



JULY 2024

TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Cashiers, North Carolina

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Love of God and country jump off the page in the poem-now-anthem: "America the Beautiful." What better lyrics to reflect upon in the month of July, which starts off with a week of thanksgiving and patriotism in red, white, and blue—and hope.

Specific prayers and hymns for our country and national life will come on Sunday, July 7--one of which will be "America the Beautiful." Authored by Katherine Lee Bates, a poet and teacher, "America" was revised in 1911 into four verses. We sing three.

Bates was born in Falmouth, Mass., August 12, 1859. Her father was a pastor in the Congregational Church. She received a B.A. (1880) and M.A. (1891) from Wellesley College. She taught high school from 1880-1885 and then was a professor of English literature at Wellesley. In the summer of 1893 when she was lecturing at Colorado College she went to the top of Pike's Peak. Inspired by the beauty of the view she wrote all four verses of "America the Beautiful" which was an instant hit. (Hymnary.org)

Here are the four verses of the 1911 version

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

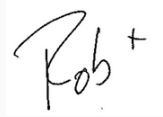
3. O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

4. O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

Living in Cashiers, we certainly get the spacious skies and the mountain majesties! Many are the heroes who fought (and fight still) 'in liberating strife' on many levels, and great is the thankfulness for this country—as it should be. I so appreciate the 'not yet finished' phrases built into every rendition that engage God prayerfully to 'refine our gold' for success in nobleness. The repentant words 'mend our every flaw'—of which there are still too many—keeps us properly humble and dependent on God for the healing of this nation.

America, as beautiful as she is, is a work in progress, and this poem itself 'sees beyond the years' with thanksgiving, with hope, and with a plea for God's grace to mend and for us to remember self-control so that there is less liberating strife, more liberty in law, and more fellowship (brotherhood)—from sea to shining sea. Let us pray...and sing!





**JULY
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 ANNEMARIE HALBACK
- 1 MADELEINE WATT
- 2 GEORGE ELLIOTT
- 3 NEELY YOUNG
- 3 JEFF RUSSELL
- 5 FIELD BOATWRIGHT
- 6 TOM TREICHEL
- 6 LINDA MADDOX
- 7 KINSEY HARPER
- 7 AMANDA PETERKIN
- 7 TEE COOPER
- 7 NED PENDARVIS
- 9 MARGARET MUSSLEMAN
- 9 MARCIA STIBBS
- 10 DAVID JONES
- 10 DICK CURRENCE
- 10 MILES RUSS
- 10 JAY ROMFH
- 11 GINGER DEMPSEY
- 11 CARL FOWLER
- 11 JOHN HERRING
- 14 SUSIE YOUNG
- 14 FRED A RYLEE
- 14 MAGGIE CANNON
- 14 JAMIE HAWKINS
- 15 BRENT SMITH
- 16 DAVE BRYANT
- 16 MARY LANE JOHNSON
- 17 LISE WESTON
- 17 BROOKE MACKINNON
- 18 MARGARET GIBBS
- 19 ELIZABETH MCKEE
- 19 CHRISTOPHER DYER
- 19 BUFF ADAMS
- 20 RUSTY MILLER
- 21 LIZ COLE
- 21 RICHARD MCCONNELL
- 23 LUCY STRONG
- 23 VIRGINIA DECKER
- 24 FRANK ROBLES
- 25 CHARLES SHROPSHIRE
- 25 BEATRIZ COLES
- 26 KATHLEEN CARROLL
- 26 JIM WEIR
- 26 JACK SHARRETT
- 26 JOYCE TUCKER
- 28 NEAL DICKERT
- 29 JUDY GRAY
- 30 BECKY BYARD
- 31 AMY THOMPSON

**JULY
ANNIVERSARIES**

TRANSITIONS
New to Good Shepherd James, Stacie, Marlowe & Wes Powell
 Guy & Cindy Peterson | Jonathan & Beatriz Coles | Margaret Mack
 Mary Preston Singletary | Matt, Tamara, Reagan, & Brinley Schwarz
Deaths Bill Newbold (5/31) | Preston Wailes (6/6) | Marty White (6/9)

BISHOP'S VISIT & CONFIRMATIONS
June 16, 2024



Confirmed: Will Boeve, Jerry Carter, Angelina Carpenter
 Received: Cathy Maddock, Tim Boeve, Kathy Carter
 Reaffirmed: Julia Boeve

ELL GRADUATION
May 28, 2024



Thanks to Karla, all our teachers, and volunteers who made the Spring Semester successful for our 20 students!

- 4 BARON & SUE HOLMES
- 24 BOB & BARBARA COLLIE
- 7 JACK & BROMLEY SHARRETT
- 25 BILL PUMP & ANNE DEWEES HART
- 10 ROBERT & HELEN FORTSON
- 25 HENRY & CARY KING
- 10 JAMES & STACIE POWELL
- 27 JOE & JEANNE TRAVIS
- 11 H.A. & KAY MOORE
- 28 PHIL & LOIS WRANGLE
- 17 JIM & CATHY FOSTER
- 31 DARRIN & KATHRYN DEAN
- 19 LAMAR & LIZ COLE



The Gospel of
Matthew
[THE FAVORITE GOSPEL OF THE CHURCH FOR 2,000 YEARS]
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MEN 9:00AM | WOMEN 10:15AM
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SEASON FOUR
TUESDAY EVENINGS JULY 9 THROUGH AUGUST 27 IN HINES HALL
WE WILL BEGIN WITH DINNER AT 6PM
RSVP: (828)743-2359

**VOCALIST
TIFFANY JACKSON
IN CONCERT**

Dr. Tiffany Renée Jackson is a groundbreaking, highly recognized classical and jazz Vocalist. We've had the pleasure of having Dr. Jackson in concert at Good Shepherd a few times before, and we are excited to welcome her back!

A love offering will be available. Light refreshments will be served in Hines Hall after the concert.



**JULY 27
5:30PM**



HINES HALL

**CONKLE-ROWE SCHOLARSHIP
FALL 2024 IN REVIEW**

41 Conkle-Rowe Fall 2024 Scholarships
Attending 19 Colleges & Universities
Approximately \$103,000 in Awards
Thanks to the Conkle-Rowe Committee and all
who support these scholars!





CONSIDERING A GIFT TO A GOOD SHEPHERD ENDOWMENT?

LEGACY GIFTS CAN BE MADE TO THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, OUTLINED BELOW. GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE WELCOME AS WE BUILD OUR POOL OF RESOURCES FOR DECADES TO COME. PLEASE REMEMBER GOOD SHEPHERD IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING AND CONTACT FR. ROB OR ELLEN AT THE CHURCH IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CLICK [HERE](#) FOR OUR ENDOWMENT PAGE.

BEQUESTS	LIFE INCOME GIFT	QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION	LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE ESTATE	APPRECIATED PROPERTY	CASH
<p>NAME COGS IN YOUR WILL</p> <p>DESIGNATE A(N):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPECIFIC AMOUNT • PERCENTAGE • ASSET • TRUST <p>OR NAME THE CHURCH AS A CONTINGENT BENEFICIARY</p>	<p>PROVIDE DONOR A LIFETIME INCOME IN RETURN FOR AN IRREVOCABLE GIFT</p> <p>OPTIONS INCLUDE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POOLED INCOME FUND • CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY • CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST 	<p>ANYONE WHO IS 70.5 OR OLDER CAN TRANSFER IRA ASSETS, UP TO A TOTAL OF \$100,000</p>	<p>YOU CAN MAKE THE CHURCH A CONTINGENT BENEFICIARY OF AN EXISTING POLICY</p> <p>OR</p> <p>MAKE THE CHURCH THE OWNER AND BENEFICIARY OF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A NEWLY PURCHASED POLICY • AN EXISTING POLICY 	<p>DEEDING YOUR HOME, VACATION HOME, FARM, RANCH, OR CONDOMINIUM TO THE CHURCH</p>	<p>SECURITIES, REAL ESTATE, OR TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY SUCH AS JEWELRY, COINS, STAMP COLLECTIONS, FURNITURE, WORKS OF ART, ANTIQUES, AUTOMOBILES, BOATS, ETC</p>	<p>SIMPLY WRITE A CHECK, GIVE ONLINE, OR THROUGH YOUR DONOR ADVISED FUND</p>



GENERAL CONVENTION UPDATE NEW PRESIDING BISHOP!

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe elected 28th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of the Episcopal Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York, was elected and confirmed the 28th presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church on June 26 for a nine-year term beginning Nov. 1.