



The Shepherd's Voice

September 2014

Country Fare is Almost Here!

Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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



Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall between 9:00 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday. All small item donations should be received by Tuesday, September 9, 2014. Please help us out!

8. Large items including furniture will be accepted on Wednesday, September 9 and Thursday, September 10 ONLY.

No broken items, no NON-flat screen TVs or computers, no exercise equipment or items that need to be constructed will be accepted.

Thank you for your support. All who are able, please wear your Good Shepherd t-shirt and come

All proceeds are donated to area charitable organizations.

Second Annual Good Shepherd Golf Tournament

You won't want to miss the Second Annual Good Shepherd Golf tournament. It will be held on Saturday, September 26 at The Ridges. Registration will be at 11:00 am with a hot dog lunch at 11:30 am. Shotgun start is at 12:30 pm. Cocktail hour will be at 5:00 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm.

Contact Kanute Rarey at kanuterarey@gmail.com or 502-525-7272 or Jim Redmond at drjor@frontier.com or 248-425-0307 for more information or to volunteer to help. All proceeds will benefit the elevator fund.



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Christian Education

Ongoing

The News and the Good News – This class meets 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.

Lectionary Bible Study meets in the Library downstairs. Join us each Sunday at 9:15 as we work through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

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.

ST. BBBR&L: Second Tuesday Brown Bag Book Review & Lunch – No book to buy, no book to read.

The ST. BBBR&L is one or two people describing their favorite author or book and why it had an impact on their spiritual journey. Authors could include C.S. Lewis, Rohr, Tom Wright, Borg, Tillich, Barbara Brown Taylor, and Joan Chittister etc. We meet in the undercroft at 11 AM-12 PM then have our brown bag lunch. The next session will be September 8th in the undercroft. The presenters will be Lois Ann Wentzel and Fr. Bill. Come and hear what Fr. Bill says about *Cows, Pigs, Wars and Witches*.

Check your bookshelves for books you don't plan on reading again and bring them to the meeting for Country Fair.

Recommendation for additional presenters and authors are welcomed. Upcoming

Upcoming

Episcopal 101 — Sundays at 9:15

This course is an introduction and refresher course on the Episcopal Church - its history, worship, theology, and way of life. If you are new to the Episcopal tradition, returning after some time away, seeking Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal church, or have questions like "who are we?" "why we do that?" or "what do we believe?" then this course is for you.

Sept 27 - Episcopal History

Oct 4 - Episcopal Worship

Oct 11 - Episcopal Theology

Oct 18 - Episcopal Mission

Living the Questions 2.0 is a DVD resource that sparks dialogue and discussion for faith exploration. It is an open-minded study and creates space to interact with one another as we discuss basic questions. Full series is 21 weeks but at this time we are scheduling the first 7 weeks beginning Wednesday, September 30, 1:30 pm in the Good Shepherd Library. Group size is limited to twelve persons. Facilitator: Teresa Gribble - Sign-up Sheet is on the bulletin board. For further information please contact Teresa prior to September 6 at 828-389-3767.

Women's Retreat — *On the Road to Joy: Discovering God's Presence in the Midst of Conflict*, will be February 19-20, 2016 at the Hinton Center. The retreat leaders, Kathy Quinn Anderson and Susan Flynn Boruff, are the founders of Take Twelve Today, a ministry dedicated to helping others deepen their relationship with God through prayer.

At this time there is one house reserved with 13 rooms available, each with a queen sized bed and private bath. Rooms are booked on a first come basis and may be shared. With sufficient demand for overnight housing a second house may become available. Please sign up in the hallway and make your payment as soon as possible to reserve your room.

Overnight cost — \$100 (\$50 program and meals fee + \$50 room fee)

Commuter cost — \$50 (program and meals fee)

Spiritual DNA

In the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God. Acts 5:38-39

In the Book of Acts, we find a lawyer Gamaliel speaking to the Temple elite, telling them to take no action against the apostles and their nascent faith community. Gamaliel reminds them that, as has been the case of the many leaders and movements that came before the Jesus movement, if this new movement is not of God it will die. I would add that if a community does not remain in God's purposes it will also die.

Every faith community has a genesis moment in which its "spiritual DNA" is created and its foundational character and purpose are established. God is up to something new when a faith community first gathers and takes root, working his will in and through the lives of his people in a particular place. Reflection upon that genesis moment and the subsequent development of a church are important matters for church leaders and church members. Remaining true to or deviating from its spiritual DNA may explain much about whether a particular church thrives or fails to thrive.

Good Shepherd is no different in this matter. Its genesis moment was the coming together of Clay country residents who had been traveling

to Murphy for Sunday services and their friends. It was founded by a mixed group of Episcopalians and their non-episcopal spouses who found comfort, support, and welcome in their small Clay county gathering. Initially meeting in each other's homes, they planted in Clay county a faith community whose spiritual DNA is encoded for showing welcome and hospitality to



all seeking to belong regardless of prior religious affiliation. This faith community will continue to thrive if we continue to embrace and continue to live into the full implications of our spiritual DNA. We must not take for granted that we are and will remain welcoming, but we must be intentional in looking for and greeting those among us who are new, those who are visiting, and those in the community who have not yet found us. We must widen the circle of those who feel at home among us. May God continue to give us the opportunity, the will, and the courage to accomplish his purposes for this church.

In Christ's service,
Fr Bill+

Financials (July 31, 2015)

2015 General Operations Fund:

Balance on December 31, 2014	[\$18,047]
Income YTD	235,651
Expenditures YTD	<u>231,727</u>
Balance in Operating Account on July 31	[\$14,123]

Receipts for Debt Reduction	\$23,695
Balance on mortgage with bank	\$181,855
Balance on loan from diocese	\$0*
Balance on loan from Mt. of Faith	\$25,000

*Note that the diocesan construction loan has been paid in full.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Rybicki in the office on Mondays.

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Honduras Mission Team

The Honduras mission team is sponsoring a thank you brunch following the 10:45 service on 9-20. We will be sharing pictures and stories of the trip. All who feel so inspired are invited to bring a brunch item to share.



Energy Saving Volunteers Receive Franciscan Grant

I am so happy to announce that the Third Order Franciscans of the Episcopal Church committee on Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation have awarded a \$500 grant to our Energy Saving Volunteers. The money will be used with at risk families who struggle to pay power bills. We make immediate improvements and assist with larger projects, depending on the situation.

Our joy in this ministry is to model "living savingly" into God's creation by preventing pollution and the negative effects of inefficient power use while getting to know families, hearing their stories and building relationships.

The following is a part of my Franciscan vow to live in prayer and action:

Action - Open our hands to implement projects. Live in ways that protect, heal and honor the integrity of God's creation. Intentional changes in lifestyles can reflect a reverence for God's creation. Simple living can be responsible and abundant living. Actions can transform lives.

Peace and All Good,
Amy Nicolson

Developing the 2016 Church Budget

The process of developing the annual budget to some seems like a deep dark secret known only to a few. That is definitely not what the Finance Committee wants it to be. We feel the more you know about it the better you will respond to the needs of the church.

First, after much prayer and work, the Good Shepherd Vestry developed a Vision Statement to guide us into the future. The Vision Statement focuses on three major goals for us--**Boldly engaging God's word; Sharing God's blessings; and, Creating Heaven on earth.** Then, in August, all the ministry chairpersons were requested to submit their financial requirements and plans, if any, to support these goals in 2016. Also, in August the Vestry met to discuss and set the church's overall goals for 2016 in line with the Vision Statement.

In September, the ministry budget requests will be reviewed and consolidated by the Finance Executive Committee (Father Bill, the Senior Warden {Suzie Herbert}, the Treasurer {Elizabeth Rybicki} and the Finance Committee chair {Jim Reynolds}). Then, the ministry budgetary needs will be presented to the Finance Committee for their review and input. The Finance Committee consists of: Father Bill, Andy Dickert, Betsi Wilson, Dave Gribble, Doug Stuart, Elizabeth Rybicki, George Heilner, Jane Oliver, Jim Harrison, Jim Reynolds, Lou

Lanwer Meyer, Pat Fox, Pat Mahon, and Suzi Herbert.

After the Finance Committee review, a description of what the ministries plan to do in 2016 to help fulfill the Vision Statement goals and the cost of doing that will be written. The preliminary budget compiled at this point is based on what the ministry heads would love to accomplish if funds were unlimited. This information is made a part of the Annual Stewardship Campaign.

In early January, the preliminary budget is adjusted based upon funds pledged for 2016, the church's year-end financial status and the priorities set by the Vestry. A draft budget for 2016 is developed that goes to the Finance Executive Committee and the Finance Committee for review. Because the Parish Annual Meeting happens before the January Vestry meeting, this draft budget is shown in our Parish Annual Report. The draft budget is submitted to the Vestry for its review and approval. Upon approval, it becomes the official budget for the work of Good Shepherd in 2016. At that time, the official budget is made available to the congregation.

If you have any questions about the budget process, please ask Jim Reynolds or Elizabeth Rybicki.

Publication deadlines

The deadlines for submitting announcements and information to Good Shepherd publications are:

Newsletter — The 15th of the month

Bulletin and weekly email — Thursday at noon

Please have your information to the church office by these times. Email is preferred but written announcements are welcome as long as they are submitted by the deadline.

Upcoming Worship Ministries Training and Certification Opportunities

Lectors and Intercessors - Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 in the nave. All who currently serve as lectors and intercessors and others who are interested in serving in this ministry are asked to gather for a review of norms and procedures for serving.

Worship Leaders - Sunday, September 20 at 9:15 in the Parish Hall. Worship Leaders are licensed by the church to lead the Daily Office services of Morning, Noon, and Evening Prayer, and Compline. This gathering will qualify those attending for new or re-certification as Worship Leaders.

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Oldtimer — Jim Harrison



When you visit with Jim Harrison, the twinkle in his blue eyes and boyish grin bears witness to the mischievous boy who grew up in Gainesville, Georgia in the '40s and '50s. Living downtown between Brenau College and the square, he felt he had the best of any childhood. He and his two older brothers could walk everywhere, knew everyone, and had great fun spying on the girls at Brenau. They always watched the annual Mayday parade and the girls

in their fancy dresses around the maypole.

The boys played football, basketball, and baseball with the neighbors, and threw dirt clods for distance! They knew all the back alleys, and he especially remembers a high retaining wall, which was useful if one was being chased. They would make the jump, but any pursuers usually backed off as too risky. Of course, since everybody knew everybody, whenever they did get in trouble, whoever was home already knew about it, because "Miss Jane" or somebody had already called to say, "You know what he's been doin'?" Jim's advice to young folks is, "Always tell the truth: It's easier to keep up with." If his father found out a boy wasn't telling the truth, "you were in for a licking."

Bimbo Brewer was Jim's best friend as he grew up, and they were like family, in and out of each other's houses until they grew apart in high school. Jim's best subjects were math, football, and recess! The family attended the Methodist church, though most of the neighborhood youth participated in the Baptist youth group, regardless of denomination. He sang in the choir (though he claims he only mouthed it). Jim's favorite hymns are *The Old Rugged Cross*, and *Morning Has Broken*.

Jim married his high school sweetheart Connie and graduated from the University of Georgia. He worked for three or four years with Citizens & Southern Bank (nicknamed "Catch 'em and Squeeze 'em"). He must have been pretty good at it: He is proud of having put together the Atlanta bank's largest transaction. He is also fond of the moment he proved it to a skeptical Chase banker who was convinced Jim didn't know what he was talking about.

Jim left the bank to go into real estate. He owned his own company for a few years, then sold it to Northside Realty, Georgia's largest independent real estate firm, and worked for them as managing broker for nearly 12 years. He found it challenging but enjoyable to deal with the nuances of the daily changing real estate market to figure out what they needed to be doing.

Jim has two boys and a girl from his first marriage, which ended in 1991. Friends in the real estate office had a vacation house behind Deer Lodge, south of Hiawassee, and it only took one visit for Jim to decide to build a cabin here, too. Jim met Becky at work: "The best thing that ever happened to me," says Jim. "She's my favorite subject, without a doubt. I could talk about her all day long, but she wouldn't like that." Becky had a boy and two twin girls who were about 13 when she and Jim were married in 1995. Teenage twins could have been a recipe for disaster, but Jim says they had a good time together. Hiawassee became their primary home, though they still had a house in Gainesville where Becky continues to work in real estate.

Jim had been deeply involved in the Episcopal Church when he lived in Cumming, Georgia. He served there in almost every capacity, including vestry, senior warden, grounds keeper, etc. As he and Becky searched for a church in Hiawassee, they started going to the Methodist church, then tried Christ the King Anglican Church as the closest Episcopal service. They were already friends with Maggie and Julian Carnes, who invited them to Good Shepherd, and the rest is history. Jim has served here as a Stephen Minister, Usher, Lay Reader, and most recently he served on the Discernment Committee which recommended Fr. Bill Breedlove.

Fishing, hunting, and traveling have been Jim's primary hobbies, but to share them with family and friends is what he likes best. A visit to the Holy Land is the only goal he hasn't achieved. Jim enjoys people and appreciates differing personalities and points of view. "I care about what each person brings to the table," he says. "It's how I learn." Bottom line, though, it's Becky who gives meaning to his life.

Jim would like to be remembered as a caring person. His advice to young people today is to always tell the truth and to stand behind what they. As a person of integrity himself, Jim does his best to live out his favorite scripture: "Love one another."

Interviewed by Rachel Baughn

Parish News

Birthdays in September

- 1 John Covode
- 5 Bob Billetdeaux
- 6 Riley Bender, Chosh Dacey
- 8 Mack Ratchford
- 9 Helen Naismith
- 12 Kurt Hoffman
- 14 Doris Soles
- 15 AJ Martin
- 16 Sandi Persson
- 18 Rick Sanderson
- 20 Kelliann Kaphters, Helen Mulcahy
- 21 Rachel Baughn, Mac Pinner
- 22 Pat Fox
- 24 Bill Pierson, Paul Smith
- 25 Holley Calmes
- 26 Sandra Smith, Paul Jordan
- 27 Peggy Dickert
- 28 Anne Mitchell, Sara Stone
- 29 Helga Reaves
- 30 Vicki Lake, Nick Garpetti, Bill Stephenson, Dick Welton

Anniversaries in September

- 1 Diane and Dick Welton
- 6 Mary and Glenn Orwick
- 7 Jane and Doug Stuart
- 8 Michelle and Harold Lawrence, Jenny Montgomery & Dean Harshbarger
- 11 Pam and Don Roman
- 12 Mary Ann and Sam Strider
- 13 Michelle and Paul Smith
- 15 Debbie and Al Sanford, Denise and Dwain Zagrocki
- 16 Doris and Furie Soles
- 19 Sharon and Charlie O'Dell, Stacey and Kenny Waldroup, Carole and George Webber, Debbie and Dan Wickersham
- 23 Virginia and Guy Hunter
- 27 Pat and Paul Jordan
- 30 Kay and John Covode

Congratulations to:

Hannah and Andrew Jones on the birth of their daughter Charlotte Lillian Jones. Grandparents are Liz and Dorman McLamb and great-grandmother is Chosh Dacey.

In Sympathy we are thinking of:

Tom Smith on the death of his wife, Joan.

Becky Harrison on the death of her husband, Jim.

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 September

15 Pentecost

September 6

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 146

James 2:1-17

Mark 7:24-37

16 Pentecost

September 13

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 116:1-8

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

17 Pentecost

September 20

Proverbs 3:1-6

Psalms 119:33-40

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Matthew 9:9-13

18 Pentecost

September 27

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalms 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50



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