



The Shepherd's Voice

November 2018

Services

Sunday:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
Rite I

9:15 am Adult Spiritual
Formation (Nursery
available)

10:45 am Holy Eucharist
Rite II (Nursery
available)

10:45 am Children's
Church (Children go
directly to Children's
Church)

Tuesday:

5:00 pm Healing with
Soaking Prayer

Wednesday:

Noon Holy Eucharist with
Healing Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove
Rector

The Rev. Dr. Delmer
Chilton
Pastor in Charge

The Rev. George Choyce
Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Turner Guidry
Deacon

2018 Christmas Care

Good Shepherd is again partnering with the Hinton Center in Christmas Care of Clay County, a vital program that provides clothing for children in need. Last year over 400 children were provided coats, shoes, school clothes and other items. Christmas Care takes donations that allow parents to shop for their children's needs or have a volunteer shop for them. Walmart in Murphy provides designated shopping days and parents are given a \$60.00 allowance that can only be used for clothing for their children. If parents are unable to shop



themselves, a Christmas Care volunteer shops for them.

Alternately, donors may sponsor a child. Donors are given a specific child with needs and sizes and are asked to return the gifts to the Hinton Center in early December.

Good Shepherd is taking donations throughout Advent for Christmas Care. You can

make your donations to Good Shepherd with Christmas Care on the memo line. Or, if you would like to sponsor a child, you may contact Rev. Dawn Livingston of the Hinton Center at 828-389-8663 or missions@hintoncenter.org.

Thanksgiving Service

The Thanksgiving service will be held on November 22, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Hoyt, Amy Nicolson
Lector: Mary Anne Kooš

Thanksgiving Dinner

November 22, 2018 at noon

Please join us on Thanksgiving for a church family dinner. The meat will be furnished by the church and you can bring a favorite dish to share. If you know of anyone who would like to join us, please invite them. For more information contact Mary Rose Figura 404-626-6513.



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Christian Education

Ongoing

- **Lectionary Bible Study** meets on Sundays at 9:15 in the library as we work through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

Upcoming

- **Advent Quiet Day: The Christmas Songs of Luke** On December 8, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. On this Advent quiet day we will use Lectio Divina to read, meditate, pray, and reflect on the

three Christmas songs in the Gospel according to Luke: The Song of Mary, The Song of Zechariah, and The Song of Simeon.

Lectio Divina is a traditional Benedictine practice of spiritual reading, meditation, and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word.

No prior experience is necessary. A simple lunch will be served. Please sign up in the hallway if you plan to attend.

Make Your Own Moravian Star



On Saturday, November 18, from 9 until 11, you will have an opportunity to make your own paper origami Moravian star in a workshop led by Mary Ann Miller. The paper used for the six-sided three dimensional star will display Christmas carols.

Originating in the Moravian schools in Germany in the 19th century as an exercise in geometry, the stars were carried throughout the world by missionaries and other church workers. Now the star proclaims the hope of Advent. The star

reminds us of God, who caused the light to shine out of darkness. It echoes the promise of Abraham that his descendants would be more numerous than the stars. We are also reminded of the star of Bethlehem that shone over the manger. And finally, we recall the words of Jesus: "I am the bright and Morning Star."

The workshop could not come at a more appropriate time, just before Advent begins. The class is limited to 15 people, and the cost is \$15.00, which includes all materials. If you wish to take the class, please sign up on the designated sheet in the hallway by November 2. Payment is due at the time of signup and may be made in the church office. There will be an envelope marked "Moravian Star Class" on the cutting board table. Please make your check to GSEC with the note "star class." If you leave \$15.00 cash, write your name and the amount on the envelope.

Financials (September 30, 2018)

2018 General Fund Balance:

General Fund Balance on January 1, 2018	\$20,700
Income year to date	298,076
Expenses year to date	<u>-287,955</u>
General Fund Balance on September 30, 2018	\$30,821

Balance on bank mortgage \$129,179

Balance on Mt. of Faith loan \$12,500

The church's financial statements are posted each month on the bulletin board by the office door.

For any questions, please contact our church bookkeeper, Susan Wyman in the office on Mondays.

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From the Pastor's Desk

In one of the Lutheran congregations I served, the chair of the Altar Guild called this time of year the "Chameleon Season." This was because the "Color of the Day" changes so often. The paraments on the pulpit, lectern, and altar; as well as the stoles and chasubles worn by the clergy, change almost every Sunday as we end the church year with a variety of special days.

This year, Good Shepherd will observe Reformation Sunday on October 28. Father Bill decided to do this in recognition not only of your erstwhile Lutheran pastor, but also as a way of remembering and celebrating the fact that The Episcopal Church and my denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are in "full communion" with one another.

On Reformation Sunday, Lutherans traditionally remember Martin Luther and the other 16th century reformers. The theme of the day is that the church is called to always remain open to change in response to the leading of the Holy Spirit. The color of the day is Red, just like at Pentecost and Ordinations, and Celebrations of New Ministries - because red is the color of the Pentecostal flame of the Holy Spirit. Lutheran laypeople often wear red to church on Reformation Sunday.

Although All Saints Day is Nov. 1 and All Souls Day (also known as "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed") is Nov. 2, we will observe both on Sunday, Nov. 4. Part of the observance will be reading the names of the Faithful Departed and praying for them. (There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall if you wish to have a name included.) The color of the day is White, signifying the Resurrection. This comes from Revelation 7:9 *"After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands."*

On November 11 and November 18, we are back to Ordinary Time, also known as the "Sundays after Pentecost" and the color Green. The season after Pentecost is green because it is a time in which we focus on the steady growth of discipleship and maturity in the faith. November 11 is Veterans Day and we will observe it with appropriate

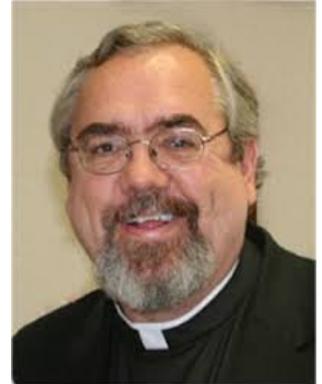
hymnody, prayers and thanks to our veterans for their service. November 18 is my last Sunday as your Sabbatical Pastor. (I suggest we celebrate it with a hearty rendition of "Now Thank We All Our God!")

On November 22, Father Bill will be back and will lead the congregation in the celebration of Thanksgiving Day with a service in the nave at 11:00 AM, followed by a dinner in the Parish Hall.

The color of the day is White. We finish off the month with Christ the King Sunday (also White) - the last Sunday in the church year. It is a relatively new addition to the church calendar, instituted by Pope Pius XI in the 1920's. Issuing his proclamation following World War I, Pius noted that while the war was over, there was no true peace. He lamented the continued divisions between people based on class, economic status, race, gender, and "unbridled nationalism." He was especially concerned about the rise of totalitarian states in Russia and Italy and the growth of fascism in Eastern Europe and Germany. Christ the King was instituted to remind Christians that our highest loyalty belongs not to our country, class, or party, but to Christ because, as Saint Paul reminds us in Galatians 3:28, *"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."*

And just for good measure on the color change chart – Dec. 2, the Sunday after Christ the King is the first Sunday in Advent and the color is Blue – a sign of hope (not because the baby Jesus was a boy, as one of my confirmation students wrongly wrote on her confirmation class "final paper.") If you're keeping count, that's six Sundays and five changes of parament colors. Oh and by the way the bishop will be visiting on December 2. Pray for your Altar Guild this month.

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Helen Mulcahy



Helen's life began in McLoud, California, a small lumbering community at the foot of Mt. Shasta where she developed independent survival skills as the sister of four older brothers.

Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins willingly contributed their influences in the rearing of this most welcomed little girl, so together with her snug family she was surrounded by this compact community who spawned and developed attitudes to fortify Helen with a natural kindness to others, a welcoming heart

and the grace to value the good that each day offered.

The blessings of the mutual love affair of Helen and Irish resulted in joy and pride as they raised their six cherished children, richly exposing them to varied cultures as a military family. Five years living in Japan might have been a daunting test for many wives to manage without most comforts and conveniences of Americans, but Helen made it a positive challenge, marking it up as a wonder:ul experience in cultural enrichment and she contributed her own abilities as accountant for US military supply there in Japan. The close friendships with other military families when they were based in Sacramento, CA., in Arizona and in Florida further cemented lifetime relationships.

Although Helen's primary strength of focus was to be the stable presence for Irish upon his returns from hundreds of terrifyingly

dangerous life-threatening missions as a helicopter rescue pilot, her talents and abilities led her to rewarding careers from fashion model to banker. Expanding interests of painting (primarily water-color,) piano, golf, swimming, dancing, bridge, graceful entertaining with exemplary culinary skills have provided further enrichment and pleasure to an already full life.

Discovering North Georgia for their future ideal retirement choice led Helen and Irish to invest in a parcel of land in Young Harris area with unparalleled mountain views, so building of their "temporary vacation spot" began about 1980. Combining their individual talents of construction and design developed into a beautiful home with this glorious setting so earlier retirement here was too appealing to delay. They made it their permanent home in 1985 and completed their "settling in" by joining Good Shepherd Episcopal Church where they worshipped, committed their talented gifts and made warm life-long friendships.

Helen earned her rewards of satisfaction, self-esteem and success through effort, will and determination. Trusting in God's personal map for each of His believers has allowed expansion of Helen's life, enriching it with love and devotion to her family, her friends her various communities and her nation. Those whose path she shares are enriched through her influence.

Interviewed by Barb Hansen

Storytelling

The Arts and Spirituality Ministry invites you and your guests to attend an afternoon of storytelling for the whole family led by nationally recognized Texas storyteller, Elizabeth Ellis, on Saturday, December 1 from 1:00 pm. to 3:00 pm. at Moss Memorial Library, downtown Hayesville. The event is brought to the public at no charge by a grant of the Library and is supported by the Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival. The goal of her performance is to help us gather our family and spiritual stories, use stories as parents and grandparents, provide tools for teachers and understand the use of stories in our life, church

and work. Her stories feature her beloved Appalachian mountains, her love of history, tales of historic women, and her personal life. Ellis, a professional master storyteller for more than forty years, has performed nationwide and is a repeat performer at the International Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN. If interested in attending sign up in the parish hall or come out to the library on December 1st at 1 p.m. Invite friends and come out to enjoy the afternoon with Ms. Ellis. For information contact Jane Oliver, janeholiver@bellsouth.net or 678-549-3900 or Kanute Rarey, kanutetells@gmail.com or 502-525-7272.

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Inside Story Headline

As a priest I have lived where different Episcopal Churches have called me to serve. Those places include Panama City, Florida; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Newington, Connecticut; Signal Mountain, Tennessee; and Hayesville, North Carolina. All of these places have vastly contrasting cultures, and the churches have diverse styles of liturgy and ministry. You may have noticed that one these places includes Panama City, Florida. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church was the first place to call me to serve as the Assistant Priest on the staff. It is a significant place for me in my ministry; I was ordained by Bishop Duvall to the priesthood at that church in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

One of the cultural phenomenon that typically occurs in ministry is that healthy relationships are formed and still sustained in a positive way once the priest is called to a new ministry and moves geographically to a different location.

I have not heard from some of my friends in the Panhandle area; however, most have responded to my telephone calls and texts to inform me that they have survived Hurricane Michael. Their houses, nonetheless, sustained varying degrees of damage. This piqued my curiosity so I logged on to an accredited government web sight of satellite views of the area around St. Andrew's. The church is still standing but the church house where the Choyce family lived is not. It is completely flattened by the historical trees that surrounded it. It

was quite humbling to zero in on the space and realize where my family and I had lived for three years is now flattened.

There are all kinds of mission opportunities from local to national to international. Hurricane recovery is a significant ministry opportunity for all of us. We can participate in mission and ministry opportunities by physically partaking in them, and praying for those involved in the experience, as well as financially supporting those who will be touched by the experience. In addition to your pledge, over the next month please be looking out, in addition to listening out for those opportunities to financially sponsoring a missionary, along with contributing to the places where they will serve. And by all means, palpably participate in the mission or ministry experience. As Jesus said to his disciples - and is true for us today - *Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to all creation.*

Please call me at Good Shepherd with any questions. If I am not able to answer them, I will put you in touch with the right person who will be able to do so.



Thank you

Thank you! On behalf of the Bethel-Guidry College Scholarship Committee, we would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make the 2018 event a very successful endeavor. Projects like these

could not happen without help and assistance from everyone. Special thanks to Jim Redmond and Kanute Rarey for their untiring direction and guidance.

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Nominations for Vestry

The nominating committee consisting of Rachel Baughn, Carolyn Cline-Griffiths, Jan Freeman, Dave Larson, Don Roman and Tom Wilkerson is now soliciting input for the elections of vestry members. Four new vestry members will be elected in January 2019. To be eligible to run for vestry a candidate must meet the following requirements:

- **Members** – All persons whose Baptism, Confirmation, Reception or Letter of Transfer has been recorded in this church, and who have been confirmed or received by the Bishop. (Canon 1.17.1 of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church of the United States.)
- **Communicants in Good Standing of Good Shepherd** – All members of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship and have received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving

for the spread of the Kingdom of God. (Canon 1.17.3 of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church of the United States and Canon 10.7 of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Western NC.)

- No less than 18 years of age, who have agreed to serve on the vestry for the elected term (3 years), to serve on one committee, and to attend Church functions.
- Have no spouse serving concurrently on the vestry.
- Shall be a contributor of record through faithful monetary giving to Good Shepherd.

If you would like to nominate a member of the parish for vestry, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee before December 23.

Moms' Connection Celebrates Halloween



Parish News

Birthdays in November

- 2 Doris Etlar
- 3 Patti Brownlee, Jan Ratchford
- 5 David Gribble
- 6 Mary Rose Figura, Dave Larson
- 8 Karen Sirmans, Joe Martin
- 9 Dean Harshbarger
- 10 Linda Milt
- 14 Susan Morgan
- 16 Claudia Kennedy
- 17 Bill Rutledge
- 18 Flor Esposito
- 20 Bob Stillwell
- 21 Eleanor Owen
- 24 Judy Bourne
- 26 Beej Hampton, Laurie Wright
- 27 Laurel Adams

Anniversaries in November

- 3 Barbara and Rex Boswell
- 20 Meg Gring and Fred Whitley
- 29 Marilyn and Bill Clark
- 30 Violet and Larry Howell

THANK YOU TO ALL

A big thank you to all of you at Good Shepherd for the wonderful celebration of our 60th Wedding Anniversary. It was awesome and meant so much to Paul and I and our family. We are truly Blessed with the love of GOD and so many caring and loving friends. We appreciate all the cards, and hugs and good wishes we received. Thanks to Kathy Wright for her organization of a great party with cake and flowers and all the trimmings. Thanks also to Lynne for all her help with all of this. We are over whelmed with all the love we received. Thank you all and most of all to God for seeing us through this last 60 years. Love and many Blessing and thanks to each of you for sharing this with us.

Pat and Paul and all the Jordan Family

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Lectionary Readings in November

All Saints' Sunday
November 4

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24:1-6
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

25 Pentecost
November 11

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146:4-9
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

26 Pentecost
November 18

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16:5-11
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-8

Christ the King Sunday
November 25

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37



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