

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

July 29, 2022

August is Shepherd's Crook Month

The Shepherd's Crook Food Pantry at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Ocean City is currently open three mornings a week to serve those with the need for food items, a bagged lunch and some toiletries. During the summer months, many of the international students working in Ocean City are served.

This summer, Shepherd's Crook is experiencing an overwhelming increase in the number of clients, due to the rising cost of food and the influx of international students coming into Ocean City. Between 80 and 100 clients come through the doors in the two hours the "Crook" is open. As a result, it has been difficult to keep up with the demand to keep the shelves stocked.

The month of August has been designated as Shepherd's Crook month. Each week, specific popular items are requested.

Week One – Cereal

Week Two – Canned Goods, especially corn and black beans

Week Three – Toiletries

Week Four – Peanut Butter

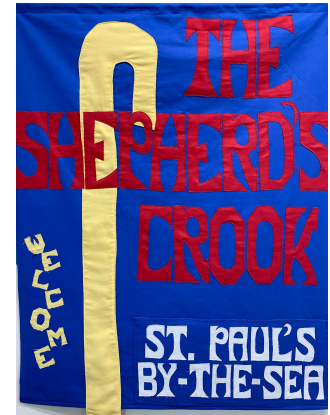
Shepherd's Crook was founded in 2002 by church parishioners whose goal was to "Feed My Sheep" (John 21:17). It is run entirely by volunteers from both within and without the parish. Shepherd's Crook operates out of DeWees Hall (on 3rd Street) 3 days a week (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) from 10 am to Noon.

All donations can be dropped off during operating hours. There is a large basket in the back of the church in which to deposit donations brought on Sunday mornings. Monetary donations can be mailed to the church at 302 N. Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842 or put in the offering plate on Sundays. Please be sure to note on your check that it is designated for Shepherd's Crook.

The History of Service of Morning Prayer

by The Rev. Maxine M. Dornemann, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church Exton, PA

Until the "new" Prayer Book of 1979 became the Prayer Book which guided our worship, the normative worship service on a Sunday morning was Morning Prayer. Three Sundays of the month ended without Eucharist – which was celebrated only once a month. The Morning Prayer worship included beautiful Canticles and a Great Thanksgiving that have been all but forgotten.



When Christianity was first made legal in 313 AD and the followers of "The Way" (the name chosen by the first Christians) were no longer being persecuted, some very faithful leaders began establishing communities that offered a more intense experience of the sacred and prevented their being tempted by worldly things. They soon established a set time for prayer. This grew out of the Jewish custom of reciting prayers at set times of the day in which people stopped whatever they were doing and prayed. Eventually early Christians prayed the Psalms daily and by 60 AD were encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer 3 times a day. Soon there were seven fixed prayer times a day: Lauds (early morning), Prime (first hour of daylight), Terce (third hour), Sext (noon), Nones (ninth hour), Vespers (sunset evening), Compline (end of the day) and Matins (in the morning at cockcrow).

After the Reformation in the 16th century and the Anglican separation from the Roman Church, our Prayer Book included the services of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline with abbreviated outlines for services at other times of day such as Noon Days prayers. This is a rich and historical tradition and can serve as an aid to worship whenever we need the discipline of a prayer service that is not free form. It is what the gift of our tradition offers us.

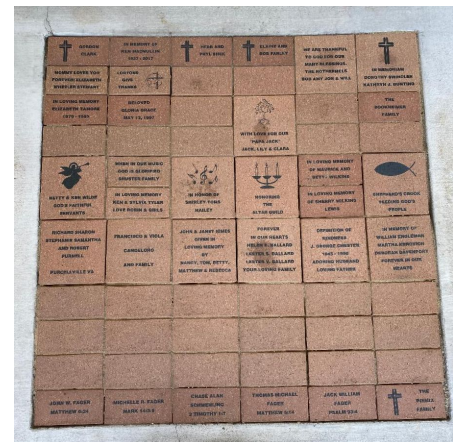
Memorial Brick Sale!

Memorial bricks are again being offered for sale. Our brick 'garden' is located at the Baltimore Avenue entrance to the Fellowship Commons.

Bricks are available in two sizes: 8x8 (priced at \$500 each) and 4 x 8 (priced at \$250 each). Wording is of your choice, and graphics are available.

If you are interested in ordering a brick to honor or remember a beloved one, **click here** to download a brick form. You can also contact Debbie Shuster at 410-213-9658 or ocshu@comcast.net, or email Don at the church office, office@stpaulsbythesea.net, and we can forward the order form to you.

Thank you so much for your interest.



Birthdays

Bruce Young (8/4)



Online Services

Click here to watch the 7/24/2022 Morning Prayer service.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 31st 8th Pentecost

Rite II Morning Prayer service with music, officiated by our Lay Worship Leaders.



August 7th 9th Pentecost

Rite II Holy Eucharist service with music, officiated by Pastor Karen Wamester.

[Click here](#) for a PDF of the July 31st bulletin so you can follow along.

Please remember that wearing masks indoors is strongly encouraged for your health and that of others.

Prayer List

Please keep those on our prayer list in your daily prayers.

Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Shirley Connor, Jose Cabrera, Ryan Fischer, Katlyn, David Warren, Letty Trimper Hurst, Rev. Penny Morrow, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Dolores Rothermel, Randy Hastings, Gary Ballard, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Melvin, Jean Charles, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, Richard, Brad, Larry Lorton, Betty Merenda, Dee Toms, Bob Rothermel, The Lecates Family, Hunter Berry, The People of Ukraine, Lakelyn Draheim, Christopher Riley, Meredith Cobb, Alan Farley, Jennings Whittington, Michael Hallett, Hannah Johnson, Gordon Clark, Stacia, Ellis

Worship Leaders Schedule

This Week—July 31, 2022

Officiants: Debbie Shuster, Nancy Baxter
Music Director: Shirley Hailey
Readers: Nancy Knotts, Andy Diaz,
Jose Rodriguez
Altar Guild: Mary Wright
Usher: John Knotts

Next Week—August 7, 2022

Celebrant: Pastor Karen Wamester
Music Director: Shirley Hailey
Reader: Dan Harris
Altar Guild: Mary Wright
Usher: Kay Ayres
Counters: Shirley Aydelotte, Lynda Azar



