



APRIL 2022

TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Cashiers, North Carolina

FINDING WORDS TO PRAY CAN BE DIFFICULT

Last year on Ash Wednesday, I got a call late in the afternoon, that I could get my first vaccine against Covid-19, and I dashed off to Highlands for a jab in my arm: quite the life-giving contrast to the ashes on my forehead, with the words still lingering, “remember you are dust.” Yet, both were true in the fight, in the war against Covid.

This year on Ash Wednesday, another war had commenced: the war started by Russia against Ukraine, and against democracy. I can remember when the war in Iraq began, and I’ve seen how the war in Afghanistan took place (and ended), but neither of those wars were like this one. A major war in Europe conjures up memories of WWI and WWII, which many Good Shepherd parishioners lived through. Again, so much seems at stake in the unsteadiness of the 2020s.

So how do we pray during a pandemic, during a foreign war with domestic and worldwide effects? Can we find the words to pray for our enemies? to pray for peace? to pray for refugees and volunteer medics and check-point guards in small towns throughout Ukraine? for the countries who are welcoming and absorbing refugees? for the leaders of the nations that are building a coalition not against a health threat as first priority, but against a lying tyrant, thief, and thug.

As we rang the bell at Good Shepherd every half hour, to toll for peace in Ukraine, to stand with her citizens and others praying for peace, we also prayed the Great Litany from the Book of Common prayer. To confess, I had not used or prayed the Great Litany for some time because some of its wording seemed like outdated 18th Century concerns, like prayers for “plague, pestilence, and famine,” or freedom from “oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle.”

How wrong I was! How entitled or first-world my perception had become. These words and subjects of the Great Litany still stand, and as we prayed them on Ash Wednesday, I was humbled and convicted and convinced that, as always, if one is looking for words to pray, and they are not welling up in one’s head or heart, turn to the Book of Common Prayer! (Duh!)

Already in the 2020s we have had plague, we have had rebellion (January 6), we have had violence (against Asian-Americans, against the police, against joggers in South Georgia neighborhoods), we have had devastating fires and floods all around the world. Of course these prayers of the Great Litany still hold.

They may sound 18th Century in their wording, but in their spirit and content, they hold true—especially words like: “That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,” and “that it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet.” Larger portions of the Great Litany are on Page 7 of this issue, and the whole prayer starts on page 148 of the Book of Common Prayer. Let us pray.

Rob⁺

TRANSITIONS & STATS

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 JIM ARTHUR
- 3 ANN WROBLESKI
- 3 MARE ARENAS
- 4 RAINIER FINLEY
- 5 CHRIS BRACKEN
- 5 RUTH RUSS
- 5 ANN MUNDAY
- 5 TODD BROADBRIDGE
- 7 CURTIS LOFTIN
- 7 HELEN BERTLES
- 7 CARROLL SUMMEROUR
- 7 BROOK OWENS
- 8 BRANDY AYERS
- 9 TOMMY ADAMS
- 14 SANDRA ANDERSON
- 14 PARKER ANDERSON
- 15 PATSY BENDER
- 15 MARTY WHITE
- 15 DOROTHY ADAMS
- 15 CLAY JONES
- 16 JULIANNE HART
- 16 SUSAN WARREN
- 16 HENRY ECKMAN
- 18 ANNA ROBBINS
- 19 PERRIN DARGAN
- 20 JEAN ANN L'ENFANT
- 20 FRED HALBACK
- 21 MIKE MONSOUR
- 22 KAREN DEAKIN
- 22 SHARON STRICKER
- 26 MARY PALMER DARGAN
- 27 NED TURNBULL
- 28 BOB LATHAN
- 28 DON STONE
- 29 NATHAN TURNER

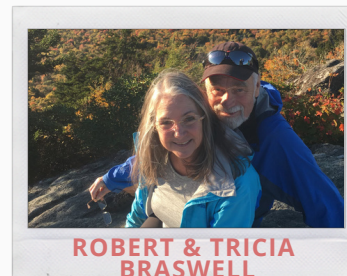
NEW MEMBERS



BILL & NANCY DUNCAN



NED & MARY JO PENDARVIS



ROBERT & TRICIA BRASWELL

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 10

Services at 9 & 11
Brass Quintet

Palm Procession around the church at 11am with Fred & Ed (High Hampton Donkeys!)

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 12

Stations with Mary (see pg. 5)
In the church at 11am

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 13

Seder Supper
In Hines Hall at 5:30 pm
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Maundy Thursday, April 14

NO noon service
Service at 5:30 pm

Good Friday, April 15

Noon Service in Church
Community Stations of the Cross at the Village Green at 4pm

Easter Sunday, April 17

Services at 8, 9:15, & 11
Music at all services
Brass Quintet at 9:15 & 11am



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 CHIPPER & CHERI ALLEN
- 17 ROBERT & PAM ANDERSON
- 19 ERIC & CARI SANDERS
- 28 ROBERT & SUZIE SINCLAIR
- 29 NEELY & KATHY YOUNG

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY IS MISSING PLEASE CONTACT ELLEN AT 828-743-2359 OR GOODSHEPADMIN@FRONTIER.COM



ELL IS BACK!

English Language Learners (ELL) began Monday, March 14! (contact Laura Lankford if interested). We had 23 students on March 14 and 35 students on March 21.

We will need volunteers to help with welcoming, food, and child care from 6pm-8pm

Welcome - be the smiling face our students see when they enter Good Shepherd

Food - pick up food from local restaurant, serve, and clean up kitchen

Child Care - play games, sing songs, crafts, what could be more fun?



GOOD SHEPHERD HISTORY CORNER

Good Shepherd in the 1920s

FROM BISHOP ROBERT BROWN'S SHORT HISTORY: "THE MOUNTAINS IN REPLY"

With the Diocese of Western North Carolina's 100-year anniversary coming this year, we pick up the history of Good Shepherd at that time, September 12, 1922.

The newly approved Diocese of Western North Carolina was voted its self-supporting status by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church on September 12, 1922. The Rt. Rev. Julius M. Horner, who was continued as the Bishop, had few available funds with which to support the Cashiers congregation. There were no more Hamptons to give leadership aid. Mrs. William S. Halsted, the niece of General Wade Hampton, and her internationally famous surgeon husband were the last. They had been returning to Cashiers from Johns Hopkins Hospital each summer for years and had finally purchased the Hampton property from Mrs. Halsted's three aunts. Building their own cottage, they also gave High Hampton its name after "High Halsted," the doctor's ancestral home in Scotland. They died within two months of each other in 1922.



Interior of The Church of the Good Shepherd

No effort had been made either to expand the membership of the congregation within the community or to prepare future leadership, and the church was closed. Slowly its building fell into ruin. The decaying roof collapsed, the furnishings were scattered, and what remained became a habitat for rats, owls and squirrels. Now the almost forty years of sacrificial effort given in two separate attempts to establish and maintain an Episcopal congregation seemed to stand as a rotting, empty church and school-house surrounded by overgrown weeds.

In the early 1920's, the fortunes of the church in Cashiers changed. Miss Georgia Belknap, the Aunt of Mr. Charles Waddell, arrived in the Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis arrived also. High Hampton Inn became the property of Mr. and Mrs. E.L McKee of Sylva, the parents of the present owner, and they had brought the Lewises to manage the Inn. This remarkable couple was to remain for thirty-one years, giving themselves in numerous unselfish ways to the church and the community as well as to the life of the Inn. Miss Belknap went to them to discuss the possibility of restoring and reopening the church. The newly arrived Stoddart family joined the effort as did the Hostess at the Inn. These consecrated people formed themselves into an unofficial committee, and the third plan for the establishment of the Episcopal Church in Cashiers Valley was begun.

Miss Belknap wrote Bishop Horner requesting permission to proceed and asking for financial assistance. The Bishop was sympathetic. He could promise a few dollars to rebuild the roof, but regretfully, no additional funds and no clergyman were available. Still, the roof was repaired and that was sufficient to sent this handful of loyal church people into action. They set about cleaning and patching and painting. They begged furniture from the Inn and from the community. Somewhere Miss Belknap found the original font and returned it to the church. When all was ready, in some way Miss Belknap obtained an agreement from Father Rose to come, to sleep in the sacristy, and to take his meals at the Inn by courtesy of the Lewises and the McKees, and to conduct regular Sunday services during the summer months. When Father Rose was no longer available, arrangements were made for other clergy either through the new Kanuga Episcopal Conference Center at Hendersonville or the church in Brevard. Although Bishop Horner found it necessary in 1927 to sell all but 1.6 acres of the original land given by Colonel Hampton, enthusiasm did not diminish. It was from this third beginning that the Episcopal Church came to stay in Cashiers.

SPIRITUALITY CORNER

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In the Fourth Century, Constantine the Great made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire. His mother, St. Helena with the full backing and treasury of the Roman Empire traveled to Jerusalem and identified the sacred sites of our Lord's life and Passion. St. Helena built shrines and Churches to mark these sacred places. Among these places was the first Church of the Holy Sepulcher consecrated in 335 AD which includes two of the Holiest Sites in Christendom, Golgotha and the Tomb of Jesus. Tradition holds that the Blessed Mother of Jesus would daily visit the scenes of his passion. The earliest indication of Pilgrims following the Way of the Cross was a drawing discovered in 1971 at the base of Golgotha dating to 330AD with the Latin words "Lord we have gone."

The practice of Pilgrims to the Holy Land following the Way of Sorrows, or Via Delarosa, from the house of Pontius Pilate to the Holy Sepulcher became widespread starting in the early Fifth Century. The popularity of the Stations of the Cross spread and was introduced throughout the Church so Pilgrims who could not travel to the Holy Land could do a spiritual Way of the Cross in their hearts. In 1342, the Franciscans were appointed as guardians of the shrines of the Holy Land and were charged with establishing this devotion, initially with the erection of wooden crosses to represent each station. By the 15th century, the stations were being created by renowned artists and are considered masterpieces today.

The Stations of the Cross as we know it today, is not a Sacrament but a deeply moving and spirit filled Devotion and is not found in the Book of Common Prayer. The number of Stations has varied from Seven to thirty-seven over time. In our Anglican tradition there are 14 Stations. The first Eight stations are based directly on events recorded in the Gospels. The remaining six stations are based on inference from the Gospel or pious legend and may be omitted if desired. In walking the Via Delarosa in Jerusalem, there is no question that Jesus died for sins and redeemed the world.

An interesting note: Emperor Constantine's mother St. Helena, according to some chroniclers of the Middle Ages, was supposed to be the daughter of the King of Britain Cole, or a British Prince. If true, this would make her the first known Anglican to walk the Stations of the Cross.

Join us for Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 15 at 4pm at the Village Green.

Julian "Vic" V. Brandt III, FSA-Scot

References & Notes:

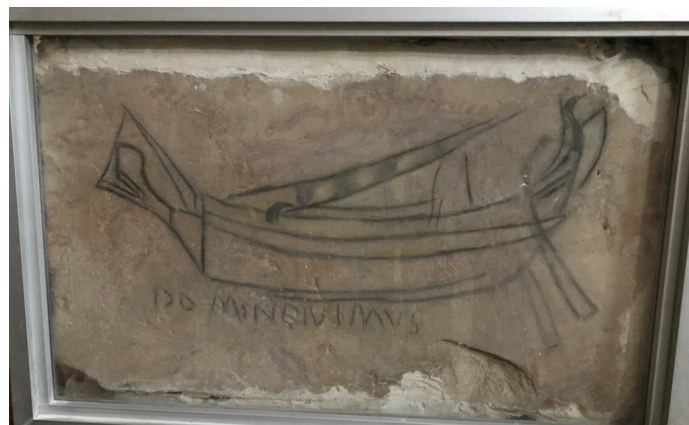
The Anglican Service Book, 1997

A Priests Handbook, The Ceremonies of the Church, 1998

"How Did The Stations of the Cross Begin?" Rev. William Sanders

Rev'd Canon Nicholas Porter, Jerusalem Peace Builders

The ship drawing was discovered in 1971 in the Armenian section of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher at the base of Golgotha, thought to be left by a pilgrim to the Holy Land around 330 AD when the original church was under construction. This drawing of a Byzantine sailing ship has, the Latin inscription reads: "DOMINE IVIVS, 'Lord, we have gone.'" possibly the Latin version of Psalm 121:1.



Praying the Stations of the Cross with Mary

I was introduced to this devotion by a friend who "discovered" the Stations of the Cross with Mary while attending a retreat. I was and continue to be so thankful for this gift. Praying the Stations of the Cross with Mary is an insightful look into Mary's love and devotion for her Son and the role she played in the Passion of our Lord. It tells the story of the Crucifixion from the viewpoint of a mother. We feel her anguish, her confusion, feelings of helplessness as well as her great faith. These stations make Jesus' Passion very real. In these prayers, we are asked to contemplate our own relation to Jesus, the Blessed Mother and our neighbor, calling us to repentance, acceptance and a deepening of our faith.

~ Doreen Hastings

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School on April 3 at 10 am in Hines Hall for ages 3 years old through 7th grade. Nursery is also available.

Confirmation Class
Sunday at 12:30 PM in Hines Hall

April 3 - Getting ready for Holy Week
April 10-15 - Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday,
Good Friday, Easter
April 24 - Hebrew Scriptures

Youth Event
4:30 PM in Hines Hall

April 24 - "Resurrection!" Youth Only Event

SHROVE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2022

CONFIRMATION CLASS MARCH 6, 2022





THE GREAT LITANY [PARTIAL] FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, PG. 148

*These prayers make sense for this season of Lent and this season of our life on this planet.
See the cover letter as a reference.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, *Have mercy upon us.*

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; *Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good, *We beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.

The Reverend Robert B. Wood, Rector
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The Reverend Alison Schultz, Assistant Rector
The Reverend Toby Summerour, Adjunct Priest
The Reverend Steve Hines, Adjunct Priest

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Plug into Good Shepherd

ALTAR GUILD VACATION BIBLE SURPRISE!

- Altar Guild (contact Lynn Jones if interested)
 - The Altar Guild sets the altar linens, cares for vestments, polishes brass, assists during the Sunday services, prepares the Eucharist vessels, and so much more!
- Vacation Bible Surprise! (contact Alison if interested)
 - Alison is looking for a few folks to serve as an advisory board for summer vacation bible surprise! Tentatively planned for late July.

To get involved in one of these ministries
Contact Julia Boeve and Rose Mary Achey at VolunteerGoodShep@gmail.com to find out how!