



JUNE 2022

# TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd  
Cashiers, North Carolina

## REMEMBERING & DOING

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, MAY 29, 2022 (THE SUNDAY OF MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND)

As we remember those who have died serving their country, we pray this prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. (page 839)

*O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

In the week leading up to Memorial Day, we also memorialized 21 people from Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas. I can't preach in our pulpit and not remember, not mention, not do more than pray for these 21. "O Judge of all nations," we pray, How is God judging us? Is there a day of decision for us now? Some heroic service that we, the enlisted of God, can venture? Part of our lives together as Christians is to name, confront, and reverse sin and evil, not only in our lives, but in the world. A point to which the Psalmist also speaks: "The Lord loves those who hate evil." (Ps 97:10)

Hate is what I feel about this evil—and many of you have told me as much in conversations this week, from our vestry meeting to other times. I hate the destruction of life; the senselessness; the broken hearts, the emotional brokenness that led a person to terror. I hate that we have yet another school shooting, that we are here yet again. Stuck.

Surely, the liberty this shooter took advantage of is not the liberty our heroic men and women of Memorial Day died for. Surely, we can see the anti-heroism in this and other moments like it in Buffalo, Sandy Hook, Columbine, Las Vegas, and... it's too long of a list. Surely, we can take a moment to pull back from the voices that have us politicize these dreadful moments, and spiritualize them instead? To ask, 'Why, God?' And 'What, God, judge of all nations,' would you have us do? Is this for us a day of decision? What God, would you have us decide? Will we venture much for liberty? Do we feel we can rest, settle, shrug or resign ourselves when murders like this happen?

Or do we feel like we can't rest (like the prayer says) until things change...until true freedom is protected... the freedom to learn and to teach, the freedom to shop in a grocery store or go to an outdoor concert without fear...that these and other rights to life are held sacred—more sacred than the right to bear arms.

Could it really be that the fascination and love of guns has grown to be greater than the love of God, the love of life? Once again, the psalmist rebukes any form of idolatry, saying, "Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!" (Ps. 97:7) No doubt, guns in the right hands save lives every day, but guns in the wrong hands take roughly 100 lives a day[1].

Yes, part of our problem is a gun problem, including 8 million AR-15 on the streets[1]. But our main problem is a people problem...a sin problem...a problem that has been around since Cain killed Abel.

...a problem at its worst when people killed a savior on a cross. The selfish, near-sighted, and evil taking-of- life is at its core, a people problem, a soul problem.

This Uvalde shooter, like so many others, was not right in his head or in his heart. I can't begin to understand his brokenness, his hurt, the pain, the distortion, that turned this person on his grandmother and the 21 at Robb Elementary. So that is part of our work. In the world's eyes, accepting discipline, showing heroic service, protecting liberties. In God's eyes we call it being disciples, as we read about in Romans 12: 'do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.'

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# TRANSITIONS & STATS

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 BEE MAYBANK
- 1 MORGAN BROOKFIELD
- 1 WYATT STINSON
- 2 BETTE CROWDER
- 3 PATTY THOMAS
- 3 KATHERINE CROSTHWAITE
- 4 SHARON STRONG
- 4 WILLIE DODDS
- 4 BARBARA GUILLAUME
- 6 JANET PORGES
- 6 RUTH HENDERSON
- 7 DEBBIE BRYANT
- 7 DARRIN SMITH
- 8 PAT ROWE
- 8 SALLY RAGSDALE
- 9 JOHN WARREN
- 10 OLIVER DYER
- 11 CALEB BLACKFORD
- 12 SCOTT THOMPSON
- 13 TOWNSEND DYER
- 15 ROSE MARY ACHEY
- 16 PEGGY BRYAN
- 16 PHIL MADDOX
- 17 RON JOYNER
- 17 JAMES FARMER
- 18 GORDON COLEMAN
- 18 PHIL TRULUCK
- 19 JACK HARVEY
- 20 ANN AUSTIN
- 20 DRINA MEYER
- 21 DOUG BISCHOFF
- 21 CAYLA ZIMMER
- 23 EVELYN CALLAGHAN
- 23 RAY SIMINSKI
- 23 CAROLINE WOOD
- 23 CAROLINE ANDERSON
- 24 NAN MAJOR
- 25 JUDY GRANT
- 27 MIKE QUILLEN
- 29 ED HENSON
- 29 LEA THOMPSON
- 30 BETTY TATE
- 30 PHIL WRANGLE
- 30 JIM MONTEITH
- 30 JUDGE ROBERT BROWN

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The world is more good and less evil without people like the Uvalde, Buffalo, Las Vegas shooters (you know the list) having such easy access to this and other weapons. We can address the people problem with more screening, training, licensing...to own a gun. Maybe it's more good and less evil to raise the age of gun ownership from 18 to become age 21. So much violence peaks with those 18-21[1].89% of gun owners favor preventing the "mentally ill" from purchasing guns, and 77% of gun owners favor background checks at private sales and gun shows[2].

This is the day of our decision, when we remember on a Memorial Day those who have fought for us, and on this Sunday, the first among the fighters is Jesus Christ, who fought with love and passion and fortitude. As we heard today in the gospel, he did first pray for his disciples, and then he took action: giving himself, dying, rising. How will we Christian soldiers, armed with love and fortitude live into the prayers we pray? Words like, "Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accepting its disciplines." Words like, "Do this in remembrance of me."

So on this Memorial Day Sunday, let us remember that Jesus died for our sins. Let us remember others who ventured their lives voluntarily to right wrongs and to promote life and liberty. And let us remember those who lost their lives involuntarily in Uvalde, Buffalo, and other places. Let us remember and do!

What we do may happen at the ballot box or the mail box to our leaders. What we do may be caring for young people before they hurt themselves or others. What we do may mean more gun safety in our homes or in our community. What we do may mean abiding more levels of protection for those who cannot protect themselves. Maybe what we do is prayer—for victims and for what we can do next.

Amanda Gorham, our young American poet puts it this way:

May we not just grieve, but give:  
May we not just ache, but act; [3]

And may we remember, remember and accept the disciplines of discipleship, the disciplines of love and sacrifice, and overcome this evil with good. Hear Jesus as he says, "Do this in remembrance of me."

Do this in remembrance.  
Do this!

*Rob +*

[1] Source, NPR: 12 stats to help inform the gun control debate <https://www.npr.org/2022/05/27/1101774780/gun-control-debate-statistics?sc=18&f=1001>.

[2] Ibid.

[3] Amanda Gorham, "Hymn for the Hurting" May 2022. See Appendix

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6 RAY & RUTH SIMINSKI      | 11 HENRY WASZOWSKI & PATTY THOMAS | 19 BOB & KATHY GUYTON     |
| 6 MICKEY & JANIE CREWS     | 11 ROBERT & LAURA FLAHERTY        | 20 MIKE & FRAN REEVES     |
| 6 RALPH & BECKY GREENE     | 14 RODNEY & BECKY BYARD           | 23 DENNY & SUSIE GOODE    |
| 6 TK & SUSAN HEATLEY       | 15 MILES & RUTH RUSS              | 24 RICK & NAN MAJOR       |
| 8 JIM & GLORIA WEIR        | 17 DON & VIRGINIA SINK            | 25 HAPPY & BETSY SHADDEN  |
| 8 JAMES & GAIL PHILIP      | 18 PETER & GAIL KECK              | 26 JIM & CLAUDIA NAUGHTON |
| 9 TOBY & CARROLL SUMMEROUR | 18 JUDGE ROBERT & CHA CHA BROWN   | 26 TOM & CAROL TREICHEL   |
| 10 BILL & CAROL NEWBOLD    | 19 CURTIS & MARY LOFTIN           | 29 DAWSON & SHEILA SELF   |

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

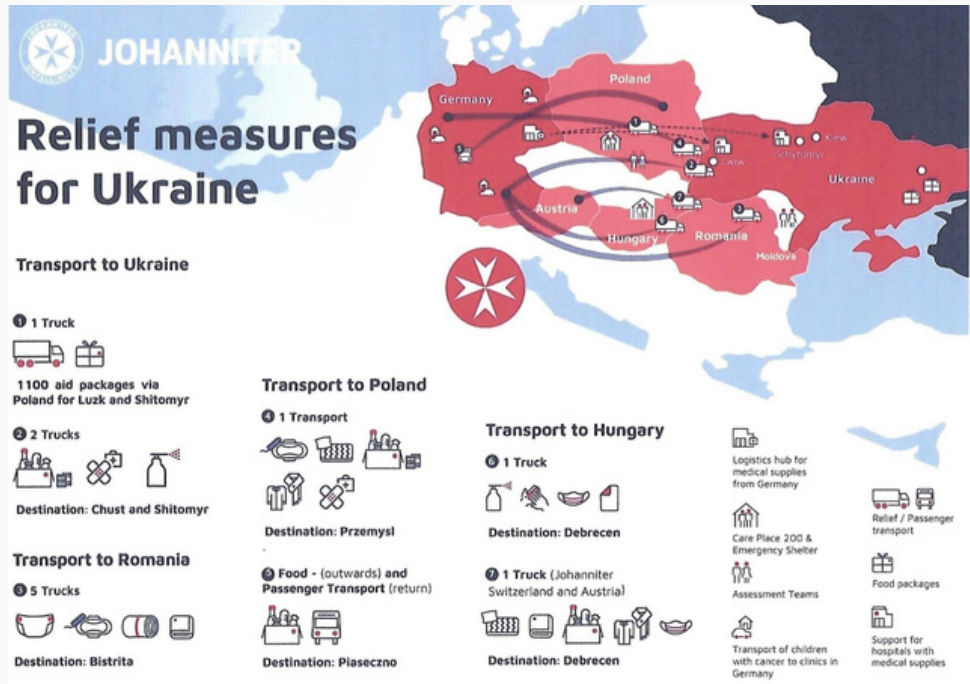




## UKRAINE AID UPDATE AND THANK YOU

As we prayed and pooled resources for Ukrainians in need, your generosity totaled \$46,550! Thank you! Add to that the \$25,000 from parish reserves and outreach funds, that brings our total to \$71,550. AND, add to that a match from the Johanniter group of \$21,550 donated to them (while \$50,000 went to the Episcopal Relief and Development), that brings the total impact to \$93,100. What a testament to your faith. Please continue to pray for peace and resolution to this war, and thank you again for your generosity.

The Johanniter in the United States of America is a branch of the Johanniterorden, officially known as the Brandenburg Bailiwick of the Knightly Order of St. John of the Hospital at Jerusalem. We are a brotherhood devoted to charitable, hands-on Christian service, serving our Master Jesus by serving "our masters the frail, the weak, the sick, and the poor." While the roughly six dozen Johanniter knights in the United States—along with their friends and families—belong to various Protestant denominations, they work closely together with other Christian and non-Christian charitable organizations, including other branches of the Alliance of the Orders of St. John of Jerusalem. The graphic (right) shows what we have been doing to assist Ukrainian refugees.



The gift from Good Shepherd of \$21,550 was matched (thus doubled!) to assist in these efforts. Thank you! Learn more about us at <https://johanniter.us/> or the Order of St. John at <https://www.saintjohn.org/> or from members Vic Brandt, Rob Wood, or Lenny Blevins.

## FROM EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

Episcopal Relief & Development is deeply grateful for you – the people and leadership of The Church of the Good Shepherd. Your generous support of the Ukraine Crisis Response Fund helps meet immediate needs of those fleeing from the violence in Ukraine and will help fund a longer-term humanitarian response. Your continuing support of Episcopal Relief & Development helps alleviate hunger and disease, empower women, restore communities recovering from crisis or disaster, as well as provide direct service to refugees from countless countries, helping them rebuild shattered lives.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to seeing the world as God intends – a world where all of God’s children live healthy, fulfilling lives. Working together for lasting change with you is a privilege.





## WHY I LOVE...BEING ON THE OUTREACH GRANT COMMITTEE



"Each year, the Outreach Committee sends grant applications to 501c3 charitable organizations that serve Jackson County. The committee reviews the completed applications and plans site visits or presentations from some of the various organizations. In the past, funding for the grants was mainly derived from the proceeds of the Church of the Good Shepherd's annual Silent Auction, Live Auction, and Bazaar weekend in July. Since the establishment of the Bazaar Barn, the grant money is being primarily funded from the successful weekend sales of The Barn.

Because I was involved with the Silent Auction for numerous years, it was a natural progression to become an Outreach Committee member. I wanted to see first-hand how and where our dollars were being spent!

I am continually humbled and amazed by the work of the various organizations in our community and county. These agencies provide medical and dental services, abuse and mental health services, legal assistance, and basic needs like food and shelter to the under-insured or non-insured residents of Jackson County. These organizations also enhance our community through education, literacy, music, and community care and activities. I am very proud to be a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Outreach Committee."

GAIL KECK

"Being on the Outreach Grant Committee has taught me so much, most importantly how very many non-profit agencies exist in Jackson County to serve our residents in almost any category of need they may have. The aspect I've most enjoyed and treasured over the years is getting to know all the caring agency heads who so tirelessly and generously give of their expertise, time, and efforts to love and help those who need it most. Visiting the agencies has allowed me to see first-hand the fruits of their labors and has truly touched my heart. The experience has been such a blessing!"

JANIE CREWS



"I've been on numerous committees at different churches, but being a member of the outreach grant committee has exceeded all my expectations. The group is a faithful bunch, truly focused on serving Christ and our community. The prayer and considerations that are made by all are inspirational. The presentations of the men and women that serve these programs are humbling to me. Honored to be a member."

ROBERT ANDERSON

"I feel as though I've been involved in outreach ever since I began to work in my early 20's. The firm for which I worked for almost 40 years was adamant about giving back to, and being involved in, the community which, in this case, was Atlanta, and there was plenty to do! My passion was, and still is, serving others. As I read and reread our church's mission statement, "To reflect God's love through our faith in action", I interpret the statement to mean more than attending services regularly. Participating on our Outreach Grants Committee allows me to be connected to many outstanding agencies that serve the less fortunate on the Plateau. In any given year, the committee will entertain applications from 30+ agencies. Outreach, to me, means being out in the community, especially the Plateau, and serving those less fortunate than me. I am grateful to God that I can do this and I am overwhelmed by the gratitude of those I serve."

BILL CANBY





# YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## CONFIRMATIONS

Our youth confirmation class has been meeting at least twice a month since February and are anticipating being confirmed on June 12!

We asked them to tell us a little bit about what they learned and enjoyed in our time together

**WYLIE HOFFMAN**



**What I learned:** About how God loves us

**What I liked most:** being together and sharing our thoughts and ideas and Stouffers lasagna for lunch!

**What's next:** I want to continue to learn more about God and getting closer to God.

**SAMUEL DYER**



**What I learned:** All about the Bible; both Old and New Testaments. Also, the names of the places in the Church and what happens there.

**What I liked most:** Doing timelines and crossword, and lunch!

**TOWNSEND DYER**



**What I learned:** About Easter, Good Friday, Maundy Thursday and the Old Testament, and some of the church words.

**What I liked most:** I love the group and being together and lunch!

**What I learned:** God is present in my daily life and faith requires action.

**What I liked most:** Reading the Bible.

**What's next:** To continue to grow closer to God.

**SYDNEY SINCLAIR**



**CATELYNN COUCH**



**What I learned:** About the history of church and religion and why we do certain things in the church.

**What I liked most:** Being able to talk about our religion and faith openly and in a fun way.

**What's next:** Maybe I can be a leader for the younger kids.

**What I learned:** How the church evolved and about the seven sacraments!

**What I liked most:** Sharing a meal with everyone!

**HENRY COUCH**



**RANIER FINLEY**



**What I learned:** I have learned a lot about church and the Bible.

**What I liked most:** Getting closer to God. Lunch!



# HISTORY CORNER

## GRAVEYARD, COLUMBARIUM & MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Church of the Good Shepherd now has multiple options for those who want their body's eternal resting place to remain in Cashiers but that hasn't always been the case.

The graveyard's earliest burial is the four sisters Grimshawe Plot. Over a period of a little over one week the four girls (ages 2 to 7) all died from diphtheria. Their mother Bessie constructed the rough caskets, dug the graves, and presided over the burial service for each of her daughters. Since then over 100 people have been laid to rest in the graveyard.

The Memorial Garden's first interment was in 1989 and since then a total of 73 parishioners or family members have been laid to rest in our garden. The garden is designed in four squares with a total of 25 plots per square. Each plot is designed to hold the remains for up to 2 people.

This past July we were proud to dedicate the addition to the Memorial Garden of a Columbarium and Meditation Garden. This addition adds burial space for up to 308 people to be laid to rest in the Columbarium. Each Columbarium niche can hold urns for up to 2 people

For the purposes of purchasing a Columbarium, Graveyard or a Memorial Garden plot, the purchaser must meet one of the following qualifications:

- a. Be a pledging member of the Church of the Good Shepherd with a current pledge, or his or her legal agent acting on behalf of the pledging member, OR
- b. Have been a contributor of record to the Church of the Good Shepherd for a minimum of three (3) years, or his or her legal agent acting on behalf of the contributor.

### Fees

#### Graveyard

10' x 10' plot | \$3,000.00\*  
Casket Burial+ (restricted for two caskets)

5' x 2.5' plot | \$1,000.00\*  
Ash Burial (for two urns)

#### Memorial Garden

- All plots | \$600.00  
Burial for two urns, including two bronze name plates.

#### Columbarium Niche

- 12"x12"x12" | \$2,000.00  
For interring one or two urns; does not include engraving of niche covering

\*fees do not include headstones, engravings of names and dates, or labor associated with the burial.

If you are interested in purchase a burial plot at Good Shepherd then please contact Ellen in the church office at (828)743-2359 or GoodShepAdmin@frontier.com

## A REPORT FROM YOUR VESTRY

### **Mission and Vision**

Just before the pandemic began in 2020, the vestry adopted the mission statement "To Reflect God's Love through Faith in Action." We also focused on certain action areas, which are summarized as

- 1) Enriching our Lives in Christ
- 2) Increasing Diversity and Vibrancy
- 3) Nurturing Belonging and Engagement
- 4) Growing Generosity and Ministries.

As we come out of the pandemic, we re-engage this mission and vision as a vestry and ask that all ministries keep this focus and also that you as parishioners in the community and world keep this in mind...and in action!

### **To Auction or not to Auction: that is the Question!**

After much good discussion and prayer, we have decided not to have a live or silent auction in 2022. The Pandemic knocked the Auction out in 2020 and 2021, and the Barn sales have been very good, so we decided to plan for a revamped Auction in 2023. If you want to be part of that planning, let Rob, Alison, Laura Lankford or Peter Keck know.

### **Parish Finances**

Our 2022 operating budget is healthy, but our investments, like many, have taken a hit. We have received new funds for Conkle-Rowe Scholarships that should lift that fund balance over \$1,000,000. Amen! All-in-all, we have a healthy financial position. Thank you for the generosity! More information will be shared at the Parish Meeting on Tuesday, June 21 at 5 pm.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Projects in the process:

- Roof leaks in Hines Hall to be repaired this summer.
- Stone walkways from the parking lot to the church to be redone later this year
- a new church sign along 107 is in design

Projects completed:

- Belltower structure and rear deck pressure clean. Both need wood preservative application.
- Irrigation system repaired and turned on for the Memorial Garden.

Future Projects:

- Review and improve landscaping
- access Pad and security camera for entrance into the basement.
- men's bathroom renovation, new toilet, flooring check with possible new laminate.

If you see a repair that's needed, please fill out the repair sheet on the church bulletin board, or email the church office.

Thank you Jr. Warden, Peter Keck, for all your work on these projects!

The Reverend Robert B. Wood, Rector  
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# Plug into Good Shepherd

## VACATION BIBLE SURPRISE! | ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

- **Vacation Bible Surprise! ReNEW! Grow in faith. Have fun. Change the world!**
  - July 25-29 8:30am-1:00pm
  - Pre-K through 5th grade
  - Each day, kids will explore Jesus' Parable of the Sower that help kids learn how to care for God's creation.
  - We are looking for interested volunteers. For more information please email Alison (aschultz.gs@gmail.com)
- **ELL (English Language Learners)**
  - Classes are Mondays & Tuesdays in June & July 6:00-8:00 PM.
  - We need volunteers in the kitchen (serving & cleaning) and with the children's activities (reading, homework, & games). Please contact Rob if you can help: 828-743-2359