

FEBRUARY 2022

# TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd  
Cashiers, North Carolina



## Wearing Championship Attire

The morning I woke up after Georgia won the National Championship, (Go Dawgs! Athens is my home town!) I was joking around on screen during Morning Prayer on Facebook—wondering which Georgia Bulldog hat to wear...or wait...could it be an Atlanta Braves hat! Two favorite teams that had snatched defeat from the jaws of victory too many times in recent memory, but now, in close proximity, each had won a championship. Pride and Joy were overflowing.

And then, then, I opened the selected reading for the day, one from Paul's letter to the Colossians, which reads: "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Col 3:1-2) Could St. Paul mean earthly things... like championships?!? To think not of those? Sports and all our fascination with teams, players, coaches, conferences and their loyalties—these often become things we follow as much as (if not more than) Jesus. Yes, in the South, sports can be a religion. We invest time, talent, and treasure in these athletic endeavors at too high a rate. (Yes, that was a confession!)

The same can be said of earthly things when they go wrong: bodily health, economic hardship, petty jealousies, failure itself, sports, relationships, politics. Earthly 'downs' and earthly 'highs' both catch our souls as collateral damage in bodily, earthly moments. Therefore Paul says, 'set your mind, your hearts, on things above"—eternal things that transcend the passing, highs and lows.

He goes on:

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves [not with team caps and pullovers but] with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." (Colossians 3:12-14)

Yes, put on love - with pride and joy - knowing every morning the victory that love has over all creation, over all sin, over all brokenness. Pandemics pass. Championships come and go. Health is good and bad and good again. Put on love. Stay centered on love. Remember Jesus, who has championed us all—and let that love guide and direct you always. Love is #1. Hunker down with God.

Rob +

PS: Welcome to the new Tidings format, which has more to do with articles that form us as Christians in this community and less to do with information about schedules and programs. That information will come in the eblasts and Sunday bulletins. Enjoy!

# TRANSITIONS & STATS

## February Birthdays

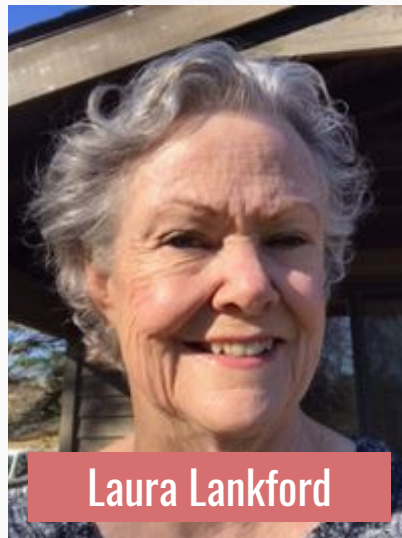
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- 5 ALFRED KENNEDY
- 6 BILL BEACH
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- 10 DON SINK
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- 11 MIKE REEVES
- 11 LESLIE LOGAN
- 12 JIM NAUGHTON
- 13 PAM ANDERSON
- 13 KAYE SCHULER
- 14 GAIL PHILIP
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- 15 HENRY KING
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- 17 CHIPPER ALLEN
- 17 JACK USELTON
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- 25 BECKY MCKEE
- 25 SUZANNE DETLEFS
- 25 JERRY CARTER
- 26 SUSAN POSEY
- 26 CARLTON O'NEAL
- 26 CURTIS ESTES
- 28 TOBY SUMMEROUR
- 28 BETTY DURHAM
- 28 CHARLES TICKLE

## February Anniversaries

- 2 HERBERT & ROSE MARY ACHEY
- 5 FRED & ANNEMARIE HALBACK
- 8 ED & MARGARET WASSON
- 10 SCOTT & SUSAN TIMBERT
- 21 PERRIN & LISA DARGAN
- 25 MARK & LINDA QUICK
- 26 BOB & BETTE CROWDER
- 26 MICHAEL & CAROLYN FRANZ
- 28 GWIN & ANNA ROBBINS

## The Wardens

Please join in thanking (and in praying for) Laura Lankford, our senior warden for 2022, and Peter Keck, our Jr. Warden for 2022. The wardens serve as leaders of the vestry and advisors, planners, and prayers for the parish, staff, and rector.



Laura Lankford



Peter Keck

## Transitions

### New Member!

- Theresa Cooper has transferred from St Helena in Beaufort SC

### Farewell

- Rody & Ann Sherrill have transferred to Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville NC
- Allison Mautz has transferred to Christ Church in Greenville SC

### Deaths

- Carolyn Magruder (10/18/2021)
- Roger Williams (12/15/2021)
- Anne Hazel (12/18/2021)

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



## WHY I LOVE... Serving on Sundays

This new section of Tidings will focus on a different topic every month on why we love...different topics. This month we are focusing on why our members love Serving on Sundays.



"I have met so many inspirational folks that have pulled me in like a magnet. I love being around them and listening/learning from the Word given at the pulpit. I am "getting" more out of the Altar Guild experience than I am giving, but this task has led to others and I feel a renewed path to my life. Thank you for being there for me and I am learning to be present for y'all and The highest power above."

Kathryn Dean

"I enjoy serving on Sunday because I love being a part of the community of the church. We lost a son over three years ago at the same time that we were moving here full time. Suddenly there was a void in our lives. Dear friends had invited us to come to church with them, and when we came it felt good and right. The friends we have made and the fellowship we find are very important to us. Serving is a small way of giving back what we have abundantly received."

Sue Ann Glenn



"I love serving on Sundays because I go into the service without expecting a return while always ending up leaving richer for the experience. Some serving opportunities are well practiced and documented like greeting or ushering while others are unique such as drive through prayers during COVID 2020. The constant in serving is how unpredictable each experience is based on the people I engage while serving with or to each time. I like to think I help make their day as much as they help make mine. I always leave with a new life experience. The best part is each Sunday is an opportunity to serve with others. We share a bond of that given Sunday we all volunteered together as one team for something greater than ourselves. I may not always do a great job but nobody cares as long as I try and there is always someone there to help. So my advice is if you like talking to people, be a greeter. If you like to teach or speak, read one of the lessons, if you like to make coffee serve during a fellowship gathering. No matter what you like to do there is always something for you to do, just do it!"

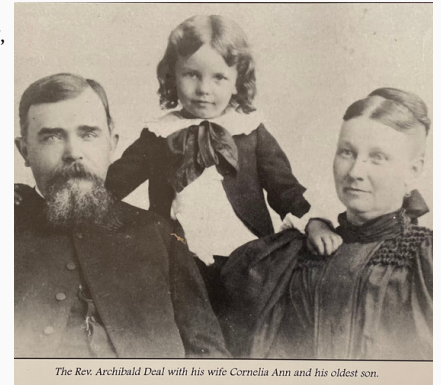
Kevin Rowland



Check out the back page for ways to get involved on Sunday mornings!

## How Good Shepherd Started From Bishop Robert Brown's short history: "The Mountains In Reply"

The Reverend John Archibald Deal brought his pretty young wife and small daughter on a seven day, 400 mile trek into the mountains of western North Carolina to serve as the first missionary of the Episcopal Church in this area in June of 1876. This former drummer boy of the Confederate Army was filled with enthusiasm when he arrived at Murphy and settled into a rent-free cabin which had one large room for living room, bedroom, and nursery, and a small adjoining room for kitchen and dining room. There was no consciousness of hardship even though his little family awakened many wintry mornings to find their beds, chairs, and floors covered with snow that had filtered through the board roof during the night. Their meager possessions were easily adapted to the cabin's size. Cornelia Ann Deal sewed curtains from starched white flour sacks and, in the spring, she planted flowers in discarded food cans. John spent his time making friends with the Indians. They felt especially secure because the Episcopal Church had provided the beneficent sum of \$100.00 a year for their support!



*The Rev. Archibald Deal with his wife Cornelia Ann and his oldest son.*

It was two years in this age of ox-carts and covered wagons before Mr. Deal could take the narrow, rocky trails that penetrated into Cashiers Valley. No doubt he had learned that this tiny community was already becoming a summer resort for "city dwellers," but he could not have anticipated the hospitality and warm enthusiasm with which he would be received by an outstanding hero of the Confederacy, General Wade Hampton. The General promised his unqualified support and offered the schoolhouse on his property for worship services. The Methodists were already meeting in the schoolhouse and arrangements were made with them to hold Episcopal services once a month.

Travel was difficult even after the Deals moved to Franklin. Heated bricks could be placed under the blankets in the carriage to keep him warm for at least part of the way on his winter journeys but nothing could protect him against the fierce winds which blew with a force that threatened at any moment to sweep his light conveyance from the mountain pathways into the valleys below. Yet John Deal never ceased to be thrilled by the snow blanketed winter scenery, the summer profusion of wild flowers and mountain ivy, and the endless variety of stately trees. He loved his work. He loved this land and its people. His daily prayer was "Dear Lord, make me worthy of simplicity."

When the Hampton schoolhouse accidentally burned, the Methodists determined to erect their own church building. With a little help from Episcopalians and a great amount of sacrifice on their own part, they succeeded admirably. Once their building was completed they invited Mr. Deal to continue his monthly services in their church. However, their success seems to have aroused similar thoughts in the minds of the Hamptons for they soon began to discuss the feasibility of an Episcopal church in Cashiers.

With contributions assured from this one family and a few South Carolina friends, plans were drawn. Timbers were cut from the surrounding forest and milled at the Dillard water mill. The twenty-five foot oak beams were sawed by hand. The chancel furniture, pulpit, and stained glass windows were given by the Hamptons. In addition, they erected another schoolhouse and surrounded the little church with a white picket fence. They also provided funds for a school teacher to come for three months each summer. This gave some of the community children an opportunity to receive seven months instruction during the year instead of the four months normally supplied from community funds. By 1886 the Hamptons had transformed John Deal's dream into a reality.

The cornerstone was laid on August 14, 1884 by the Bishop of North Carolina, the Rt. Rev. Theodore B. Lyman, assisted by Dr. D. Hillouse Buel, Principal of the Ravenscroft Associate Mission and Training School at Asheville, and by Mr. Deal. The Bishop and Dr. Buel were the speakers to a large congregation. It was not clear who chose the name for the church but it was selected prior to this time for the Bible verse from St. John 10:14 and was inscribed upon the stone. This text reads: "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine."

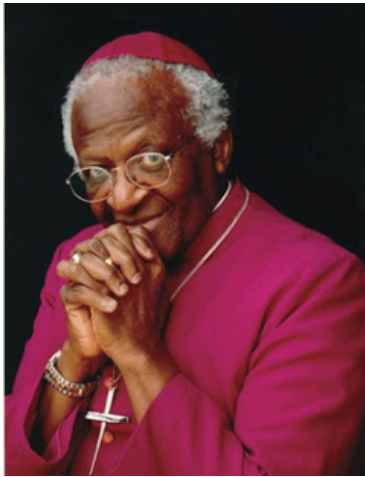
An 1889 report gives the building value of \$3,000.00 and a seating capacity of 200. If, as other reports indicate, this structure was somewhat smaller than its successor, then it can only be assumed that people were not as large in those days, or else the vicar was thinking of 200 children!

Size was not really a factor. In fact, there were not sufficient resident communicants to give any assurance that the congregation could continue to exist. But the Church of the Good Shepherd was "different." Its support was coming not only from its six official members but from an increasing number of summer residents as well. Interestingly, the land on which the church stood was not deeded to the congregation until two years later. When Colonel Christopher Hampton made the gift, it was for fifteen acres, not a single lot!

To be continued...

## Desmond Tutu on Ubuntu Theology

As we remember and give thanks for the witness of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, below is a short summary of an interview on Forgiveness and Free Will from Nov. 26, 2013.



Moderator: You have done very important work in the area of forgiveness, and with your daughter Mpho you have written a book on forgiveness. You say that forgiveness can be given without any response from the perpetrator; but God seems to need us to ask for forgiveness. How do you resolve this paradox?

Tutu: It is so easy for the victim to remain in their victimhood. If you were to have to depend upon your perpetrator, he or she could hook you on that dependence forever. The point one is saying is that YOU CAN OFFER THE GIFT, but it is up to the perpetrator to receive the gift. Remember how extraordinary it was what happened on Good Friday? Jesus sought forgiveness from his Father without anyone asking for it – even gave them an excuse. We are those who are seeking to walk in the footsteps of this Lord.

Moderator: I am wondering how you justify giving forgiveness when someone doesn't ask for it or want it?

Tutu: [Forgiveness] is as much for you, the victim, as for the perpetrator. It speaks of our interconnectedness. I can't be a human being all by my own lonesome. I need you as much as you need me to make up what is lacking in each of us. [That is what we call Ubuntu.]

Moderator- So can God forgive us if we don't want it?

Tutu: God is always ready to, yes and part of the anguish and pain of God is for us to be so ever snubbing him. God, the only omnipotent one, is utterly impotent (in light of our freedom). It is incredibly humbling to think that God has such reverence for the gift he has given you & me that even God can't ram down our throats what we wouldn't receive freely because fundamentally we are persons. God takes that seriously.

Moderator: In the terrorist attack in London, the Rev. Judy Nicholson lost her daughter on 7/7. She stopped her parish ministry for she struggled so much to forgive the terrorist who murdered her daughter. Is it possible for you to forgive on behalf of someone else or in place of another?

Tutu: When you think of us as community, and look what happened at the Holocaust. In a sense you are not just an individual who stands out on their own. It is always communal, and one can come to be a representative of the whole. Just like in South Africa Nelson Mandela said that we have a choice - to take the path of forgiveness and reconciliation rather than the path of revenge and retribution. We want to come along with him, and most say "Yes." Yes, we are saying in a sense with him that we are forgiving the perpetrators who killed those in Sharpsville and those who killed children in the Soweta uprising in 1976, and all the people who were tortured who can't speak for themselves, but who would have ultimately said "Yes," for the sake of our country, say "YES" to say we can see you as our representative, and you can speak on our behalf. The point is we want to make a break with our awful past, but we can't do that without an acknowledgement of the past. It is humbling and an honor to be seen as representatives of the many, many millions who were treated as if they were nothing.

Moderator: There is another problem I have with forgiveness myself is how do I forgive myself, like when I have made a bad decision relative to my children?

Tutu: We are very haughty-taughty. We need to be taken down a few pegs every now and then. We aren't omniscient. We did what we did in good faith. We didn't mean to get them in trouble. We may be close (to not making mistakes), but we will never be omniscient. We are still just creatures. We must learn to get to that wonderful future that God has planned for us one day at a time.

# YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Upcoming Events

Sunday  
February 6

Sunday School  
10:00 AM  
Hines Hall

Sunday  
February 13

Youth Event  
(kids only)  
4:30 PM  
"All you need is love"

Sunday  
February 20

Sunday School  
10:00 AM  
Hines Hall

Sunday  
February 27

Youth Event  
(youth & family)  
4:30 PM  
"What is Lent?"

In the past several months, we have been hosting various Youth and Children activities. We now have two Sunday School classes, elementary and middle school, that meet twice a month on Sunday morning. We have also started a Youth and Children event on Opposite Sundays in the afternoons as a time for youth, children and family to engage in some fun activities and spend time together. Please reach out to our Engagement Ministry Team if you would be interested in helping with any of these growing groups!

### Christmas Pageant - December 24, 2021



### Game Night - January 9, 2022



Thank you to the teachers for our youth & children! - Lawson Kelly, Laura Lankford, Becky Greene, Kathryn Dean, Julia Boeve, Mare Arenas have been so excited to get to know our kids better and help them walk on their spiritual journey with Christ!

## Vestry Highlights

The new vestry convened for the first time in 2022 on January 19. They approved a parish budget of \$845,000 for 2022--up from \$710,000 in 2021 because of great growth in stewardship. They also allocated the budget surplus from 2021 (a blessing in itself!) toward 1) finishing the parking lot landscaping, lighting, and signage, 2) making upgrades to our audio/visual/streaming services 3) tithing from the surplus to the Blue Ridge Service Corps of the Diocese of WNS, to Valle-Crucis Conference Center, to Lake Logan, and 4) to re-establishing a fund for English Language Learners. Instead of a formal overnight retreat this winter, the vestry will have different orientation sessions in January and February, and they will plan for a retreat in April or May.

As a reminder: vestry meetings are always open for visitors. If you want to listen in or offer an idea, the February meeting is Wednesday, February 23. Just let Rob or Laura Lankford know you'd like to attend.

## The History of Scholarships at Good Shepherd



No one knows exactly when or to whom Henry Conkle gave the first scholarship from Good Shepherd, but we know such generosity happened often. As Good Shepherd's church warden—the lay leader of the church before we had a full-time priest—Conkle ran the day-to-day affairs of Good Shepherd from 1948 until he retired on December 31, 1979. At that time, the congregation expressed their gratitude by establishing a Conkle Scholarship Fund 'to assist worthy applicants in obtaining an education.' Other scholarship initiatives were added to the mix, including the Fogg-Legg Endowment and the Anderson Endowment.

Applicants for these scholarships have been interviewed—at least for the past 20 years—by our Scholarship Committee, chaired by Pat Rowe, a long-time advocate of higher education and outreach in the local community. Her leadership, when paired with Henry Conkle's efforts, made such a difference, that Fr. Rob and the vestry saw it fit in 2019 to double-down on and grow our scholarship efforts with a Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Endowment, with a goal of \$2 million in assets that could generate \$100,000 per year. What began with a balance of \$53,000 has, through generosity and bequests, become a fund totaling over \$539,000. A recent bequest from Roger and Sue Williams of their home and its contents will more than double that balance in 2022.

Most recently, the Scholarship Committee distributed funds to 25 students for the Winter 2022 semester attending the following schools: Agnes Scott College, Appalachian State University, Brunswick Community College, East Carolina University, Furman University, North Carolina State University, Southern Wesleyan University, UNC - Charlotte, UNC - Greensboro, UNC - Wilmington, UNC - Chapel Hill, Warren Wilson College, and Western Carolina. Most awards are for \$3,000 per year for four years, as long as the student keeps up his or her grades. Some scholarships have been given for community college and for graduate work. As long as a student lives in the Blue Ridge/Summit School District, he or she is eligible.

Speaking of applicants, it's that time of year when high school seniors can apply for aid for the 2022-2023 academic year. Guidelines and materials are on the church website, so please help us spread the word. If you know of high school seniors—including the first graduates of Summit High School this year—encourage them to apply via the digital application on our website. The scholarship committee interviews applicants, and awards are based on academic standing and financial need. Each applicant must reapply each year, and with acceptable grade averages, will be awarded the scholarship until their degree is completed. Graduate scholarships are also given for those students who have received past awards during undergraduate studies. The committee also provides computers to students whose families are unable to afford them. For over twenty years the scholarship program has benefited many grateful students who would not otherwise have been able to continue their education beyond high school.

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The Reverend Steve Hines, Adjunct Priest

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# Plug into Good Shepherd

## Engagement Ministry: Getting involved on Sunday mornings

- Greeter - not just saying hello but truly being the first point of welcome to all those entering the church.
- Usher - assisting parishioners in finding a seat, making sure they have a bulletin, collecting Sunday offering, guiding parishioners through communion. You make each service run smoothly!
- Lector - pronouncing the word of God and leading the congregation in praying for others in our community and the world
- Crucifer/Acolyte - those who assist in worship. You lead processions with crosses, candles, banners and flags and assist the clergy in preparing the table for Eucharist. Children from third grade through twelfth grade are welcome to participate and adults as well. Adults may also assist the priest in the distribution of communion.
- Eucharistic Minister - you assist in worship by serving the plate of consecrated host and chalice of consecrated wine during communion.
- Altar Guild - a dedicated group of persons who serve to care for the altar by preparing all elements for worship. The Altar Guild sets altar hangings, cares for vestments, polishes brass, prepares the Eucharistic vessels and so much more!
- Flower Guild - do you enjoy arranging flowers? Every Sunday one of our Flower Guild members arranges flowers for our altar.

To get involved in one of these ministries