

NOVEMBER 2021

TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Cashiers, North Carolina



Members and Friends of Good Shepherd,

I'm pleased to announce an addition to our church and staff: The Rev. Alison Shultz! She will start with us as a part-time assistant priest on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28. Alison has been ordained for over 15 years, and she is a life-long Episcopalian. She and her husband Todd will be relocating to Cashiers from Portland, Oregon, where she has served as vice-rector since 2014, including time as Priest-in-Charge beginning in 2019. Alison and I have common roots in the Diocese of Atlanta, both having served at Holy Innocents' in Sandy Springs—though she was there after me—from 2006-2014. Our collegiality lent itself to a warm and honest interview process, which involved members of the vestry and a few other parishioners as well. I'm thankful for the people who took time to engage with Alison in those interviews and socials, and I look forward to introducing her to you all very soon.

Having worked in churches before her ordination as well, she brings bundles of experience in ministries of Christian Education, Newcomers, worship planning, centering prayer, and much more. Her faith in Christ shows in her pastoral care and preaching, and I believe you will like her warm laughter and caring soul. Her references spoke highly of her creativity, her teamwork, and her compassion. In addition, unlike a curate that has a short window of time in a parish, Alison as assistant priest takes on a senior role in ministry—one that I hope lasts a good, long time at Good Shepherd (which has definitely become a two-clergy parish).

Below is a note from Alison, and I ask that you please keep her and Todd in your prayers for a smooth transition and move to Cashiers. If you know of any houses for sale (or rent), please let me know, and I'll pass on the information.

Rob+



Greetings Church of the Good Shepherd, I am thrilled to join this beloved community!

As we move into this relationship, I thought it may be good to share a little about me and how I understand God's call in my life. Above all, in my albeit limited experience of Good Shepherd, I am humbled by your commitment to this place, to the community and for your desire to be a place for faith in action. In this new call I'm awed by the responsibility and opportunities God places before us.

Here's a brief biography. I was baptized, confirmed and married in the same small parish in northeastern Ohio. I taught children for a few years before going to graduate school in northwest Florida. I worked as a political consultant in the Atlanta area for a number of years. After our first son was born I began to spend more time at church eventually taking a job as Director of Formation. Over the next 17 years I served 2 parishes in the Diocese of Atlanta. Finally, heeding the call to priesthood [I'm kind of hard-headed] our family; husband Todd Broadbridge and our 2 sons Ned and Frank went to NYC so I could study at The General Theological Seminary. We arrived back in Atlanta in 2006 where I served as an associate rector of a large suburban parish, Holy Innocents'. In September 2014 Todd and I moved across the country to Portland, Oregon so I could serve as associate rector in Christ Church Parish, Lake Oswego. And in true deference to the Holy Spirit as wild and creative, I was asked to serve as priest-in-charge beginning in January 2019. When the parish called a new rector in June of this year I began in earnest to discern what next. Now, we are more than delighted to hear and answer a call that puts us at these crossroads, back on this side of the country, in the beauty of holiness and closer to family and friends.

My priorities for the church are centered in community; worship and formation. As we come to worship regularly, celebrating the sacraments, and living the rhythm of the church year we build up the body of Christ and are shaped in the practice. Formation, beyond worship, gives the skeleton of that body, its walking around clothes. Intentional study and learning equips the people of God to go forth, to serve, to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. That means mission, ministry, pastoral care, outreach, and most other things one can imagine the reign of God to be. (continued on page 3)



November Birthdays

- 2 KATHY MILLER
- 2 MEG BRADLEY
- 4 IRV WELLING
- 6 BILL WESTON
- 6 CAROL BISHOP
- 6 LAURA FLAHERTY
- 11 EMILY MURPHY
- 12 NEVA THOMPSON
- 13 BILLY ANDERSON
- 14 MARY JANE HARVEY
- 16 BARBARA CUSACHS
- 16 ALMA O'NEAL
- 16 CRAIG PAULY
- 18 BECKY GREENE
- 18 BRYAN BURKETT
- 20 ROB HUNTER
- 21 JOE WARREN
- 21 MELISSA HUDSON
- 22 DARRIN DEAN
- 23 JANIE CREWS
- 23 PAT MCLENDON-KAYE
- 23 MARGARET ACHEY
- 25 CONNIE BISCHOFF
- 25 GREG PORGES
- 26 JODY BAUKNIGHT
- 26 H.A. MOORE
- 29 MARIAN POITEVENT
- 29 RICK DETLEFS
- 29 REESE LANIER
- 30 BETH ARTHUR
- 30 LAURA LANKFORD
- 30 DENNY GOODE

Faithful Departed

On November 2, we held an evening prayer service for the Faithful Departed. With the holiday season approaching--and with it grief--and with friends and loved ones lost this year, we thought these prayers could be helpful to share with you...and that you might be able to share them with another who needs a faithful and encouraging word.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls you uphold us in life and sustain us in death: to you be glory and praise for ever! For the darkness of this age is passing away as Christ the bright and morning star brings to his saints the light of life. As you give light to those in darkness who walk in the shadow of death so remember in your kingdom your faithful servants that death may be for them the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you; where with your saints you live and reign one in the perfect union of love now and forever.
Amen.

God of mercy, Lord of life, you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light: we give you thanks for those whom we remember today for the grace and mercy they received from you, for all that was good in their lives, for the memories we treasure today. We thank you for all who through your grace have lived according to your will and are now at rest. May their good example encourage and guide us all the days of our life. Meet us in our sadness and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving.
Amen.

Lord of all, we praise you for all who have entered into their rest and reached the promised land where you are seen face to face. Give us grace to follow in their footsteps as they followed in the way of your Son. Thank you for the memory of those you have called to yourself: by each memory, turn our hearts from things seen to things unseen, and lead us till we come to the eternal rest you have prepared for your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

November Anniversaries

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| 2 WILL & BECKY MCKEE | 19 BRAD & ANN MUNDAY |
| 2 BILL & KATHE CANBY | 24 JOE & LEA THOMPSON |
| 8 JOHN & LIDA HERRING | 25 VIC & ANNE BRANDT |
| 10 MARK & DEBBIE LASSITER | 30 BILLY & SANDRA ANDERSON |

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



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My interests are chiefly in the contemplative life, praying first and then offering a lived experience of Jesus. Through contemplation I am most able to see how Christ calls me to a life of service. I believe my work is with and among people, whether that is Christian formation, pastoral care, stewardship, fellowship or outreach and it all begins with prayer.

I also believe we as church should do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God or in the words of Jesus, we are to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor - bring good news to the poor, heal the sick, and bind up the broken hearted. Both inside and outside the parish doors. How we do that is our work together. I feel privileged to join in this work with your parish.

Todd and I ask your prayers for our transition, as you continue to be in ours.

Peace and all goodness,
Alison +

Youth Event

On October 17, the youth and children's groups enjoyed hiking followed by music, praise and fellowship around the campfire at John Warren's home in Whiteside Cove. The next Youth event is Sunday, November 7 at Rob & Carol Hunter's home at 4:00pm



Angel Tree

We ask you to prayerfully consider joining the Angel Tree team this year.

There are several volunteer opportunities:

- Help Ellen set up the tree in Hines Hall.
- Last minute shopping for missing items
- Helping sort items
- Helper(s) to transport presents bags over to Village Green
- Representatives to man family pickup times for bags at Village Green (Dec 16th)



Also, please be in prayer about choosing a name or names from the tree to help provide Christmas for those in our community.

Contact Debbie Lassiter (deb.lassiter11@gmail.com) or Ellen Albright (goodshepadmin@frontier.com) for more information.

The Reverend Robert B. Wood, Rector
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Plug into 
Good Shepherd

Bazaar Barn

The Barn is in need of volunteers on the weekends.
Shifts are available on Fridays or Saturdays either 10-12 or 12-2.
Come and join the fun!

Youth & Children Events

Need: Volunteers. This position will assist with youth and children events.
Contact: Lynn Jones | lbj3@frontier.com | 828-743-7818

Want to get involved?
Contact Julia Boeve and Rose Mary Achey at VolunteerGoodShep@gmail.com to find out how!