

MARCH 2022

TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Cashiers, North Carolina



It's that time, again!

A time to repent!

Well that's not quite the way to begin the March issue of Tidings and yet we know the importance of making a new start, again. In the church we begin Lent with self-examination and repentance, as it is written in our Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Except beloved, I've had a year of 'Lents' [that's like a month of Sundays] since the pandemic began in 2020, as have many of you. So, a journey of self-examination and repentance, really! I'm not exactly feeling it this year. I'm pretty sure I just heard an amen or two or 50.

I'm wondering this year, as Lent rolls around again, where my journey of self-examination will lead? Repentance and self-denial is probably what I need but not really what I want!

How am I, how are we, going to walk this way of repentance and faith?

I'm asking God to show me a way that leads to freshness of spirit. I'm praying that God will indeed renew a right spirit within me. I do know that we can do it together, with prayer and practice, in worship and study, in fellowship and mutuality of spirit.

I'm going to give this Lenten journey, a chance, I hope you will too.

Alison +



TRANSITIONS & STATS

March Birthdays

- 1 BILL NEWBOLD
- 1 LINDA WOOD
- 1 NAN GREGORY
- 3 BILL PUMP
- 3 MITCHELL ACHEY
- 5 MARSHA GOODMAN
- 6 LAMAR COLE
- 6 JUDY BROOKFIELD
- 6 BECCA WOOD
- 7 ALISON SCHULTZ
- 8 SCOTT TURNER
- 9 CARY MCKINNEY
- 10 DICK MEYERS
- 11 CAROLINE RIVERS
- 11 MINOTT RIVERS
- 14 LIZ LANE
- 15 BRIEN PETERKIN
- 15 LINDA QUICK
- 17 SALLIE PETERKIN
- 17 ROBERT JOHNSON
- 17 BILL KENNY
- 18 CLAYTON LASSITER
- 19 ANN HOYERMAN
- 20 CRIS HAYES
- 21 JIM MANLEY
- 21 ANN LEA
- 22 WALLY SEINSHEIMER
- 22 POLLY USELTON
- 23 MARY FREEMAN
- 23 KEN MEYER
- 24 WINIFRED DAVIS
- 24 MARGARET WASSON
- 24 BILL CANBY
- 26 BRAD VANVICK
- 26 BRUCE VORSANGER
- 28 ALICE STANLY
- 29 LINDA STONE
- 30 RALPH GREENE
- 30 ZOE ZIMMER
- 31 MAIZIE BELSER
- 31 RACHEL DYER

Wednesdays in Lent



Evening Prayer at 5:30 pm in the Nave followed by Soup Supper and Study at 6 pm in Hines Hall. Mark your calendar and make your plans to be here! March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6

Come for the fellowship and as the prayer book suggests in our Ash Wednesday liturgy, a bit of self-examination and reflection, as we undertake to renew our faith.

Our time together following supper will be discussions based on the videos produced by the Diocese of Western North Carolina, *Barrier Breakers*. These short videos highlight the journeys of North Carolinians. The series aims to amplify voices of people who have helped to break down barriers of race and economy, with a wide variety of guests of different ages, locations, and backgrounds.

Invite your neighbors and friends to join us!!!
Childcare is available up to age 5 for the evening.
Our soup selection each Wednesday will always include a vegetarian option!

March Anniversaries

- 8 TIM & JULIA BOEVE
- 11 ROBERT & MARSHA GOODMAN
- 17 THOMAS & PAMELA STIRES
- 17 TOMMY & BUFF ADAMS
- 19 BOB & MILLIE LATHAN
- 23 ROB & CAROL HUNTER

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



WHY I LOVE... My Lenten Practice

This new section of Tidings will focus on a different topic every month on why we love...different topics. This month we are focusing on why our members love their Lenten Practice

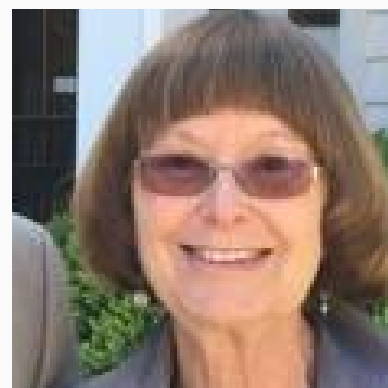


"I enjoy Lent Madness offered by Forward Movement. The bracket format, similar to March Madness college basketball tournament, presents the biographies of 32 saints in contention for the Golden Halo award. You receive daily emails to learn about these saints and then vote for your favorite. I learn so much and I feel connected to a greater Christian community. I look forward to this practice every year"

PAM ANDERSON

"Being a member of The Order Of The Daughters Of The King whose mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism, my Lenten practice focuses on the first part of the mission statement: Prayer. My communication with God is a growing, personal and deepening relationship that offers me strength through difficult times. I love prayer because prayer is love and it connects me with the source of all love."

LAURA FLAHERTY



I don't do anything very novel. I give up my favorite food that is not very healthy so I can remember Jesus' fasting in the desert, and after Lent try to give it up forever so that I will be stronger to work for God's kingdom on earth.

LAWSON KELLY

Church Building Fire & Hines Hall

From Bishop Robert Brown's short history: "The Mountains In Reply"

[continued from last month] Samuel Rhodes, a young man of English birth, was brought to the Valley to teach during the summer at what by 1889 was being called the "Parochial School." In time, his discovery of God and his admiration for Mr. Deal combined to lead him to the sacred ministry. He studied privately and, when he was ordained Deacon in 1891 by Bishop Lyman, he was given spiritual charge over the congregation, as well as the responsibility for the school. These additional duties made it necessary to employ a Mrs. Johnson as a teacher. The Hampton girls also contributed their time and talent. It is unfortunate that so little is known of the Rev. Mr. Rhodes. He was in Cashiers as lay-teacher and clergy man for approximately eight summers. Many local residents owed him the education of their minds. Many summer guests owed him the healthy state of their souls. Yet he is practically anonymous.

One of the most active church families during this period was the Grimshaws who had moved to Whiteside Cove in 1880 shortly after their marriage. Four little girls were born to them over an eight-year span. However, in 1888 diphtheria struck. The father was away. The church was closed for the winter. There was no doctor and no time in any case because this dread disease attacked too quickly. On October 1, little four-year old Olive died. On November 3, "Bessie" (Elizabeth), aged seven, was taken. Helen, two years of age, died on November 5. She was followed by Mary, age six, on November 7. Four little girls in thirty-four days, three of them in five days. In her husband's absence, Mrs. Grimshaw built the rough caskets, dug the pathetic little graves, and then read the Prayer Book Burial Office over each of her daughters. Their graves are still marked and guarded by a wrought iron fence in the cemetery behind the church. They stand to this day not only as grave sites but as monuments to one woman's stout Christian faith.



The Grimshaw Plot at Good Shepherd

From the moment its building was completed Good Shepherd began to prosper. Bishop Lyman arrived for services Sunday, August 21, 1892, and he was met by a zealous, overflow congregation. The reports state that the huge bronze bell, cast for the Hamptons by the McShane Bell Foundry of Baltimore, summoned the worshippers to church for the first time on that occasion. It was an inspiring service and, as the Bishop and Mr. Deal made their way to Franklin where they were to conduct Tuesday evening services, their hearts glowed with gratitude for the miracle that had taken place at Cashiers. The next morning, August 24, they were notified that on the previous night the church had been destroyed by fire. Only the Bible and the Baptismal font (dedicated to the Grimshaw girls) had been saved. There was no insurance.

Arson may have been involved, for it was rumored that a few local residents had taken exception to the inscription on the bell. They felt it labeled them as "heathens" and the Episcopal Church as the channel for their salvation. One of them threatened that the bell would be allowed to ring only a few times. Apparently the Governor of North Carolina believed the rumor for in an extraordinary move he offered a \$200.00 reward, a huge sum in that day, for the capture of the culprit. However, the inscription on the bell actually reads: "Tell it out among the people that the Lord is King"

That would seem to solve the problem for all time. No one could take exception to such words unless, perhaps, he went to the original text in the King James Version of the Bible or the 1928 Prayer Book Edition. The verse is Psalm 96:10, and both of these translations use the word "heathen" instead of "people". The question may never be answered but it can scarcely matter now, nearly a century later.

The Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent From the Outline of Faith ...

Q. What is Reconciliation of a Penitent?

A. Reconciliation of a Penitent, or Penance, is the rite in which those who repent of their sins may confess them to God in the presence of a priest, and receive the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution. BCP 855

As we enter again the season of Lent, we often renew our prayer life, revitalize our study of scripture, refrain from some behavior or activity and rekindle our almsgiving practices. The subject of reconciliation may rise up. At least for some!

Reconciliation is a sacrament of the church, whereby we examine our hearts and minds using a liturgy found in the BCP pg. 446 usually with another person present, typically a priest.

The ministry of reconciliation, which has been committed by Christ to his Church, is exercised through the care each Christian has for others, through the common prayer of Christians assembled for public worship, and through the priesthood of the church and its ministers declaring absolution.

The Reconciliation of a Penitent is available for all who desire it. It is not restricted to times of sickness. Confessions may be heard anytime and anywhere.

Two equivalent forms of service are provided here to meet the needs of penitents. The absolution in these services may be pronounced only by a bishop or priest. Another Christian may be asked to hear a confession, but it must be made clear to the penitent that absolution will not be pronounced; instead, a declaration of forgiveness is provided.

When the penitent has confessed all serious sins troubling the conscience and has given evidence of due contrition, the priest gives such counsel and encouragement as are needed and pronounces the absolution. Before giving absolution, the priest may assign to the penitent a psalm, prayer, or hymn to be said, or something to be done, as a sign of penitence and act of thanksgiving.

The content of a confession is not normally a matter of subsequent discussion. The secrecy of a confession is morally absolute for the confessor, and must under no circumstances be broken.

Why should I, do I need to?

We have all experienced the lightness of spirit that follows someone accepting our apology. As we seek to return to God in prayer, reconciliation means restoring relationships with God and each other damaged through things done and left undone.

Yes, we confess our sins most Sunday mornings together, and every liturgy in the church allows space for repentance and reconciliation. The process of reconciliation encourages a more thorough examination of conscience which seeks to restore brokenness with God and our neighbors. Reconciliation helps us all to remember the intended mission of the Church. Again, from our Outline of Faith:

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

More questions? Please speak with Rob or Alison.

Rob and/or Alison will be available for Reconciliation every Thursday in Lent both before and after the Noon service. Private appointments are also available during the week.

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School on March 6 and March 20 at 10 am in Hines Hall for ages 3 years old through 7th grade. Nursery is also available.

Confirmation Class
Sunday at 12:30 PM in Hines Hall

March 6 - The Prayer Book
March 20 - Sacraments
March 27 - Salvation History

Youth Events
4:30 PM in Hines Hall

March 13 - "Prayer" with Family Potluck!
March 27 - Money and Service

Confirmation Class February 20, 2022



Church Year-End Financial Snapshot for 2021

Church Operating Fund Summary through December 31, 2021

	Actual Jan 01, 2021 – Dec 31, 2021	Budget Jan 01, 2021 – Dec 31, 2021
Revenues		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$783,655.64	\$710,000.00
Expenses		
PERSONNEL	\$406,092.19	\$394,965.00
WORSHIP/CHRISTIAN FORMATION	\$16,002.90	\$14,050.00
PARISH LIFE & FAMILY ACTIVITIES	\$8,670.89	\$9,800.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$78,672.07	\$96,600.00
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$117,865.76	\$118,064.00
OUTREACH FROM GENERAL FUND	\$38,050.00	\$38,123.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$665,353.81	\$671,599.00
NET TOTAL	\$118,301.83	\$38,401.00

Endowment Year End Summary through December 31, 2021

ENDOWMENT FUND NAME	ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2021
Hines Hall Endowment Fund	\$203,249.46
The Shepherd Endowment	\$554,267.93
Second Century Endowment	\$1,018,952.60
Conkle Rowe Scholarship	\$536,517.01
General Fund	\$1,111,893.99

Bazaar Barn Fiscal Year End Summary through October 31, 2021

	Balance October 31, 2021 (Fiscal Year End)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$334,724.28
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$75,317.59
NET INCOME	\$259,406.69

Net Income from the Barn to be used for Outreach Grants in 2022

More detailed reports are available upon request.

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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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Plug into Good Shepherd

**English Language Learners
Altar Guild
Vacation Bible School!**

- English Language Learners (ELL) begins Monday, March 14! (contact Rob if interested)
 - We will need volunteers to help with welcoming, food, and child care from 6pm-8pm
 - Welcome - be the smiling face our students see when they enter Good Shepherd
 - Food - pick up food from local restaurant, serve, and clean up kitchen
 - Child Care - play games, sing songs, crafts, what could be more fun?
- Altar Guild (contact Lynn Jones if interested)
 - The Altar Guild sets the altar linens, cares for vestments, polishes brass, assists during the Sunday services, prepares the Eucharist vessels, and so much more!
- Vacation Bible Surprise! (contact Alison if interested)
 - Alison is looking for a few folks to serve as an advisory board for summer vacation bible surprise! Tentatively planned for late July.

To get involved in one of these ministries

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