

MAY 2023  
**TIDINGS**  
The Church of the Good Shepherd  
Cashiers, North Carolina



## GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW BAZAAR BARN

We are so excited to welcome you to the new Bazaar Barn! We have expanded into new retail space on Highway 107N, just 1.5 miles from the Crossroads. The two-story building across from Blue Ridge School offers twice as much space, nicer amenities, ample parking, and great visibility from the road. Parishioners, shoppers, volunteers, and donors who've visited this spring already have embraced the new store with smiles and compliments. We will still have space at the old Barn through the end of June when we will fully transition to the new building.



The Barn Board and Vestry have poured a lot of hope, energy, and vision into this transition and its potential to grow our Outreach ministry overall. We firmly believe this initiative embodies Good Shepherd's mission "to reflect God's love through our faith in action."

To introduce the Good Shepherd community to the new space, we're having a Grand Opening Party on Wednesday, May 10th at 5pm. The Chamber of Commerce will hold an official Ribbon Cutting, and then folks can sip, snack, and shop! Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13 will be the Grand Opening to the public, with hours from 10 AM until 2 PM.

With blessings,

*Ruth Russ*  
Bazaar Barn Board Chair  
(pictured to the right)

*Skip Ryan*  
Bazaar Barn Manager



*Grand* **OPENING** *Party*  
WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIBBON CUTTING  
THE BAZAAR BARN  
1846 HWY 107N, CASHIERS  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH 2023 AT 5:00PM

For more  
the Barn,  
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# STATS

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ERIN TURNER
- 1 SANDI BESSETTE
- 1 TK HEATLEY
- 2 CAROLYN MITCHELL
- 2 BOB ANDERSON
- 2 JOE TRAVIS
- 5 BYRON FINLEY
- 5 HERBERT ACHEY
- 5 CAROL HUNTER
- 6 DON O'STEEN
- 6 KATHY CARTER
- 7 JIM THEUS
- 7 BRAD MUNDAY
- 8 GAYLE EBY
- 9 SCOTTIE JOHNSON
- 9 SUE HOLMES
- 9 CAREY JOYNER
- 11 JOHN THORPE
- 13 DAVE KIRCHNER
- 13 TOM SNYDER
- 14 CAROL NEWBOLD
- 17 LUCI HART
- 17 SAMUEL DYER
- 18 JUDY HENSON
- 18 KEITH HART
- 19 KAY MOORE
- 22 JAMES WHITESIDE
- 22 BARBARA TICKLE
- 22 FRED HIRONS
- 26 MILLIE LATHAN
- 26 PATCH FOSTER
- 29 JOHN LEACH
- 29 WILLIAM HUDSON
- 30 CHRISTIANNA MCCALED
- 31 NORA JONES
- 31 HELEN HARMON

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 DAVID & PAMELA TUTTLE
- 15 GEORGE ELLIOT & KAREN DEAKIN
- 16 KURT & CATHLEEN DUNKLE
- 19 HOWARD & JEAN ANN L'ENFANT

- 20 PARKER & CAROLINE ANDERSON
- 22 GORDON & JUDY GRAY
- 24 BUD & EMILY MURPHY
- 25 KEN & DRINA MEYER

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

### New to Good Shepherd

Richard & Virginia Decker  
 Courtney Kloberdanz  
 Christianna McCaleb  
 Dawn Shea

The Cooper Family:  
 Richard & Ivy  
 Wes & Ben  
 (pictured to the right)



### Visitors to Good Shepherd

Alden & Marion Holloway  
 Robert & Patricia Purvis  
 Tommy & Jane Suggs

## OUTREACH GRANTS COMMITTEE

The Outreach Grants Committee (OGC) met in September 2022 to wrap up the year 2022 and to propose several new ideas for 2023.

In February 2023, the committee met again and confirmed several actions to be taken this year.

- One, for the first time, we have advertised our “grant cycle” (how to receive an application, when to return it, etc.) in several newspapers with the hope that agencies we’ve never heard from might be interested in applying for grants.
- Two, members of the committee will become “agency liaisons” for the first time to 2-3 agencies per member to be a source of information for their agencies and to foster closer relationships.
- Three, we plan this year to identify those agencies that request grants similar to previous years’ requests (i.e., maintenance-type grants) and create a “consent agenda” in order to spend more time on those requests that require more discussion, visits, presentations, etc.

As a reminder, due to the huge success of our Barn initiative, your OGC was able to make grants of about \$300,000 in 2022 and will have about the same amount to grant in 2023.





## PALM SUNDAY



## SEDER SUPPER



## EASTER SUNDAY







## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BAZAAR AND BARN

### **Dateline July 1986**

In 1986 Marie Cranston organized the first Good Shepherd fund-raising Bazaar. Then Rector, The Rev. Steve Hines, endorsed the plan and donated some things from his parent's home to combine with a selection of donated ladies' apparel. Some sandwiches and choice beverages set the stage and created the atmosphere for the first Auction and Bazaar in the parish hall. The event was a rousing success. It raised \$2,320. Planning began immediately for the 2nd Annual Auction and Bazaar.

### **Later...in July 2003**

Some seventeen years later, the Good Shepherd's Annual Auction and Bazaar had grown so much that Hines Hall could no longer contain it. Hines Hall was also under renovation, so under the leadership of Chair Debbie Lassiter, the Bazaar moved (with some trepidation) from the church grounds to the Cashiers Community Center. Tents were raised to house furniture, sporting goods, tools, and other large items. Although increased volunteer effort was needed to stage the Bazaar, proceeds from the 2003 Auction and Bazaar reached \$42,299.

### **Fast forward to 2017**

Once a little fundraiser, the Bazaar was now a destination event. People planned their vacation days to coincide with the event. Shoppers came from all around to be the first in line at the Community Center where lines formed in the early morning. But growth created its own challenges. The church basement couldn't hold all the year-round donations.

Simple solution. Lease a warehouse. Thanks to co-chairs Nancy Pankey and Paige Barnes, we located the warehouse owned by and located behind Christ Church of the Valley. Now, instead of moving furniture and rugs from storage units and the church to the Community Center, the volunteers simply opened the warehouse doors for those items, while other goods were still on display and sale at the Community Center.

### **The Bazaar Barn was born.**

### **2020—PPE, Social Distancing, and Zooming**

The summer of 2020 would have marked the 35th anniversary of the Auction and Bazaar, but like so many things, Covid put a halt to our Auction and Bazaar...for a moment. Determined Barn Chair Sharon Stricker put her head together with Fr. Rob and soon-to-be co-chair Laura Lankford, and with masks on, volunteers began opening the Barn a few weekends a month, then every weekend a month as conditions allowed. Eventually, bazaar items like baskets, bric-a-brac, Christmas, and sporting goods made their way into the Barn for sale. Though the Auction remained cancelled, a funny thing happened; sales went up. Dramatically!





Fueled partially by people fleeing from Covid 19 in the cities, the housing market in the mountains exploded. Donations of furniture to the Barn and sales from the Barn also increased. Hiring Skip Ryan to manage the Barn, solicit donations, oversee pricing, and work with volunteers also created a boost from what had been 100% volunteers. Now instead of shopping once a year, patrons could shop every weekend—and sometimes more than once! This new model has been incredibly successful, loved by volunteers, and allowed The Church of the Good Shepherd to donate more than \$750,000 to partners in outreach since 2020

## Temporary?

The Bazaar Barn warehouse was never intended to be a traditional retail space. Behind Shoppes on the Green, it is approximately 5,500 square feet and is very rudimentary. It is prone to flooding, has little ventilation and heating, and it has several structural issues, including dangerous stairs and a lack of parking.

The success of the program meant that the Bazaar Barn is the first choice when homeowners are looking to donate their furnishings. To keep up with the influx of high-quality donations, the Bazaar Barn **rented 5 storage sites** at a monthly cost of \$1,400 per month. Due to the lack of selling space those items were temporarily stored, and later moved to the selling floor when space became available. We even leased some new space, the Shed, but the inventory surplus and limited conditions of both retail spaces became untenable.

## OUR NEW HOME

The two-story retail space at 1846 Hwy 107 N, (once called Twin Creeks) has great space and super parking. We are leasing most of the units now, and each unit has windows and doors. An expansive porch with a fireplace is a bonus. We have road frontage on busy Hwy 107, just across the street from Blue Ridge School. It's about 1.5 miles from downtown Cashiers, less of a drive than many other points of interest in the area.

The new facility will allow us to further improve our Barn results by offering:

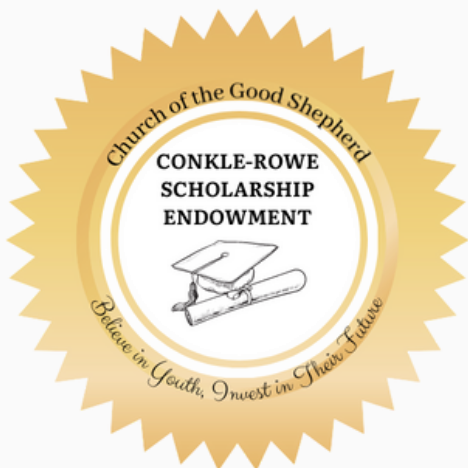
- a brighter, safer, more customer friendly sales space
- doubling the size of our sales space
- better parking (approximately 50 spaces)
- better visibility will aid both donations, sales, and volunteers
- greater efficiencies (no off-site storage, all inventory visible, less moving expense)
- future possibilities to expand and grow ministry

Come and see and be part of the next chapter in this vibrant ministry!





## CONKLE-ROWE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



The Church of the Good Shepherd's Conkle-Rowe Committee scholarship outreach program lives every day by its mission statement: **"Believe in Youth, Invest in Their Future."** Our Committee's mission aligns with our church by reflecting God's love through our faith in action. We work diligently making sure every graduating high school student residing in the Blue Ridge School District who wants to attend college or technical school has a chance to not only get *to* college but get *through* college.

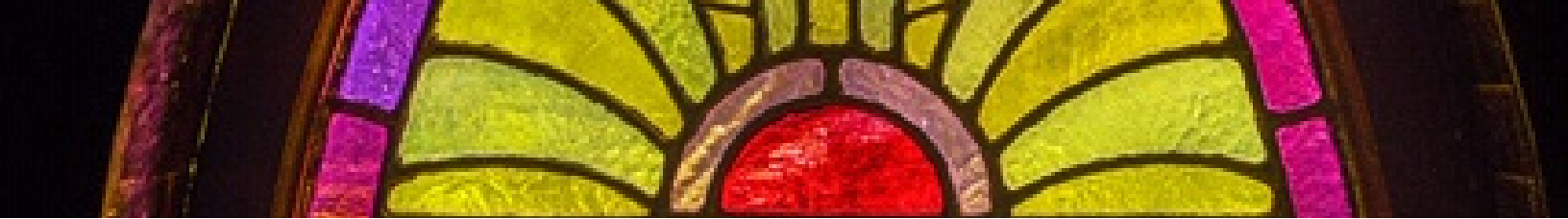
Through our inclusive, caring, giving, and encouraging congregants (like you) we have enabled so many hardworking students who need not only our financial support in college but also our encouragement for spiritual growth.

Below are highlights of where we stand today with our Conkle-Rowe scholars and some of the new programs we introduced this year:

- As of the end of the 2022 school year, we had a record 30 scholars attending 13 different higher learning institutions representing all 5 of our area high schools. We were also thrilled to have an early scholar who successfully completed his studies from Western Carolina University.
  - We have 7 more graduating in the next school year
  - We potentially have 7 new Conkle-Rowe scholars coming on board this fall semester (interviews in progress) with a much larger group of applicants forecasted for 2024.
- We have assigned Shepherds from the Conkle-Rowe Committee to each of our scholars ensuring they have one point of contact from Conkle-Rowe throughout their college careers. Shepherds stay connected to their scholars on a regular basis including (but not limited to):
  - Midterm Check-In & Encouragement Mailings (March & October)
  - Reminders to provide required semester-end grades on time so that scholarship tuition for the upcoming semester is paid on time (June).
    - Continuously validating their grades meet our criteria
    - Receiving Progress Narratives on how they did during the prior school year
    - Tuition payments made once we confirm scholars are on track (August)
    - Back To School Check-In (September)
- With the steepest decline in four-year college enrollments, we are adjusting with the post-pandemic academic environment supporting two-year programs, technical schools, etc. This is not new but a distinct shift in student focus.
- Celebrating graduates and starting a Conkle-Rowe Alumni Club of former scholars.
- Providing more frequent updates to donors/parishioners on how scholars are doing and if possible have them attend a summer fellowship at our church.

This coming fall semester we start our 44th anniversary of the Conkle-Rowe Scholarship. With your on-going financial generosity, prayers, and never-ending care for the youth of our community, the future of Conkle-Rowe and especially our scholars looks brighter than ever!





## EASTER HYMN REFLECTIONS

**We will sing ‘Come away to the skies’** on Sunday, May 14. “Skies” is a reference to heaven and the Kingdom of God not meant to be taken literally. Our cosmology of today affirms that all the more. ‘Skies’ refers to a place ‘not earth,’ a place to which we can ‘rise’ to have new life—a life united to Christ.

Written by Methodist Charles Wesley (1757-1834) on the anniversary of the birth of his wife, Oct. 12, 1755, and first published in his *Hymns for Families*, 1767, this hymn is not one we rarely sing outside of Easter celebrations. In 1780 it was included in the *Wesleyan Hymn Book* as No. 478, and has been retained in all subsequent editions of that collection (John Julian, *Dictionary of Hymnology* (1907)—as well as other Christian hymnals, include the 1979 Episcopal edition, where it appears at 213 with a more updated, spritely, and 20th century tune Middlebury, written by Jack Burnam.

Ideally best for Easter Day because of the line ‘on this festival day,’ the hymn still rings true throughout the 50 Days of Easter. It begins with words that echo the Song of Solomon 2:11, “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away’ with the words, “Come away to the skies, my beloved arise, and rejoice in the day thou wast born.” Both those passages are about the invitation of love and a new beginning.

The words, “Created again” in verse three ring out the Easter theme of rebirth and recreation.

*For the glory we were First created to share / Both the nature and kingdom divine,  
Now created again That our souls may remain, / Throughout time and eternity Thine.*

Verse 4 takes us to the taste of eternity we receive each week in the Eucharist, even as it reminds us of the fullness of that ‘feast of the Lamb’ where will meet again.

*We with thanks do approve The design of that love / Which hath joined us to Jesus's name;  
So united in heart, Let us never more part, / Till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.*

Thanks-giving is what the word Eucharist means, and in remembering that each Sunday is a ‘little Easter’ and a time to give thanks, all the more appropriate to sing our “Hallelujahs” (verse 5) with this hymn on this Sunday. Yes indeed, come away and rejoice!

Rob +

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**Christ our Passover....or in the Latin *Pascha Nostrum* or simply the Easter Anthem.**

So then with such an auspicious title we during the great 50 days of Easter say at 9 or sing at 11 this ancient canticle. (circa 400 CE). Formed from several verses of Scripture including 1 Corinthians 5:7-8, 15:20-22, Romans 6:9-11, this canticle is found on pages 83 and 484 in BCP. As Easter demonstrates the bond of Christ made with his blood for the people of God and marked us children of God. This enlarges the way the blood of the Passover lamb protected the Israelites from death. We pass from death to life as we by faith make Christ’s death our own in baptism. Jesus gives new and larger life to the Passover lamb. As a sacrifice to end all sacrifices, that which a thousand Passover lambs could never do. Jesus ends the need for any sacrifice except praise and thanksgiving and changed the very meaning of the Passover for those who follow Christ on the Way.

Additionally, this canticle, either spoken or sung, is part of many burial liturgies for those very same reasons. Emphasizing for us that the dominion of death over God’s people is ended and the triumph of the Resurrection is indeed our forever alleluia!

The metrical paraphrase of the sung version was written by Carl Daw who composed over 30 hymns. And just a bit about the tune we are using throughout Easter. *Sine Nomine* is a familiar hymn tune and was written by the famous composer and hymnist Ralph Vaughn Williams for the hymn, *For All the Saints*.

Alison +



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## NEIGHBORS MEETING NEIGHBORS



THURSDAY  
MAY 18TH  
5-7 PM

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