



JANUARY 2022

TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Cashiers, North Carolina

Arise & Shine

O God, you once used a star to show to the entire world that Jesus is your Son. May the light of that star that once guided the magi to honor Jesus' birth, now guide us to recognize Jesus also, to know you by faith, and to see you in the epiphanies of the daily experiences of our lives. Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord — Jesus born of Mary — shall be revealed. And all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. As the Wise Ones once sought your brilliant light, O Lord, so may we seek to live and work in your splendor. Amen.

Arise and shine, **for your light has come** ... these are beautiful words from the prophet Isaiah and while hopeful, Isaiah was very well versed about times of disconsolation. And he also knew about God's love for world: the promise of light coming into our places of discomfort. This is the hope we wish for the world, for our family and friends and for all those we may never meet...arise and shine.

My nearly lifelong dream has been to hear these words of the prophet from chapter 60 and then believe them and live them. So, that I too, will arise and shine, as one bearing the likeness of the light that has come into the world. This year is no exception!

I have met many of you and I know that in the weeks to come we will have more chances to get to know each other, as I become part of this community. As I learn your names and a bit about your passions and your hopes for this community of faith.

I love that this arising and shining is a process, a journey, a pilgrimage, and that God extends that same graciousness and generosity to me as I stumble along with my goals for this new year. As you write out or think about your goals, or your vision for this new year I pray you will join me in extending the warmest welcome we can to all we meet.

Our light does shine into the places as directed by God for the good of the kingdom, *arise, shine and happy new year!*

Alison +



January Birthdays

- 1 MISSY CASSIDY
- 1 ADA LANNING
- 3 LIDA HERRING
- 3 KYLE LASSITER
- 4 SKIP RYAN
- 4 ROBERT GOODMAN
- 4 DAPHNE HOWARD
- 6 NANCY THORPE
- 6 JOHN MUSSLEMAN
- 7 DONNA BORN
- 8 ROB REINHART
- 9 HAMILTON ARNALL
- 9 JANE E ROSENBERG
- 9 SHARON VANVICK
- 11 LYNN JONES
- 12 JOHN SHANNON
- 13 KATHY YOUNG
- 14 FRAN REEVES
- 14 ROBERT FLAHERTY
- 14 MICHAEL FRANZ
- 15 MICHAEL BORN
- 15 MARTHA RIVERS
- 16 JOHN BISSELL
- 17 KATHRYN DEAN
- 18 ANNE MCKEE
- 19 BILL HOWARD
- 19 LYN BURKETT
- 20 WILL BOEVE
- 21 DARYL SHANKLAND
- 22 LINDA PRIDGEN
- 23 JEANNE WRIGHT
- 26 KATE PUSCH
- 27 PAT ALDERS
- 30 JULIA BOEVE
- 30 KEVIN ROWLAND
- 31 PATRICIA WHITESIDE

New Faces at Good Shepherd!

We are so pleased that even during this pandemic we have continued to open our doors to our community...and look who has come in! Be sure to introduce yourself!



Reeves' Baptism

Reeves Anderson
Sunday, November 28, 2021



January Anniversaries

- 1 RANDY & KAYE SCHULER
- 1 DAVE & PEG KIRCHNER
- 1 RUSTY & KATHY MILLER
- 4 BRUCE & GINNY VORSANGER
- 7 JACK & POLLY USELTON
- 15 SHARON STRICKER & MAIZIE BELSER
- 21 JOHN & MAGGIE CANNON
- 28 WILLIAM & SHELIA CRAWFORD
- 31 RICHARD & MARY MCCONNELL

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



Christmas at Good Shepherd

RIGHT: Thank you to Freda, Nan, Bob, Ann, and Aileen for their wonderful decorating



BELOW: The annual tree trimming celebration took place on December 19, 2021



Tidings Gets a Face-Lift!

In future months, you will see in Tidings something old and something new. We want Tidings to be more of a reading, formational mailing rather than informational because most information comes in the eblast once a week or through special eblasts.

What you can expect going forward will be like this:

- the first page will be an article from Rob or Alison (as usual)
- we will have birthdays and anniversaries and other transitions, as well as photos of members. In addition, you will see a more in-depth "Getting to Know You" article on some new members.
- As we increase our sense of belonging and connection with each other, you will read answers from members about 'Why I Love?' certain parts of our common life. For example, 'Why I love the Prayer Book?' or more simply, 'Why I love Good Shepherd.' Each issue will have a different question with 4-6 parishioner responses.
- As we grow our ministry with youth and children and their families, we will feature pictures from events and updates about things to come.
- Our history as a congregation, from 1878 until now, is a gift from God and those who have worshiped and served here in the past. In Tidings, we will share some of that history each month. 2022 is also the Centennial Celebration for the Diocese of WNC, so you will get some snippets of that too.
- We will continue to keep you up to date on the work and vision of the vestry with a summary of 'good-to-know' information from each month's meeting
- To enrich our Spiritual Journey with Christ, we will have a 'Spirituality Corner' written by a member of the parish. It could be a meditation, a book review, or something about their life of service or prayer.
- Keeping you up to date on finances in the church, from Conkle-Rowe to Endowments to the Operating Budget will also be in each issue.
- And of course, sharing ways people can get 'plugged in' to ministry will be highlighted in ways that line-up with the issue and the opportunities of that month.

We hope you enjoy these changes, and let us know if you could contribute to any of the above!

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

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Plug into Good Shepherd Angel Tree

I want to thank each of you that participated in the Good Shepherd Angel Tree this year. This year Good Shepherd had 172 angels representing gifts for 44 children on our tree for parishioners to select. All total this year City on a Hill churches supplied 197 children gifts of shoes, outfits, coats and toys. Also, a total of 84 families received an Ingles Gift Card to assure Christmas dinners would be special.

~ Debbie Lassiter



Want to get involved?

Contact Julia Boeve and Rose Mary Achey at VolunteerGoodShep@gmail.com to find out how!