

FEBRUARY 2023

TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Cashiers, North Carolina



WELCOME IS MORE THAN THE WORD ON THE MAT OUTSIDE YOUR FRONT DOOR...

Welcome is a way of living.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13.1-2

Welcome is manifested every day in a thousand different ways. Most of those ways are small. Yet all are tangible and important. All are life affirming and life sustaining. All reflect the holy, every day.

Welcome because what God desires most from us is relationship. We are invited by Jesus to love our neighbors. Where does this begin? It begins in extending welcome. Extending welcome to those we know and maybe more importantly to those we don't yet know. Almost every week on Sunday mornings we have visitors, we have newcomers, we have folks we don't yet know. We are to extend a hand in welcome, to introduce ourselves. To be friendly and warm. I have received that kind of welcome here! I pray all others will also.

Welcome is found in the words of Jesus to his disciples.

- *Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Matthew 10:40*
- *Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. John 13:20*

We as Christians share what we are given. So in welcome we give of ourselves. We pay attention to the lives of the people around us in church and everywhere - to love as we are loved. This 'tithe' of relationship is in response to what God gives. The reward for our gift keeps on giving. Our presence with others feeds them at the same time it feeds us. I promise.

Welcome because when we welcome another we welcome Christ. Our welcome encourages and nurtures the Christ in us to grow. Welcome is the life of the church. It is the life of the kingdom. When we give of ourselves we are enriched. Look around beloved...there is a hand to hold and a story to hear. Offer the welcome of Christ to all.

And so we pray ...

Loving God, As a poor widow welcomed Elijah, let us be open to the richness and miracle in meeting. As Abraham and Sarah welcomed passing strangers, let us entertain the possibility of angels in disguise. Let our eyes be opened, that we might recognize in our neighbors your divine presence.

~Iona Abbey Prayer Book

Alison +

STATS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 CHARLIE CRAWFORD
- 3 ROBIN TANNER
- 3 FRANK EBY
- 3 DAVID TUTTLE
- 3 GINNY VORSANGER
- 4 JOHN BOEVE
- 5 SUZIE SINCLAIR
- 6 BILL BEACH
- 6 J.F. BRYAN
- 7 JOHN CRANWELL
- 10 DON SINK
- 11 MIKE REEVES
- 11 LESLIE LOGAN
- 12 JIM NAUGHTON
- 13 PAM ANDERSON
- 13 KAYE SCHULER
- 14 GAIL PHILIP
- 15 JEANIE COLEMAN
- 15 JOHN OWENS
- 15 HENRY KING
- 17 CHIPPER ALLEN
- 17 JACK USELTON
- 18 MARJORIE FEAGIN
- 20 KAREN HIRONS
- 20 KATE GHOLSTON
- 21 MADGE RAMEY
- 21 TIM BOEVE
- 21 REEVES ANDERSON
- 22 PEYTON COLE
- 22 VIC BRANDT
- 24 CATHLEEN DUNKLE
- 25 BECKY MCKEE
- 25 SUZANNE DETLEFS
- 25 JERRY CARTER
- 26 SUSAN POSEY
- 26 CARLTON O'NEAL
- 26 CURTIS ESTES
- 28 TOBY SUMMEROUR
- 28 BETTY VALLEE
- 28 CHARLES TICKLE

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 HERBERT & ROSE MARY ACHEY
- 5 FRED & ANNEMARIE HALBACK
- 8 ED & MARGARET WASSON
- 21 PERRIN & LISA DARGAN

- 25 MARK & LINDA QUICK
- 26 BOB & BETTE CROWDER
- 28 GWIN & ANNA ROBBINS

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

ACTIVITIES IN LENT

Shrove Sunday Family Eucharist Sunday, February 19 at 4pm

We will celebrate a Family Eucharist in Hines Hall with pancakes, burning of the palms, and burying the alleluias. Music, laughter, fun, and fellowship. All are welcome!

Mardi Gras Celebration Tuesday, February 21 at 6pm

Join us for a true Mardi Gras Celebration with Red Beans & Rice and a King Cake! Please RSVP to Ellen at GoodShepAdmin@frontier.com.

Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 22

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at Noon and 5:30 pm

The Way of Love in Lent

We will be sending out a daily eblast that contains a reflection from "Living the Way of Love" by Mary Bea Sullivan, as we did in Advent.

Wednesdays in Lent

Each Wednesday, using Scripture tied to the Easter Vigil readings, we draw on the ancient practice of Lent as a period of study and preparation for living as Christian disciples. These evenings encourage participants to reflect on our salvation history, walk toward the empty tomb and embrace the transforming reality of love, life, and liberation.

Evening Prayer at 5:30 in the Church

Supper at 6:00 in Hines Hall

Program at 6:30 pm in Hines Hall

- March 1 - Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ (Romans 6:3-11)
- March 8 - Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea (Exodus 14:10-15:1)
- March 15 - A New Heart and a New Spirit (Ezekiel 36:24-28)
- March 22 - The Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14) and The Gathering of God's People (Zephaniah 3:12-20)
- March 29 - The Empty Tomb (Luke 24:1-12)

WE OFFER THANKS FOR OUR LEADERS IN 2023



The Vestry is led by Senior Warden, Laura Lankford, and Junior Warden, Peter Keck.



Irv Welling is our Treasurer and leads the Finance Committee.



The Altar Guild is co-led by Lynn Jones & Kathryn Dean.



Bill Canby leads the Outreach Grants Committee



Vic Brandt is the Endowment Committee Chair.



Kevin Rowland is the Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Chair



Ruth Russ is the Bazaar Barn Board Chair.



Lawson Kelly leads Adult Education.



Carroll Summerour, Eleanor Welling, and Laura Black head up the volunteer efforts for English Language Learners (ELL)



The Daughters of the King is co-led by Judy Gray and Pam Anderson



HOLY WOMEN, HOLY MEN OF FEBRUARY

Absalom Jones, February 13



November 7, 1746 – February 13 -- Absalom Jones was America's first black priest. Born into slavery in Delaware he taught himself to read, using the New Testament as one of his resources. At the age of 16, Jones' mother, sister, and five brothers were sold, and he was brought to Philadelphia by his master, where he worked in a store by day and attended a night school for African-Americans operated by Quakers. Upon his manumission in 1784, he served as lay minister for the black membership at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church with his friend, Richard Allen, and together they established the Free African Society to aid in the emancipation of slaves and to offer sustenance and spiritual support to widows, orphans, and the poor.

The active evangelism of Jones and Allen greatly increased black membership at St. George's. Alarmed by the rise in black attendance, the vestry in 1791 decided to segregate African Americans into an upstairs gallery without notice. When ushers attempted to remove the black congregants, the resentful group exited the church.

Soon thereafter Jones and Allen established the "First African Church" in Philadelphia and in that same year, they applied to join the Protestant Episcopal Church. Upon acceptance into the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the church was renamed the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. The following year Jones became a deacon but was not ordained a priest until 1802, seven years later. Jones was an earnest preacher. He denounced slavery, and warned the oppressors to "clean their hands of slaves." To him, God was the Father, who always acted on "behalf of the oppressed and distressed." But it was his constant visiting and mild manner that made him beloved by his congregation and by the community. St Thomas Church grew to over 500 members during its first year. The congregants formed a day school and were active in moral uplift, self-empowerment, and anti-slavery activities. Known as "the Black Bishop of the Episcopal Church," Jones was an example of persistent faith in God and in the Church as God's instrument. He died on February 13, 1818.



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George Herbert, February 27



George Herbert (1563-1633) Feast Day: February 27 -- Many people know of George Herbert only because of his popular and inspiring Christian hymns - 'Let all the World in Every Corner Sing' (Hymn 402), 'Teach me, my God and King' (Hymn 592), and 'King of Glory, King of Peace' (Hymn 382). These hymns represent just three of the poems from his much-admired collection 'The Temple', which can be found in the Good Shepherd Library.

From a young age, Herbert wrote religious poetry, and for many students of English Literature he is the finest devotional poet, whose work has wide appeal to those both inside and outside the Anglican Church and the Christian faith. Very few of his writings were formally published until after his death, but then he became widely known and read after his friend Nicholas Ferrar succeeded in having *The Temple* published by Cambridge University in 1633.

In common with most of us, George Herbert struggled for most of his life with conflicting desires. On the one hand, he was a gifted scholar who shone at school and university and for whom a glittering political career seemed to beckon. On the other, guided by his mother, he was conscious of a constant leaning towards a calling to ordination as a priest. This persistent inner turmoil was the source and inspiration of much of his poetry.

It was not until the age of 36, after considerable soul searching, that he resolved his innermost doubts. He gave up any aspirations to public life, embraced the priesthood and accepted the living of the small, insignificant parish of Fuggleston-cum-Bemerton in Wiltshire. Here he found inner peace at last, serving God and the local community, and here his poetic talent was able to flourish. Sadly, this tranquility lasted for only three years, brought to an end by his early death just short of his 40th birthday.*

From the poem, 'King of Glory, King of Peace' used for the text in Hymn 382, the tune of which is General Seminary where both Rob and Alison went to seminary. An alma mater song of sorts.

Wherefore with my utmost heart, I will sing thee;
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee;
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;
e'en eternity is too short, to extol thee.

*biographical information used from <https://www.georgeherbert.org.uk/index.html#home>



TAKING THE CHURCH TO THE WORLD



Trail of Tears Pilgrimage for High Schoolers June 4-10, 2023

High School students are invited to join Fr. Rob and his daughter Caroline (Missioner for Youth and Young Adults in the Diocese of East TN) during the first week of June as we travel NC, TN, and GA to learn about the Trail of Tears, indigenous culture, and how to reconcile with our past and live into our future as God's beloved community.

Sites to visit include but are not limited to: Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, hiking the Trail of Tears in Sewanee, New Echota State Historic Site, Blythe's Ferry, and Red Clay Historic Park. Cost is \$450 per person, and we will end on Friday, June 9 by attending the "Unto These Hills" drama in Cherokee, NC. Contact Rob for more information. (Parishioner grandchildren, nieces and nephews are welcome to join too!)

Mission Trip June 18-24, 2023

We are going to work with the Appalachian Service Project this summer. This mission trip will be open to all who have completed the 6th grade.

We plan to have a few weekend projects locally over the next several months to practice our skills. More information to come soon!



Join the 2023 Italy Pilgrimage, "Disciples at Work: A visit to Rome, Assisi, and Florence." Dates are October 18 - October 29, 2023, with costs about \$5,385 (not including flight.) We will have an informational meeting with lots of information and a good Q&A on **Wednesday, February 1, at 5 pm in Hines Hall**--in person and Zoom. Email Rob at rwood.gs@gmail.com for a Zoom link and a more detailed itinerary. Deposits due via website registration on February 28. Hope you can join us!

2022 YEAR END FINANCIALS

Thank you for your generosity and stewardship that supports our mission so abundantly!

Summary of 2022

ACCOUNTS	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET 2022
Contributions		
UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS	\$832,161.44	\$793,000
RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS	\$53,050.14	\$52,000
Total Revenues	\$885,211.48	\$845,000
Expenses		
PERSONNEL	\$470,919.72	\$474,677
WORSHIP/CHRISTIAN FORMATION	\$34,302.29	\$33,025
PARISH LIFE & FAMILY ACTIVITIES	\$20,291.89	\$15,000
BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$137,426.21	\$133,462
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$139,282.65	\$144,716
OUTREACH FROM GENERAL FUND	\$44,000.00	\$44,120
Total Expenses	\$846,222.76	\$845,000
Net Total	\$38,988.72	\$0

Budget for 2023

ACCOUNTS	ANNUAL BUDGET 2023
Total Contributions	\$928,914
Expenses	
PERSONNEL	\$506,964
WORSHIP/CHRISTIAN FORMATION	\$39,510
PARISH LIFE & FAMILY ACTIVITIES	\$21,120
BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$144,652
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$154,548
OUTREACH FROM GENERAL FUND	\$61,620
Total Expenses	\$928,914

Endowment Summary as of 12/31/2022

	AS OF 1/1/2022	AS OF 12/31/2022
Hines Hall Fund	\$203,249.46	\$197,882.99
The Shepherd Fund	\$554,267.93	\$461,531.92
The Second Century Fund	\$1,018,952.60	\$884,957.24
Conkle Rowe Scholarship Fund	\$536,517.01	\$1,088,258.55
General Fund (non-endowment)	\$1,111,893.99	\$997,592.18

If you have questions about these financial reports, please contact Irv Welling, our Treasurer.

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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WELCOME MICHAEL YANNETTE GOOD SHEPHERD'S NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



As a professional pianist and accompanist, music educator, music director, composer, arranger, actor, church musician and playwright, Michael Yannette brings a rich and varied background to all of his artistic endeavors. He recently retired from 34 years of teaching music, a career in which he was twice honored as Teacher of the Year at Grandview Preparatory School in Boca Raton, FL and Cherokee Central Schools in Cherokee, NC. He is a graduate of Florida State University

Mr. Yannette has always enjoyed his work with choirs. He is the co-founder and previous director of the Men's Chorus of the Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, a nationally recognized community choral organization in West Palm Beach, FL. He has served as Music Director/Organist/Pianist at many houses of worship including First Methodist Church of Sylva, Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Tacoma, WA, The Unity Church of Delray Beach, The Lost Tree Chapel in North Palm Beach, FL and Temple Beth El in Jupiter, FL.

He is currently performing and teaching as a music director, vocal coach and accompanist at Western Carolina University. His first Sunday with us is February 5. Please help us welcome Michael Yannette!

Join us for a musical welcome reception for Michael on Monday, February 13 at 5:30. We will have some refreshments and good singing in Hines Hall--love songs, of course, both sacred and secular, in honor of St. Valentine.