

AUGUST 2021

TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Cashiers, North Carolina



Circular Bench built and
installed by Gordon Gray.

Roots and Wings

Years ago, I went to a conference entitled “Roots and Wings,” which highlighted the roots and constancy in our lives at the same time we remember to spread our wings and grow. That’s all to say that we have some blessed roots and wings going at Good Shepherd in this season of our lives together.

The roots, the things that keep us grounded, are worship and service. Finally, we worship with strong attendance without masks, and I might add, with more robust singing than I remember! We continue to adapt in the ways we come to the altar rail and give ourselves to God as God shares grace with us. Thus we follow the Steven Covey adage: “The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.” Thank you for your perseverance, patience, and prayerfulness.

Our other main thing and taproot at Good Shepherd has been service and outreach, and through an incredible Barn ministry (and a Porche donation!) in 2020, we were able this year to share with our outreach partners \$251,000! Thanks be to God! Join me in thanking this year’s Outreach Grant Committee and its chair, Janie Crews, for their prayerful work in distributing needed funds to

AWAKE

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of
Cashiers & Highlands
Blue Ridge Dental Clinic
Blue Ridge Education Foundation
Boys/Girls Club of the Plateau
Cashiers Cares
Cashiers Historical Society
Cashiers Valley Preschool
Center for Domestic Peace
Circles Cashiers-Glenville
Community Care Clinic
Community Table

Fishes & Loaves

Friends of the Library
Glenville-Cashiers Rescue Squad
Hampton School
HERE in Jackson County
Highlands/Cashiers Land Trust
HIGHTS
International Friendship Center
Jackson Co. Department on
Aging
Jackson Neighbors in Need
Jr. Appalachian Musicians

Life Challenge of WNC

Literacy Council
Ministry of Hope (a prison
ministry)
Muddy Sneakers
Shelter Available for Family
Emergency
COGS Scholarships
Summit Charter School
United Christian Ministries
Pisgah Legal Services
Vecinos Inc
The Village Green

Our wings as a parish, at present, have to do with our mission and visioning process of “Reflecting God’s love through our faith in action.” This growth in ministry includes a growing youth ministry (through our Diversity group, see page 5), a new Volunteer Ministry (through our Generosity group, see page 4), our “In the Fold” group, which will be reaching out pastorally to our sheep, our parishioners (through our belonging efforts), and our conversations around “The Chosen” TV series about Jesus (through our Enriching our life with Christ efforts).

Wings and growth also have to do with parish staffing. We have just added a Communications Director in hiring Cari Sanders, and she will lead our website, social media, enews and general communications efforts—thus taking some things off Ellen’s plate—as Ellen takes on some new Finance ministry duties. Christy Banks continues to oversee our accounting, but at her request, down-sized to 15 hours a week. Of course, with Murdock’s new call and departure, we will be spending time and prayer on the best way to “fly” without a curate, the best way to staff for the future with worship, service, and vision in mind. With God’s help and your faith, our roots and wings will continue to help us ‘reflect God’s love through faith in action. *The Rev. Rob Wood+*

August Birthdays

- 1 ELISABETH HOFFMAN
- 2 FRED BRADLEY
- 4 JOHN WATTS
- 5 SANDRA SWARTZFAGER
- 5 CAROL TREICHEL
- 5 COLLINS VALLEE
- 6 ROB HOYERMAN
- 8 BILL STANLY
- 8 WILSON ELLIS
- 12 WARREN HUDSON
- 13 SUTTON TURNER
- 13 MERRY SOELLNER
- 13 CARY KING
- 13 DAWSON BRYANT
- 14 JEANNE TRAVIS
- 15 WILL MCKEE
- 15 RIP POITEVENT
- 15 CLAUDIA O'STEEN
- 16 VIRGINIA PLAUCHE
- 18 GLORIA WEIR
- 19 LAWSON KELLY
- 20 TOM WOODHAM
- 22 JOE THOMPSON
- 23 ROBERT SINCLAIR
- 25 GEORGE HART
- 26 SUSIE WEAN
- 28 SANDY BISHOP
- 28 SYLVIA BOINEAU
- 28 BARB RECKTENWALD
- 29 MARY QUILLEN
- 31 CHA CHA BROWN

Welcome!

- TOMMY & BUFF ADAMS
- JOHN & DEBBY BURNS
- VIRGINIA CLARK
- CHARLIE & CLARE CRAWFORD
- EDWARD & JULIE DOWNEY
- KURT & CATHLEEN DUNKLE
- CLAY & DEBBIE JONES
- RUSS & NANCY MORLEY
- BERT & ANNE PRUITT
- JOHN SHANNON & CURTIS ESTES
- MIKE & LYNDA TINDOL
- JOE & JEANNE TRAVIS

NEW FACES AT GOOD SHEPHERD!

We are so pleased that even during this pandemic we have continued to open our doors to our community...and look who has come in! Be sure to introduce yourself!



Tommy & Buff Adams



John & Debby Burns



John & Maggie Cannon



Virginia Clark



Edward & Julie Downey



Kurt & Cathleen Dunkle



Clay & Debbie Jones



Russ & Nancy Morley



Bert & Anne Pruitt



John Shannon & Curtis Estes



Mike & Lynda Tindol



Joe & Jeanne Travis

Picture Below: Attendees from July 19 Newcomer's Dinner



ELL starts in September!

Our ELL (English Language Learners) classes will start up again the first week of September. We gather every Tuesday night with dinner beginning at 6:00 followed by class and children's activities. We finish around 8:30.

We are looking for volunteers to help serve dinner, provide childcare for children ages 1-12, and help Rob and Jairo Arenas teach English. For those of you who haven't worked with this wonderful ministry, we encourage you to jump on board. We will have classes throughout the school year with breaks for the holidays. Please call Carroll Summerour (828-877-5383) or Eleanor Welling (743-5697) if you have any questions.

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nosotros!

August Anniversaries

- 8/4 RIP & MARIAN POITEVENT
- 8/6 ED & NANCY PEARSON
- 8/7 MJ & SHUG SOLDO
- 8/11 BRYAN & LYN BURKETT
- 8/16 JOHN & WIMBERLY WATTS
- 8/17 TOM WOODHAM & WILSON ELLIS
- 8/18 ANDREW & MELISSA HUDSON
- 8/19 KEITH & JULIANNE HART
- 8/20 IRV & ELEANOR WELLING
- 8/20 JOHN & MARGARET MUSSLEMAN
- 8/23 RAY & JANET DANIEL
- 8/24 NED & SUZANNE TURNBULL
- 8/24 MORGAN & JUDY BROOKFIELD
- 8/24 CHARLIE & BARBARA TICKLE
- 8/24 BEN & MAGGIE ELMER
- 8/26 CARLTON & ALMA O'NEAL
- 8/26 FRED & KAREN HIRONS
- 8/31 GORDON & JEANIE COLEMAN

HAPPY
Anniversary
DAY

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY IS MISSING PLEASE CONTACT ELLEN AT 743-2359 OR GOODSHEPADMIN@FRONTIER.COM

Moving Away

- JANIS COX (GREENVILLE)

Deaths

- JULY 10 - JOHN DAVIS

Operating Fund Budget Summary through June 30

Category	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Annual Budget
Operating Income			
Pledge & Plate	\$351,030.31	\$343,242.86	\$658,000.00
Other Income	\$25,362.56	\$27,373.37	\$52,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$376,392.87	\$370,616.23	\$710,000.00
Operating Expenses			
Personnel	\$213,735.50	\$208,543.14	\$433,266.00
Worship & Christian Form.	\$6,875.06	\$7,054.39	\$14,150.00
Parish Life & Family Activity	\$3,350.00	\$2,698.88	\$9,800.00
Building & Grounds	\$46,725.54	\$31,429.37	\$96,600.00
Administrative	\$54,844.77	\$54,165.36	\$118,064.00
Outreach from General Fund	\$38,000.00	\$38,000.00	\$38,120.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$363,533.87	\$341,891.14	\$710,000.00
Operating Cash Flow	\$12,859.00	\$28,725.09	\$0.00

Stewardship 2022 Campaign making progress!

Pledge Cards and Time & Talent cards are being returned! As of July 21, we have received 59 pledges for 2022 in the amount of \$221,690. Thank you! Our goal is to reach 210 pledges, so if you have not pledged, we hope to hear from you soon. Cards are available online and at the church. We thank you for your generosity and careful consideration as you commit to being part of our mission to reflect God's love through faith in action.

Volunteer Ministry at Good Shepherd

In God's service, we often give (volunteer) our time. Volunteering is therefore an integral part of our life together at Good Shepherd. It is part of the way we transform church attendees into church members and transform church members into church family! Volunteering is one way we reflect God's love through faith in action!

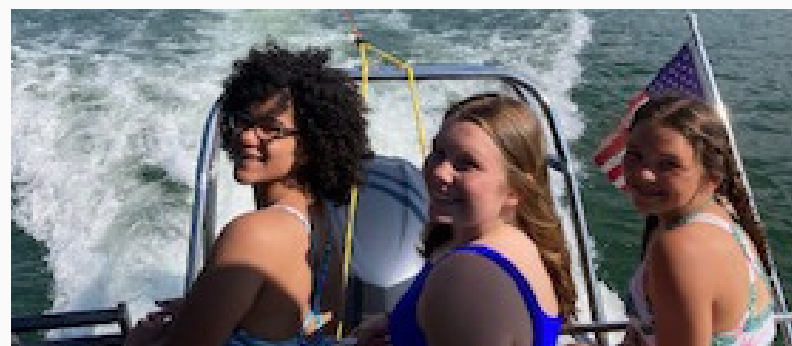
Good Shepherd's newly created Volunteer Ministry will be responsible for the development, inauguration and oversight of a centrally-managed volunteer program. We have recently begun the work to compile a comprehensive list of all opportunities that we have available here at Good Shepherd. We would like to provide something for everyone and we have seen that we have a very service driven congregation and would like for everyone to be a part of giving time.

With all that is happening at The Church of the Good Shepherd, it was suggested that the volunteer opportunities be organized and structured under a new Volunteer Ministry. Chairs Julia Boeve and Rose Mary Achey have been working to gather and organize the information about the various ministries at Good Shepherd. Julia Boeve and her husband Tim have been in Cashiers now for about 12 years. They have two sons, Will (10) and John (7). She spends much of her time "being a mom" and volunteering when she can in the community. She is also very active at Summit Charter School. "We love Cashiers and love being a part of the Good Shepherd community." She grew up in an Episcopal Church and feels right at home here. Rose Mary Achey relocated to Cashiers from Charlotte, NC in 2015 after spending every holiday and summers in our beautiful mountains. Rose Mary and her husband Herb have two children, Maggie (29) and Patrick (27). Keeping honeybees has become a passion during retirement. Before retiring Rose Mary was a Marketing professor and served as a Nonprofit Executive Director.

Doing for others is what God has called all of us to do, to serve one another and in turn this serves him. Not only does volunteering help Good Shepherd and our Cashiers Community, but also ourselves, it is quite a rewarding experience that we would like to share with you all. There are literally dozens of different ways to become involved. Whether you like to cook, sew, sell, organize, arrange flowers, award grants, garden, teach, care for children, lecture, or enjoy hospitality Good Shepherd has an opportunity to match your passion. Whether you are a part or full-time resident Good Shepherd needs your help. Not sure which ministry would suit you? Please contact Julia or Rose Mary at volunteergoodshep@gmail.com and we will help you find your place at Good Shepherd. Meet Julia & Rose Mary on Sunday, August 15. They will be at all the services to answer questions.

The current volunteer opportunities and needs are available on the Church of Good Shepherd's website under the Volunteer Box or pick-up a volunteer brochure at the back of the church. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller





Family & Youth Events

We have a great group of children and youth at Good Shepherd, and it's growing! Thanks to the Diversity Vision group (yes, diversity of age counts!) we have events of fellowship and faith this summer, including the Glenville Lake day pictured above—and the Bingo/Pizza night from July 18 with over 20 kids and parents in attendance.

August events include another family game night with supper at Good Shepherd on Sunday, August 1, from 5-7, and a family picnic with fishing and games at Kevin Rowland and Patch Foster's home in Lancewood beginning at 4 pm on Sunday, August 8. We encourage them to bring a friend, and you, too, can help us spread the word!



Book Review

BY LYN ELLEN BURKETT

A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her Husband “Master”
By Rachel Held Evans, 2012

I’ve always felt that some parts of the Bible were written for other people, in another place and another time. Some sections of Leviticus, for example, feel so strange that they seem completely irrelevant and hardly worth my attention. When I put on my cotton-polyester t-shirt this morning and went outside to water the many different flowers in our yard, Leviticus 19:19 didn’t cross my mind. Biblical laws pertaining specifically to women feel similarly odd and outdated to my baby-boomer sensibilities. Are these laws relevant to Christians today?

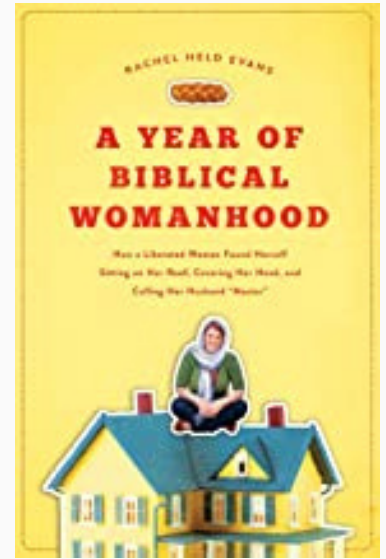
In *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*, Rachel Held Evans documents twelve months spent living out ten admonitions to women found in scripture, in the Old and New Testaments. She explains, “Some practices I would observe just once. Others I would try to observe all year. Each month I would focus on a different virtue—gentleness, domesticity, obedience, valor, beauty, modesty, purity, fertility, submission, justice, silence, and grace.”

At the time she wrote this book, Evans was a successful author; she and her husband were a two-career couple and did not yet have children. Readers will be entertained by Evans’s accounts of the demands of taking on each Biblical virtue in a 21st-century suburban neighborhood. As soon as you open the book’s cover, you’ll see the “before and after” photos: Evans, before she began work on the book, sporting a stylish coiffure; and after the book’s completion, having gone without a haircut for 368 days (1 Corinthians 11:15).

This journey is not solitary: in the course of her adventure Evans learns from a number of other women, and several men. She dives head-first into new (for her) experiences, including cooking, sewing, preparing for a Passover seder, sitting quietly through most Alabama games during football season, and “do[ing] penance on the rooftop for acts of contention.” Her reflections on these experiences range from wise and tender to laugh-out-loud hilarious. Even when she finds herself at odds with the task at hand, she manages to see grace and beauty in Christians who live a particular virtue as a daily commitment to God. The brief character sketches of women from the Bible found at the end of each chapter were one of my favorite parts of this book; they led me back to the original passages of scripture with a new appreciation of these women’s lives and purposes.

If this book sounds like a “chick book,” ... not at all! To be sure, the focus here is on women’s experiences, perspectives, and struggles in leading a sincere life of faith. The presence of Evans’s ever-patient husband, Dan, in the form of his journal entries reminds the reader—and often the writer—that loving, supportive family members are an important part of any faith journey. Any reader will be guided to consider more deeply, as well, how gender shapes God’s call to each of us.

Rachel Held Evans (1981-2019) was a Christian columnist, blogger, and author. She was raised in Alabama in a non-denominational Evangelical church. As an adult she became an Episcopalian and was a member of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Cleveland, TN at the time of her death.



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The Rev. Murdock Jones accepts a new call!



We wish God's speed to Murdock as he and Mary Catherine transition from his Good Shepherd curacy to becoming an assistant at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chattanooga, TN. Thank you for your time and faith among us, Murdock, and for helping us so ably through the time of pandemic and adaptive worship. Murdock's last Sunday will be August 1 and his last day will be Thursday, August 5. We will be collecting cards and notes from parishioners to give to him that day, or feel free to reach out to him yourself to give thanks and blessings.