

The Cross & Staff - May / June 2011

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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Help Good Shepherd grow, reach others

Want to help our Parish continue to grow? Looking to fill a couple hours? Consider these options to get involved.

Library painting

Work to paint the upstairs library continues at **9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 21**. Please bring your favorite brush for painting wood trim and/ or edges. A couple ladders are needed. With enough volunteers, the walls and woodwork should be done in just a couple hours. Let Kay Zimmerman or the office know if you can help.

Yard party

Come enjoy a festive atmosphere as parishioners tackle pruning, edging, raking and mulching projects from **6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 4**. Bring your rakes, shears, loppers . . . or just yourself! The more hands involved the easier the work load will be! See Linda Kauppi with questions.

Prayers for Peace

There are some open shifts on the Prayers for Peace volunteer schedule, especially on Fridays. Volunteers commit to opening the church between noon and 1 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays then sit in quiet reflection or greet visitors. Let Sharon know if you are willing to get involved.

Ministers

Worship involves many people. Would you be willing to prepare the altar, read

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First Night Café



A time of progressive worship, music, art, fun, and friendship

Snag a young person – or someone young at heart – and head to Winchester Hall the first Sunday of each month for a new take on worship at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

“We want the church to be more open and accessible to everyone in the community,” Senior Warden Ray Lewis said.

So, the parish now will offer the First Night Café service at 6 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month to provide a place where middle and high school can gather, socialize and worship while safely exploring faith. Older folks seeking a fresh approach to worship also are invited.

“Those who participate in First Night won’t be told what to believe,” Lewis said, “but we will encourage everyone to explore their own relationship with God.”

The inaugural First Night Café service is being organized by Peter Corrigan, Jay Bortz and Martha Meek. The service format is expected to evolve with input and help from participants.

First Night Café participants will meet in the casual Winchester Hall instead of the more formal sanctuary. Each service will open with praise songs, scripture readings and a message followed by artful moment, prayers and more music. Snacks and drinks will be served.

You can support the new program – and help our parish grow – by:

- Providing snacks, drinks and paper products for refreshments during each service.
- Sharing details of the program with any and all young people.
- Coming to a First Night Café service to experience something new.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to . . .

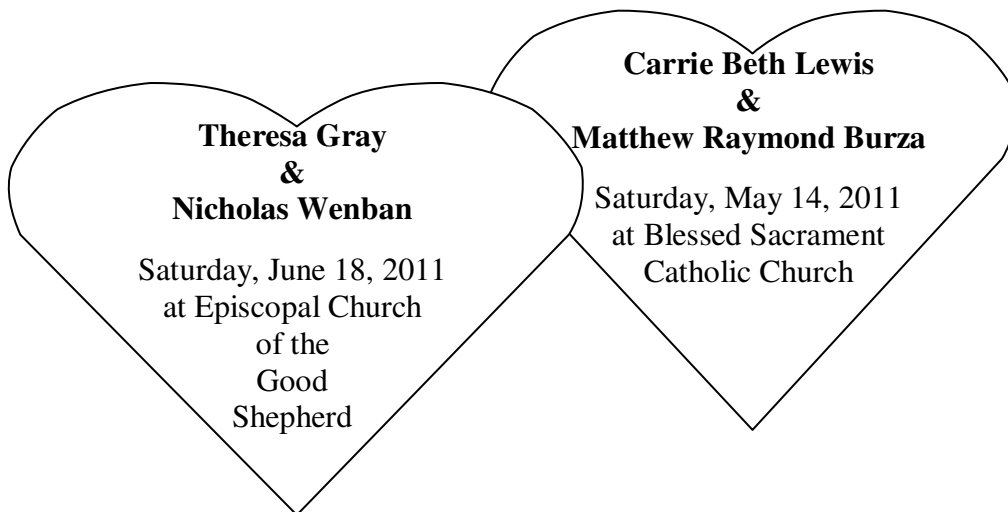
May 1 – **Jeff and Judy Northrup**; May 2 – **Cyle and Kalynn Slater**;
May 21 – **Doug and Stacey Ferris**; May 21 – **Ray and Dede Lewis**; May
2 – **Ken and Barb Washburn** ; May 30 – **Devyn Morris and Sean
Conley**; June 12 – **Dan and Anne (Ferris) Brenner**

Happy Birthday to . . .

May 2 —	Carol Hiscock	June 1 —	Sandy Wheat
May 4 —	Barbara Washburn	June 10 —	Richard Krickow
May 11 —	Quinn Simmons		Ruth Johnson
May 12 —	Steve Winters		Daniel Meyers
May 14 —	Jan Meyers	June 11 —	Linda Kauppi
May 17 —	Jeff Simmons	June 26 —	Sherrie Vanderpoel
	Margaret Sturgis	June 27 —	Mark Zimmerman
May 24 —	Alex Granat	June 28 —	Sally McNeil-
May 29 —	Ann Stough		Richards
		June 30 —	Melissa Washburn

Help keep this list current by letting Sharon know about any special days marked by your family. If someone from each family takes a moment via phone, e-mail or written note to share birthdays and anniversaries, our parish can help mark these important events.

Upcoming nuptials in our Parish family



May God bless these couples as they begin a life together, and may we do what we can to support them in their journeys.

Quick notes . . .

Help Wings Home

A spaghetti dinner is planned from **4 to 7 p.m.** Wednesday, **May 18**, at **Immanuel Lutheran Church** on M-222 to raise funds for the Wings Home. A freewill offering will be taken. Call the church at (269) 673-3335 for details.

Multimedia art exhibit

View an art exhibit depicting ways **“We Care about Mother Earth”** at the **Parish Church of Christ the King** starting Sunday, May 1. The **free** exhibit includes artists from Allegan, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo and Portage. The show will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, **May 1, 8, 15 and 22**, and from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, **May 25**.

Missions planned

There are still openings on the Diocesan Mission trips planned this year. The first trip is **July 1-10 to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation** in South Dakota. Trips also planned **September 24-October 1 to the Appalachia** in Kentucky, and **November 11-20 to New Orleans**. More information on the Diocesan bulletin board.

Volunteer opportunity

Searching for a way to help? Volunteers are always needed at the **Allegan Ministerium Food Pantry**. Call Sue Campbell at (269) 673-5472 ext. 222 for details.



John F. Hiscock

Born January 4, 1937 – Died January 27, 2011

A memorial service to honor John will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 7 at the church with Father Thomas Toeller-Novak officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Wings of Hope Hospice House.



Quarterly devotionals available

Copies of the Forward “Day by Day” devotionals are available in the main entry and on the table by the parish bulletin board. Consider tucking a donation in the box by the parish bulletin board to help defray the costs of getting the publication. We now pay \$1 for each small copy and \$1.50 for each large print.

Ordination slated

God willing and the people consenting the Right Rev. Robert R. Geper, Bishop of Western Michigan, will ordain Nurya Love Parish to the sacred order of Deacons on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7 p.m. in St. Paul’s Episcopal Church at 305 South Clay Street, Grandville. Your prayers and presence are requested.

Confirmation Set

The Diocese will confirm, receive and reaffirm members during a special serve at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11 in Grace Church at 1815 Hall Street SE, Grand Rapids.



Monday, May 30, 2011

Pastors discuss cooperation

Pastors and church leaders from across Allegan County met in March with Allegan County United Way director Mimi Gabriel to discuss how the churches might work together to meet needs in our communities. The meeting was coordinated by Joe Shaler, pastor of the Otsego United Methodist and leader of the Plainwell-Otsego pastors group.

Topics discussed included maintaining a 2-1-1 phone line for non-police emergency assistance, supporting the Imagination Library, free tax preparation service for low-income people, “stuff the bus” food drives, and efforts by the United Way to make health care more accessible to county residents. The pastors seemed most interested in continuing dialogue about medicine/ prescription assistance and emergency/ housing needs.

The group hopes to meet at least once annually to continue building relationship and addressing needs within the county.

Altar Guild opportunities

Our parish altar guild works diligently to make certain appropriate preparations are made before each service. . . but they could use some extra hands. Anyone interested – man or woman – in getting involved should see Dede Lewis for details.

The annual Diocesan Altar Guild gathering will happen on Saturday, September 17. The group needs someone to accept nomination to a three-year term on the board. Also, those who attend the meeting should bring a list of goods the parish might be willing to swap with another parish. More details about the meeting will come soon.



Notes from the Senior Warden . . .

As we move into the Easter Season, you will see a new ministry start. The inaugural "First Night Café" will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 1st. The program will continue the first Sunday of each month. There will be activities for youth in middle and high school.

I would like to thank Father Tom for a wonderful Lent program which was very well attended. As you know, we hired Father Tom for the Lent Season. Now, with Vestry's approval, we are working towards hiring Father Tom as our Interim Rector.

Faithfully,
Ray Lewis



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scriptures or prayers, serve as usher? Let Ray Lewis or the office know. Having more people involved with these tasks on a regular basis means everyone gets a chance to be involved *and* to worship.

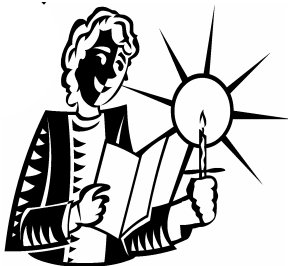
Summer Time Tasks

Keeping the memorial garden and grounds looking nice means someone must regularly water and weed the beds. When warm weather arrives, the dehumidifiers in the basement also must be emptied regularly. You can let the office or junior warden Linda Kauppi know when you're available to help with these tasks . . . or just show up when you have a few spare minutes.

Candlelight tour of churches successful

Thank you to everyone who helped welcome visitors to our church during the first candlelight tour of historic churches in downtown Allegan. Although the weather on April 16 did not

cooperate very much, several hundred people participated in the event hosted by the Heritage Home Network Group. The event helped five churches and HHNG each earn funds for future projects. Organizers hope to repeat it in 2012.



Jazz benefit concert at St. Martin of Tours

A special jazz concert, "A Tribute to Duke Ellington," will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church in Kalamazoo.

There is no charge for the concert but donations at the door will be appreciated. Proceeds will benefit the new Childrens' Hostel in a leper community located in Purulia, India. The local parish helped fund the facility.

The concert will feature the Ken Morgan Jazz Unit and vocalists from the parish choir along with guest artists John Chamberlin, Janice Lakers and Romeo Phillips.

Diocese to confirm, receive and reaffirm

Plans are being made by the Diocese to confirm, receive and reaffirm members. The ceremony will be held during a 10 a.m. service on Saturday, June 11 at Grace Church in Grand Rapids.

Disc golf course now open at St. Francis of Assisi

Looking for a different sort of activity that isn't too far away? Grab a Frisbee and a friend then head to St. Francis of Assisi in Orangeville to try out their new disc golf course.

E-book available

A free electronic version of *Holy Women, Holy Men* is available at <http://extranet.generalconvention.org/staff/files/download/3016>.

Jottings from the Junior Warden . . .

Spring is a time of renewal, and awe of God's work manifested in flowering trees, shrubs and plants forcing their way through the earth. It also is traditionally a time for house cleaning, yard work and clean up after the ravages winter can cause.

As our spiritual home, Good Shepherd will be the beneficiary of this same type of maintenance that we give our houses. Our church is a beautiful house of worship, displaying quiet dignity in physical presence and providing a place for our community of Episcopalians. You will be seeing our love for our church manifested in projects of yard clean up, kitchen brightening, and repair and painting of exterior areas.

Our task now is to nourish the early signs of renewal of spirit and energy that we are beginning to see. Our Parish is moving forward!

Faithfully –
Linda Kauppi



Baby Closet needs continued support for mission helping newborns and moms

And Jesus said. . . "Whoever becomes humble like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

Matthew 18:4-5 (NRSV)

Our parish continues its effort to make sure that innocent newborns have some basic supplies waiting when they arrive in this world. The recipient mothers have been very appreciative of the help we provide.

Right now, volunteers are working to assemble layettes for 17 boys and 4 girls expected to be born in the next few months.

Please help by:

- Watching clearance racks for sleepers, onesies, outfits and socks. We especially need items appropriate for boys.
- Checking thrift stores for gently used items in like-new condition.
- Buying diapers and wipes.
- Donating funds so needed supplies can be purchased..

Please let Bobbie Wenzel or Ann Stough know if you have any donations or know any expecting moms who could use our help.

Thank you . . .

A huge thank you to everyone who helped prepare the memorial service and luncheon for Lu Holland. It was a fitting event to remember such a special lady . . . Lu would have loved it!

Special thanks to Father Tom for representing our parish with such grace, comfort and love during both the memorial service and the visitation. It was a great example of a passage Lu treasured.

*I shall not pass
this way again.
Any good thing that I can do,
or any kindness
that I can show,
let me do it now!
Let me not defer it
or neglect it.
For I shall not pass
this way again.*

-- Author unknown



Week of May 1

Sunday Eucharist:

Chalice Bearer: Ray Lewis
Crucifer: Peter Corrigan
Torch Bearers: TBA
Lectors: 1. Norm Richards 2. Wendy Simmons

3. Linda Kauppi

Altar Guild: Kandi Gibson

Ushers: Jim and Judy Wendt

Nursery: TBA

Coffee Hour: Ed Spicer and Ann Perrigo
(recycle)

Prayers for Peace:

Monday – Linda Pullen. **Tuesday** – Mary Ann Ferris. **Friday** – Marv Voss

Week of May 8

Eucharist:

Chalice Bearer: Norm Richards

Crucifer: Marv Voss

Torch Bearers: TBA

Lectors: 1. Peter Corrigan 2. Jan Meyers
3. Ann Perrigo

Altar Guild: Lynne Winters

Ushers: Betty Miner

Nursery: TBA

Coffee Hour: The men of the parish

Prayers for Peace:

Monday – Lynne Winters. **Tuesday** – Kay Zimmerman. **Friday** – _____

Week of May 15

*Eucharist: Good Shepherd
Sunday*

Chalice Bearer: Ray Lewis

Crucifer: Peter Corrigan

Torch Bearers: TBA

Lectors: 1. Ed Spicer 2. Linda Kauppi
3. Wendy Simmons

Altar Guild: Mary Ann Ferris

Ushers: Chuck and Linda Pullen

Nursery: TBA

Coffee Hour: Mary Ann Ferris and Evie Keck
(recycle)

Prayers for Peace:

Monday – Linda Kauppi. **Tuesday** – The Wheats. **Friday** – Linda Pullen.



Minister assignments

May 2011

Week of May 22

Eucharist:

Chalice Bearer: Kate Nameche

Crucifer: Norm Richards

Torch Bearers: TBA

Lectors: 1. Jan Meyers 2. Ann Perrigo
3. Ed Spicer

Altar Guild: Dede Lewis

Ushers: Peter Corrigan

Nursery: TBA

Coffee Hour: Kay Zimmerman

Prayers for Peace:

Monday – Linda Pullen. **Tuesday** – Linda Kauppi. **Friday** – Marv Voss.

Week of May 29

Eucharist:

Chalice Bearer: Kate Nameche

Crucifer: Marv Voss

Torch Bearers: TBA

Lectors: 1. Wendy Simmons 2. Ed Spicer
3. Norm Richards

Altar Guild: Kay Zimmerman

Ushers: Jim and Sandy Wheat

Nursery: TBA

Coffee Hour: Wendy Simmons (recycle)

Prayers for Peace:

Monday – Betty Miner **Tuesday** – Mary Ann Ferris. **Friday** – Linda Pullen.

Calendar Notes for May

- Sunday, **May 8** – Mothers' Day
- Sunday, **May 15** – Good Shepherd Sunday celebration. Regular Vestry meeting.
- Sunday, **May 21** – Vestry meets in retreat.
- Monday, **May 30** – Memorial Day

Week of June 5

Eucharist:

Chalice Bearer: Kate Nameche
Crucifer: Peter Corrigan
Torch Bearers: TBA
Lectors: 1. Ann Perrigo 2. Wendy Simmons
3. Peter Corrigan
Altar Guild: Kandi Gibson
Ushers: Norm Richards
Nursery: TBA
Coffee Hour: Jan Meyers

Prayers for Peace:

Monday – Lynne Winters. **Tuesday** – Kay Zimmerman. **Friday** – Marv Voss.

Week of June 12

Eucharist: Pentecost

Chalice Bearer: Peter Corrigan
Crucifer: Ray Lewis
Torch Bearers: TBA
Lectors: 1. Linda Kauppi 2. Peter Corrigan
3. Ann Perrigo
Altar Guild: Dede Lewis
Ushers: Jim and Judy Wendt
Nursery: TBA
Coffee Hour: The Lewis family (recycle)

Prayers for Peace:

Monday – Linda Kauppi. **Tuesday** – The Wheats. **Friday** – _____.

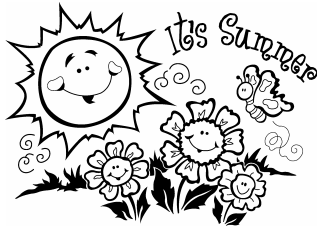
Week of June 19

Eucharist: Trinity Sunday

Chalice Bearer: Ray Lewis
Crucifer: Norm Richards
Torch Bearers: TBA
Lectors: 1. Peter Corrigan 2. Jan Meyers
3. Linda Kauppi
Altar Guild: Mary Ann Ferris
Ushers: Betty Miner
Nursery: TBA
Coffee Hour: Ann Stough

Prayers for Peace:

Monday – Betty Miner. **Tuesday** – Linda Kauppi. **Friday** – Marv Voss.



Minister assignments

June 2011

Week of June 26

Eucharist:

Chalice Bearer: Kate Nameche
Crucifer: Marv Voss
Torch Bearers: TBA
Lectors: 1. Ed Spicer 2. Norm Richards
3. Wendy Simmons
Altar Guild: Kay Zimmerman
Ushers: Jim and Sandy Wheat
Nursery: TBA
Coffee Hour: Sue Squiers (recycle)

Prayers for Peace:

Monday – Linda Pullen. **Tuesday** – Mary Ann Ferris. **Friday** – _____

Calendar Notes for June

- Sunday, **June 5** – First Night Café service for the young and young at heart at 6 p.m. in Winchester Hall
- Sunday, **June 12** – Regular Vestry meeting at 11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, **June 18** – Wedding of Nicholas Wenban and Theresa Gray
- Sunday, **June 19** – Fathers' Day

Unable to serve when scheduled?

Please let the church office know as soon as possible with a phone message or e-mail. If possible, please secure your own replacement.

Help keep prayer list current

Please help update the prayer list by confirming with Sharon whether any family or friends you've placed on the list need continued support. This will ensure our prayer support is being channeled to those in need.

The Bishop's Golf Open returns

Saturday, July 23, 2011

with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start at Shamrock Hills Golf Course in Gobles

While this event won't appear on any PGA or LPGA tour any time soon, those who attend this event with Bishop Robert Gepert are sure to have some fun. Proceeds from this year's event will help the Diocese build a mission at San Simon in the Dominican Republic. Participants play an 18-hole scramble with teams of four representing a parish. The team with the lowest combined score has their name engraved on a plaque placed in the church they represent.



Cost is \$65 per person or \$260 per team.
Participants must arrive by 12:15 p.m. that day.

Don't golf?

Consider sponsoring a golf hole or donating a prize for the golfers.
Call Kandi Gibson or the church office at (269) 673-2254 for more details.



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National Day of Prayer

Meet at noon
Thursday, May 5
in front of
Allegan
City Hall
and join others
in praying
for our community
and
our nation

*Whoever you are, whatever you are,
as you are . . . we welcome you!*
