

The Cross & Staff - November 2011

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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If you haven't "liked" our parish site on Facebook yet. . . please take a look.

Our page is updated almost daily with meditations, parish photos, interesting facts and links concerning the Episcopal church, Good Shepherd events and more.

It is a fun way to keep up with the parish and it really helps us to spread the message about things here at Good Shepherd and in the Episcopal church.

Any updates that you want to share with your Facebook friends . . . just click on "share." This a great, **free** tool to help raise awareness about the parish. So, please help us by clicking that "Like" button on our page: [Allegan Church of the Good Shepherd](#). (Don't forget to tell your family and friends too!)



Advent begins November 25. That means Christmas soon will be here. Details about special services are not set yet. . . but poinsettia orders will be due by Friday, December 16, and a Eucharist service is planned for both Christmas and New Year's days. (Both fall on Sundays this year.) More info coming soon.



A special service is planned on Sunday, November 6, to honor the memory of loved ones who have passed.

Everyone is invited to place photographs and other momentos about the nave reminding us of departed loved ones. Items may be placed any time after Sunday, October 30.

This special service will include a variety of music. Dr. Jay Bortz will accompany our hymns while keyboardist Martha Hesse and vocalist Jay Oetman will perform some special anthems.

A special prayer will be offered, naming important departed loved ones. To include the name of someone special, please leave a note or send an e-mail to Sharon before 9 a.m. Friday, November 4.

Our Ancestors in the Faith

This month, I thought it would be appropriate to include the vision and memories of one of the "saints" that some of you remember: **Ruby Follett**. She gifted the Parish with "Ruby's Recollections," which is kept in our library. I thought you would find this entry interesting. (Special thanks to Judy Wendt who called this entry to my attention.) ttn

A Lone Point of View - 1983

The Church of the Good Shepherd is now 125 years old! It has been "a member of my family" since we moved to the little town of Allegan in 1946.

It has answered many needs. First of all, it eased the loneliness when we first came here from a city leaving many friends. It was a bitter winter, I had two pre-school children, and I didn't know a soul. I went to church and felt at once that I had good friends who cared. I felt needed.

Father Brown was the rector, and it seemed there was absolutely no Sunday School. It had just been dropped. So together we just dived in and became a lively organization. We had no money, no program, no books--nothing. We had a lot of little kids. I taught them hymns, taught a class, struggled through a Biblical program and thrived. Later on I started a Junior Choir which went on for several years. Many of those girls are still



Happy Anniversary to . . .

November 1 – **Norm and Sally Richards**; November 16 – **Jim and Cindy Pyle**; November 18 – **James and Christine Driscoll**; November 20 – **Linda and Don Hausserman**

December 2 – Mike and Amber Pettee

Happy Birthday to . . .

Nov 2	Beth Wheat David Ferris	Dec 4	Will Sprague
Nov 5	Junjuan Lai	Dec 5	Kalynn Slater
Nov 6	Larry Nameche	Dec 9	Tom Lange
Nov 8	Annie Sprague	Dec 11	Lily Herlihy
Nov 10	Luke Voss	Dec 13	Bobbie Wenzel
Nov 13	Al Barney	Dec 15	Brandon Ferris
Nov 14	Carrie Burza	Dec 16	Edye Pyle
Nov 16	Wendy Simmons	Dec 19	Laura Sprague
Nov 25	Kathryn Mankin	Dec 22	Jim Wendt
Nov 25	Jim Kauppi	Dec 27	Elizabeth Sinden Jeff Northrup
Nov 27	Matt Burza	Dec 29	Ruth Washburn
Nov 27	Deirdre Toeller-Novak	Dec 30	Dean Ferris

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.

Take a moment to send a greeting . . .

to someone from our parish. Here are some ideas.

- **Mike and Sue Buese** at 1286 Bridge Road, Allegan, MI 49010. They've been joining us in worship recently.
- **Carrie and Matt Burza** at 4314 102nd, Bloomingdale, MI 49026. This is where the recently married couple has settled.
- **Ann Stough** at 1208 Starlite Drive #77, Allegan, MI 49010. She can use continued encouragement from our church family.
- **Jim and Margot Rolfe** at 527 Marshall Street, Allegan, MI 49010. They will appreciate the continued support.
- **Kay Zimmerman** at 212 Pine Street, Allegan, MI 49010. She is stepping out of some parish roles as her life changes. Please offer thanks for her service and encouragement for the future.

Quick notes . . .

Benefit concert

The professional blues band, Root Doctor, will prescribe some music for what ails ha' during a concert at 5 p.m. Sunday, November 13, in the First Presbyterian Church at the corner of Chestnut and Cutler streets. Admission is free but a freewill offering will be taken with 90 percent of the collection going to Sylvia's Place.

Carols by Candlelight being planned

A musical Christmas celebration is being planned at the Allegan United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 4. The service will include four choir pieces, prayers, scriptures and bells but no sermon and no communion. Fellowship will happen afterwards. To prepare, a combine choir rehearsal will be held at 7:32 p.m. Wednesday, November 30, in the Methodist church at 409 Trowbridge.

Sacred music fest

The 10th annual Michigan Festival of Sacred Music will include a variety of performances November 10-20 in Kalamazoo. For more information, visit www.mfsm.us or call (269) 382-2910.

Need a good broom for clean up?

ECW has some nice ones for \$10 each.



Check the boxes tucked between the refrigerator and the deep freezer in the Winchester Hall closet.

Please leave payment – either cash or a check payable to ECW – inside an envelope in Ann Stough's mailbox.

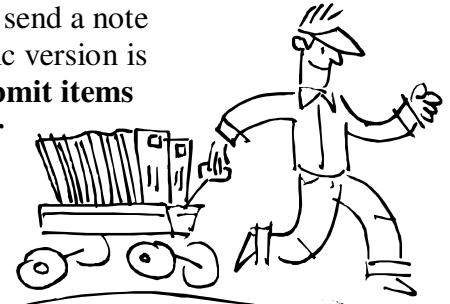
Thanks!



Plans are being made for our parish to help brighten the Christmas holiday season for a few area families with needs. **If you know a family that might need help**, please let Ann Stough know. **If you see a good deal** on food or gift items, start buying the baskets.

UPDATE! BREAKING NEWS!

Some changes are coming to *The Cross & Staff*. We'll now publish monthly to make sure we bring you the most current info. To help contain costs, please pick up your copy at the church, donate a few stamps to offset postage costs or give the office your e-mail address so we can send a note when the electronic version is posted. **Please submit items for the December issue by Wednesday, November 16.**



Where there is no vision, the people perish . . .
Proverbs 29:18a



The poorest of all is not the man without money but the man without a dream.

Jottings from the Junior Warden . . .

As cold weather, the winter season and the end of the year approach, I want to offer a personal and heartfelt thank you to all who have been so supportive in guiding and assisting this novice in fulfilling the duties of Junior Warden.

Members of this Parish have been responsive to the needs of Good Shepherd and the results show. Our visibility in the community is enhanced through our involvement with July 3rd activities, our award-winning float in the Fair Parade, the tremendous effort of many with our ongoing food booth at the Fair, our continued improvement of our building and grounds and the list continues.

None of this can be accomplished without willing hands and I am grateful to each of you offering your time and talent to our Parish. Thank you!

– Linda Kauppi

In the office this month

The parish office will be closed on Friday, **November 11**, so Sharon's family can travel for a wedding. Instead, the office will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, **November 10**.

The office also will be closed on Friday, **November 25**, because of Thanksgiving. Instead, the office will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, **November 22**.

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active in Good Shepherd. My daughter, Susan, was a member, of course.

Father Brown left in 1950, and we were without a rector for a while; but we, the women, worked harder than ever. Funny thing. At that time, we had members who really “had money” but didn’t give us any extra. We had bazaars, bake sales, dinners, raffles. How we worked to fix a leaky roof or a crack in a wall. But we carried on. We had three guilds—St. Margaret’s, St. Catherine’s and another one which met by day. As president of all the guilds, I worked hard and many hours. When I got tired of hunting people to help at a dinner, I did it myself, which was often.

And then in late 1951, we welcomed Alan Stansfeld, an Englishman. We were very good to him and anxious and gullible. He left in 1954; and his story, an odd one, is not for me to tell.

And then we literally hit the jackpot.

Tom Firsby came. We called him “Father Tom,” and what he did for our parish was like a miracle. So many were confirmed that we enlarged the church. We built a new parish house. By then I was singing in the Adult Choir besides conducting the Junior Choir. We spent many hours a week there.

The children were grown up with many awards for “perfect attendance.” The Youth Groups were booming. Jack was an acolyte; Susan taught little kids, plus playing for Sunday School. Today they are both married, have children and are active church members.

We always seemed to have “organist trouble.” Florence Hoffman and I always managed to have music by playing the organ. But through all of the many struggles, we carried on with spirit and “kept the flame burning.” We always picked ourselves up and struggled on and somehow survived.

When Father Tom left us, lots of “his people” just plain quit. But they had not joined the church; they had joined Father Tom. So our spirit continued to live. Members come and go, complaining about various people and things. But we continue to survive. We always managed to pull through.

And so, when I listen to the history of our dear church and hear that they ignore certain years, I cringe a bit. Didn’t those 30 years count? They were full of so many struggles.

We are now getting along and thriving under an odd situation with two rectors known as “interim.” But they are part of our church family. I think we will always pull through.

Don’t forget:



Fall Back

set
clocks
back
an hour
Sunday,
Nov. 6.

Parish again plans special calendar

Final design of a unique 2012 City of Allegan calendar is almost complete. The calendar will again feature many beautiful pictures of our community as captured by Jim Kauppi plus fun information. Production of the calendars is underway and should be finished before Thanksgiving. Copies will be sold in the parish office and at various locations about town. The cost is not yet set but all proceeds from the sale will go into Good Shepherd’s general fund.

Dear parish members:

For the past 11 years, it has been my privilege to take care of the memorials for Good Shepherd. Now it is time to turn this task over to someone else. I am please that that Lynne Winters graciously agreed to oversee memorials starting in October.

Faithfully,
Kay Zimmerman



Stewardship campaign, dinner being planned

One way to show thanks for all God’s provisions is to help fund his Church and her efforts to make a difference in the world. It soon will be time for Good Shepherd to conduct its annual stewardship campaign. While final campaign details are being decided, we ask that you prayerfully consider how you will participate this year.



Minister assignments



We work to serve all of God's creation through Christ's example of faith and love.
Thank you for helping to serve the Lord!

Serving the week of November 6 All Saints' Day	
Chalice Bearer:	Kate Nameche
Crucifer:	Norm Richards
Lectors:	1. Linda Kauppi 2. Peter Corrigan 3. Ann Perrigo
Altar Guild:	Lynne Winters
Ushers:	Chuck and Linda Pullen
Nursery:	TBA
Coffee Hour:	Wendy Simmons
Prayers for Peace: Monday – Lynne Winters. Tuesday – Mary Ann Ferris. Friday – Ken Mills	

Serving the week of November 27 Advent begins	
Chalice Bearer:	Kate Nameche
Crucifer:	Peter Corrigan
Lectors:	1. Jan Meyers 2. Ed Spicer 3. Norm Richards
Altar Guild:	Kay Zimmerman
Ushers:	Ray Lewis
Nursery:	TBA
Coffee Hour:	Sue Squiers (recycle)
Prayers for Peace: Monday – Linda Pullen. Tuesday – Kay Zimmerman. Friday – Marv Voss.	

Serving the week of November 13	
Chalice Bearer:	Kate Nameche
Crucifer:	Marv Voss
Lectors:	1. Norm Richards 2. Jan Meyers 3. Wendy Simmons
Altar Guild:	Kay Zimmerman
Ushers:	Jim Wendt
Nursery:	TBA
Coffee Hour:	The Lewis family (recycle)
Prayers for Peace: Monday – Linda Kauppi. Tuesday – . Friday – Marv Voss.	

Serving the week of December 4	
Chalice Bearer:	Kate Nameche
Crucifer:	Norm Richards
Lectors:	1. Wendy Simmons 2. Linda Kauppi 3. Peter Corrigan
Altar Guild:	Lynne Winters
Ushers:	Peter Corrigan
Nursery:	TBA
Coffee Hour:	Judy Wendt
Prayers for Peace: Monday – Lynne Winters. Tuesday – Mary Ann Ferris. Friday – Ken Mills.	

Serving the week of November 20 Christ the King Sunday	
Chalice Bearer:	Peter Corrigan
Crucifer:	Ray Lewis
Lectors:	1. Ed Spicer 2. Norm Richards 3. Linda Kauppi
Altar Guild:	Dede Lewis
Ushers:	Betty Miner
Nursery:	TBA
Coffee Hour:	Lynne Winters
Prayers for Peace: Monday – Betty Miner. Tuesday – Linda Kauppi. Friday – Ken Mills.	

— Some Calendar Notes —
Saturday, November 5 – County Market
Sunday, November 6 – All Saints' Day marked during service. Bring momentos to remember your loved ones.
Friday, November 11 – Parish office closed. (Open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Thursday, November 10** instead.)
Sunday, November 13 – Vestry meets at 11:30 a.m. in Winchester Hall.
Friday, November 25 – Parish office closed for Thanksgiving. (Open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 22** instead)

ECW plans two special holiday sales

- ◆ **Country Market** will open at 9 a.m. Saturday, **November 5** with a variety of holiday decorations, jewelry, hand-made gifts, regiftable items, baked goods, frozen treats and other items.



- ◆ **Santa's Shop** will open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, **December 3** with a variety of inexpensive items that children and low-income individuals may purchase for holiday gifts. (The goal is to have lots of things priced for a dollar or two plus an area where children can wrap their gifts without parent help.)

You can help by checking your home for items that could be sold during either event, and gathering ingredients to help make the treats. Plan to bring items for Country Market to the church by Sunday, October 30, and items for Santa's Shop to the church by Sunday, November 27, so volunteers can set up the sales. See Ann Stough for more information or with questions.



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Send:

special wishes
to those with
birthdays and
anniversaries

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