

AUGUST 2023

TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Cashiers, North Carolina



PASTORAL CARE TO THE PARISH, FOR THE PARISH, FROM THE PARISH

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Ephesians 4.7



GOOD SHEPHERD
Pastoral Care
TO THE PARISH FOR THE PARISH FROM THE PARISH

unrecognized. We may hear (again) God's voice to follow. We may be refreshed in a ministry or embrace a new one.

The harvest is indeed plentiful and God is sending us out into the harvest. Remembering as we go, the process (the going) is always more than the stated action and that in giving care, we receive care; in bringing a meal, we are fed; in visiting, we are visited. OR we may receive an answer to a prayer not yet spoken!

The logo for the Good Shepherd pastoral care ministry or INREACH is above. Our tagline, *to the parish for the parish from the parish*, is both who we are and who we hope to become, with God's help. So we pray,

May the knowledge of the love and grace of God sink from our head down into our heart so that it flows out of our hands, our mouth, our ears, and our eyes so that our bodies become the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

Peace
Alison +

STATS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ELISABETH HOFFMAN
- 2 FRED BRADLEY
- 4 JOHN WATTS
- 5 SANDRA SWARTZFAGER
- 5 CAROL TREICHEL
- 5 COLLINS VALLEE
- 5 PATTY MAGARO
- 5 PAMELA TUTTLE
- 6 ROB HOYERMAN
- 8 SHARON PRYSE
- 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
- 17 JACK STIBBS
- 18 GLORIA WEIR
- 19 LAWSON KELLY
- 20 TOM WOODHAM
- 22 JOE THOMPSON
- 23 ROBERT SINCLAIR
- 23 KURT DUNKLE
- 24 MICHELLE HOLCOMBE
- 25 GEORGE HART
- 26 SUSIE WEAN
- 28 SANDY BISHOP
- 28 BARB RECKTENWALD
- 29 MARY QUILLEN
- 30 SUSAN KRISLE
- 31 CHA CHA BROWN
- 31 MARY JO PENDARVIS

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 RIP & MARIAN POITEVENT
- 5 JERRY & CRIS HAYES
- 6 JOHN & FIELD BOATWRIGHT
- 7 M.J. & SHUG SOLDO
- 12 NED & MARY JO PENDARVIS
- 16 JOHN & WIMBERLY WATTS
- 17 TOM WOODHAM & WILSON ELLIS
- 18 ANDREW & MELISSA HUDSON

- 19 KEITH & JULIANNE HART
- 20 IRV & ELEANOR WELLING
- 20 JOHN & MARGARET MUSSLEMAN
- 24 NED & SUZANNE TURNBULL
- 24 MORGAN & JUDY BROOKFIELD
- 24 CHARLES & BARBARA TICKLE
- 26 CARLTON & ALMA O'NEAL
- 26 FRED & KAREN HIRONS
- 31 GORDON & JEANIE COLEMAN

TRANSITIONS

Birth

Frances "Figgy" Anderson
(Caroline & Parker Anderson)
June 26, 2023

Transfer In

Richard & Virginia Decker

Transfer Out

Mike & Sue Ann Glenn



PARISH PICNIC



SAVE THE DATE

Sept 10 | CASHIERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY @ 11am



PASTORAL CARE OPPORTUNITIES

A Lay Pastoral Care Team is a group of people dedicated to supporting people with specific needs. At a time when our population is aging, caring for older adults is especially relevant. This is an ideal ministry for laity as they often have long-term relationships with older members. And there is a role for people with different skills. Those who are good at listening and caring can be visitors. Those who like to DO things can buy or prepare food, schedule visitors, write notes, gather information and resources, serve as drivers, etc.

What's important is that we have a team of people who can respond to the needs in our congregation. This can also extend to those who need a break from caring for someone who is ill or shut-in, those whose loved one has died or be with someone who has a chronic illness or disability.

Congregations cannot depend solely on the clergy to provide pastoral care. They do, of course, provide care when people are dying, struggling with death or an illness or need to speak with a priest. Routine visits to the lonely, sick, elderly, homebound, etc., are best done by the laity under direction of clergy. Because this is a core ministry of the laity and because there are more laity in a congregation than clergy, those needing care will receive it more frequently! Lay pastoral caregivers find that this ministry is deeply meaningful and that it usually deepens their spiritual life.

So what can we do for our beloved sisters and brothers? Here are a few things "brainstormed" at our first "Shepherd's" meeting:

- Calls/texts
- Read aloud to people in their home
- Write letters
- Sitting and listening
- Take flowers from church
- Doing puzzles together
- Take a Prayer Quilt
- Take Communion
- Drive to Church
- Watch streamed Sunday service together
- Pray together
- Minor repairs to their home
- Help pack
- Light housework in their home
- Provide food
- Rides to appointments
- Grocery shopping
- Walking together
- Pet care



PASTORAL CARE HISTORY

We want to provide a ministry of hope and care so that no member of our parish need be alone. We will do this by visiting those at home, in the hospital or in a care facility. We will support those going through a life crisis, maintaining contact with those parishioners unable to attend church and supporting friends and family involved in caregiving and comfort the bereaved.

We are not reinventing the wheel as the following article, from 1985, summarizes. We are just spinning the wheel again ...

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PASTORAL CARE SUMMARY FROM 1985 FOUND IN THE ARCHIVES

Most of us unfortunately have had to deal with personal crises and are aware of the Godsend that “helping hands” can be during that time; someone to provide a meal, run an errand, provide transportation to doctor appointments, and yes, even to shield us from all the phone calls of offers to aid.

The Shepherds Program, which was formed in the fall of 1985, provides the coordinated efforts of volunteer members of The Church of the Good Shepherd to assist members of the Church community during any personal crisis. By coordinating these volunteer efforts there is minimum intrusion into an already aggrieved household.

Persons with knowledge of a need may contact Steve Hines or Joanna Rutter who will then contact a “Shepherd” to work as the liaison between the family and the volunteers.

The designated Shepherd will work with the person or family so that meals will be delivered in an organized fashion to avoid a feast or famine situation; the Shepherd will schedule transportation if it is necessary to make doctor appointments or trips to the grocery, etc. Persons who do not wish to cook or drive may offer to assist with light housekeeping or even simple companionship.

The Shepherds Program does not consume a lot of time, nor is it necessary that you be a permanent resident; we will find a use for any time or service you can volunteer.

Please contact Steve or Joanna at the Church office (743-2359), Dianna DeVoe (743-58..) or Leah Tove (743-3020) if you have any questions or if you would like to become a part of this wonderful program.



PASTORAL CARE OFFERED

Quotes from those who have received Pastoral Care



"My left eye requires a shot every six weeks. It is not to cure but to keep it from being worse. The doctor is in Sylva. My ride, at the last moment could not take me. The Lay Pastoral Care Team came to my need!" - Carroll Rivers

"I want to thank [Pastoral Care Team] for your uplifting visit while recovering in the hospital. I was feeling a bit sad, but when you walked into the room, I instantaneously felt that sadness melt away. Your presence and prayers made all the difference in my recovery. Your calls and emails continue to impact my healing every day! All of this abundance of care from the Pastoral Care Team has made me recognize the importance of caring for others. This team epitomizes The Church of the Good Shepherd's mission: "To reflect God's love through our Faith in Action" - Sharon Vanvick



"To be so blessed as to be a part of a loving, caring family, is one of God's greatest gifts. I believe though that now God is calling us to open our eyes wider to see the needs of every sheep in our 'little flock' so that not one 'can slip through the cracks.'" - Maizie Belser

"Being a member of The Church of the Good Shepherd has been such a blessing to me. Therefore, I am enthusiastic about this new mission of our church. While facing some health challenges the past several years, the support I have received from parishioners has been unbelievable. Examples of the many benefits I have received are a person picking up my mail on a regular basis, a member of our clergy joining me to watch an Atlanta Braves baseball game, visitations by clergy and numerous members, transportation to doctor's appointments, trips to get groceries for me, many phone calls and many prayers offered. I am very fortunate." - Pat Rowe



"The help we received from the pastoral care team was wonderful. They drove us to and from doctor's appointments, ran errands for us and brought us many delicious meals. It was such a blessing to us and I don't know how we would have gotten through that difficult time without them. Thanks to all of them." - Liz and Lamar Cole



PARISH MEETING

June 28, 2023



We had our Annual Summer Parish Meeting on June 28, 2023 and had 48 people attending. We talked about the 2022 Annual Report, this year's Outreach Grants and Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Committees and the changes they have implemented. Alison Schultz, Sharon Stricker, and Kathryn Dean introduced the revitalization of the Pastoral Care Ministry and we announced *A Legacy of Community* - the capital campaign we have embarked upon to purchase a new Barn building.

Did you miss the meeting? A video recording is available at www.goodshepherdofcashiers.com



DR. TIFFANY RENEE JACKSON

Biography



New Haven, CT native, Dr. Tiffany Renée Jackson, is a music educator, classical/jazz singer, vocal pedagogue, certified fitness professional, natural bodybuilder, motivational speaker, and writer of the one woman show, *Rising of the Necessary Diva*. She earned a Bachelor of Music from the University of Michigan, Master of Music and Artist Diploma from Yale University School of Music, Professional Studies Certificate from Manhattan School of Music, and a Doctoral of Musical Arts from the University of Connecticut. Dr. Jackson can be heard on the following recordings, *Fare Ye*

Well, a project commemorating the life of Willis Patterson, *Sweet Perfume in an Alabaster Jar* and *A Balm in Gilead* with Emmy Award winning composer, Rex Cadwallader. She has appeared on America's Got Talent as the opera singing body builder in 2011 and in 2003, she was chosen to travel to South Africa with Oprah Winfrey. After two successful years as an Assistant Professor of Music at WCU, she is taking her talents to Hampton University, one of the nation's most prestigious Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Established 1868).

Farewell Letter from Dr. Jackson

When I moved to WNC two years ago, I never anticipated that I would find a church community, where I could wholly be who I am as an expressive and emotive artist. The Church of the Good Shepherd became that space for me. Not a week passed that a parishioner has not expressed gratitude for my musical offerings. It seems that my gift has tapped into the inner depths of the people and created a bridge from my heart to theirs. Therefore, this is not a farewell, but "until we meet again."

The Church of the Good Shepherd has embraced me as a friend apart and aside from my artistry. I have Father Rob Wood to thank for that. I was allowed a space to sing with soulful purpose and for that I am forever grateful. God has a way of connecting people through the power of music and its reach. Distance could never absolve those connections. We will forever be joined together as one. I hope to return for special occasions and important observances. Hallelujah and Amen! - *Dr. Tiffany Jackson*



Thank You

We at Good Shepherd are so blessed to have had Dr. Jackson with us these past few years. While we are sad to see her go we are excited about what God has in store for her in this new chapter.

We will host a concert for her on Wednesday, August 2 at 5:30 pm...join us and express your appreciation for her sharing her gifts with 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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JOIN OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM

A Program of INREACH to reflect God's love through our faith in action. Our goal as Shepherds on the Pastoral Care Team is to provide a ministry of hope and care so that no member of our parish need be alone.

Our Team meets every two weeks to share experiences, ask questions, brainstorm new ideas, participate in trainings, and review best practices. Our hope is that Shepherds attend meetings as often as possible.

Upcoming meeting dates are Thursdays at 4:00pm in Hines Hall:

August 17	September 14	October 12
August 31	September 28	October 26

All Are Welcome!

**The Pastoral Care Team now has a dedicated phone line at Good Shepherd.
Let us know how we can help! 828-743-2359 Ext. 7.**

If you have questions or would like to be a Shepherd, you can talk to Sharon Stricker or Kathryn Dean (Team Leaders) or Alison Schultz (Clergy Liaison.)

"Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind."
1Peter 3.8