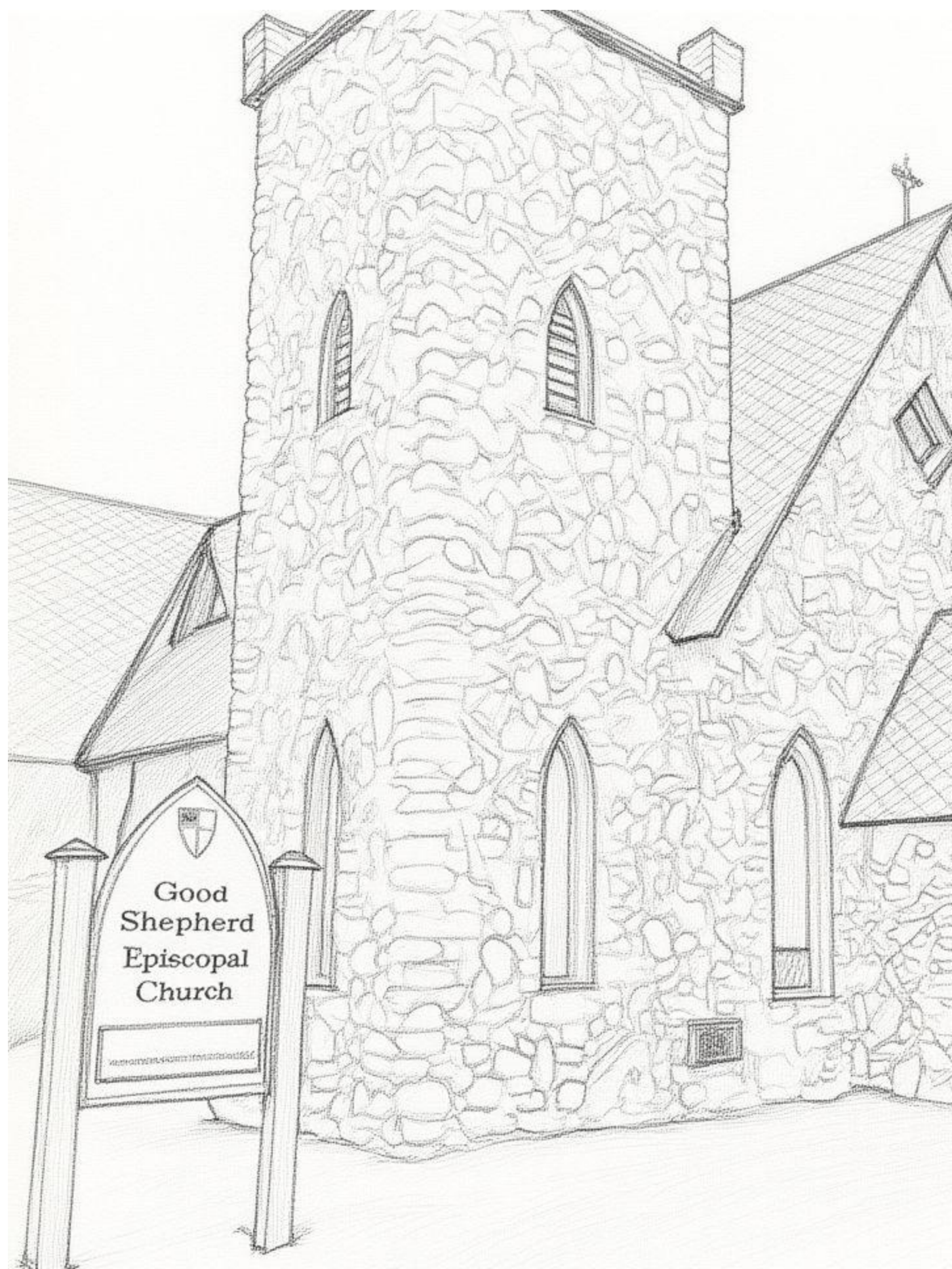




# **Good News from Good Shepherd**

**Good Shepherd and St. John's Episcopal Church, Milford**

From my desk

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

We have been spending a lot of time in Matthew 18 in our gospels. Just as I did for Paul last month, I am including a short bit from a commentary about that chapter, and it's writings for life together as disciples:

"In Matthew 18, Jesus teaches that life together as disciples is marked by humility, care, and mutual responsibility. He places a child in the midst of the disciples and reminds them that greatness in God's kingdom is not found in status or power, but in openness, trust, and dependence on God. Throughout the chapter, Jesus calls his followers to pay attention to the vulnerable, to seek out those who have wandered, and to recognize that every person matters deeply in the heart of God. Life in Christian community is never simply about ourselves; it is about learning to love one another with patience, tenderness, and reverence.

Matthew 18 also shows that faithful community requires honesty, reconciliation, and forgiveness. Jesus gives his disciples a way to address conflict directly and compassionately, always with the hope of healing relationships rather than deepening division. He then expands Peter's question about forgiveness into a vision of mercy without measure, calling us to forgive as we ourselves have been forgiven. As disciples, we are invited into a life together that is both challenging and grace-filled: a community where truth is spoken in love, burdens are shared, and God's reconciling presence shapes the way we walk with one another."

### **Reminders of September Events:**

**Saturday and Sunday, September 19th & 20th, Readers and Writers Festival in Milford.** Good Shepherd has rented our fellowship hall on both of those days. Sunday's rental begins at 11 am. There will be no fellowship hour, and we will ask you to not walk through any gathering in the hall.

Sunday, September 27th, following the 10 am service there will be an "open format" vestry meeting and parish picnic, outside, weather permitting. We will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a picnic side dish or dessert.

Please scroll down to see announcements about convention and about the visit of our Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev, Shawn Rowe to our diocese in October.

## Annual Convention Online Meeting

**Saturday, October 3, 2026**

**8 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Zoom**

The business meeting of the 1st Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of the Susquehanna will be held online via Zoom.

## A Weekend with Presiding Bishop Rowe

**October 16–17, 2026**

The Diocese of the Susquehanna will welcome a pastoral visit from the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, the Most Reverend Sean W. Rowe. More details and registration are coming soon.

[Learn more.](#)



# Lasagna Dinner



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LASAGNA SUPPER

SATURDAY  
**OCTOBER 10, 2026**

4:00-6:30PM

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INCLUDES  
MEAT OR VEGETABLE LASAGNA,  
BREAD, SALAD, DESSERT  
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WALK-IN'S WELCOME!



**We are open on Fridays**  
**12-1:30 pm & 6:30-7:30 pm**

**We're located at**  
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## **Pantry News: Hunger Action Month**

Every September, communities across the United States come together for Hunger Action Month. This annual campaign, established by Feeding America, aims to raise awareness about food insecurity and inspire collective action.

While hunger is a year-round crisis, this dedicated month serves as a reminder that millions of families struggle to access nutritious

meals. It is a call to look closely at our communities, understand the hidden reality of food scarcity, and take steps to ensure no one goes to bed Hungry.

Food insecurity is not a distant problem; it exists right here in Milford Borough and extends throughout Pike County. Our Food Pantry currently has over 400 families registered with us and is serving 97 families a week on average.

Families, seniors, and children face difficult choices daily, often forcing them to decide between buying groceries or paying for rent and medicine. Inflation and rising living costs continue to strain household budgets, pushing more people toward the brink of hunger. Hunger Action Month emphasizes that food shouldn't be an impossible choice.

Take Action: Support the Ecumenical Food Pantry of Pike County

We rely on community support. Here is how you can help:

Donate funds: Financial contributions allow the pantry to purchase fresh produce and dairy, holiday turkeys, and more.

Host a food drive: Gather neighbors or coworkers to collect high-demand items like canned meats, peanut butter, and cereal.

Volunteer your time: Help sort donations, stock shelves, or distribute food to families in need.

Spread the word: Use your social media platforms to share the pantry's mission and advocate for local hunger relief.

Hunger is a complex issue, but the solution begins with simple, compassionate actions. This Hunger Action Month, let your awareness spark movement. By supporting the Food Pantry, you help provide nourishment, hope, and stability to local families. Together, we can build a community where everyone has a seat at the table

## Susquehanna Currents and Diocesan News

The Susquehanna Currents is a monthly newsletter highlighting ministries, events, and important updates from across our diocese. This list is also used to send timely announcements and updates about the life of the Diocese of the Susquehanna.

Please feel free to use the material in the Susquehanna Currents, sharing events it in your church's newsletter or posting the entire issue on your congregation's bulletin board.

[Sign Up for Diocesan News](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/zmS0JFp)

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## Regions & Convocations

The Diocese of the Susquehanna is divided into four regions, which are further divided into 15 convocations. The four regions – Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, and Southeast – serve as ministry hubs, effectively coordinating the work of the Church through local and regional mission efforts, resource sharing, and initiatives designated by the Annual Convention. Convocations are the more local groupings of churches our diocese, which meet twice a year to support the ministry of each other.

Each region is served by a Canon Missioner, who supports churches in their region through congregational development, transition ministry, clergy support and pastoral care, and Mutual Ministry Reviews.

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# The Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

## September 2026 Monthly Calendar

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                            | Monday    | Tuesday                                              | Wednesday                                                                                 | Thursday                                                                                | Friday                                        | Saturday                                                 |
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|                                                                                                                                                                   |           | <b>1</b><br><b>Fund Raising Mtg.</b><br><b>11 am</b> | <b>2</b><br><b>Eucharistic Mass</b><br><b>12 pm</b><br><b>Adult Forum</b><br><b>2 pm</b>  | <b>3</b><br><b>DOK 12:30 p.m.</b>                                                       | <b>4</b><br><b>Meditation</b><br><b>6 pm</b>  | <b>5</b>                                                 |
| <b>6</b><br><b>The Rev. William Stewart</b> Eucharistic Mnstr–Barbara Hartman Lector – Barbara Hartman Ushers – Ed & Kyong Gessner<br><b>CHOIR PRACTICE 11:30</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>                                             | <b>9</b><br><b>Eucharistic Mass</b><br><b>12 pm</b><br><b>Adult Forum</b><br><b>2 pm</b>  | <b>10</b>                                                                               | <b>11</b><br><b>Meditation</b><br><b>6 pm</b> | <b>12</b>                                                |
| <b>13</b><br><b>The Rev. William Stewart</b> Eucharistic Minister–Sue Dziemian Lector – Sue Dziemian Ushers – Sue & Gary Cappello<br><b>CHOIR PRACTICE 11:30</b>  | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>                                            | <b>16</b><br><b>Eucharistic Mass</b><br><b>12 pm</b><br><b>Adult Forum</b><br><b>2 pm</b> | <b>17</b> <b>Finance Meeting</b><br><b>Community Luncheon</b><br><b>11:30 am – 1 pm</b> | <b>18</b><br><b>Meditation</b><br><b>6 pm</b> | <b>19</b><br><b>Readers &amp; Writers</b><br><b>11-1</b> |

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| <b>20</b><br><b>The Rev. William Stewart</b><br>Eucharistic<br>Mnstr– Al<br>Albinson Lector –<br>Diana Calvert<br>Ushers –<br><b>Readers &amp; Writers 11-5</b>                                                                    | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br><b>Eucharistic Mass 12 pm</b><br><br><b>Adult Forum 2 pm</b> | <b>24</b><br><br><b>Food Pantry Board Mtg. 1 pm</b> | <b>25</b><br><br><b>Meditation 6 pm</b> | <b>26</b> |
| <b>27</b><br><b>The Rev. William Stewart</b> Eucharistic<br>Mnstr –Maureen<br>Tierney Lector – Rich<br>Tierney<br>Ushers – Ralph Pinto<br><br><b>Vestry Open Mtg. &amp; Picnic</b><br><br><b>Girl Scouts Opening Ceremony 5 pm</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br><b>Eucharistic Mass 12 pm</b><br><br><b>Adult Forum 2 pm</b> |                                                     |                                         |           |