests, skills, and thoughts. For sure, the beginning and ending of the season will be the biggest time commitment for all positions, but we need to use these winter months to assign, prepare, and organize our efforts. We will soon hold a general meeting of all interested folks to discuss the exciting plans, positions, and planting specs. We welcome your input, your questions, and sharing your skills – in any way.

Let's grab this opportunity to reach out to each other and the community of Sun Prairie. Let's plant the seeds and watch our garden grow. Where do you fit in?



## The Lord's Prayer

Beth Doescher

Do you ever wonder why we say the Lord's Prayer in English and sing it in Spanish during every service? The tradition was started at Good Shepherd several years ago when the Hispanic ministry moved from Grace Episcopal in downtown Madison to Good Shepherd in Sun Prairie. Realizing that an immediate merging of cultures was not possible, but wanting to show welcome and inclusion to our new church family, our Anglo members learned the beautiful melody. Stumbling at times to get the pronunciation just right reminds us of the difficulty of being someplace where our language and cultures are not the norm and reminds us why compassion is so important in our lives as Christians. Those attending the 11:45 service at Good Shepherd will recognize the symmetry of our services when the Lord's Prayer is also spoken in English and sung in Spanish. Whether our families at home speak English or Spanish, we are part of a larger family, the faith community of Episcopalians worldwide. Learning the Lord's Prayer in each other's language has been a great first step in respecting and getting to know all of our members.

What else can we do to draw our communities closer together?



Thank you to all that are participating in the Sunshine Supper on Monday, New Year's Day. Monday's Sunshine Supper volunteers should arrive in time to attend the 5:00 volunteer meeting and should use the back door on Hart Road when they arrive. Parking is permitted on the street along Hart Road or you may park in the parking lot across Main Street at Stark Realty. When you arrive using the back door, please check in with the staff, and you will be given your assignment for the evening. We are co-hosting the supper with a Girl Scout troop who haven't participated before, so please make them feel comfortable and feel free to give them suggestions or guide them to be a superb volunteer!

Those folks who are helping with dicing and chopping for the chili on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> of December can report to the Sunshine Supper front door. Please bring your favorite paring knife and a cutting board. We will head over after the 9:00 service is finished and people have had a quick cup of coffee or a snack. If you volunteered to bring groceries or supplies, please bring them to church on Sunday and see Sue Aiello or you may bring them to the Sunshine Supper building on Sunday after church so that we have them.

The weather looks to be typical January Wisconsin weather, so chili will be a great supper. Thank you Good Shepherd members for reaching out to the community and providing such a successful supper. Your help makes a difference in the Sun Prairie community whether you help with preparation, provide some of the groceries, contribute with a monetary donation, or show up to prepare, serve, dine and clean up. Your participation is a wonderful way to serve others.

Sue Aiello

## Good Shepherd Clerical and Adult Forum Schedule

Date	9:00 Service Celebrant	Adult Forum Topic	11:45 Service and Celebrant	Notes/Thoughts
3-Jan				6:30 Eve Prayer with Healing
7-Jan	Fr. Tom McApline		Fr. Oscar Rozo	
10-Jan				6:30 Eve Prayer with Healing
14-Jan	Fr. Jonathan Melton	Annual Meeting	Fr. Oscar Rozo	
17-Jan				6:30 Eve Prayer with Healing
21-Jan	Fr. Jonathan Melton		Fr. Oscar Rozo	Cliff Sermon 9:00
24-Jan				6:30 Eve Prayer with Healing
28-Jan	Fr. Jonathan Melton		Fr. Oscar Rozo	
30-Jan				6:30 Eve Prayer with Healing
4-Feb	Fr. Jonathan Melton		Fr. Oscar Rozo	
7-Feb				6:30 Eucharist - Fr. May
11-Feb	Fr. Jonathan Melton		Fr. Oscar Rozo	
14-Feb	Fr. Tom McAlpine			Ash Wednesday 7:00 PM
18-Feb	Fr. Tom McApline		Fr. Oscar Rozo	

Evening Prayer & Healing on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm  
Starting January 3rd

Eucharist & Healing on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm  
Starting February 7th  
Fr. Ted May

### Thank You

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who donated to the gift the parish gave me. I appreciate the kind words expressed in those cards. I also wanted to thank those who gave me homemade goodies to eat. I very much appreciate the thought and efforts that went into making those gifts.

Finally, I want to thank all who attended our services on the December 24th

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

## January Birthdays

Katelynn Berkevich 1/11

Jamison Reischel 1/23

Dave Lindley 1/25

Ed Fitzsimmons 1/26

Renee Haller 1/27

Carlitos Rodriguez 1/28



## January Anniversaries

June & Dale Paul 1/7

We invite the ladies of Good Shepherd to

## Ladies' Night Out



Thursday, January 18th

Place TBA

Watch weekly announcements

## DRAFT Annual Meeting Agenda

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Time: TBA

- ⇒ Opening Prayer
- ⇒ Establish Quorum
- ⇒ Election of Secretary for the Annual Meeting
- ⇒ Presentation and Approval of Past Annual Meeting Minutes
- ⇒ Presentation of Ballot for Bishop's Committee
- ⇒ Treasurer's Report
- ⇒ State of the Mission
- ⇒ Warden's Reports
- ⇒ Committee Reports
- ⇒ 2018 Budget
- ⇒ Audit of Service Times and Adult Forum
- ⇒ Joint Annual Planning
- ⇒ Time & Talent Results
- ⇒ Prayer and Dismissal



GSEC calendar, Holidays in United States

Jan 2018 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 New Year's Eve 9am - Rite II Service 11:45am - Bilingual	1 New Year's Day 5pm - sunshine	2 7pm - AA Meeting	3 6:30pm - Evening	4	5	6
7 9am - Rite II Service 11:45am - Bilingual	8	9 5:30pm - Bishop's 7pm - AA Meeting	10 6:30pm - Evening	11	12	13
14 Annual Meeting 9am - Rite II Service 11:45am - Bilingual	15 Martin Luther King	16 7pm - AA Meeting	17 6:30pm - Evening	18	19	20
21 9am - Rite II Service 11:45am - Bilingual	22	23 7pm - AA Meeting	24 6:30pm - Evening	25	26	27
28 9am - Rite II Service 11:45am - Bilingual	29	30 7pm - AA Meeting	31 6:30pm - Evening	1	2	3