



JUNE 2021

# TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd  
Cashiers, North Carolina

Painting by Robert A. Tino

## Generosity

We read in Genesis 1:26, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.” To be made in God’s image is a wonderful and marvelous gift in creation! I used to think of that word ‘image’ only as a body with shape: hands, arms, eyes, shoulders and so on. More recently, I interpret that statement in terms of ‘likeness’—like when someone says, “I want to be ‘like’ someone because they are smart, kind, selfless.” That interpretation is not about looks but about qualities. One of God’s qualities is generosity. Therefore, to be made in the image of God is to have the godly quality of generosity.

God gave His Son. God gave the Holy Spirit. God gave us life and love. That’s just the beginning. Our giving begins in infancy as we give a smile, give hugs—often which we are nudged to do. Over time, we grow into giving of our own choice. At the moment, I am exceedingly thankful for generosity shown in and through the generations of people at Good Shepherd—for the godliness I see in our common life together.

I see generosity in the Barn: the giving of goods and time that translated into a handsome sum of funds for outreach. With that abundance we were able to give the International Friendship Center in Highlands a major grant to fund a staff position in social work, which in turn was filled by a previous, church-scholarship recipient, Karla Magaña-Almanza. One piece of godly generosity in scholarships led to another act of generosity—and needed work in our community is born. Karla will do some of her work out of Good Shepherd, but she will also give time at Fishes and Loaves, Summit School, Blue Ridge School, and other places around town twice a week.

The scholarship funds that helped Karla had been building and growing for generations at Good Shepherd, as had the activity of the Barn and Auction. One never knows what might come of a generous act started years before. The same can be said of the Second Century Endowment and the Hines Hall Endowment—both vehicles of generosity started years ago—knowing, hoping, envisioning that the future will hold something to which they could give and use to grow ministry.

We, the future recipient, have received the benefits of past gifts in the new Memorial Garden and new Parking Lot Expansion—with total costs being about \$1,000,000. Both projects were funded from a mix of generous endowments, generous people, and from well-stewarded reserves—and a loan from our own endowment to be paid back over time as people reserve their places for burial. Pay it forward has come to us, and not having to lead the church through a capital campaign was a blessing for this priest!

By mid-June, these projects will be mainly complete, and as we enjoy improved and safer parking, as we sit and stroll through a garden that reflects the beauty of God, may we also see in them the image of God’s generosity in our fellow parishioners, past and present, and be nudged to generosity ourselves to give for the future, to grow endowments and ministries for the next generations in this church and in this community.

The Rev. Rob Wood +

# June Birthdays

- 1 BEE MAYBANK
- 1 MORGAN BROOKFIELD
- 2 BETTE CROWDER
- 3 PATTY THOMAS
- 3 KATHERINE CROSTHWAITE
- 6 KATIE LOMBARD
- 6 JANET PORGES
- 6 RUTH HENDERSON
- 7 DEBBIE BRYANT
- 8 PAT ROWE
- 8 SALLY RAGSDALE
- 9 JOHN WARREN
- 12 SCOTT THOMPSON
- 15 ROSE MARY ACHEY
- 16 PEGGY BRYAN
- 17 RON JOYNER
- 17 JAMES FARMER
- 18 GORDON COLEMAN
- 18 PHIL TRULUCK
- 19 JACK HARVEY
- 20 ANN AUSTIN
- 20 DRINA MEYER
- 21 DOUG BISCHOFF
- 23 EVELYN CALLAGHAN
- 23 RAY SIMINSKI
- 23 CAROLINE WOOD
- 23 CAROLINE ANDERSON
- 24 NAN MAJOR
- 27 BOB MERRIMAN
- 29 ED HENSON
- 29 LEA THOMPSON
- 30 BETTY TATE
- 30 PHIL WRANGLE
- 30 JIM MONTEITH
- 30 BOB BROWN

## Welcome!

- BRAD & SHARON VANVICK
- JOHN & MAGGIE CANNON
- TED & MARY ANN GAMMILL



Invite • Welcome • Connect

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL HOUR

We invite you to join us Wednesday evenings from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm for a time of fellowship on the back deck of Hines Hall. Light refreshments, including wine and cheese, will be provided!

## REFRESHMENTS & FELLOWSHIP AFTER SERVICES

In June we will continue to have light refreshment after the 9:30am and 11:00 am services on the patio outside the front steps of the church.



## NEW FACES AT GOOD SHEPHERD!



**Bud & Emily Murphy**

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!



**Wally & Janie Evans**



**Ted & Mary Ann Gammill**

Have you seen these new faces at Good Shepherd or around town? Be sure to introduce yourself!

## Book Review

BY MURDOCK JONES

Holy Trinity, Perfect Community.  
By Leonardo Boff. Maryknoll, NY:  
Orbis Books, 2000. xvi + 125 pp. \$16 (pbk)



Leonardo Boff, a Brazilian theologian, in his book *Holy Trinity, Perfect Community* tackles the difficult task of helping readers to understand God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and what it means in our lives when we state that we believe in the Holy Trinity. Boff opens his introduction with the question, "Why get concerned today with the Blessed Trinity?" From here, he attempts to answer this question.

*Holy Trinity, Perfect Community*, is a very accessible book. It is not too long at around 120 pages with short chapters that contain numbered sections. Boff does use some theologically academic language but does so deliberately so the reader will leave with this vocabulary in their lexicon.

At the core of Boff's argument is that we, as Christians, in our understanding of God "need to move from the solitude of the One to the communion of the divine Three- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" (1). Boff believes that God as Holy Trinity is constantly in communion with God's self. By professing faith in the Holy Trinity, Christians, as sons and daughters of God, are also called to be in communion with each other. The interactions of the Holy Trinity, the three distinct persons of the one God, working together should be reflected in how humanity conducts itself.

In the opening chapters of *Holy Trinity*, Boff explores his initial argument then moves into how the Trinity is revealed to humanity and we perceive the Trinity. He briefly touches on "Human Reason" and the Trinity-How Christians express the Trinity in creeds, liturgy, and through theological reflection and how this has helped us understand the Holy Trinity. However, when he turns to the human imagination, his idea about how a communal Trinity in the world works that we see his concept shine. Boff explores how with our imagination, we can see the Trinity reflected all around us- in the human person, the family, society, the church, and the world.

Each Person of the Holy Trinity is given a chapter exploring their mystery, communal and eternal nature, and liberating love. Boff closes the book by driving home his point that the Holy Trinity is the perfect example of how humanity should exist. As Boff says, "creation exists in order to welcome the Trinity into itself. The Trinity seeks to welcome creation within itself" (109).

Boff also includes two appendices 1) a summary explanation of Trinitarian doctrine. 2) a glossary of theological terms used in Trinitarian discussion; both are handy.

I would highly recommend this book to anyone who has professed the Christian faith, but especially to someone who may be wondering more deeply, "what does it mean to believe in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and how does the Holy Trinity work in my life?"

## June

## Anniversaries

6/6 RAY & RUTH SIMINSKI  
6/6 JANIE & MICKEY CREWS  
6/6 RALPH & BECKY GREENE  
6/6 TK & SUSAN HEATLEY  
6/8 JIM & GLORIA WEIR  
6/8 JAMES & GAIL PHILIP  
6/9 TOBY & CARROLL  
SUMMEROUR

6/10 BILL & CAROL NEWBOLD  
6/11 PATTY THOMAS & HENRY  
WASZKOWSKI

6/14 RODNEY & BECKY BYARD

6/15 MILES & RUTH RUSS

6/17 DON & VIRGINIA SINK

6/18 PETER & GAIL KECK

6/18 BOB & CHA CHA BROWN

6/19 BOB & KATHY GUYTON

6/20 MIKE & FRAN REEVES

6/24 RICK & NAN MAJOR

6/25 HAPPY & BETSY SHADDEN

6/26 JIM & CLAUDIA NAUGHTON

6/26 TOM & CAROL TREICHEL

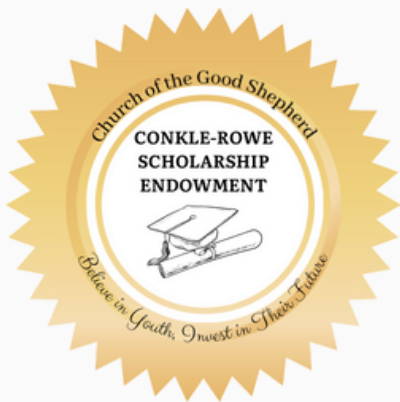
6/28 TIL & ANNE HAZEL

6/29 DAWSON & SHEILA SELF



## Moving Away

MALINDA ALLEN (ASHEVILLE)  
JIM & CASSANDRA MANLEY (ATLANTA)  
KIP & MARTIE KINGREE (ZIONVILLE)  
RUTH & RAY SIMINSKI (ATLANTA)



## *“Believing in Youth, Investing in their Future”*

The Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Committee has had to make a number of adjustments during this last “Covid Year”. When the applications from the 2020 high school graduation class were submitted in the spring of 2020, the committee realized it would be necessary to hold our interviews with the applicants on ZOOM. We offered ten new scholarships to these students.

When it became apparent that many of the colleges and universities were only offering “virtual classrooms” a few of the recipients without adequate WiFi opted to take a “gap year”. We have communicated with these students and have encouraged them to begin furthering their education as the schools begin “in class” learning this fall.

Applications for this year’s graduating seniors were received this spring and in May, your scholarship committee was able to hold “in person” interviews. We were extremely impressed with this group of applicants. They seemed to have survived a difficult year and were very focused on furthering their education. We will be meeting in June to make our selections. These student applicants have been accepted to the following colleges and universities: UNC-Chapel, UNC-Charlotte, Western Carolina University, Appalachian State, Caldwell Community College, North Carolina State, and UNC Adams School of Dentistry.

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# Bazaar Barn

Things are really hopping at Good Shepherd's Bazaar Barn. Every Friday and Saturday, the Bazaar Barn is open from 10 to 2 processing donations and making sales. It is a fun place to shop and get great bargains. Thanks to the many donations, church staff, volunteers, Bazaar Barn Board, and Skip Ryan, manager, sales at the Bazaar Barn are stellar!



Skip is a Good Shepherd parishioner who brings valuable retail experience to the Bazaar Barn. He is excited to lead the team of volunteers and to be a part of the growth and future of this important ministry. Proceeds from the Bazaar Barn are available to support the church's Outreach grants to local non-profit organizations. (See Page 5)

The Bazaar Barn is an outgrowth of the Church of the Good Shepherd's long-standing yearly fundraising bazaar. Due to Covid in 2020, having the crowded one-day Bazaar was not an option; so the Bazaar Barn took on a role of not only selling furniture but now wells items from departments that sold at the Bazaar. These include Antiques, Linens, Bric-a-Brac, Baskets/Seasonal, Children's, Men's, Lawn/Garden, and Kitchen. Home decor items of lamps, rugs, art, and mirrors are also available.

If you have items to donate to the Bazaar Barn, please contact Skip Ryan at (828)226-2588. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact one of our volunteer coordinators: Rose Mary Achey (704-517-1976) or Julia Boeve (864-426-1770)



# Outreach Grant Committee Process

BY JANIE CREWS



## Overview

An important part of Good Shepherd’s Vision for the next five years is “to grow our generosity and ministries in ways that transform lives.” An integral part of this plan includes outreach, part of which is our Outreach Grant Committee that works with service agencies in various ways to provide assistance to those in need in our communities. This committee has been in existence for more than 20 years and will now be working in conjunction with our Generosity Committee to expand our outreach, a large part of Good Shepherd’s heritage.

## Agencies we help

Our Outreach Grant Committee works with a large variety of agencies establishing relationships with them as well as providing requested grant monies. We attempt to help them in many ways.

In addition to those agencies that readily come to mind such as food banks, medical and dental facilities, help for the homeless, legal services, and educational facilities, programs, and scholarships, we also interact with other types of agencies providing a wide spectrum of services. These include a chaplain’s program in a women’s prison, a troubled teens program, an Appalachian music program, a shelter for abused women and children, a medical program especially for farm workers, a Bible-based one year residential program for troubled women, a “last resort” agency to help with one time needs not covered by other agencies, and an agency to help internationals in our area.

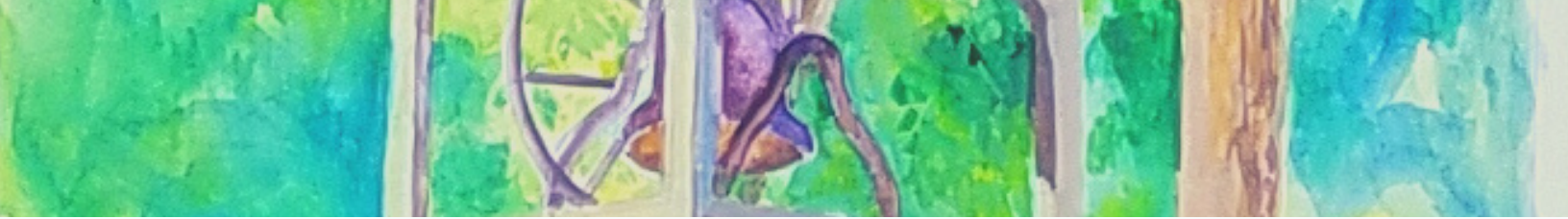
## Our process

We receive grant requests from approximately 36 agencies each year, some new to us and many of whom we’ve helped for years. We form caring relationships with these agency representatives as we learn what they do to help those in need. Our committee meets weekly for about two months (usually April – June) reviewing the requests. We invite speakers from selected agencies to come to one of our meetings to tell us more details and stories of their work and to answer our questions. The stories tug at our hearts. These representatives always tell us how much they appreciate Good Shepherd.

We also make visits to other selected agencies, observing children in activities, touring clinics, group homes, and even the women’s prison. During these visits we actually see those being helped by our dollars and our relationships.

Each committee member reads each grant request to be informed as we together make difficult decisions regarding the amounts of money requested versus the total amount we have available from the bazaar sales, auctions, and from the Good Shepherd operating budget through the vestry. With prayer and careful consideration of our guidance from Matthew 25, consensus is reached regarding each agency. Checks with accompanying letters are then sent to the respective agencies. In 2020 we granted approximately \$195,000. This year we will be granting over \$200,000.

Come join us and you, too, will be very moved to see the good works our church is doing to help those in need. Contact Janie Crews for more information or to become a part of this rewarding committee. [jcrews1123@gmail.com](mailto:jcrews1123@gmail.com) or 828-200-8103.



## Bon Berger School in Haiti

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Dear Friends,

In January 2020, Haiti suffered a major earthquake when 300,000 people lost their lives and Bon Berger School was damaged. Witnessing the disaster, Judy Chambers decided to invest her energy in the reconstruction of the school. She met Ingenieur Yves Francois, who was involved with Architects for Humanity and came to Haiti to rebuild damaged schools from the earthquake. At that time, US celebrities, actors, and entertainers volunteered to sponsor a project, and that is how Ben Stiller became a contributor of Bon Berger.

It took a few years for Architects for Humanity to build two buildings with a total of 12 classrooms, and an office for the administration. The structure of the buildings met the US standards. However a few basic important components to date, are still missing; namely:

- électrification
- cafétéria/kitchen
- sanitation (rest room facilities)
- fence around the property

Through various fundraising and e mails Judy Chambers was able to raise donations from friends ,international and local sponsors to get school furniture and supplies, a generator and 12 computers for the school to function. Some students from Boca Rotan started a "Go Fund Me" to help donate small computers to the school in 2018. Fr Steve Hines also raised funds through The Church of the Good Shepherd.

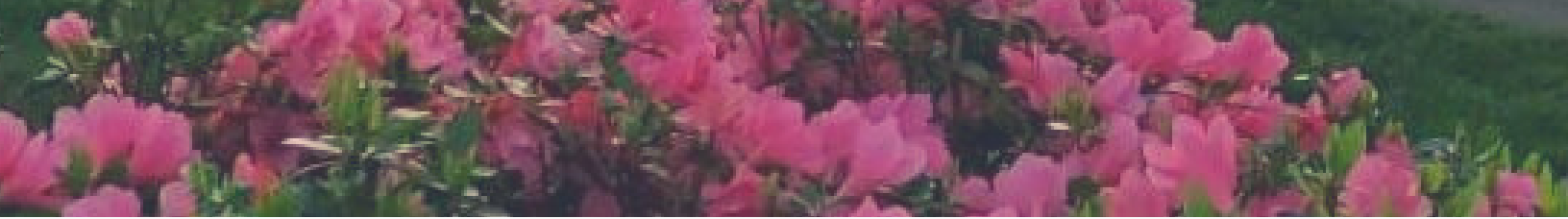
Bon Berger was able to increase its enrollment up to 400 students. The low tuition, serves to pay teachers' and para professionals salary and buy basic school supplies. Unfortunately, the enrollment dropped this year by 50% due to Peyi Lock, insecurity in the area, and COVID-19.

Sponsors of NGOs are needed to offer daily one hot meal. For a couple of years food was provided by USAID. Unfortunately, they stopped their services.

The best news and the biggest donation ever, comes from Judy Chambers. On September 21, 2020, which marked her 80th birthday, she decided to donate the funds to Bon Berger to purchase solar equipment that will serve 24 computers in the Salle Informatique. What triggered Judy to aid Bon Berger in that way? In Montrois, since the 1980s, David Chambers believed in green energy and pioneered the first Haitian household to be fully equipped with solar panels and appliance. Thus the Bon Berger administration decide to name it the "Salle Informatique Mne David Chambers". The inauguration was held January 22, 2021.

Send an email to [judchm@gmail.com](mailto:judchm@gmail.com) if you want more news of Haiti and Bon Berger School. Also if you wish to make a check contribution you can make it out to Church of the Good Shepherd (please note "Haiti" in the memo line) and mail it to the church at PO Box 32, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Thank you,  
Steve Hines (via Judy Chambers)



Several years ago funds were raised to set up a water filtration system. Look at these children enjoying the safe drinking water that your generosity helped provide!



CLEAN DRINKING WATER!



The Rev. Steve Hines visits in 2018



High school students in Florida raised money to buy desks and 12 computers! They are having trouble getting internet service though.



CURRENT NEEDS OF BON BERGER

Photo 1: A new hole that we are drilling for the new sanitary block for the School

Photo 2: This is the toilet we use for now, It is not comfortable for the pupils and students

Photo 3: The school fence in sheet metal which almost nonexistent, we would like it to be in wall for more security for the pupils and for our materials (Batteries, Solar panel, computers) at the school.

Photo 4: The new unfinished fundamental school



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A SCULPTURE OF JESUS AND CHILD BY  
WESLEY WOFFORD

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