



OCTOBER 2022

TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Cashiers, North Carolina

LAYING ON OF HANDS, AN IMPORTANT MINISTRY OF HEALING TOUCH ...

Jesus' most common practice in healing is touch, often described as laying his hands on the one to be healed. Jesus also lays his hands on the little children who come to him, to bless them. In Acts the apostles become Jesus' hands, so they, like Jesus, heal with touch. Ananias lays his hands on Paul, three days after the Damascus road encounter, to restore his sight. And Paul's hands, in turn, become channels of extraordinary miracles, including the laying of his hands on a sick man on Malta to heal him.

Laying on of hands, then — like anointing or fasting or other external rituals for the church — is not magic and does not, as some claim, automatically confer grace. Rather, it is a means of grace, using words of commendation and corporate prayer, for those who believe. Like baptism, the laying on of hands is a kind of inaugural sign and ceremony, an initiating rite — a way of making an invisible reality visible, public, and memorable, both for the baptized and for the parish, and then through them to the world.

So, in healing we gather and lay hands on those who come in need of prayer for themselves and for others. Every Thursday we gather in the church at noon and practice this this kind of prayer. All are welcome.



STATS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 JOSIE AYERS
- 2 SHARON CRANWELL
- 3 BEV SEINSHEIMER
- 3 ANDREW HUDSON
- 4 DOREEN HASTINGS
- 4 CHERI ALLEN
- 8 SUE ANN GLENN
- 10 CLAUDIA NAUGHTON
- 11 BETTY SPONCLER
- 11 SUSAN HEATLEY
- 12 MARY MCCONNELL
- 12 WIMBERLY WATTS
- 13 ALICE SCANLON
- 14 BARRIE GRIFFIN
- 14 BROMLEY SHARRETT
- 16 DEBBIE MONTEITH
- 16 LISA DARGAN
- 17 MARCIA MCCARLEY
- 17 JOHN RAGSDALE
- 18 HOWARD L'ENFANT
- 18 REBECCA MCKEE
- 20 MADELINE DAVIS
- 20 KEITH CROSTHWAITE
- 20 MARK QUICK
- 22 JOHN WEAN
- 22 JOE GHOLSTON
- 22 WILLIAM HOPKINS
- 24 BETH COLE
- 29 LARRY COLE
- 29 HENRY COUCH
- 30 JUDY PAULY
- 31 SHARON BISSELL
- 31 BARBARA COLLIE

WEDDING

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

Frances Boney and David Alleshouse were married at Good Shepherd.
Frances is the daughter of Bruce and Ginny Vorsanger.

IN MEMORIAM

LAURA HARDIN ASKEW

Laura Hardin Askew died on August 17, 2021 and was buried in the Memorial Garden at Good Shepherd on September 16, 2022. In sympathy, we send our love and prayers to her family.

ROB'S SABBATICAL ITINERARY

OCTOBER 2022

- September 29 – October 2: In Positano
- October 2-October 5: in Sorrento, with a visit to Capri
- October 5: return to the States
- October 6 – October 9: settle in at home, attend church somewhere close & new
- October 10-12: Visit Cherokee sites in North Carolina and South Carolina
- October 13-16: Rob and Linda's 13th Anniversary trip
- October 17-22: Visiting Cherokee and Civil Rights sites in Georgia
 1. Fernbank Museum, Atlanta, GA
 2. Indian Springs State Park, Jackson, GA
 3. Rock Eagle, Georgia
 4. Absalom Jones Center, Atlanta
 5. Etowah Mounds, Cartersville
 6. Columbus Museum, Columbus, GA
 7. Chieftains Trail, Canton, GA
 8. Sites along the Georgia portion of the Trail of Tears
- October 23 – 26: Visit Indigenous sites and Civil Rights sites in Alabama
 1. Legacy Museum, Montgomery, Alabama
 2. National Memorial of Peace and Justice, Montgomery, AL
 3. US Civil Rights trail in Selma, Alabama
 4. Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
 5. Different places along the Trail of Tears in Alabama
- October 27 – November 1: Rob and Linda R&R

- 3 BILL & ELISABETH HOFFMAN
- 4 PATCH FOSTER & KEVIN ROWLAND
- 12 BILL & EVELYN CALLAGHAN
- 15 MIKE & VIRGINIA MONSOUR
- 15 SCOTT & AMY THOMPSON
- 16 ROB & LINDA WOOD

- 18 VIC & MIMI GALEF
- 19 JOHN & BROOK OWENS
- 22 WILLIAM & ANN HOPKINS
- 23 DAVID & NORA JONES
- 25 DARYL & DICK SHANKLAND
- 25 KEITH & LOLLY CRAWFORD
- 26 MIKE & MARY QUILLEN

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



UPDATE FROM ROB ON SABBATICAL

Buon giorno from Italy!

Our sabbatical trip to Italy has been really fabulous so far. We fell in love with Assisi, where St. Francis and St. Clare were born and served, and we got to walk and pray in many of their sacred places all around the area.

Once again, we are thankful for this time of renewal and new experience!

Here are some pics to share. Can't wait to return on pilgrimage with you next year.

Ciao,
Rob and Linda



O God of all creation, we pray for Rob and Linda during these weeks of sabbatical. For the rest and renewal you promise when we disengage with our work and focus on renewal that is found in you. As Jesus went off to pray, so lead Rob and Linda into your green pastures and beside your still waters. We pray also for this community that in this time we may have ears to hear your call and hearts to know and love you more deeply. We ask all this in your name. Amen



RELECTION UPON "CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING!"

The words for our opening hymn on Sunday, October 9th—Christ for the world we sing!—were written by Samuel Wolcott.

Wolcott was born at South Windsor, Connecticut, July 2, 1813, and educated at Yale College, 1833, and Andover Theological Seminary, 1837. A descendent of Oliver Wolcott, a signer of the U.S. Declaration of Independence, Wolcott was with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions at Boston for two years. He was ordained in November 1839. The following April he went to Beirut, which was then in the Ottoman Empire, where he was a missionary. During that time, he saw the bombardment of Beirut by English and allied forces and Syria retaken from Mehemet Ali of Egypt. Wolcott's experiences in the Middle East—including his work in Jerusalem, Damascus, and other areas in Palestine--were published in several theological books.

On his return to the U.S. he was successively pastor of several Congregational congregations, including Belchertown, Massachusetts, Providence, Rhode Island, Chicago, and Cleveland. He began writing hymns in 1869, when he developed a hymn while on a walk. Each stanza began, "Christ for the world we sing, The world to Christ we bring." He composed more than 200 hymns and was also for some time Secretary of the Ohio Home Missionary Society. He died at Longmeadow, Massachusetts, Feb. 24, 1886.

--adapted from hymnary.org and wikipedia

CONGRATULATIONS TO KARLA MAGAÑA

BIG SISTER OF THE YEAR

Karla Magaña won the Big Sister of the Year Award!

Karla is a social worker with the International Friendship Center, works part-time out of Good Shepherd, and is also a former recipient of a Conkle-Rowe Scholarship.

Karla we are so proud of you and the work that you are doing in this world. You have taken our mission to heart and are truly a reflection of God's love through your faith in action!

Congratulations!





A DIFFERENT VIEW BY: SAVANNA S. JONES



SAVANNA S. JONES
Article Author

Every morning, I wake to the sights and sounds of the Appalachian Mountains. Every morning for nearly 15 years, I wake to a world of natural peace and diverse landscapes. With my mom, I have explored these landscapes along scenic drives and picturesque hiking trails. Endless views, cotton candy-colored sunrises, raging rivers, multicolored shades of autumn, songbirds harmonizing, rainbows after a spring storm, and, of course, vast evergreens upon high summits set against the blue sky. For all the beauty I've seen and heard within these hills, I cannot help but notice that, perhaps, there are beautiful things that go unnoticed.

In my youngest years, I never thought too much about the color of my skin. I never thought about how I have a single mom and that the closest thing I have to a father is my mom's best friend—who is gay. I never overthought my mom's social isolation from small town gatherings. It had never occurred to me that, maybe, I was different. But just as I notice the striking natural beauty of Appalachia, there are times when I notice what feels unnatural and unsettling to me—a lack of human diversity and open acceptance of diversity.

When I was in the fourth grade, nine years old, my mom and I were in the local (and only!) grocery store parking lot. During this time, our nation was being exposed to images of police brutality targeted at black Americans. I suddenly realized that I was a black American in a sea of white faces. And when I saw a police officer in that Ingles parking lot, I was scared that I was going to be profiled. Instead of feeling safe, I felt afraid. I felt afraid even among so many in our small community who I felt loved and accepted me despite the color of my skin. I felt different.

Many in our small town know me. They notice me. I wonder, is that because of my kind personality? Is it because of my achievements in school and service to our community? Or is it because of my skin tone? My nappy hair? Do I stand out for the right reasons or are my differences all that people see?

Why do I stand out? Do I stand out like one of those magnificent evergreens at sunset? Is my voice as powerful as a raging river? Is my skin tone as appealing as the rich colors of fall? Or do they just see a black girl in a sea of white faces?

Our mountains are beautiful, but I am now exploring them to find some truths about my community. My experiences here have shown me a lack of tolerance for what is different. There are American (and Confederate) flags flying from pristine porches. Is a LGBTQ+ pride flag equally accepted in this community? I haven't always felt like my gay dad can show his true colors here. Do the traditional conservative values of this region accept a family dynamic like mine or does my mom have less value as a single mom? I have witnessed her shy away from groups because of her upbringing and wider view of the world. Am I an enemy in a polarized political environment—can I speak my truth and my experience without being marginalized? Am I still the beloved, brilliant, cute little black girl with the big hair if I speak my mind?

I am different.

I am different, but I am not a pessimist. Just as I have seen the natural beauty of my community, I have seen beauty within those who reside here. This community has the ability and resources to unify for people in need, and I have witnessed this during tough times. There exists great pride for the heritage of the mountains, its people, and, of course, its diverse natural landscape. But this pride should include the experiences and heritage of every person who lives here. That would make us different.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF 8/31/2022

ACCOUNTS	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET 2022
Revenues			
PLEDGES & CONTRIBUTIONS	559,900.09	526,500.00	775,500
OTHER INCOME	40,703.36	47,533.36	69,500
Total Contributions	600,603.45	574,033.36	845,000
Expenses			
PERSONNEL	305,755.14	312,134.64	474,677
WORSHIP/CHRISTIAN FORMATION	13,844.62	19,408.72	33,025
PARISH LIFE & FAMILY ACTIVITIES	14,082.87	10,000.00	15,000
BUILDING & GROUNDS	85,561.23	81,217.08	133,462
ADMINISTRATIVE	90,655.70	94,694.08	144,716
OUTREACH FROM GENERAL FUND	51,000.00	44,120.00	44,120
Total Expenses	560,899.56	561,874.52	845,000
Net Total	39,703.89	12,458.84	0

ENDOWMENT SUMMARY AS OF 8/31/2022

	AS OF 1/1/2022	AS OF 8/31/2022
General Fund Schwab Account	\$1,111,839.99	\$995,121.65
The Hines Hall Fund	\$203,249.46	\$197,911.93
The Shepherd Fund	\$554,267.93	\$461,848.76
The Second Century Fund	\$1,018,952.60	\$887,864.95
Conkle Rowe Scholarship Fund	\$536,517.01	\$1,058,160.04

2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

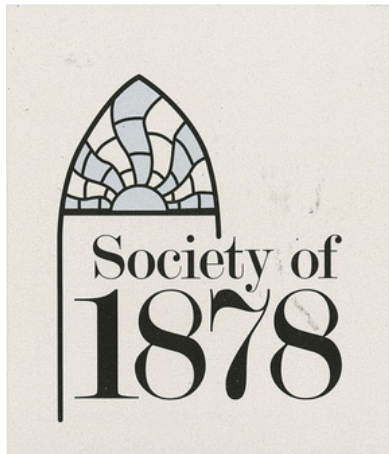
Stewardship pledge cards for time, talent, and treasure in 2023 have been mailed and are in the church office as well. Please prayerfully consider your generosity and pledge and return pledge cards as soon as possible—particularly as you think about the gospel: “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” As of 9/22/2022 we have received 150 pledges for a total of \$576,810.

2022 CONKLE-ROWE SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE

One of our significant outreach efforts at Good Shepherd is the Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Endowment, awarding over 100 scholarships in recent years. This year, we awarded 12 new college scholarships, some to the first in their families to attend college. In total, \$80,000.00 will be awarded for the `22-23 school year to 29 college students and one graduate student. To continue this ministry, we ask for your help. Cash or checks, IRA distributions, gifts of stock all help. As a gift over and above your regular giving to Good Shepherd, please note “Conkle-Rowe” in the memo line or use the special giving envelopes in the pew. You can also make a gift at www.goodshepherdofcashiers.com/donate-now. For questions, please call 828-743-2359. As of 9/22/2022 we have received a total of \$31,025.



ENDOWMENT SOCIETY OF 1878



The Society of 1878 takes its name for the year our Parish was founded. This society is composed of Parishioners and Friends who have generously included the Church of the Good Shepherd in their estate planning or in contributions during their lifetime. To qualify, a contribution must be a minimum of \$1,000.00. You may choose to designate your gifts in any way you see fit or perhaps direct the gift to one of our Endowment Funds.

Last month you received a letter from the Endowment Committee asking you to let us know if you have already made arrangements to include the Church in your estate plans. At this time we have received 11 responses. There is no commitment when responding, it is simply a way for us to track how many people have made arrangements to include Good Shepherd in their estate plans. Response cards are available in the church office or you can email Ellen at GoodShepAdmin@frontier.com. If you have any questions about the Society or any of the Endowment Funds please reach out to Vic Brandt at (843) 568-0102.

VESTRY SUMMARY A MESSAGE FROM YOUR JUNIOR WARDEN

Although Father Rob is out of sight, the list of Building and Grounds projects are visibly being checked off, and plans for completion with specific sub-contractors are finalized.

- A new fire alarm system throughout the church and Hines Hall has been installed and final tie-ins should be completed by September 20.
- Sidewalk repair completed but unable to create sloping handicap access due to solid concrete underlay of existing base layer.
- New sod was laid to reduce the drop-off distance from the new sidewalk height
- A temporary above-ground water line has been installed from a High Hampton access point, Discussions for a permanent tie-in location continue.
- Hemlock Treatment is scheduled for the last week of September by a certified arborist using both soil-injection and trunk spray treatments.
- Men's bathroom repairs are underway and should be completed by September 23.
- Two new metal hanging Church Signs have been ordered and are expected to arrive October 15th.
- A new 48" by 60" custom sign for the front entrance and a smaller one for Hines Hall have been approved by the vestry and are expected to arrive by October 24th
- Toilet replacement for the basement is expected to be operational by September 23.
- Future projects include sidewalk and meditation garden pathways to be pressure washed and sealed and our parking lot lighting needs to be addressed.

I would like to thank all our Bible study attendees, lectionary group attendees and Thursday service worshipers for their patience during the repair process, and thank Alison, Laura, and Ellen for their input in all these repair projects.

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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Welcome is more than a word. **Welcome** is how we live out our faith in action.

Are you new to Good Shepherd? New to the Episcopal Church? Or maybe you want to talk more about your faith.

Inquirers classes begin on Monday, October 17 and continue each Monday through November 14. We will meet at 1 pm for conversations about salvation history, the Book of Common Prayer, the Bible, Sacraments and so much more. Please consider joining us -- in person or on Zoom.

Then on **Sunday, November 20** we celebrate all the new or nearly new with a liturgy of welcome at 11 am.

If you can't come this time we will offer these classes again in January and in April.

All are welcome.