



JANUARY 2024

TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Cashiers, North Carolina

PLANTING IN JANUARY

Besides being New Year's Day, January 1 on the Church calendar is the Feast of the Holy Name. In the prayers for that feast are the words: "Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ."

For gardeners in Cashiers, January is not the prime month to plant, but spiritually speaking, January is perfect. In all cases of planting, we plant now what we want to bloom later. Planning is required. Hope is involved, and some design and intent. It's the same with our spiritual lives. They don't just 'happen' or grow from nothing.

Asking God to plant love in our hearts—not God's love for us in this case—but love from us for Jesus—becomes a request to be better lovers of Jesus. In this request, we are not concerned with creed or knowledge, nor simply the emotion of love. The planting will provide growth and blooms of active love.

What are the blooms and fruits of your love for God? An active prayer life? Sunday attendance? Your stewardship? Service through church or other organizations? Caring for 'the least of these' as we read in Matthew 25: "As much as you do for the least of these (the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick, the naked) you did it unto me."

If love is just a feeling that stays in our hearts or minds (love for a friend, a parent, a spouse, or a child), we are only part way there. The expression of that love (a hug, a bouquet, a call or card, helping hand) makes the internal external—an outward and visible sign.

So yes, Lord, plant the love. Nurture the love so that we might nurture it too. So that we might never neglect to show and reflect our love for you and your redemptive Holy Name. We open to you the soil of our souls this January of 2024—and all of the 365 days that 2024 brings. And remembering the parable of the fig tree from Luke 16, provide for us, Our Gardening God, the fertilizer (manure in the case of the parable) and the nutrients (bread and wine) we need to grow our love for you this year.

Happy 2024!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 MISSY CASSIDY
- 1 NELL HINES
- 3 LIDA HERRING
- 3 KYLE LASSITER
- 4 SKIP RYAN
- 4 DAPHNE HOWARD
- 6 NANCY THORPE
- 6 JOHN MUSSLEMAN
- 4 DONNA BORN
- 9 BRENDA BRACKEN
- 9 JANE E ROSENBERG
- 9 SHARON VANVICK
- 10 CASSANDRA MANLEY
- 11 LYNN JONES
- 11 VALERIE COX
- 12 JOHN SHANNON
- 13 KATHY YOUNG
- 14 FRAN REEVES
- 14 ROBERT FLAHERTY
- 15 MICHAEL BORN
- 15 MARTHA RIVERS
- 16 JOHN BISSELL
- 17 KATHRYN DEAN
- 18 ANNE MCKEE
- 20 WILL BOEVE
- 22 LINDA PRIDGEN
- 26 KATE PUSCH
- 27 PAT ALDERS
- 29 IVY COOPER
- 30 JULIA BOEVE
- 30 KEVIN ROWLAND
- 31 PATRICIA WHITESIDE

TRANSITIONS

Transfers to Good Shepherd

John & Lida Herring
Cathy Brumback
Cheryl Parker

Transfer from Good Shepherd

Madge Ramey

Some new things coming in 2024 at Good Shepherd

- As always, new vestry members, pictured below. Welcome!
- a shorter 4-page Tidings as we pass more information through electronic means
- starting January 14, a Sunday school class called ‘The Rector’s Forum,’ which provides thoughts and discussions on topics like: reflections on the church by Fredrick Douglas, a dive into Mary Oliver Poetry, a look at the connections between science and religion through books like The Language of God
- More musical offerings from Michael Yannette, like the preview of his show Fantasia on Mysterium, which plays at the Bardo at WCU in late January
- Lost Chords musicians playing once a month on Sundays
- Starting in January, a new roof for the Church and for Hines Hall (with a thanks to our endowments and those who have given for making it happen).
- A Summer Art camp with a spiritual twist for kids, the week of July 15
- new visitors and members—thanks in advance to you for inviting people to Good Shepherd!
- and...who knows what else God has in store?!?

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

VESTRY



Tylor Field



Carol Treichel



Nancy Watson



Ed Henson



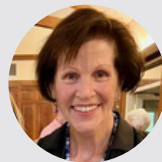
Lynn Jones

OUTREACH GRANTS

CONKLE-ROWE



Jack Stibbs



Rose Mary Achey



Jerry Carter



Claudia O'Steen



Gloria Weir

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 RANDY & KAYE SCHULER
- 1 RUSTY & KATHY MILLER
- 4 BRUCE & GINNY VORSANGER
- 7 JACK & POLLY USELTON
- 15 SHARON STRICKER & MAIZIE BELSER

- 21 JOHN & MAGGIE CANNON
- 23 PHIL & LINDA MADDOX
- 28 WILLIAM & SHELIA CRAWFORD
- 31 RICHARD & MARY MCCONNELL

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

MCSHANE BELL TOWER HISTORY

Earlier this year, while working on a building and grounds project, I was asked by a group of seasonal visitors if they could go inside our church. They wanted to learn about our historical registry and the founding of Good Shepherd. I gladly obliged, and as we left the church, one gentleman asked me what type of bell we had in our bell tower. How old was it, and could it be a McShane Bell? I didn't know the answer, so I researched, found a phone number online, and spoke to a representative from the McShane Bell Company. She was helpful, inquired about the possible age, and told me she would call me if she found anything in their handwritten archives of first-generation bells. I received a call and hit the jackpot with a confirmation in a few days.

Henry McShane (1830-1889), an immigrant from Dundalk, Ireland, established the McShane Bell Foundry in Baltimore, MD, located at Holliday and Centre Streets in 1856. Over the last century, the firm produced over 300,000 bells for cathedrals, churches, schools, municipal buildings, coastal lighthouses, and military vessels worldwide. They built a 7,100-pound bell in the dome of Baltimore City Hall, the heaviest active working bell in the United States. McShane Bell Company continues to produce America's finest Church Bells, Chimes, and Carillons.

Bell History from the McShane Bell Company:

- McShane Order number: 8516
- Date Ordered: March 7, 1892
- Date shipped: June 2, 1892
- Ordered by: W. S. Halstead
- Pattern: 1,000, which means the bell diameter is approximately 37"
- Metals Composition 85% Copper 15% Tin
- Price of bell: 20 cents per pound - \$181.00
- Price of mountings: 50 cents per pound - \$58.50
- Weight of the bell: 905 pounds
- Weight of springs/hardware: 117 pounds
- Overall weight: 1,022 pounds
- Freight: railroad station
- Terms: cash
- Inscriptions: yes
- Name of church: Chapel of the Good Shepherd



Who ordered the bell? Additional research was needed and uncovered. The bell was ordered by a pioneering medical innovator who could be called the father of modern surgery; Dr. W.S. Halstead is known for creating at least 100 new surgeries and surgical techniques. His antiseptic approach during surgery would promote wound healing. He was the first surgeon to wear gloves in the OR. Halstead, a NY native was a founder and the first chief surgeon of John Hopkins University. He also created a name for his 400-acre Cashiers estate, which we know as High Hampton. Dr. Halstead married Caroline Hampton, a nurse working in his hospital, and combined her maiden name with his family's estate name, High Halsted, hence High Hampton.

As Paul Harvey said, "Now you know the Rest of the story behind our Good Shepherd Bell."

Peter Keck, Jr. Warden

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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A NOTE FROM A CONKLE-ROWE SCHOLAR

Dear Friends of the Church of Good Shepherd,

Your prayers and support have meant so much to me. I am enjoying my studies in college. I have made many new friends. It is also a blessing to have professors who genuinely care for their students.

I am enjoying the prayer quilt and wonderful treats sent to me by the Daughters of the King and the Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Committee. You all have been so wonderful to me, inspiring me to do well in school.

Your scholarship, prayer quilt, well wishes/prayers all have done so much to support my education. I will always treasure your commitment to me and my studies.

This year, the Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Committee has awarded more scholarships to more scholars attending more schools than ever.