

THE SOCIETY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Church of the Good Shepherd blesses us in many ways. This is due, in part, to the generosity of those who have worshiped before us. Generations of worshipers knelt before the same altar and prayed the same prayers as we pray today. The traditional services mark the structure of life – baptism, confirmation, marriage, burial – just as they marked the lives of those who worshiped before us at Good Shepherd. We can continue the legacy. Making a provision for our church in your will or estate plan helps share our worship traditions and ministries with those who will come after us.

What better gift could we give ourselves than to know that we have provided for the orderly disposition of the things we have been given in life? What better way for us to show what has really mattered to us in our life? What better blessing than to know that we leave a legacy for our children – a legacy of love of worship at the Church of the Good Shepherd?



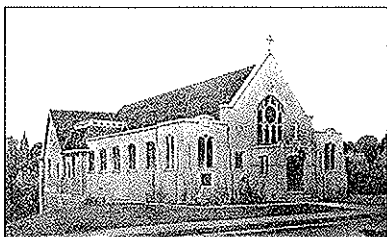
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July 1888: The Mission of Good Shepherd was established by Christ Church. The first service was held at 302 S. Broadway in a small cottage owned by a prominent Christ Church layman. Rectors of Christ Church and their assistants were in charge for the first twenty-five years.

December 1888: The Chapel of the Good Shepherd moved to 523 S. Broadway and was formally opened by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Underwood Dudley, Bishop of Kentucky. It was a substantial wooden building with a beautiful Gothic window.

1895: Good Shepherd entered the newly formed Diocese of Lexington as a mission of Christ Church.



1906: The Chapel was moved bit by bit, wall by wall and rebuilt on a lot on East Maxwell near Woodland Avenue.

The Good Shepherd (John 10: 11-16)

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd

What is Planned Giving?

Planned giving is a form of stewardship that offers new approaches for managing resources during your lifetime and for leaving a legacy that will contribute generously to Good Shepherd through estate planning and deferred giving. Planned Giving:

- encourages and assists you in planning responsibly for the disposition of your worldly goods;
- encourages you to make suitable provisions for your family members while remembering the church as well;
- is a witness to your faith, your love for God and the Church in a very special way;
- strengthens the ministry of the church, and the programs to which you have a special commitment.

May I Designate My Planned Gift for a Purpose?

Planned gifts are best made to the church's Endowment Fund without restrictions or designations. However, if you feel strongly, you may designate your gift to one or more of the following ministries:

Christian Formation

Evangelism

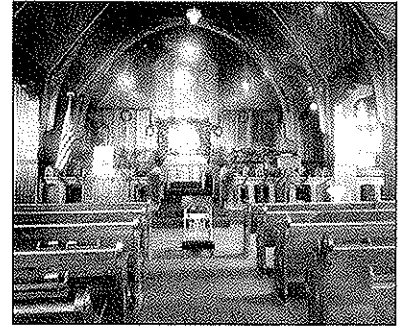
Facilities

Outreach

Worship

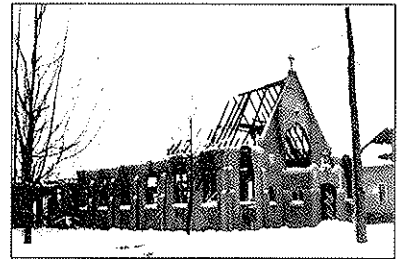
How is the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund Managed and Used?

The stewardship of the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund is provided by a standing committee appointed by the Vestry. The Endowment Committee holds and administers funds established in perpetuity. Support of ministries occurs through annual expenditures of only a portion of the fund's earnings. The amount that is made available is determined each year by the Endowment Committee, as a percentage of the Fund's income value. A policy has been established by the Committee and the Vestry that Endowment Fund earnings will be used to develop and enhance ministries and properties beyond what is possible through annual operating monies. Good Shepherd's Endowment Fund can receive gifts at any time for its



1907: The Chapel was dedicated in February.

1916: The Mission of Good Shepherd became an independent organized mission of the Diocese of Lexington.



1918: The chapel on East Maxwell was destroyed by fire and virtually all records were lost. A new lot was purchased on East Main at Bell Court with proceeds from the sale of the East Maxwell lot, insurance money and donations from many local people.

1920: The Rev. Thomas Lever Settle was named *Presbyter-in Charge*. The cornerstone was laid to the Bishop Burton Community House, named for the first bishop of the Diocese of Lexington, the Rt. Rev. Lewis William Burton. Bishop Burton (1896-1929) deeded the East Main property to Good Shepherd in October of 1920.

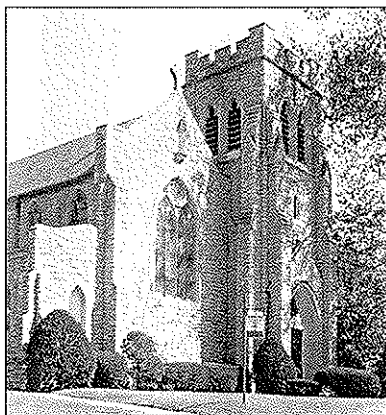
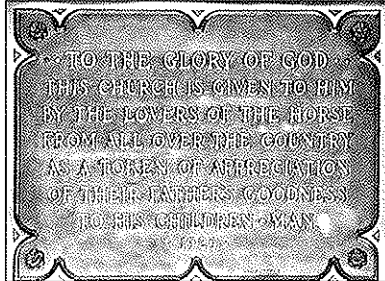
1921: Good Shepherd became an independent parish. The Bishop Burton Community House was dedicated February 1st, the 25th anniversary of the Diocese of Lexington and Bishop Burton's consecration as Bishop of Lexington.



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1923: The Rev. Settle helped defeat a bill in the Kentucky Legislature to abolish pari-mutuel betting. The bill was defeated by one vote.

1924-1929: The Thoroughbred Association of Kentucky established a fund to build the Church of the Good Shepherd in appreciation to the Rev. Settle. \$200,000 was raised with contributions coming from all over the country - from horse owners and breeders of all faiths. On a plaque in the church's bell tower are these words:



1925: Bishop Burton laid the cornerstone for the Church. The building was completed one year later

unrestricted funds. Endowment gifts can be made from current income, from assets, or through a “planned gift.”

How do I make a Planned Gift to Good Shepherd?

Any member of the parish’s Endowment Committee, the clergy or the parish administrator can assist you in finding the information and resources you may need to explore the possible advantages of making a planned gift. Most planned gifts offer attractive benefits from a tax standpoint. Some of the most common ways to make planned gifts are listed below.

a) Gift of Current Assets or Appreciated Securities:

Your gift of appreciated securities (stocks, mutual funds, and bonds) held more than one year is exempt from long-term capital gains taxes and, in most cases, enables you to obtain a charitable income tax deduction equal to the market value of the securities.

b) A Bequest in a Will:

The simple insertion of a clause in your will can assure that a lasting gift will be made to the Church of the Good Shepherd’s Endowment Fund. A bequest in a will can take the form of a fixed amount of money, a

percentage of an estate or its residual, a specific asset, a trust, or the naming of the church as a contingent beneficiary.

c) Life Insurance Gift:

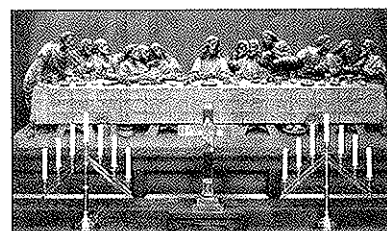
Since almost everyone has some kind of life insurance, leaving a gift to the Church of the Good Shepherd's Endowment Fund is a simple way for you to make a difference. You may make a gift with very little cost by asking your insurance professional to help you.

d) Revocable Living Trust:

Many people prefer to use a living trust as an alternative to, or in addition to, a will. A clause similar to a will bequest will implement a charitable gift to the Church of the Good Shepherd's Endowment Fund. A revocable living trust allows a gift of assets to be made now while retaining the right to retrieve those assets later if it becomes necessary.

e) Life Income Gift:

You can take advantage of a gift vehicle known as a charitable remainder trust to provide income for yourself and your spouse for life, and still make a major gift to the Church of the Good Shepherd's Endowment Fund. These trusts, particularly when they are funded with appreciated property, often



absolutely debt free. The Rev. Settle then ordered the magnificent wood carvings of Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper and others by Anton and Gustav Lang from Oberammergau, Germany, the elaborate stained-glass windows, as well as a \$10,000 pipe organ, leaving Good Shepherd with a large debt when he departed in 1930.

1930: The Rt. Rev. H.P. Almon Abbott, Bishop of Lexington from 1929-45, took charge of Good Shepherd after the Rev. Settle left, and again in 1943, serving as rector without salary.

1936-1943: The Rev. John William Mulder was rector of Good Shepherd.

1944-1950: David C. Clark served as rector.

1945-1971: The Rt. Rev. William R. Moody served as the third bishop of Lexington.

1950: The Rev. T. Clarke Bloomfield became rector. Through his dedication, sound management and vision the long-standing debt was retired.

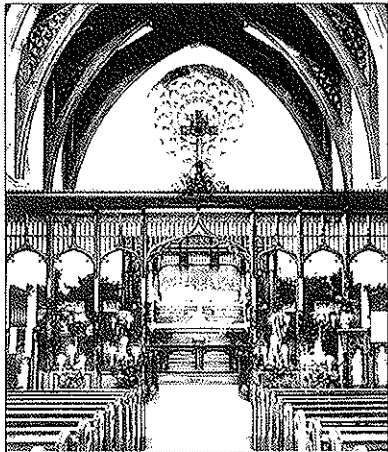


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1951: The parish house became the interim home of the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Kentucky.

1953: The Church of the Good Shepherd was consecrated on October 7th.

1958: Good Shepherd Day School was established with 28 students. Today there are approximately 160 children enrolled.



1966: The seminary building at Bell Court and Sayre Avenue was completed. The Rev. Bloomfield received an honorary doctorate from the Seminary and the Order of Merit from the Diocese.

1971-1985: The Rt. Rev. Addison Hosea served as the fourth bishop of Lexington.

1973: Bishop Hosea appointed the Very Rev. T. Clarke Bloomfield as Dean of the Diocese of Lexington.

provide donors increased income as well as favorable tax benefits. For gifts in smaller amounts, a charitable gift annuity or a pooled income fund gift provides similar features and benefits.

f) A Gift of IRA's and Other Tax Deferred Savings:

Persons with savings in the form of tax-deferred funds such as Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's), 401 (k) plans, or other qualified retirement plans, should seriously consider using these funds for their charitable giving in their estate plans. When individuals are designated as beneficiaries of these funds they are subject to tax as ordinary income; whereas, charitable, tax-exempt organizations are not subject to the income tax and are able to benefit from the full amount. In addition, designating a charity as a beneficiary will take those funds out of one's estate for estate tax purposes. Thus, there can be a significant tax advantage to using these tax-deferred funds for testamentary gifts to charities.

What is the Society of the Good Shepherd?

The rich history and tradition of the Church of the Good Shepherd has inspired us to continue to nurture and grow our community of faith for future generations by creating the Society of the Good Shepherd. The Society has been established to honor

those who include the Church of the Good Shepherd in their wills or estate plans through a planned gift.

How Can I Become a Member?

The Church of the Good Shepherd invites you to become a member of the Society of the Good Shepherd. All that is required is your heartfelt commitment of support and a few moments of your time. If you name the Church of the Good Shepherd as a beneficiary in your will or estate plan (or have already done so) and complete and return the enclosed Enrollment Form, you will become a member of the Society.

If you already have a will or trust, you need not rewrite it. You can add a provision for the church through a simple codicil or amendment. For more information and assistance, contact your attorney, financial advisor and/or the parish administrator. We are prepared to make this process simple and straightforward for you.

What are the Rewards of Joining the Society?

Your deep commitment and strong support of the Church of the Good Shepherd throughout the years have enabled us to foster an environment where the mission and ministry of our church continue to be lived each and every day.

1977: *The Restoration Committee was established to plan and collect funds to maintain and restore the beauty of the church as it was gracefully growing old; the roof was beginning to leak and the heating system needed replacement. \$150,000 was raised.*

1983: *Dean Bloomfield retired and the Rev. Tim Scott became rector in November.*

1984: *A third Sunday morning service was added due to an increase in attendance.*

1985-1999: *The Rt. Rev. Don Adger Wimberly served as the fifth bishop of Lexington.*

1989: *The Shepherd's House, a halfway house for recovering alcoholics, opened. The Diocesan properties on Bell Court East and Sayre Avenue were purchased from the Diocese. The remodeled seminary was renamed the "Bloomfield Building" and what was the seminary chapel was renamed "Clemence Hall".*

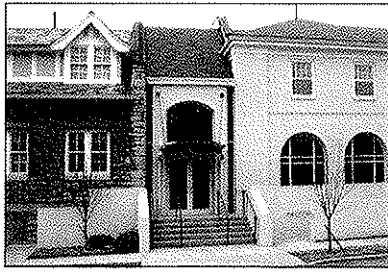
1994: *The Rev. Robert Lee Sessum became rector.*

1995: *The Peal of Bells was installed in the bell tower and rang for the first time on Christmas Eve.*

1996: *The Celebration of the 70th anniversary of the first services in the present church was held. Members of the horse community were invited to attend and were recognized.*

1999: *Vision 2000 raised over \$3,000,000 for renovation of the buildings.*

2000: *The Rt. Rev. Stacy F. Sauls was elected and consecrated sixth bishop of Lexington.*



2002: Vision 2000 renovations were completed with all new office spaces and Sunday School classrooms, as well as the Seminary Building totally renovated to accommodate the Day School. The Burton Building and Bloomfield Buildings were connected.

2005: Society of the Good Shepherd was established.

Today's gifts are important because they enable us to grow in our faith and reach out to others. However, "tomorrow's" gifts are equally important because they allow for the future ministry of our church. Through God's grace and your generosity, the Church of the Good Shepherd will be in a stronger position to bring the message of hope in Jesus Christ to the people of Lexington well into the 21st century and beyond. When you join the Society of the Good Shepherd, you will help assure that generations of people will receive the gifts of hope, prayer, fellowship, and worship for years to come.



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