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TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd

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Return

by Rob Wood +

I have titled this article 'Return' for a few reasons: the return of TIDINGS, the return of many people for Spring, Summer, and Fall; and the gradual return from COVID19! Can I get an AMEN? (AMEN!)

With this issue, we mark the return of Tidings with a new format and new emphasis. Sorry that it became a COVID casualty! With many modes of communication from Good Shepherd (like eblast and webpage) more timely items and announcements will still mainly be communicated electronically. Tidings will be more for reading reflective pieces and spiritual articles, like the book review from Murdock in this issue. As always, it will have birthdays, anniversaries, and other transitions. We also return to a monthly delivery, and hope you enjoy staying connected to Good Shepherd 'family' with pictures and news. (June's TIDINGS will be longer as well.)

Already, I have seen people at Good Shepherd and in Cashiers who are making their way here for 'the season,' which gets longer and longer each year. With High Hampton re-opening soon, more will be returning or coming to Cashiers for the first time. With our Invite-Welcome-Connect ministry, we hope you and they find in Good Shepherd a place to belong, not just a place to attend.

The return from COVID19, thanks be to God, is coming in stages—with more and more in-person worship (three services of 8, 9:30, and 11 starting May 2) and regular children's chapel. Thank you, thank you, thank you once again for all your adapting and patience from March 2020 until now. And thank you for your generosity of time, talent, and treasure that kept our ministries healthy. Lastly, thank you to the vestries of 2020 and 2021 for your leadership and for the Bazaar Barn leaders who kept that ministry going strong! We will continue the return (with God's help) and with yours as more and more get vaccinated and as we continue safety protocols of distancing and masking for the time being. We will also have more ways to get together—like Wine and Cheese Wednesdays outside on the back porch of Hines Hall beginning in May, greeting and fellowship after church on our expanded patio, and maybe even a movie night or two. Soon, we will have a YOUTH LOUNGE and summer YOUTH PROGRAMMING, all of which kicks off on Sunday, May 16 at Good Shepherd from 5-7 pm. We have decided that the Bazaar at the Community Center will not be returning, but that the Live Auction will be returning—date TBD!

As people return, we will (soon) have a beautiful Meditation Garden to share, an expanded (safer) parking lot to enjoy, and more opportunities to serve with our growing Volunteer Ministries efforts. All of these activities show how we reflect God's Love through Faith in Action, and I hope you will gladly join in that 'reflecting pool' of grace and love.

May Birthdays

- 1 ERIN TURNER
- 1 SANDI BESSETTE
- 1 TK HEATLEY
- 2 CAROLYN MITCHELL
- 2 ROBERT ANDERSON
- 2 MOLLIE GRANGER
- 5 BYRON FINLEY
- 5 HERBERT ACHEY
- 5 CAROL HUNTER
- 6 TOM DOWDEN
- 7 JIM THEUS
- 7 BRAD MUNDAY
- 8 GAYLE EBY
- 9 SCOTTIE JOHNSON
- 9 SUE HOLMES
- 9 CAREY JOYNER
- 9 CHARLOTTE MONSOUR
- 11 JOHN THORPE
- 13 TOM SNYDER
- 14 JANIS COX
- 14 CAROL NEWBOLD
- 15 DO CONNELLY
- 16 JAMES PHILIP
- 17 LUCI HART
- 18 JUDY HENSON
- 18 KEITH HART
- 18 ROBERT COLEY
- 19 MALINDA ALLEN
- 19 KAY MOORE
- 21 RAY DANIEL
- 21 JUDY KING WILLIAMS
- 21 NIKKI BLACKFORD
- 22 JAMES WHITESIDE
- 22 BARBARA TICKLE
- 22 FRED HIRONS
- 22 AMANDA PARMELEE
- 25 SCOTT TIMBERT
- 26 MILLIE LATHAN
- 26 PATCH FOSTER
- 27 PAIGE BARNES
- 28 JOHN RIVERS
- 28 MAGGIE ELMER
- 29 WILLIAM HUDSON
- 30 MARY JANE MCSWEENEY
- 30 LINDSEY LOMBARD
- 30 SARA LOMBARD
- 31 NORA JONES



Invite • Welcome • Connect

REFRESHMENTS & FELLOWSHIP AFTER SERVICES

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

WINE & CHEESE WEDNESDAYS

In May 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! (Masking and distancing too!)

NEW FACES AT GOOD SHEPHERD!



Scott & Amy Thompson

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!

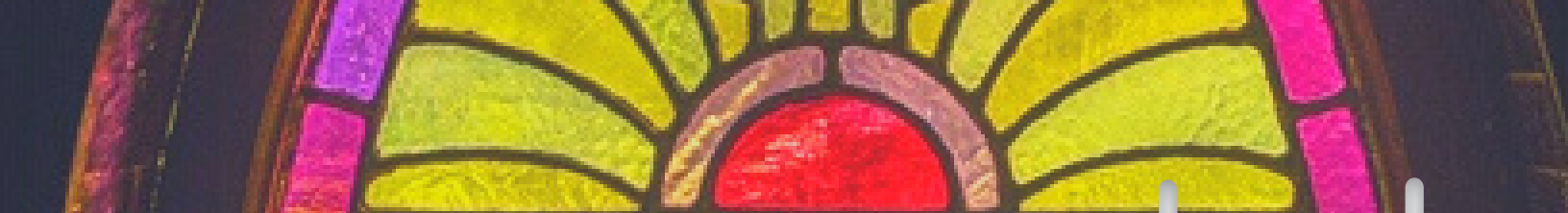
Have you seen these new faces at Good Shepherd or around town? Be sure to introduce yourself!



Mike & Carolyn Franz



Rodney & Becky Byard



Latino Vaccine Clinic

SISTERS LEND A HELPING HAND

Our own Eleanor Welling and Laura Lankford, along with two of their sisters (Suzy & Kaye) volunteered at the Latino Vaccine Clinic held on Easter Sunday at the Village Green!



Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry

First, I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers that worked at the pantry this month. The weather was not the best, but we persevered and overcame.

We served 168 Households a total of 231 boxes of food. (This fed 474 people.) We distributed 57 Easter dinners this year on March 29th and April 1.

Thanks to all the Good Shepherds who help with this effort to "Feed my Sheep" John 21: 15-17

THANKS!!!!!! Gordon Gray

Book Review

BY MURDOCK JONES

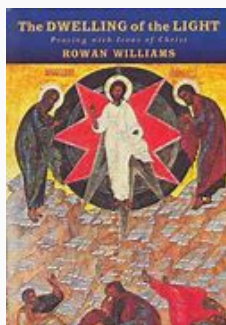
The Dwelling of the Light: Praying with Icons of Christ

By Rowan Williams

Grand Rapids, Michigan/ Cambridge U.K.:

William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2003

+84 PP \$11.68 (hbk).



In this brief but colorfully and beautifully illustrated book Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury and noted theologian, takes the reader on a journey of praying through Icons- Using four icons that represent Christ: The Transfiguration, The Resurrection, The Hospitality of Abraham, and the Pantocrator.

Williams opens the book with an introduction that gives a brief history of praying through icons and a theological justification for the act itself. For those who are unfamiliar with the act of praying through icons, this is a beneficial section.

The following chapters are devoted to each icon and have beautiful illustrations accompanying them. Williams then walks us through each icon, moving through the images and giving thoughts to meditate and reflect on.

This little book truly is a gem. Williams is an excellent guide for those new to prayer through iconography or those already practicing it.

May Anniversaries

5/15 GEORGE ELLIOTT & KAREN DEAKIN

5/19 HOWARD & JEAN ANN L'ENFANT

5/20 PARKER & CAROLINE ANDERSON

5/22 GORDON & JUDY GRAY

5/25 KEN & KRINA MEYER



Welcome!

- JERRY & KATHY CARTER
- WALLY & JANIE EVANS
- SCOTT MCABEE & STACEY GRAVENMIER

Moving Away

JEFFREY HAGY & MICHAEL REDWINE
RODY & ANN SHERRILL

Births

2/21 MICHAEL REEVES ANDERSON

Deaths

1/31 TERRY CARNES
2/11 HAL AINSWORTH
2/12 MAC MCCONNEL

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place can be at
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