



The Shepherd's Voice

February 2016

Services

Saturday:

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



February 9 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Don't miss it. Real from scratch buttermilk pancakes (a special recipe made with fresh eggs, buttermilk, butter, special flour). Also local Bitter Creek Extra Lean Handmade Sausage, warm maple syrup, apple sauce, orange juice, coffee and tea. Gluten free pancakes on request.

Brought to you by the young men of the Order of Saint George with help from family and friends.

All proceeds will go to children and youth ministries. Cost is \$ 6.00 for age 12 and older and \$3.00 for 11 and under. Tickets on sale in the Narthex on Sunday February 7 and at the door.

Invite your neighbors and friends for a simple but great meal served by our youth.

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday there will be services. The services are at noon and 7:00 pm.

Servers for Ash Wednesday:

	Noon	7:00 pm
Eucharistic Ministers:	Georgia Bethel Amy Nicolson	David Hourdequin Mary Anne Kooš
Ushers:	TBA	TBA

Fish Fry

The Holy Smokers are at it again!

This time we are hosting a Fish Fry at Good Shepherd on Friday March 11 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be going into the general fund.

Tickets will go on sale at the end of February.

If you have any questions or wish to help, call: Jim Redmond at 828 389 2480.

All are welcome!

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Christian Education

Ongoing

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.

Fit 4 God is a healthy lifestyle men's group, based on "The Daniel Plan" by Rick Warren. The group gathers at Deacon Turner Guidry's home at 5:30 pm each Tuesday (just prior to The Brotherhood of the Fire) for approximately 30 to 45 minutes to share progress, study the principles of "The Daniel Plan", and pray together. All men are welcome to join.

The Artist's Way-A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity, A Course in Discovering and Recovering Your Creative Self meets on Sundays at 9:15. The class is being facilitated by Mary Stewart King, Jean Gora, Barb Redmond, and Jane Oliver.

Theology Brown Bag — Mondays at 12:00-1:30 pm February 1-29 in the Undercroft

Theology

noun the 'ol o gy \thē-'ä-lə-jē\ the study of religious faith, practice, and experience; *especially* : the study of God and of God's relation to the world.

Brown bag

1. to bring (one's own liquor) to a restaurant or club, especially one that has no liquor license.

2. to bring (one's lunch) to work or elsewhere, usually in a small brown paper bag. An open conversation and pondering of all things concerning God and our lives as God's people. You are invited to bring your lunch and something to share.

Upcoming

Lenten Supper Series -- Paul's Last Testament on Wednesdays
6:00 pm-8:00pm, February 17 - March 16

Considered to be his last written work, Paul's letter to the faith community at Rome reflects Paul's most mature thoughts on many issues first encountered in his earlier letters. Written to a community he did not personally know, we encounter Paul at his finest dealing with the grace of God and life together in a divided church.

February 17 - Paul and His Reputation

February 24 - Paul and the Jewish-Christian Church

March 2 - Paul and the Gospel of Grace

March 9 - Paul and Jews in God's Plan of Salvation

March 16 - Paul and Unity in the Body

Please see the sign up sheets to volunteer to provide soup, salad or bread, or to help clean up.

Financials (December 31, 2015)

2015 General Operations Fund:

Balance on December 31, 2014	[\$18,047]
Income YTD	385,860
Expenditures YTD	<u>374,060</u>
Balance in Operating Account on December 31	[\$6,068]

Receipts for Debt Reduction	\$30,203
Balance on mortgage with bank	\$168,939
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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Credo: The Universal Church

The early Church gave us three generally recognized statements of the Christian faith that have become part of our treasured inheritance - the Apostles' Creed, the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, and the Quicumque Vult. You can find them in your Book of Common Prayer on pages 53-54, 358-359, and 864-865 respectively. These are fairly concise summaries of the main points of the faith and they provide a useful starting point and study guide for those interested in examining more deeply the traditional understandings of the faith during the season of Lent. That we call these the creeds of the church comes from the first line of these statements in their Latin form, namely "Credo in Deum" or "I believe in God." By "believe in" the creed is not suggesting head knowledge like "I believe the Earth is round" but heart knowledge more like "I put my trust in" such as "I trust that there was a man named Jesus who was God incarnate" or "I have confidence in there being only one God." The saying of the creed is the expressing of our assent to those statements, our heartfelt conviction that they are true, and our commitment to living our lives according to the truths expressed by those statements. That is much more than saying they either they express factual statements which can be proven or falsified or that they are mere opinions.

While there are probably several phrases in the creeds that cause folks to pause, such as "born of the Virgin Mary," for Episcopalians and those coming to our church from churches that do not regularly recite the creed, it may be the statements about the Church that are also puzzling. For example, in the Nicene Creed regularly recited during the Celebration of Holy Eucharist, we say "We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church." I have known people who have stumbled over the word catholic, thinking it was a reference to the Roman Catholic Church and leading to questions about whether the church they were in was Protestant or Roman Catholic. So what are we saying? In part we are saying that we are members of the body of Christ which we call the church. In the Greek text of the New Testament, the word for

church is *ekklesia* meaning those who have been called out, separated from the ways of the world, and brought into a new community with Christ as our head. By saying we believe in one church, we are saying that while we see many denominations and we see on-going fragmentation and division, we are still part of one body. We are Episcopalians and our neighbors at Oak Forest are Methodists, but what matters more is not our peculiar Episcopal or their peculiar Methodist ways. What matters more is that we are Christians. By saying we are members of a catholic church, we are simply saying that the one church is universal, existing across all space and time. That is what the original Greek word *katholikos* translated catholic means. To be catholic is to be broad. To say that we are members of a catholic church does not mean we prefer a high solemn mass to a charismatic prayer meeting, but rather that both of those and other expressions of the faith are valid and helpful in their contexts for conveying the Gospel message that is always the same. It is sometimes not easy to explain what it means to be Episcopalian. I am occasionally asked, "Are Episcopalians Catholic or Protestant?" My answer is that as people who embrace and follow the historic creeds of the church we are both, or that is what I believe.



Grace and peace,
Fr Bill+

Donation Statements

Statements for cash donations have already been mailed and you should have received yours by now. If you have any questions about that statement or if you donated goods during 2015 and have not received a statement yet, please come by or call the office on a Monday to talk to

Elizabeth about it. You need to have all of your donation statements before you file your tax return if you are taking deductions for the donations.

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Hearts and Checkbooks Open for Christmas Care



In the usual generous spirit of our parish, Good Shepherd parishioners opened their hearts and their checkbooks to support the Christmas Care project with almost \$3,000 in donations. This project, sponsored by the Hinton Center and supported by several other churches and agencies, raises money to buy winter clothing for children in Clay County. According to Hinton Center spokesperson Amy Spivey, this year approximately 260 children received warm coats and other clothes to help them through the winter. Amy expressed deep appreciation to Good Shepherd for its generous donation and also said that she would like for someone from our church to join this cooperative effort for 2016. Volunteers plan, shop, coordinate gifts, and deliver the clothing. Anyone who would like to work on this deeply needed and appreciated project should contact Father Bill.

Book Signing at Good Shepherd

On Saturday, February 13 at 10:00 am Ann Miller Woodford, Author/Artist, will be at Good Shepherd's Parish Hall to introduce her new book *When All God's Children Get Together: A Celebration of the Lives and Music of African American People in Far Western North Carolina*. Ann wrote about people who helped to build the community of Far Western North Carolina from Waynesville, Canton and back to

Murphy. They were largely invisible people and she didn't want their life stories to be forgotten. Her work has always been to tear down the barriers that separate people, racially, religiously and ages, the young and old. Signed books will be available for purchase. A lite lunch will be served. Please sign up in the hallway if you plan to attend.

CROP Walks receive congressional recognition

On Sunday, January 3, 2016, I learned that on December 17, 2015, Congressman Doug Collins (9th District, Ga) had addressed the Speaker of the House in the US Congress to read a tribute to my 25 years of feeding the hungry through CROP Walks. I received a framed copy of the text (now in the Official Record of the 114th Congress), a "Certificate of Congressional Appreciation" on a plaque, and the flag that flew over the capitol the day of the tribute. While my name is on these documents, for me, this tribute especially acknowledges the success of 25 years of CROP Walks which have helped so many people in our area thanks to YOUR support and participation. We all share in this recognition, which, according to CROP Walk Regional Director Kevin McCoy, is "a first" for CROP Walks. You can access the tribute

on YouTube. Enter "congressmandougcollinsmeg" and scroll down to "Congressman Collins honors Dr. Meg Whitley for her..." You'll see that Congress was already on Christmas recess, but Rep. Collins made this special effort to coincide with my 25th CROP Walk anniversary year. (FYI – Every Congressperson is allocated one minute per year to speak on any topic he/she wishes. This tribute was Rep. Doug Collins' "congressman minute" for 2015) Thank you for all your faithful support all these years. May God bless all your efforts in helping "the least of these."

Meg Gring Whitley

Parish News

Birthdays in

- 1 Alice Hartman, Darry Wood
- 2 Edie Kleinpeter
- 4 Duane Miller
- 6 Marjorie Hobkirk, Helene Merwin, Jack Wright
- 7 Bob Kirby
- 9 Wade Covington
- 10 Suzi Herbert, David Field
- 11 Andy Dickert, Johnathan Notchie
- 12 Lois Ann Wentzel
- 14 Valla Kolman
- 15 John Breazeale
- 17 Audrey Bell
- 18 Jenny Montgomery
- 19 Rachel Roberts, Brad Rouse
- 20 Frank Bradley
- 21 Dria Ledford, Kim Siekmann
- 22 Barbara Brewton, Suzy Christensen, Rex Boswell
- 24 Kimberly Bourne
- 25 Kaye McCarthy
- 26 Adelaide Fullilove, Mike Gora
- 27 Sally Conaway, Myles Clark
- 28 Betsi Wilson

Anniversaries in February

- 1 Gail and Birch Criss
- 13 Barb and Dave Hansen
- 14 Joy and Pat Fox, Sheila and Gene Giddens
- 16 Lynn and Bob Kirby
- 28 Kim and Mark Siekmann

In Sympathy we are thinking of:

Dave and Barb Hansen on the death of his borhter, John Hansen.

Bob and Shirley Stillwell on the death of his son, Michael Stillwell.

*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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Grazers Lunch

Come join us for good food and fellowship on Friday, February 12 at 12:00 pm at Chophouse in Hiawassee.

Please sign up in the hallway or call Helga Reaves at 727-418-2239.

Future dates are: March 11, April 8 and May 13.

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Lectionary Readings for February

Last Epiphany

February 7

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

Luke 9:28-43a

1 Lent

February 14

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

2 Lent

February 21

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Luke 13:31-35

3 Lent

February 28

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9



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