



The Shepherd's Voice

July 2015

Services

Every Sunday:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
Rite I (Nursery
available)

9:15 am Adult Spiritual
Formation (Nursery
available)

10:45 am Holy Eucharist
Rite II (Nursery
available)

10:45 am Children's
Church (Children go
directly to Children's
Church)

Tuesday:

7:00 pm Healing with
Soaking Prayer

Wednesday:

Noon Holy Eucharist
with Healing Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Bill
Breedlove
Rector

The Rev. Turner Guidry
Deacon

Engage, Share, Create — Indeed we do!

What happened at Good Shepherd in December when a small group of parishioners sat in a meeting with Amanda Scott, a representative from LAMB Institute in Honduras, and heard of some of the needs of children there? Answer: a small idea began to bubble that perhaps, just perhaps, we could find a small way to help equip an under-construction residence facility for boys there. Since we could not travel with beds or chairs, then perhaps something soft and foldable and personal might be possible. Maybe something fun to decorate a wall or a window? Maybe a prayer or two about this question would be appropriate.

What happened from Good Shepherd to California when God got hold of this prayer? Answer: one "something fun" turned into 25 hand sewn dresses for girls at LAMB, 60 custom made pillow cases in boy and girl themes, and 28 quilts for the residents of the new facility for boys!!! God's answers are so much bigger than our prayers!!!!

How did this happen? The idea and the prayer about it were given wings — and it flew! A Good Shepherd group decided to make the Quilts for Honduras project happen. We were not sure how to tackle something of this size or how we would pay for it. But it began thanks to about 20 parishioners — those who quilted, those who did not, and those who never threaded a needle! But every single one was a



cheerleader with a willing set of hands. Today all 28 quilts are finished and ready to travel to Honduras in July. An appeal for sponsors for the quilts was made. Another 35 or so people stepped up. Today they are finished and paid for.

Just as those working on the quilts were expressing concern that the quilt project was for the boys only — but feeling totally unable to take on more — the phone rang and a woman's voice said, "I am Gwen from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Wilkesboro, NC. We hear that you are going to Honduras this summer on a mission trip. We would like to send with you dresses we will make for the young girls there." They are completed and ready to travel.

In April a visitor from California came to Good Shepherd and learned of the quilt project. In June, an email arrived. "Been thinking about the quilt project. Would it be OK for some of us here to send pillowcases we will make for both boys and girls? By the way, how many are there of each?" A week later, another email: "Pillowcases all finished."

Thanks to each of you who participated in whatever way. And Thanks Be to God!

Engage, share, create. One person at a time. Indeed we do.



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Christian Education

Ongoing

- The News and the Good News – Beginning June 21 this class will meet on Sundays at 9:15 in the Undercroft. Join us for coffee and conversation each Sunday as we examine current events in the local, national, and world news and wonder about both a Christian understanding and a Christian response to these events. Participants are welcome to bring a news event to share.

Our conversation will be guided by Parker Palmer's "Circle of Trust Touchstones" that will be shared at the beginning of each gathering. This gathering is facilitated by Fr Bill.

- Higher Calling is a men's discussion group focused on becoming better husbands, fathers, friends and associates by helping each other grow in our relationships with God, ourselves, others, and the environment in which we live. Please contact David Hourdequin at 828-421-6216 or at drh@dremy.com if you're interested in joining this group.

General Convention – The 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church begins on June 25. Those interested in following on Internet the work of General Convention may consult one or more of these Internet websites.

- <http://www.generalconvention.org/>
- <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/category/78th-general-convention/>
- <http://www.diocesewnc.org/News%20and%20Events/general-convention.html>

Upcoming Wellness Seminars

- Myers-Briggs Personality Type and Wellness – July 25, 10:00 am-Noon - George Heilner, MA Clinical Psychologist. Knowing your personality type can provide insight into how you respond to others and the world and how others respond to you. Knowing such may help you recognize your strengths and weaknesses in social situations and could be helpful for improving your relationships. In preparation for that seminar, participants are invited to complete a Myers-Briggs assessment that will be scored and returned at the seminar. Copies of the Myers-Briggs assessment are now available in the office. To be scored and ready for the seminar, have your completed assessment returned to the parish office by Friday, July 10.
- How Good Fats can Improve Health – August 15, 10:00 am-Noon - Sharon O'Dell, RN

Second Tuesday Brown Bag Book Review & Lunch ST. BBR&L

No book to buy, no book to read.

What: The ST. BBR&L will be one or two people describing their favorite author and a book by the writer and why it had an impact on their own spiritual journey. Authors could include C.S. Lewis, Rohr, Tom Wright, Borg, Tillich, Barbara Brown Taylor, and Joan Chittister etc.

When: Second Tuesday 11 AM-12 PM of each month this summer. The next session will be July 14th. The presenters will be Ben Kennedy

discussing Barbara Brown Taylor's Trilogy. (*Leaving Church, An Altar in the World and Learning to Walk in the Dark*) The second presenter will be Geoff Schwartz sharing *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer*, by Brother David Stendle-Rast

Where: Undercroft

Recommendation for additional presenters and authors are welcomed.

Preview of things to come, *Cows, Pigs, Wars and Witches*. Stay tuned for future announcements.

Good Shepherd Healing Ministry

Inquirers and all who are interested in participating in the Good Shepherd Healing Ministry are invited to a fellowship dinner at 5:00 pm on Monday, July 13. This is an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for the gift of healing that happens in this parish, for those involved in the healing ministry of this parish to support and encourage each other,

and for those inquiring about healing ministry to learn what healing ministry does and how they can get involved. Please bring a side to share. Drinks and a main menu item will be provided. For more information contact Fr. Bill.

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Stewardship

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. Luke 12:48

Over the years I have heard many things said about stewardship and the practice of stewardship described in various ways. Most often, I have heard stewardship being brought out of the closet and dusted off for the annual giving campaign. It is time once again for people to re-up their pledge to the parish so out comes the idea of stewardship to make an appearance in sermons, parish announcements, newsletters, letters from annual pledge drive committees and so forth. During that season of stewardship, we often hear about something called a tithe and perhaps that the Biblical standard is a 10% tithe. Is that 10% of the gross or net, of earned income or all assets? I let all that wash over me without wondering if anything I knew about stewardship was correct.

Most fundamentally, stewardship is how we respond at all times to God's gracious gift of all we have. Yes, those gifts include our money and our time and our talents. But that is not everything. It also includes the people in our lives, our relationships, our own being, the things in the world around us, and all else we can imagine. Stewardship is about embracing all that God has given as unmerited gift and then responding to that deep understanding with the greatest degree of gratitude possible. As gifts given, as unmerited gifts given, we are challenged to use those gifts in response to God's love for us. A grateful person, one who embraces the fact that all they have is the product of God's grace, is one who gives freely and generously, not calculating percentages or the difference between gross and net income,

nor thinking solely in terms of time, talent, and treasure. Knowing that God is the source of our gifts, and trusting that God both has provided and will provide again, should be sufficient to overcome fears that if we are generous in giving we will not have enough for our own needs. The truth is that when our hands are tightly closed around the gifts we have received we can neither share those gifts as they were meant to be shared nor can we receive the more that God is always pouring out upon God's people and all of creation.

We are a parish that has been given much and with grateful hearts gives generously to support this church and its many, many ministries. The words of scripture tell us that having been entrusted with much, much more will be asked of us. I invite all members of this parish to reflect in this post-Pentecost season of growth on the gifts they have been given and how they express their gratitude for those gifts. Developing an attitude of gratitude and increasing our generosity now will prepare us for the time when much more will be asked of us.

With gratitude for the gift of you,

Fr Bill+



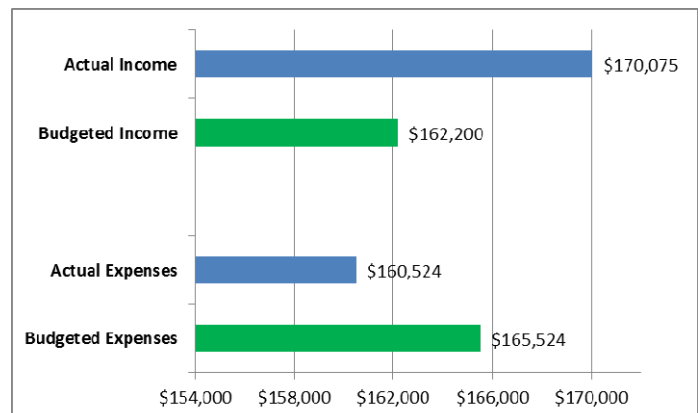
Financials (May 31, 2015)

2015 General Operations Fund:

Balance on December 31, 2014	[\$18,047]
Income YTD	170,075
Expenditures YTD	<u>160,524</u>
Balance in Operating Account on May 31	[\$8,496]
Receipts for Debt Reduction	\$12,013
Balance on mortgage with bank	\$188,093
Balance on loan from diocese	\$8,330
Balance on loan from Mt. of Faith	\$25,000

Contribution statements will be mailed after the last Sunday in June. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Rybicki in the office on Mondays.

January – May 2015
Income vs. Expense Comparison



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Parade of Table (Photos by Susanne Treacy)



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Hayesville Pet Festival on the Square

On Saturday September 12 Good Shepherd is having a booth at Pet Festival on the Square. Harry Baughn is providing a table and tent. Dwain Zagrocki, DVM is doing a veterinary program with and for the children. Fr. Bill is doing a Blessing of the Animals. Carole Webber is coordinating this event. Contact her at 828 389 1026 --- webber42@frontier.com.

There is going to be a new contest for the most "angelic looking animal." We are sponsoring this and presenting a stuffed animal toy (a

lamb, of course) to the winner.

Also, we're providing a watering station for the pets and will be handing out 200 goodie bags to the participants.

What is missing? Two things: 1) DOGGIE TREATS: Would really appreciate doggie treats to put into the goodie bags (please put them in the box in the Parish Hall) and 2) VOLUNTEERS to fill the bags (Saturday, August 29 10:00 am) and the day of the event. Thank you ahead of time if you are able to help in any way!

Church of the Advocate

Dear Pilgrims to Asheville-

The Outreach Committee would like you to share a thought about our time at the Church of the Advocate--- "Where did you see Jesus that day?"

From Bob Stillwell....where did I see Jesus that day? In the all round love and kindness in that big room.

Since that beautiful day in Asheville I have frequently found the gospel song "I've just seen Jesus" running round and round in my head. I have rarely felt so close to Jesus as I did during those hours at Trinity church. All those sweet faces that passed by as I served the spaghetti. I was touched by their politeness...their murmurs of "God bless you" and "thank you", their shy smiles, even little jokes. They made me feel humble.

I would encourage anyone who would like to "see Jesus" to make a pilgrimage to Asheville. Shirley

"Throughout the service and the meal at Trinity I noticed a young man sitting with his head hung, his eyes swollen, his face red, mumbling only to a young woman beside him. He never looked up. He shakily left the room at one point, returning hands out tentative trying to remain balanced. I thought...Drugs? Trauma? Loss? Illness? Blindness? What is the path he and I are each on as we travel through our own personal life experience? How did we get to here? What are we here

to do? I pause to reflect. Now as our paths have crossed, I remain living in the question...

Thank you for asking. Kanute

From our recent graduates Wade and Kenyan: We saw Jesus in the smiling faces of the workers and how they treated everyone kindly.

I felt the love of Jesus when Father Hamilton assured everyone that they were not going to hell if they did not act the way people expected.

He said choosing to follow Jesus gives us all freedom. Amy

Jesus was waiting for our arrival as two men came forward to help the minute I opened the trunk to take food to the kitchen... Gil

Where did I see Jesus? In the faces and the voices of the people we sat with, worshipped with, and fed at last Sunday. I have shared

this experience with so many people since our Sunday in Asheville. Bob and I were both so moved by this experience words cannot describe all the feelings I had that day. These people at one time I am sure were vital people in the community I would have loved to know their stories, a young man of 26 who was starting a job the next day was so thankful to be employed again. Gracious and thankful to have been fed never once forgetting to say thank you, to this experience I say thank you Good Shepherd for the opportunity to see Jesus that day. Lynn Kirby



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Oldtimer—Jeanne Russack

The Amplified Bible defines the word "blessed" as used in the Beatitudes as "happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous – with life-giving joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of outward conditions." Jeanne Russack has been blessed all her life.

Born 88 years ago, Jeanne grew up in Chicago, a few blocks from the University of Chicago. She had a happy childhood, enjoying card games with her family, playing with friends in the alley between back yards, and selling lemonade or other concoctions on the street. One neighbor had a tennis court which was flooded for ice skating in the winter.

Family weekends usually involved a trip to the country. Her father had always wanted to own a farm, and finally bought one, although he had to hire a farmer. He was unable to do the work himself, due to a weak heart from which he died at the young age of 53. Jeanne has an older sister, but they were never close, and she usually didn't participate in family activities.

Summers usually included a summer camp in Colorado, where she became an excellent competitive shooter. Once, for some reason she can't recall, she shot her initials in their neighbors' new car. She kept waiting for her father to say something to her about it, but not a word was mentioned. Finally, after she'd gone to camp, she got a letter from her dad, in which he said, "Well, I guess you've had enough time to think about what you've done." And that was all he said. He was wise: for Jeanne the weeks of waiting for the other shoe to drop was punishment enough.

Jeanne attended an experimental public school near the University which benefitted from all the latest educational theories, excellent teachers, and a wonderful music program. In high school, the first of her lifelong issues with cancer surfaced, and due to her health, she completed her last two years of high school at a small girls school. Since then, she has had more than 40 operations to remove cancers, most of them unrelated, but one so serious at the age of 36 that the doctors gave her only a few months to live. Happily, her cheerful personality and positive outlook prevailed.

Jeanne graduated from Depauw University, majoring in "having fun." Or possibly Home Economics.

Her first job was as a teacher in a high school level correspondence school. She tried her best to provide encouragement and direction to students she would never meet and whose circumstances she didn't know. She enjoyed trying to imagine what they were like and never returned a paper without a comment along with the grade.

She began married life with Harry Wilson in Terre Haute, though they lived many places. In 1952 while in Connecticut, Jeanne began selling real estate and discovered she loved it! She and Harry had two

daughters, Anne and Joan, but divorced when Joan was in college. Jeanne eventually married Larry Russack, a fellow real estate agent, but shortly after they were married they learned he had severe emphysema. They moved to Florida for his health, where she also became a caregiver for her mother and step-father who lived in a life care facility. Both mother and husband died around 1985.



Joan Norris and Jeanne Russack

Her experience led Jeanne to facilitate a class on death and dying at the Presbyterian church she was attending in Pompano Beach. The group bonded so well they didn't want to break up when the series was over, so she began organizing trips for them. For over twenty years, she led this group and anyone else who wanted to come (ranging from 30 to 60 people!) on trips around the world. Jeanne remembers this time of serving as tour guide for her friends as one of the most enjoyable things she has done in her life. Her daughter Joan remembers the trips fondly, too, because she got to go along on many of them!

Although Jeanne's daughters lived in Florida much of this time, they gradually migrated to the mountains. Jeanne had been happily living for 20 years in John Knox Village, a wonderful total life facility, but she wanted to be better acquainted with her children as adults. So Jeanne gave away her car and moved in with Joan in January 2015. Their plan is that, when the time is right, they will move together to a similar facility in Blairsville.

Besides travel, music has been a great joy in Jeanne's life. She has sung all her life wherever she has been and is looking forward to singing in the Good Shepherd Choir. Her favorite hymn is *Holy, Holy, Holy*. Denomination hasn't been important to her and she has attended many churches. However, she says, "This has been the most friendly church, second to none."

Her advice to children? "Be aware, be friendly, think before you act, and always love, whatever you do."

Newcomer — Joan Norris

I am 63 years old and widowed. I now have my Mom, Jeanne Russack, living with me and am thoroughly enjoying that. I was blessed with two wonderful daughters, Jeanne age 30 (Nashville, Tn.) and Katie age 27 (Asheville, NC). I have a wonderful grandson, Korbin, who is 3 and frequently comes to church with me.

I have lived in Hayesville since 1999. We camped and fell in love with this area when the girls were growing up outside of Atlanta. We bought a log cabin to use as rental property and eventually moved here permanently. My sister and her family did the same thing and now live in Hiawassee.

I spent 4 years in the US Army during Vietnam, at the Burn unit in San Antonio, Texas, to get my GI Bill. I was then able to go to nursing school. After graduation I did an internship program at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Fl, specializing in Neonatal ICU. That was a real advantage when my oldest daughter was born at 6 ½ months and

weighed 2 pounds 11 ounces. My youngest daughter was adopted. I also worked in Home Health, but I began having a number of physical problems and had to stop working in my early 40s. I have kept busy with volunteer work, as well as learning and teaching Paper Crafting, and traveling whenever possible.

I grew up in the Methodist Church and later joined the Congregational Church. When my children were small we went to a small Christian church, but after a major disappointment there I had a long gap with no church. Last summer I was invited to Good Shepherd by my neighbor and was shocked at how friendly everyone was. I decided to go the next week too. At that point I knew I had found my place at Good Shepherd. The people are amazing; the sermons every Sunday are awesome. I had never felt this anywhere in my life. Not to mention I can share my Paper Crafting and other talents here! I plan to be here for a very long time.

Parish News

Birthdays in July

- 1 Pam Roman
- 3 Elaine Delcuze
- 7 Joy Fox, Kathryn Hoyt
- 8 Jean Miller, Sam Strider
- 9 Brontë Bigham, Ernie Freda
- 10 Deanna DuBose
- 12 Georgia Bethel, Jeanne Russack, Doug Stuart
- 15 Mason Pierson
- 17 Pat Halloran, Jake Ehrhart
- 18 Marion Rivers
- 21 Mary Golnitz, Bob Schweikert
- 23 Marah Jones, Trish Reynolds
- 25 Harry Baughn
- 26 Georgia Souther Citrin, Jean Gora, Rick Mahaffie, Michael Wright
- 27 Patti Underwood, Bobby Lucas
- 28 Aimee Furlong, Clint Cummins, Paul TeRonde
- 29 Bailie Walters
- 31 Harold Lawrence

Anniversaries in July

- 5 Barbara and Darry Wood
- 15 Claudia and Ben Kennedy
- 23 Susan and Kurt Hoffman
- 24 Karen and Alan Sirmans
- 25 Teresa and David Gribble
- 27 Jan and Sanford Freeman
- 30 Julie and Erly Garner

In Sympathy we are thinking of:

Betsi and Elmer Wilson on the death of Betsi's sister, Judy Sherman.

Give rest, O Christ, to Thy servants with Thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

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Lectionary Readings for July

6 Pentecost July 5	7 Pentecost July 12	8 Pentecost July 19	9 Pentecost July 26
Ezekiel 2:1-5	Amos 7:7-15	Jeremiah 23:1-6	2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalms 123	Psalms 85:8-13	Psalms 23	Psalms 145:10-19
2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Ephesians 1:3-14	Ephesians 2:11-22	Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 6:1-13	Mark 6:14-29	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	John 6:1-21

Let's Go Hiking!

Easy 3.1 mile Central Loop Trail hike (white blaze) planned at Rabbit Mountain Bike and Hiking Trail at Jack Rabbit State Park on NC 17/175. On Saturday, July 18th. Meeting at Good Shepherd parking lot at 8:30 am day of hike or at trail head parking lot at 9:00 am to begin hike. An

ambitious hiker can add one to three miles to the hike by adding legs of side trail loops off the central trail. Watch for sign up sheet in the hallway. Information available from Kanute Rarey 502-525-7272 or kanuterarey@gmail.com.

Golf Tournament

Mark Your Calendar - Save the date for the Good Shepherd Second Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Ridges on Saturday September 26. Organize a team. Eighteen holes of golf. Putting contest. Prizes.

Dinner. For information contact Kanute Rarey (502) 525-7272, kanuterarey@gmail.com or Jim Redmond (248) 425-0307, drjor@frontier.com.



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