



FEBRUARY 2024

TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Cashiers, North Carolina

EPIPHANY

A season to see, to listen, and to follow. Epiphany, January 6th, it all began with following a star and ends on a mountain in the Transfiguration. Every year the same, year after year, season after season.

Our church calendar brings us back around, over, and over. A regularity of practice, a structure to shape, with a purpose to hold us responsible. A construct with the integrity to keep our attention and awareness in a world full of distractions and shiny objects. And while we may be often bored by this ongoing ever continuing cycle of saints and holy days - we can also embrace the light come into the world. And the chance once again to see and listen and follow.

The wisdom of the spiral applies to our church calendar. It is the perfect example of a linear timeline turned in on itself, now going around and around. Giving us all the glorious opportunity to see life from another side, from a different angle. This spiral opens possibilities of time and experience, everything from a new perspective. This is the church year, the church calendar, and this is Epiphany. A time to hear again God's constant calling to God's people. Over and over, sometimes the call as close as the shore of Galilee or sometimes it comes from over lengthy distances. Often, we may not even be in a place to hear the voice, or sometimes we hear and do not have ears to hear, or eyes to see or the strength to follow.

However, as we circle back around this year we remember, God is patient. Throughout scripture we are reminded of God's persistence. We can recall this Epiphany, God's call to us is unwavering.

These attributes of God are indeed places of deep gratitude even if we sense that we might have been here before.

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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
- 8 TERRY HAWKINS
- 10 DON SINK
- 11 MIKE REEVES
- 11 LESLIE LOGAN
- 12 JIM NAUGHTON
- 13 PAM ANDERSON
- 13 KAYE SCHULER
- 13 MARTHA DAVIS
- 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 TIM BOEVE
- 21 REEVES ANDERSON
- 22 PEYTON COLE
- 22 VIC BRANDT
- 23 BROOKE CLEMENT
- 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 GUY & CYNTHIA PETERSON
- 5 FRED & ANNEMARIE HALBACK
- 8 ED & MARGARET WASSON
- 21 PERRIN & LISA DARGAN

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

TRANSITIONS

New to Good Shepherd

Adrian & Veronica Menendez
(Sebastian Nicolas, Elena)

Burial at

Good Shepherd
Ruth Henderson (1/27/2024)



The bishop is coming in June! (June 16, 2024)

In the course of their Christian development, those baptized are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop. BCP 412

In preparation for this visit, there may be those of you who are ready to be confirmed or received or reaffirmed in your faith. Please watch your email for upcoming preparation classes. Please let us know if you are interested in being confirmed, by calling the church office.

SPOTLIGHT ON CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD HINES HALL ENDOWMENT FUND

Established in 2013, this important fund was designed to support, maintain and protect Hines Hall, which is a focal point for a myriad of activities in our church community. Hines Hall is in use every day of the week and is a vital and welcoming environment for all aspects of our parish life.

Hines Hall houses our administrative offices, several classrooms, a kitchen, the great hall, library, choir room and two smaller meeting rooms on the main level. Our lower level is the strategic staging area for donations heading to the Bazaar Barn. Additionally, Hines Hall offers space for many groups in our community including Cashiers Cares, Community Care Clinic as well as our broader educational programs such as English Language Learner classes.

The Hines Hall Endowment currently has a balance of approximately \$214,000. We need to build up this fund over the next few years as several major expenses are anticipated, including HVAC and roof replacement (going on right now!) as well as replacing the acoustical ceiling tiles.

If you are interested in making a gift or bequest, please contact Ellen Albright or one of the board members (Vic Brandt, Lisa Dargan, Bev Seinsheimer, Tom Treichel, or Jim Recktenwald).



DEEPER APPRECIATION DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

How to walk a mile or so in another's shoes? How to appreciate what a person or a people have been through? How to appreciate what a neighbor (in terms of loving neighbor as self) has been through?

Black History month was established in 1976 by President Ford to engage us all in an appreciation of our neighbors in America—especially when many of those years were not so neighborly (understatement).

In our time, one might ask, “Why only a month?” American History—of which Black History is an important part—has a breadth and depth to be explored every month—and not put aside at the end of the month.

Be that as it may, here we are in February. How might we study and appreciate more deeply the history of people with black and brown skin in this country this month? How might we walk a moment or two in their shoes for deeper understanding of our American neighbors—their tragedies and their successes?

Books and movies are a good place to start. I encourage you to look over this list and engage.

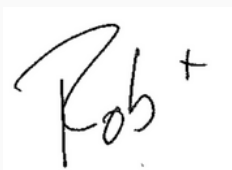
Movies: (We have some of these DVDs at church from previous movie nights if you want to borrow one or two.)

1. Lee Daniels' *The Butler* traces a man's journey and American history over 8 decades.
2. *Hidden Figures* shares the story of three female mathematicians working at NASA.
3. *Harriett* is the story of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.
4. *Seven Years a Slave* is just that: the story of a free man captured and sold into slavery.
5. *The Green Book* recounts true life events of white chauffeur driving a black musician through the South during the days of Jim Crow Laws.
6. *Just Mercy* is the story of Bryan Stevenson's legal work helping those wrongly convicted.
7. *Selma* is a movie about the 1965 voter rights marches.
8. *42* is the story of Jackie Robinson breaking into Major League Baseball.

You might try a biography or novel or audio book.

1. The biography of *Fredrick Douglas* by David W. Blight, which won the Pulitzer Prize or *Narrative of the life of Fredrick Douglas, An American Slave*
2. *The Truth is Marching On*, a biography of John Lewis by Jon Meacham.
3. A Toni Morrison novel like *The Bluest Eye*, *The Song of Solomon*, or *Beloved*.
4. Maya Angelou's *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
5. Gwendolyn Brooks book *Annie Allen*
6. Howard Thurman: either his book *Meditations of the Heart* or *Jesus and the Disinherited*

Again, the idea here is appreciation and engagement, as a child of God, seeing and loving neighbors who are also children of God. Maybe in so doing, the next 50-100 years will be better history for us all—in the Name of Christ.



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LENTEN SCHEDULE

February 11 | 4:00 PM
Shrove Sunday Family Eucharist

February 13 | 5:00 pm
Mardi Gras Dinner

February 14 | 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM
Ash Wednesday Services

February 21 | February 28 | March 6 | March 13 | March 20
Lenten Suppers (5:30 Evening Prayer; 6:00 Supper & Program)

March 27 | 5:30 pm
Seder Supper

Lent.
events and activities

