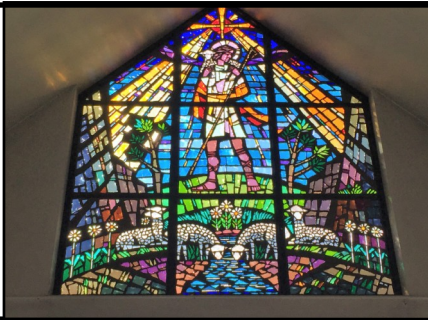


Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church
Monthly Newsletter

September 2024
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The



Call

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Where is your line?

When you're having a conversation with someone, when do you pipe up to say, "I see things differently." Or, "I respectfully disagree."

When you see something happening that you know isn't right, what does it take for you to step up and intervene?

Where's your line?

It is safe to say, as a congregation, we have definitely "put our money where our mouths are" when it comes to families. We spend financial resources and enormous amounts of volunteer time with Family Promise, ensuring that children are kept with their families and are not sent either into homeless shelters or separated from their parents or guardians and sent into foster care. We've drawn the line and declared that keeping families together and sheltered is important to us.

It is also safe to say, as a congregation, that we think that people who cannot come to worship because of transportation or health issues are important. Again, we spend financial resources and we spend countless volunteer hours visiting, sending cards to, and staying connected with our homebound members. We've drawn the line and declared that even when a person cannot make it to worship, we still care about them.

We honor every people, from the youngest to the oldest. By the power of God's Holy Spirit, we've drawn that line. We respect every human being, those within our community of faith and those beyond our walls.

Today, we are being tested. There are hate groups walking our streets. There are hate groups cowardly wearing hoods to cover their faces and carrying Nazi flags. There are hate groups openly chanting, "If it's Black, Send them Back."

This is not OK. As Christians, we follow Jesus' commands to love God and to love one another. As citizens of the USA, the land of the free and the home of the brave, we support that we have unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We draw the line. We push back against hatred and intimidation. We worship Jesus. We share God's love with others as God's grace has been given to us.

*Peace, and many blessings,
The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM
Pastor*

Parish Staff:

Kathleen J. Baker, STM, Pastor
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 Vicki Delp, Dix McCauley, Robert Roller, Fred Sprunk,
 Dick Wix, and Rob Wix.

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 Unless otherwise publicized, the deadline for submissions is
 the third Sunday of the month.



**From Our Treasurer:
 July
 Financials**

	2024	
	JULY	YTD
Giving	19,158	146,322
Spending	18,308	136,257
Surplus/(Deficit)	850	10,065

BALANCES

General Fund	19,664
Exchange (Restricted)	75,314
Memorial	29,515
Mission Investment Fund CD	32,213
Investments	356,236



**COMMUNITY DAY
 SORTING & PREP:
 September 8
 after 10 a.m. worship**

**September 10
 9:30 a.m.**

**September 11
 6:30 p.m.**

**COMMUNITY DAY
 AT GOOD SHEPHERD
 Saturday, September 14
 8 a.m. until Noon**

10 a.m.

Keystone Concert Band Performance

Questions? Contact Dix McCauley.

**Save the Date!
 Pet Blessing
 Saturday, October 5 at 1 p.m.
 in the Rose Garden**



You are invited to join in this opportunity to have your special animal (or animals) blessed, with Pastor Baker presiding.

September Birthdays

September 1	Jody Coleman Sherry Waltz
September 8	Diane Knight
September 11	Greg Borzok Sandra Davis Darlene Schlegel
September 12	Kirk Barbour Elner Mann Kylie Matthews
September 20	Emily Warfield Susan Girolami-Kramer
September 21	Edna Hafer
September 22	Alan Rehm
September 23	Jamie Duarte
September 28	Russell Corbett
September 30	Mark Erney Jacqueline Frye Mark Stradley

happy
birthday

September Readings

9/1	Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1: 17-27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
9/2	Deuteronomy 4: 9-14; 1 Timothy 4: 6-16; Psalm 106: 1-6, 13-23, 47-48
9/3	Deuteronomy 4: 15-20; 1 Peter 2: 19-25; Psalm 106: 1-6, 13-23, 47-48
9/4	Deuteronomy 4: 21-40; Mark 7: 9-23; Psalm 106: 1-6, 13-23, 47-38
9/5	Isaiah 30: 27-33, Romans 2: 1-11, Psalm 146
9/6	Isaiah 32: 1-8, Romans 2: 12-16, Psalm 146
9/7	Isaiah 33: 1-9, Matthew 15: 21-31, Psalm 146
9/8	Isaiah 35: 4-7a, Psalm 146, James 2: 1-10 [11-13] 14-17, Mark 7: 24-37
9/9	Joshua 6: 1-21, Hebrews 11: 29—12:2, Isaiah 38: 10-20
9/10	Judges 8: 1-23, Hebrews 12: 3-13, Isaiah 38: 10-20
9/11	Judges 15: 9-20, Matthew 17: 14-21, Isaiah 38: 10-20
9/12	Joshua 2: 1-14, Hebrews 11: 17-22, Psalm 116: 1-9
9/13	Joshua 2: 15-24, James 2: 17-26, Psalm 116: 1-9
9/14	Joshua 6: 22-27, Matthew 21: 23-32, Psalm 116: 1-9
9/15	Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 116: 1-9, James 3: 1-12, Mark 8: 27-38
9/16	1 Kings 13: 1-10, Romans 3: 9-20, Psalm 119: 169-176
9/17	1 Kings 13: 11-25, Colossians 3: 1-11, Psalm 119: 169-176
9/18	Isaiah 10: 12-20, John 7: 25-36, Psalm 119: 169-176
9/19	Judges 6: 1-10, 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5, Psalm 54
9/20	1 Kings 22: 24-40, Romans 11: 25-32, Psalm 54
9/21	2 Kings 17: 5-18, Matthew 23: 29-39, Psalm 54
9/22	Jeremiah 11: 18-20, Psalm 54, James 3: 13—4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9: 30-37
9/23	2 Kings 5: 1-14, James 4: 8-17, Psalm 139: 1-18
9/24	2 Kings 11: 21—12:16, James 5: 1-6, Psalm 139: 1-18
9/25	Jeremiah 1: 4-10, John 8: 21-38, Psalm 139: 1-18
9/26	Exodus 18: 13-27, Acts 4: 13-31, Psalm 19: 7-14
9/27	Deuteronomy 1: 1-18, Acts 12: 20-25, Psalm 19: 7-14
9/28	Deuteronomy 27: 1-10, Matthew 5: 13-20, Psalm 19: 7-14
9/29	Daniel 10: 10-14; 12: 1-3, Psalm 103: 1-5, 20-22; Revelation 12: 7-12; Luke 10: 17-20
9/30	Zechariah 6: 9-15, 1 Peter 1: 3-9, Psalm 5

**REV. DR. J. RICHARD ECKERT 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

**COME CELEBRATE PR. ECKERT'S 50
YEARS OF ORDINATION
WITH JOINT WORSHIP WITH GOOD
SHEPHERD AND ST PETER'S LUTHERAN**

10 a.m. Coffee hour with Pr. Eckert

11 a.m. Worship

12 p.m. Lunch and celebration

Preaching: Pr. Richard Jorgensen, LSS Dir. of Evag. Mission

Presiding: Pr. Kathleen Baker and Pr. Molly Haggerty

Musicians: Spirit and Truth Music Ministry

Gospel text: John 21: 15-19

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 11 a.m
ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
121 NORTH SPRING STREET, MIDDLETOWN**

PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 20 TO:

**skelly@stpetersmiddletown.org or
by calling St. Peters at (717) 944-4651**



Thank you, Good Shepherd!

It's time for September beginnings and invitations.

*Build a longer table,
not a higher wall...
Build a broader doorway,
not a longer fence.*

*When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences:
all are welcome here...*

These are words from the hymn, *Build a Longer Table* that was sung during worship for our Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization Convention, hosted by Good Shepherd on Saturday, August 17.

MANY, MANY THANKS to all the members of Good Shepherd who helped in many ways to make our Women of the ELCA's Convevention successful. Hopefully, all the names will be ready for October's newsletter article. With gratitude to all.

2024-2025 is Good Shepherd's Women of the ELCA's year to celebrate, honor and respect WOMEN. We will be doing a Bible study by Liz Curtis Higgs. The following is a poem she wrote:

*Eve had a hunger that cost her a garden;
Potiphar's wife had an appetite too;
Lot lost his mate when her past swirled around her;
Delilah went bad when she snipped a new 'do,*

*Sapphire fell flat when it came down to money;
Jezebel ordered her husband around;
Michal missed the message in King David's worship;
To the home, in a moment, their badness was found.*

Yet...

*A woman of Samaria found a thirst quencher;
A sinner, a woman, anointed Christ's feet;
Rehab, the harlot, became a believer;
Her sin, like the walls, crumbled down in defeat.*

*Bad for a reason, but no; not forever;
Not these three role models, saved from despair.
Made new by God, their changed lives teach the lesson:
If we but ask him, grace waits for us there.*

Our Bible study is from her book titled, *BAD GIRLS of the BIBLE And What We Can Learn From Them*. We also hope to do a spring field trip. More details to come.

Our board is now Lois Griffiths and Mary Sprunk. We invite anyone interested to join us. We will meet 4 times a year— August, November, February, and May. We meet at 2:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room the first Monday of those 4 months.

Our regular Bible study meetings are still monthly from September to June. We also meet in the Gathering Room at 9:30 a.m. on the second Monday for faith, fellowship, food and fun. You're invited to join us.

The women mentioned in her poem will be some of the subjects of our monthly meetings. Who is chosen will depend on who are the leaders of our Bible study. (Yes, we did this years ago at Zion—it might be even better the second time.) It's an opportunity to learn about our "sisters in scripture." It's also an opportunity to better understand ourselves and our relationship with God.

You're invited to join us at 9:30 a.m. on September 9 in the Gathering Room. "COME and SEE"

Workshop News

Workshop continues to meet on Tuesday mornings. ALL are welcome. We can always find something for you to do and you do not need to know how to sew!

We are packing items for In-Gathering which will be held on Sunday, October 6, this year. You can watch the donations grow by taking a look at the piles of boxes in the coat rooms on either side of the Nave's Narthex.

We are making deliveries to The Neighborhood Center, Morningstar Pregnancy Services (30 baby quilts/ afghans, 16 knitted/crocheted sweater/hat sets, 4 baby hats) and the Lebanon VA and UPMC (18 Lap robes.) The LSS Convention that was held at Good Shepherd on Saturday, August 17 provided a donation of an additional 19 baby blankets not included in the above totals.

We are very grateful for the time and talents of all of the individuals who make these donations possible!

—Georgia Rehm



Annual Report 2023-2024



**YOU
MADE IT
HAPPEN!**

Housing

Families had 2,700 nights of a safe place to sleep.



Employment

190 people participated in the Road to Success employment program.



Stabilization

88 children stayed in their homes because of Move UP programming.



Mental Health

100% of participants experienced a decrease in stress, anxiety, and/or depression through our program.



Meals

4,000+ times families shared a meal together instead of experiencing hunger.



Transportation

18 families received funding to secure reliable transportation.



Services

425+ individuals received services from one of our programs.



Home

120+ people were housed throughout all of our programs.



Congregation Partners

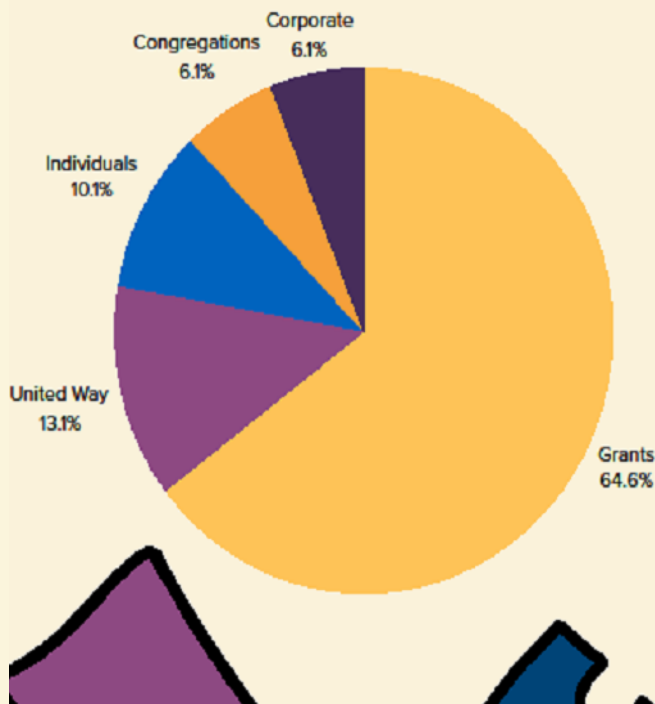
- Camp Hill UMC
- Charlton UMC
- Crossroads Christian
- Dillsburg BIC
- Fishing Creek Salem UMC
- Good Shepherd, Hbg
- Grace, Camp Hill
- Grace UMC, Lemoyne
- Grace UMC, Harrisburg
- Living Legacy Church
- Mechanicsburg COB
- Our Saviour, Harrisburg
- Shepherdstown UMC
- Shiremanstown UMC
- St. Peter, Highspire
- St. Peter, Mechanicsburg
- St. Peter, Middletown

What do our hosts do?

They make meals, sleep overnight, drive the van, set-up rooms...and in doing this, they provide HOPE.

We thank you!

Financials



Donor Category	Number of Donations	Total Donations Given
Congregations	19	\$25,118
Corporations	12	\$26,628
Grants	14	\$289,814
Individuals	117	\$46,692
United Way	4	\$58,671
In-Kind Gifts	200+	\$77,010
Total	366+	\$523,933

The Family Promise Annual Report continues on page 8.



**Annual Report
2023-2024**
(continued)

OUR FAMILIES


"I feel safe here. I was safe where I was before here, but it's a different type of safe here. It's a great feeling."



DONOR HIGHLIGHTS

Corporate

7 first-time corporate donors. Thank you!




Congregations

19 congregational donors. Thank you!



Monthly Donors

Over \$25,000 donated by monthly donors. Thank you!



"We got to know Family Promise...as van drivers...We could see how hard it was for families to be on the move...But it was a commitment those parents were willing to make...we're happy to be a small part of that every month."
~Sam and Rebecca

Looking Ahead—In Gathering October 5 and 6

Good Shepherd members are to be commended for their great outreach to our neighbors. We have provided many of God's people with basic needs and nourishment. We ask your support again this year.

The **MISSION & MINISTRY COMMITTEE** will be supporting families in need by providing items for the Ecumenical Food Bank. The Committee is seeking donations of the following items:



Paper Products—paper towels, toilet paper, and/or tissues

Toiletries—shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, shaving cream, and/or hand sanitizer

Non-perishable food items—canned, boxed, and/or bagged.

Infant items—Baby food (all stages), formula, diapers (all sizes), and/or wipes

Other items—Laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, dishwasher detergent

Please place your items in a paper grocery bag (available in the Narthexes) and return the bag with contents prior to worship service(s) on **Saturday, October 5 or Sunday, October 6**. The donations may be placed in chancel area or around the chancel railing in the Nave. The committee welcomes, appreciates and thanks you for your generosity.

Matthew 25:35—“For when I was hungry, you gave me food...” and basic needs.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Susan Master.

—Susan Master



Welcoming Back Sister Marianne Brock

On Sunday, October 6, 2024, Sister Marianne Brock, an ELCA Foundation Gift Planner, will be returning to Good Shepherd to preach as well as answer questions about legacy planning. She will be preaching at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. In addition, a light breakfast will be served in All Saints Hall between the morning services, where Sister Marianne will hold an informal question/answer session about planned giving. If you think you will be attending the breakfast, please consider bringing your favorite breakfast item.

—Vicki Delp



Pastor's Bible Study to begin September 17

Pastor Baker will offer a monthly Bible study on 2 Corinthians, beginning Wednesday, September 17.

We will meet typically on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (with some variations for holidays and holy days) in the Gathering Room from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Bring your Bibles, your listening ears, and your questions.

Chapters 1 and 2 of 2 Corinthians will be the focus of the first session, September 17 at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Room.

Worship Sponsorships

	Flowers \$25	Bulletins \$30	Lamps \$10
September 1	Frischkorn		Breon
September 8	Sprunk		D. McCauley
September 15	Switaj	Duvall	
September 22	Boyne		
September 29	Bricker		

A central calendar is also posted in the Narthex of the Nave. Sign your name to that Calendar as well and turn in the form to the office. We can also do double dedications.

Sponsorship Form



Please return this slip with your contribution to the church office. Dedications are printed in the bulletin each week. For Sunday, _____ 2024

___ Flowers \$25 ___ Bulletins \$30 ___ Sanctuary Lamps \$10

___ To the Glory of God ___ In Memory Of ___ In Honor Of ___ In Celebration Of

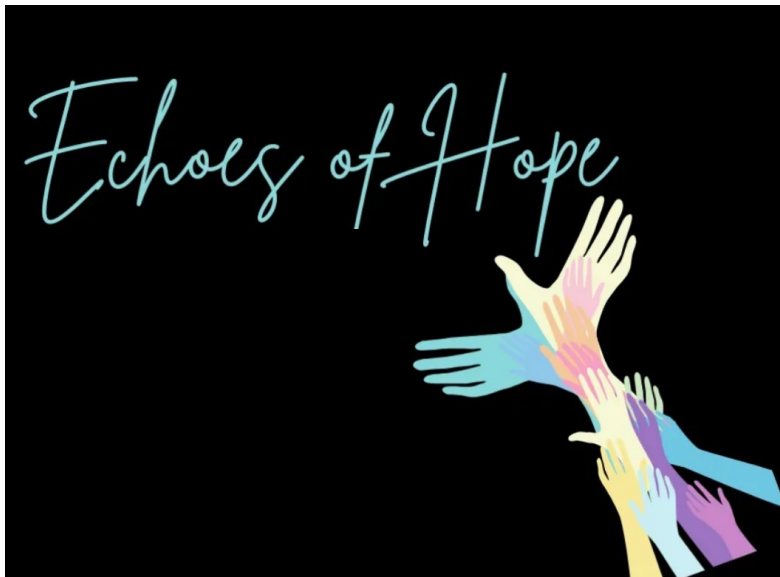
Submitted by: _____

Amount: _____ Deadline: Wednesday a.m. prior to the upcoming Sunday

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Rd. Patio) 10 a.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>	<p>2 LABOR DAY Church Office CLOSED</p>	<p>3 9:30a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School.. (Sts. Peter/Paul) 12:30 p.m. Mission & Ministry (Gathering Room)</p>	<p>4 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)</p>	<p>5 2:00 p.m. OR 7:00 p.m. BCG Session #2 (Zoom)</p>	<p>6 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/ Paul)</p>	<p>7 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
<p>8 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Rd. Patio) 10 a.m. W & S (Chapel) 11 a.m. Community Day Sorting & Prep</p>	<p>9 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30p.m. Council (Gathering Room)</p>	<p>10 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 9:30 a.m. Community Day Sorting & Prep 10 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/Paul) 7 p.m. Shawl Ministry (Martin Luther)</p>	<p>11 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 6:30 p.m. Community Day Set-Up 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/ Paul)</p>	<p>14 8 a.m.-noon Community Day 10 a.m. Keystone Concert Band Program (Nave) 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
<p>15 OCT. CALL DEADLINE 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Rd. Patio) 10 a.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>	<p>16 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)</p>	<p>17 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/Paul) 7 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Gathering Room)</p>	<p>18 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)</p>	<p>19 2:00 p.m. OR 7:00 p.m. BCG Session #3 (Zoom)</p>	<p>20 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/ Paul)</p>	<p>21 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
<p>22 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 10 a.m. W & S (Chapel) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Rd. Patio) 6:30 p.m. Living Room Dialogue (Gathering Room)</p>	<p>23 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)</p>	<p>24 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/ Paul)</p>	<p>25 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/ Paul)</p>	<p>28 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
<p>29 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 11 a.m. Joint Worship at St. Peter's Middletown (Pr. Eckert 50th Ordination Anniversary)</p>	<p>30 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)</p>					

WORSHIP NOTE: There will NOT be a Sunday 10:00 a.m. Chapel service on Sunday, September 29. Good Shepherd will join St. Peter's—Middletown at 11:00 a.m. that day for a special service celebrating the 50th anniversary of Pastor Eckert's ordination. See page 4 for more information.



**Christian Churches United
Echoes of Hope,
a United in Love Event**

**Friday, September 27
5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.**

**Rose Lehrman Theatre
on the HACC Campus**

Join us for a wonderful night with live music, food, a silent auction, and a performance by Sankofa African American Theatre Company, whose

performance will help connect the Harrisburg community to the realities of poverty and homelessness in our city. Viewers will be transported into another's reality and are invited to recognize themselves within the performers on the stage. If we are to truly make a significant impact in the current housing crisis, we all need to be able to see ourselves in the most vulnerable. When we connect with the struggle and suffering of another, that is when we can begin to think creatively about ways to overcome the challenges of homelessness and poverty. Tickets may be purchased on the Christian Churches United website, www.ccuahbg.org.

Our Purpose

To be the eyes, ears, hands, feet, and voice of Jesus.

Guiding Principles

When you see us at our best, you will see us in worship and living our faith by being:

welcoming/accepting

generous and giving

supportive and caring

active/involved

joyful

spiritual/faithful

*Adopted by the Congregation Council of
Good Shepherd on October 11, 2020*



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9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

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Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Chapel)

8:30 a.m. Sunday (Nave)

10:00 a.m. Sunday (Chapel)

9:30 a.m. Wednesday (Chapel)