

mm — Where Are the Shepherds? 2

*“And in that region were shepherds out in the field
keeping watch over their flocks by night.” (Luke 2:1)*

In Where Are the Shepherds? # 1

**I left you while counting all the figures
in Jean’s thrift shop crèche collection.**

**I had ridden that trite poor-baby-not-welcomed-in-the-inn theme...
connecting slightly to refugees and homelessness...
and wondering why our scenes had no shepherds.**

**I looked away from those manger scenes
to see Jean working at a card table just to my left...
addressing envelopes for our annual contributions.**

**She had 48 envelopes to that many addresses...
I went through the list (checking it twice)
noting 9 having to do with opening an “inn” for someone.**

**I know most of those places and some of the leaders...
people with a passion for one kind of situation or another...
meeting need with love and an open door.**

**Bingo! I just found the missing shepherds!
being shepherds all over town by night and day...
tending to infants and moms and dads and youths.**

**One good shepherd I knew died last week...
one among many who would give Christmas Eve time
to serve at the men’s winter homeless shelter.**

**If you can’t find shepherds in our Christmas scenes...
now you know where to find them...
and Jean sent along some checks to help keep their inns open.**

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