



“WALK THE WAY” TIME AND TALENT FAIR OCTOBER 19, 2014

Time, talent and treasure – each one as precious as the next – are ours to give where we see a need and feel a connection. We are a vibrant, active church with many opportunities for individuals and families to connect with one another and the wider community. We invite you to consider deepening your relationship with Good Shepherd by joining one of the many wonderful ministries listed below.

FELLOWSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

HOSPITALITY/NEWCOMERS

Contact: Donna Reid (donnaereid@verizon.net) Vestry Contact: Ellen Brinkley (debrinkley@verizon.net)

Although every member of Good Shepherd is encouraged to offer hospitality to visitors, newcomers, and fellow parishioners, the Hospitality Committee is responsible for welcoming and incorporating newcomers into our parish community and nurturing fellowship within the life of the congregation. It takes the entire parish community to create a warm and welcoming environment, and we are grateful for the many people who help with hospitality without even realizing that they do so. The broad goals of the Committee are to plan, direct, and support all aspects of the parish related to newcomer recruitment, welcome, and incorporation. The Committee oversees Sunday fellowship hours and various special events. New members are always welcome. The Committee meets in early September and then as needed, depending on events.

DAY SCHOOL

Contact: Susan Andrews (gssruxton@comcast.net) Vestry Contact: Dee Baker (dee_baker1010@yahoo.com)

The Good Shepherd School, which is an extension of the Church of the Good Shepherd, is housed in the downstairs classrooms of the Church. It is geared to children ages 18 months to 6 years old. Its mission is to nurture and encourage children in their love of learning. The School strives to help each student grow socially, emotionally, intellectually, physically, and spiritually in a safe and secure environment. School sessions run five days a week from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon with afternoon care offered until 3:00 PM.

ACOLYTES

Contact: Josh+ (jrodriguez@goodshepherd.ang-md.org), Renee Delisle (rdelisle1@yahoo.com)

Serving in any capacity during our worship services is a wonderful way to feel spiritually connected to the Church of the Good Shepherd. Acolytes assist the clergy by carrying the cross, lighting and extinguishing candles, and transporting offering plates to and from the altar. They are expected to arrive 15 minutes before the service to put on their robes and quietly light candles. Training is provided as needed, usually once or twice a year. Acolytes must be in 3rd grade or older.

ALTAR GUILD

Contact: Julie Minch (julesmin@gmail.com)

Altar Guild members are charged with the responsibility of preparing the elements, linens and flowers for the church services. This includes baptisms, funerals and weddings as well as Sunday services. Members sign up for 2 months out of the year to work in a team to complete the tasks needed. Members work with several others in the Guild to prepare the altar and/or flowers. Members “on duty” meet at 9:00 AM on Saturday mornings in the Church nave and then help with set-up and/or clean-up on Sunday. New members are apprentices for the first year, and a member of their team will walk them through their job during the month they are on duty. Volunteers of all ages are eagerly welcome— “many hands make for light work!”

CHOIR

Contact: Kevin King (dipdriver@comcast.net)

The Choir leads the congregation in the singing of hymns and the service music. These musicians sing regularly at the 9:00 AM service in the nave of the Church. The Choir also sings some extra services during Holy Week, Ascension, and Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are downstairs in the Choir Room on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 PM and Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:00 AM before the service. The Good Shepherd Choir is fortunate to have talented section leaders for each voice part, but more volunteer voices—

from 8th graders to adults—are always welcome. In the words of the Director of Music, come “Sing to the Lord a new song!” Teens 8th grade and older are welcome to join the adult choir.

LAY MINISTERS

Ed MacVaugh, Chair (macvaugh@comcast.net). Contact: Jen Defensor (jdefensor@goodshepherd.ang-md.org), Mary Snead (volunteer@goodshepherd-towson.org) (Lay Minister Service Schedules) Lay Ministers are all who serve at the altar during worship services: Readers who read the scripture lessons, Intercessors who lead the Prayers of the People, and Chalicists who are trained and receive a license from the Diocese. Those who participate in these important ministries are a symbol of our belief that "liturgy is the work of the people." If you are interested in learning more about any of these ministries please speak to a member of the clergy, or Ed MacVaugh Chair of Lay Ministers. If you have questions about the Lay Ministers schedule please contact Jen Defensor in the church office.

USHERS/GREETERS

Contact: Puttie Loane (welbyloane@aol.com), Helen & Stuart Vogel (helenvogel2@verizon.net) Ushers greet worshippers on Sunday mornings, hand out Church bulletins, and collect offerings. They also assist people during communion directing parishioners up to the altar and then back to the pews in a safe, organized manner. Ushers are often the first people a worshiper meets and can set the tone for the service. Although ushers have been traditionally adults, young volunteers are also welcome. Many more ushers are needed. Training will take place in the fall.

FAITH IN ACTION

OUTREACH MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Contact: Mabeth Hudson (hudsonx5@aol.com) Vestry Contacts: Rob Spiller (rspiller@jhu.edu), Joan Thomas (jm.thomas@verizon.net), John Scott (nahley@yahoo.com)

The Outreach Committee is charged with the responsibility to encourage, support and expand the work of Good Shepherd in the community and the world. Below, we have a detailed listing of the ministries we currently serve. The committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM. We welcome new members joining our group.

ACTC (ASSISTANCE CENTER OF TOWSON CHURCHES)

Contact: Caroline Ferber (carogarin@yahoo.com)

ACTC is situated in Towson and reaches out to the community by providing food, shelter, clothing, medicine and transportation. The Church of the Good Shepherd collects food from its parishioners twice a year, once in May and once in November for the Thanksgiving Basket. “For numerous reasons the number of homeless people, particularly families with children, has increased significantly in the Towson area. For me it’s so rewarding to know that the bag of food I provide for Thanksgiving allows at least one family to enjoy a similar Thanksgiving dinner as the rest of us. And in May when I do my grocery shopping, it’s so easy to pick up a few cans of soup or boxes of spaghetti, knowing that they will make a difference to someone.” ACTC needs ALL OF US to contribute to the collections!

LOAVES AND FISHES

Contact: Abby Keller (abbykeller@comcast.net) and Caroline Ferber (carogarin@yahoo.com)

Loaves and Fishes supplies food to the homeless in Baltimore City. The Church of the Good Shepherd works with Saint Ignatius Church and together they supply food on a monthly basis. Our committee prepares soup and sandwiches the second Saturday of each month from November through April in the kitchen from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. Saint Ignatius Church provides the van and drivers. Volunteers are needed to help with the purchasing of the food and possibly to help the van drivers deliver the food. Van riders must be at least 16 years old, but anyone can help in the kitchen.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Contact: Gretchen Garman (gitch8@gmail.com)

Neighbor-to-Neighbor is a coalition of faith-based and community partners working to address homelessness of families in Baltimore County by assisting in the development of skills to help achieve financial independence. Both the prevention and rapid rehousing programs assist families by providing an array of support services as well as monthly rental subsidies for one year. Each of the 29 families will have two required monthly group meetings as well as weekly check-ins. Volunteers will also have two meetings, one with participating families and the other with volunteers only. N-to-N is also in the process adding our new Family Stability program which is aimed at preventing and ending homelessness of families through a multi faceted approach of intensive case management, diversion from shelters to temporary housing and financial education. Please visit our website at www.neighbor-to-neighbor.net.

OUR DAILY BREAD

Contact: Brook Yearley (mcyearley@aol.com), 410-296-7434

Our Daily Bread is located in Baltimore City and provides hot meals to the homeless. The Church of the Good Shepherd group meets in the church kitchen on the fourth Wednesday of each month and prepares Texas Hash to feed 250 people. We begin cooking at 8:30AM and are usually finished by 10:30AM.

PAUL'S PLACE

Contact: Kristen Reilly (kreilly27@hotmail.com)

Paul's Place Outreach Center provides food, clothing, shelter, social work, health care, educational support and workforce development for homeless people in Pigtown in Baltimore City. Our volunteers serve hot lunches one or two Tuesdays a month at the Outreach Center. Once there, they can see how lives are being transformed and how the community is becoming stronger. Volunteers are needed to serve lunch. The time requirement is from 10:00 am to 12:30 PM and we carpool from Church.

PROJECT LINUS

Contact: Jane Lynn (jrl0408@gmail.com.)

Project Linus is a 100% volunteer non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a sense of security, warmth, comfort and love to children who are seriously ill through gifts of new handmade blankets and afghans lovingly created by "blanketeers." There are over 385 Chapters of Project Linus and over 2,500,000 blankets have been delivered to children in need. The local chapter meets on the first Monday of each month at Ashland Presbyterian Church to sew on labels and attach tags to hundreds of blankets. Pieces of material are always needed and volunteers are welcome!

CHESAPEAKE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Contact: Butch Darrell (tdarrell2@verizon.net)

Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity has had a long and very passionate place in the hearts of many members of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Every Saturday we have a team working on a building, and this year we are committed to building two houses. Volunteers are always needed for the teams but they must be of a certain age: 16 years old with limited participation or 18 years or old with full participation. Aside from the volunteer participation, we also give funds from the Outreach Program. But more money is always needed. In addition to Habitat, we support other Sandtown activities such as New Song Academy, Gerry's Goods, and the ReStore. Building a house is a wonderful bonding experience for a family, as well as a powerful gift to the new homeowners.

1K CHURCHES: A MOVEMENT

Contact: Bob Locke (rlocke949@aol.com)

1K Churches, through Criterion Institute, and its partners, is on a mission to impact the lives of our neighbors, the health of our communities and the strength of our economy. Through engaging in the process of investing in microbusinesses in the local community, churches will explore their individual and institutional roles as economic actors. By 2017, we aim to have at least 1000 churches across the United States investing in the local communities through microloans.

TERRACYCLE

Contact: Ellen Hoitsma (ehoitsma@gmail.com)

TerraCycle is an upcycling program that collects non-recyclable waste and repurposes it into common useful objects like park benches, clipboards, handbags, and planters. Helping out is easy--you drop off your expended dental floss and deodorant containers, toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes, soap wrappers, mouthwash bottles, gluesticks and glue bottles, tape cores, *GoGoSqueez* and *Capri Sun pouches*, energy and granola bar wrappers, and chip and pretzel bags. We box up these items and send them off to a factory in Michigan, earning charity points to "buy" chicks, geese, and honeybee starter collections for families in Central America, clean water access for a village in sub-Saharan Africa, and food and water for the hungry and closer to home.

PASTORAL CARE /LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Contact: Jeanne Owings (dogwood1025@gmail.com)

Pastoral Care provides all forms of pastoral service to our community, one of which is to assist the Good

Shepherd To Go, which prepares soup and delivers to families in our church. Others include the delivery of flowers, bringing communion to the homebound, transportation to church or to doctors' appointments, etc. As Saint Teresa of Avila is quoted: "Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which we look out to see Christ's compassion to the world." Our ministry team begins our time with an intercessory prayer service and your participation in that would be most welcome.

COMMUNICATIONS

Contact: Welby Loane (welbyloane@aol.com), Vestry

The Communications Committee of Good Shepherd seeks to continually improve all Church communications, including The Fold newsletter, Facebook, email blasts, the Lenten booklet, and the Church Directory. We encourage input from our committee members. No experience is necessary. The group meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. New volunteers are welcome.

FORMATION

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BOOK GROUP

Contact: Mary Ellen Richter (mrichter@comcast.net)

This book group includes people of all ages from all different areas who like to read and discuss books. They read fiction, biographies, and mysteries and cover timely topics. They generally read one book every two weeks and meet the first and third Thursdays from 10:15 to 11:15 AM to discuss them. They encourage anyone and everyone to join them! Everything is voluntary and there are no requirements. "It is a pleasure to get together to share the enjoyment of fun and conversation. Our books and talks cover many time frames and ideas."

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Contact: Wim Cassard (wcassard@abilita.com)

The men of the Church are invited to attend a casual meeting at College Manor on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 AM. The purpose is to eat a good breakfast and discuss pertinent issues and current events that pertain to men from a theological and biblical perspective. Newcomers are welcome.

RUXTON PLAYERS

Contact: Bill Kamberger (william.kamberger@maryland.gov)

The Ruxton Players is an award-winning theater company ministering at the Church of the Good Shepherd, but welcoming parishioners and non-parishioners alike. We mount productions of professional caliber in a spirit of community fellowship, and our diverse repertoire honors a century of tradition even as it seeks to engage audiences in the present day and point the way toward the future. Our next show is *Almost, Maine* by John Cariani, a heartwarming and spiritually refreshing romantic comedy that is one of the most popular American plays of the past decade, and which will receive its Baltimore premiere here at CoGS, March 20 – 29, 2015. We are seeking volunteers to serve as liaisons with the Day School and Church staff, to promote and publicize the play with both the media and potential patrons, to assist us in bringing the show to fruition, and to lay the groundwork for the successful expansion of our ministry in the years to come.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT FOR ADULTS

Contact: Peggy Szczerbicki, Vestry (pszczerbicki@calvertschoolmd.org)

Our Spiritual Enrichment Committee wants to provide opportunities for adults to come together and learn, reflect and grow in their faith. We do this Sunday mornings in worship, at 10 AM in our Shepherd's Forums, in bible studies, and evening discussions, and are eager to continue engaging relevant topics. Our committee members are Peggy Szczerbicki (Vestry), Tina Thomas, and Arianne Weeks+. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please let one of us know.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND YOUTH

Contact: Ellen Hoitsma (ehoitsma@gmail.com), The Rev. Josh Rodriguez (jrodriguez@goodshepherd.ang-md.org) Throughout the course of the program year, our Families Committee will offer intergenerational events, which will provide experiential learning opportunities for our entire parish family. These events supplement our formation offerings for children, youth, and adults, and provide our entire parish family a chance to worship, serve, and learn together.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Contact: Jen Mueller (jmpmueller@gmail.com), Josh+ (jrodriguez@goodshepherd.ang-md.org)

From September through May, Sunday School provides age-appropriate Christian formation for children aged three-years-old through fifth grade. Sunday School takes place at 10AM, during the Christian education hour. Sunday School in 2012 begins Sunday, September 23. This year, we are continuing to use the Spark: Activate Faith curriculum. Spark follows the scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary that we use during our Sunday worship. Each Sunday, our Sunday School classes focus on either the Gospel or Old Testament reading. Sunday School teachers typically teach two Sundays a month.

YOUTH GROUP

Contact: Josh+ (jrodriguez@goodshepherd.ang-md.org)

Our youth group provides programming for students in grades six and up. We use the Journey to Adulthood curriculum, which emphasizes experiential learning to help students navigate the process of becoming adults. There are three classes for youth group members: Rite-13, J2A, and YAC (Young Adults in Church). These classes meet during the education hour on Sunday mornings and at other times throughout the week, as scheduled. Youth Group leaders typically volunteer for a two-year commitment.

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Contact: Alex Fisher (agf@marquetteassociates.com)

The Stewardship Committee serves a vital role at our Church. The Committee's mission is to first prepare a "case" for support of the annual fundraising effort and then to communicate the needs of the Church to the congregation. Volunteers help solicit pledges and promote the Church's vision. The funds raised support the annual operations of the Church (not capital projects), including such necessities as facilities operation (e.g. lighting, heating, and general maintenance) plus outreach and educational programs. Additional volunteers are needed to help convey the importance of these gifts. The majority of the time commitment is in the fall.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Contact: Clark Parriott (cparriott@gmail.com)

The mission of the Buildings and Grounds Committee is to support the quality of each parishioner's experience through the oversight, maintenance and enhancement of our built environment. Recently the committee has been involved with the renovation of the nave, water infiltration problems in the building and ways to enhance the columbarium. They have about eight meetings a year which are held on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM. There is no age restriction or training required, and they can always use volunteers for gardening, lighting, electrical or HVAC systems, architecture, acoustics, and handy-man/woman projects. They also organize two Blue Jean Sundays each year.

PLANNED GIVING

Contact: Ceci Higinbothom (chiginbothom@massmutual.com)

The mission of the Planned Giving Committee is to create interest and educate people within the parish in planned giving. Its goal is to seek participation in Good Shepherd's Legacy Society by making a planned giving commitment. Volunteers are welcome and will be expected to attend 2 to 3 meetings a year to assist with the committee's vision.

FINANCE

Contact: Mark Steinberg, Treasurer (msteinberg@Hertzbach.com)

The Finance Committee is charged with monitoring the financial health of the Church and making recommendations to the Vestry as appropriate. Through periodic meetings the Committee develops the annual budget, reviews actual results, and proposes monetary adjustments. It also helps set endowment fund policy and oversees the annual audit. Our goal is to safeguard the financial strength of Good Shepherd.

PERSONNEL

Contact: Ann Mangels (Wamangels@aol.com)

The Personnel Committee meets regularly with the rector to evaluate the staff's performance by way of reviews and job descriptions. The members are available to assist all staff members with their needs and goals. The committee submits compensation recommendations for the staff for inclusion in the COGS Annual Budget, with advice from the Business Manager and the Treasurer as to the financial ramifications upon the budget.