



The Shepherd's Voice

March 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:

7:00 pm Healing with
Soaking Prayer

Wednesday:

Noon Holy Eucharist with
Healing Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Bill
Breedlove
Rector

The Rev. George Choyce
Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Turner Guidry
Deacon

Chasing away the Snakes, A Lenten Day of Prayer

March 17 9:30 am-3:30 pm

On March 17, it is popular to honor St. Patrick on his feast day. In addition to converting the Irish to Christianity, the saint is rumored to have also driven the snakes out of Ireland. On Saturday March 17, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church is sponsoring a Day of Prayer and, as a nod to St. Patrick, it is entitled "Chasing away the Snakes." What "snakes" may be troubling your inner life? What are those things preventing you from living the full life of grace God intended for you?

The day will flow between three short talks, followed by ample time for walking, contemplation, and prayer alone or with an experienced prayer team or clergy. At the end of the day, we will release our "snakes" to God and we'll celebrate new insights and tools for increasing mental and spiritual well-being.

Keith Christensen, MSW, LCSW, LCAS, recently left a full-time counseling position and is Pastoral Care Coordinator at Good Shepherd. Keith will usher in our time of inner listening with a talk on Mindfulness and "Being Present." How do we quiet the voices of anxiety, fear, or distraction to be present to God, ourselves or others?

George Heilner, MA, LPA, provides outpatient treatment for veterans with combat-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and consults with cardiac rehab patients in stress management. George will speak to us about trauma and its consequences in our lives and in the lives of our families.

Benita Esposito, MA, LPC, specializes in couples counseling, healing emotional roots of disease, and counseling Highly Sensitive People. Benita will address the importance of offering compassion and kindness to ourselves, forgiving our mistakes and shortcomings as well as forgiving others.

The Day of Prayer begins with arrival at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church (495 Herbert Hills Dr., Hayesville, NC) 9:30-10:00 am and will conclude with a closing service around 3:30 pm. A light lunch will be served. There is no charge to participate in this event and all are welcome. For more information, please call the Good Shepherd office at 828-389-3397.

Please share this invitation with anyone in need of quiet time to listen to God, prayer for healing with compassionate prayer ministers, private confession with clergy, or anyone trying to find peace. Isn't it time to stop running from whatever "snakes" trouble you?

Holy Smokers Third Annual Fish Fry

Join us for the third annual fish fry on March 24, 5:00-7:00 pm. All you can eat. Tickets are \$10.00 per adult and free for children under 12. No doggie bags. Take out orders are available for \$10 per box.



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Christian Education

Ongoing

- **Lectionary Bible Study** meets in the Library downstairs. Join us each Sunday at 9:15 as we work through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. All are welcome.
- **Book Study** — *Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening*, Sundays through March 18, at 9:15 a.m. in the Undercroft. Facilitated by Dr. Carol Smucker.

Lenten Supper Series 2018

Sundays in Lent at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Evenings begin with a simple supper of soup and salad. Please see the sign up sheets in the hallway to volunteer food for an evening or in other ways.

- A Face Set Toward Jerusalem: *The Passion of Christ and Traditions of Lent and Holy Week*—In this course we will examine the traditions of Lent and Holy Week - their origins, elements, and meanings - that developed around the life and death of Jesus as he set his face toward Jerusalem. This course is led by Fr Bill.

March 4 — Maundy Thursday

March 11 — Good Friday

March 18 — The Great Vigil of Easter

- A Journey Further into Narnia and Middle-earth — This Lenten offering will take us on a spiritual journey into the world of Narnia created by C. S. Lewis and Middle-earth created by J. R. R. Tolkien. These imaginative novels of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, as well as *The Lord of the Rings* can be read on many levels – from creative stories to scholastic gospel parallels. All are invited to come and participate in what promises to be a lively discussion as we leave Hayesville for an hour and journey together into these two timeless worlds. This Lenten offering is led by The Rev. George Choyce.

Upcoming

- The Annual History Seminar on Saturday, March 24 - 10:00 to noon in the Parish Hall. - Darry Wood will talk with us about the Ancient Cherokee Indian presence in our area during times prior to the Trail of Tears. Refreshments will be served. The seminar is open to the public, so help spread the word by asking a friend to come. There is no charge for this event.
- The Jesus Fatwah on Mondays, April 2 thru 30 - 5:30 pm - Dr. Robert Schneider will be in the Library facilitating a video/discussion course. The program is written and produced by Living the Questions. This 5 week program explores the Muslim faith and pairs the conversation with the Christian faith. Dr. Schneider

has lived and worked in 2 mostly Muslim countries and has personal knowledge of the subject matter. Classes will last about 1 hour. Sign up in the Hallway so enough copies of written materials are printed.

- Rector's Brown Bag Book Read — *Pastrix* by Nadia Bolz Weber on Tuesday, April 17 at noon. Heavily tattooed and loud-mouthed, Nadia, a former stand-up comic, sure as hell didn't consider herself to be religious leader material-until the day she ended up leading a friend's funeral in a smoky downtown comedy club. Surrounded by fellow alcoholics, depressives, and cynics, she realized: These were her people. Maybe she was meant to be their pastor.
- Using life stories—from living in a hopeful-but-haggard commune of slackers to surviving the wobbly chairs and war stories of a group for recovering alcoholics, from her unusual but undeniable spiritual calling to pastoring a notorious con artist-Nadia uses stunning narrative and poignant honesty to portray a woman who is both deeply faithful and deeply flawed, " giving hope to the rest of us along the way.
- Wildly entertaining and deeply resonant, this is the book for people who hunger for a bit of hope that doesn't come from vapid consumerism or navel-gazing; for women who talk too loud, and guys who love chick flicks; for the gay man who loves Jesus, and won't allow himself to be shunned by the church. In short, this book is for every thinking misfit suspicious of institutionalized religion, but who is still seeking transcendence and mystery.
- The "Big Picture" Bible: God's story and our story - Saturday, April 21 - 9 am - 4 pm - The Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton tours churches offering his stimulating and joyful talk about God and includes us in the Spring Tour. The Bible is his topic on April 21 in Good Shepherd's Parish Hall. This event will be offered at no charge. Delmer describes this as a "romp through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation". We ask for donations to assist with lunch expenses. Sign-up sheet in the Hallway for lunch count. Please save the date and plan to be there.
- Rector's Brown Bag Book Read — *The Great Divorce* by C. S. Lewis on Tuesday, June 19 at noon. C. S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce* is a classic Christian allegorical tale about a bus ride from hell to heaven. An extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment, Lewis's revolutionary idea in *The Great Divorce* is that the gates of Hell are locked from the inside. Using his extraordinary descriptive powers, Lewis' *The Great Divorce* will change the way we think about good and evil.

Shalom for Lent and Beyond

Shalom to you and to those you love, my friend. Shalom is a Hebrew word meaning peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquility. I am not the first or only to say this, but shalom is God's dream for all creation. Peace to the cosmos. Harmony to the earth. Wholeness to broken bodies. Completeness to our sanctification. Prosperity to our ministry. Well-faring for all people. Tranquility instead of strife. It is a beautiful dream. "Peace be with you" really means may all things for you be in harmony and be whole, be perfect and be well. God offers us shalom and shows us shalom through Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit. As members of God's family, as people whom Jesus calls his brothers and sisters, we should seek shalom for ourselves as Jesus did for himself. Shalom is a family trait and a family practice. On Ash Wednesday we heard Jesus tell his followers to engage in acts of piety that are done in secret. God is the proper audience for our prayers, fasting, and alms giving. There is an interior life for all of us to tend to, and it is these acts of piety done before God who is in secret that produce peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, well-being, and rest for our souls. The change these produce can be slow and imperceptible to us, but God who is in secret works on us in secret. Properly understood, prayer, fasting, and alms giving are pathways to shalom. Properly understood, prayer is a place where in the presence of a loving God we can be honest about ourselves and accepting of ourselves, and where we can experience ourselves as infinitely loved and not in competition with others, or captive to the opinion of others for our self-worth. Properly understood, fasting curbs the desire to possess and control people and things that causes rivalry. Properly understood, alms giving is for the benefit of the giver more so than the

receiver. Alms giving frees us from our inclination toward excessive self-interested acquisition and action, and brings to mind the shalom of our brothers and sisters and of all creation.

Because we are one body with Christ as our head, we should seek shalom for others. There can be no shalom for one part of the body while shalom is denied another. Our many rivalries, as civilized as they can appear when institutionalized, our many divisions caused by those rivalries, our many claims to our rights and our rightness, and our accusations against others are a denial of shalom. Rather than rivalry, Jesus says to diffuse the rivalry by turning the other cheek, giving your cloak along with shirt, and walking an extra mile. He refused to engage in rivalries that we seem to take for granted. He refused to play the power game. He told his followers to put away their sword, and he refused to call in the support of angels. At the end of his mortal life, he accused neither his accusers nor his executioners. Rather, on that good Friday, he said for the benefit of their shalom and shalom for all of creation, "Father, forgive them." Anything else would have been to respond to rivalry with more of the same. Accusation, blaming, and seeking revenge, as right as we might often believe those to be, is to fall in league with the Accuser.

Shalom to you and those you love, my friend.

Fr. Bill+



St Patrick's Senior Lunch



Thursday, March 15 at Noon

All seniors are invited to a lunch and fellowship gathering on Thursday, March 15 at noon in the parish hall. St Patrick, the color green, and magically delicious lucky charms are expected. We might even have an appearance by the world's tallest elf. Regardless, the food will be yummy and your friends will be glad to see you.

Please sign up below or call the church office 828-389-3397 to let us know that you plan to attend.

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Good Shepherd's Communications Committee Reaches Out to Our Community

Good Shepherd's Communications Ministry has the enjoyable and fulfilling task of letting our surrounding communities know what a wonderful, God-filled church we are blessed to have in Good Shepherd! As a committee, our efforts are directed outward, to the people who live and work around us in surrounding towns and counties.

The exact description of the committee's duties can be found in the Mission Statement on our Good Shepherd web site. However, this written mission statement comes to life in the everyday tasks of the committee.

For example, Good Shepherd is offering an amazing new program called "Moms' Connection" which meets once a month, inviting young mothers to come together for support and camaraderie. Press releases and follow-up stories with photos of this maternal fellowship help grow and affirm this group.

Publicity goes out about other major events as well, such as the annual Golf Tournament in the Fall and our upcoming Sacred Threads exhibition. It is our job to make our community aware of the many wonderful events and programs we produce, through any medium possible.

However, letting our community know the many opportunities for weekly worship that abound at Good Shepherd is most vital. For example, our Lenten and Easter events are front and center right now. We hope to inform potential visitors and new members to "come and

see" through these media notices.

Publicity is just one part of the committee's responsibility. Ideas abound for continued development of the web site, and our participation in community events for increased visibility is ongoing. Materials and church signage are addressed as needed.

New ideas for getting our name and message out to the public will be unveiled soon, and they are wonderful, so stay tuned!

Social media remains an area that could use development, and we hope to go farther in that direction as God leads us, and in His time.

In fact, there are so many ideas about how to get out the Good Shepherd Message that Communications could become a full-time job! Our crew of Holley Calmes, Karen and Alan Sirmans, Suzanne Treacy, and Rachel and Harry Baughn all have our hands full.

There are a number of opportunities for members to join us in this effort. We welcome your ideas and volunteerism. Please email Holley at hcalmes@mindspring.com with your thoughts and ideas.

And remember....the best advertising is word of mouth! New members always site "friends, neighbors, and being invited" as the reasons they initially came to Good Shepherd. With that in mind, we are all a member of the Good Shepherd Communications Committee! Keep up the good work!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Thank You !

Thank you to all who made possible a great Pancake Supper. Those that bought tickets, left tips and made donations, Thank You all. We want to especially thank all who work hard to make this possible: The young men serving tables, the adults helping them in the Parish Hall and those that help set up, mix and cook, washed a ton of dishes, and cleaned up when the meal was done.

Good Shepherd served a record number and you raised a total of \$ 1955, by far our greatest amount for youth and children ministries.

To give you an idea of what was done in just a few hours we cooked 66 pounds of sausage, 125 pounds of pancake batter, 4 and 1/2 gallons of syrup, about 150 servings of apple sauce and 18 pounds of butter. Plus, lots of coffee, tea and juice.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is one of the oldest traditions at Good Shepherd dating back at least to the 1980's and this year was great. Again, Thank You.

From Fr. George

Lent is just one season of the Church year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost are the others. Rightly so, the Church sees Lent as a forty day season of penitence. The synonyms for penitence in a Thesaurus range from shame, repentance, atonement, contrition, remorse, regret to sorrow. There seems to be a range of negativity in those synonyms. Many of us do not need to be reminded of our need for penitence, while others of us do need to be reminded that our faith has this component to it.

Some of those synonyms are quite destructive. Shame, for instance, is something that Jesus would never do to us. Reminding us to repent, however, is something that is brought up throughout the entire Bible. Furthermore, Jesus was frequently quoted in the Gospels as proclaiming some variation of **repent** for the Kingdom of God is at hand. It is complex for us to reconcile the sense of penitence without being toppled over into depression; this is not the purpose of Lent or even of our faith.

For instance, in [The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe](#), it is C.S. Lewis who is able to give me a better appreciation of the balance of Jesus through the character of Aslan. He is the Lion in the title of the book and a clear representation of Jesus through the exact actions in his brutal, sacrificial death and his spiritual, real resurrection.

Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy are the children who enter the world of Narnia through the Wardrobe mentioned in the title. Two of the characters in Narnia are Mr. and Mrs. Beaver. They invite the children

to dinner. Over the meal, an otherworldly conversation turns to the Lion Aslan. The children all begin to develop a *strange feeling* just upon hearing his name. Lucy bravely asks if Aslan is safe. *Safe? said Mr. Beaver. Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you.* Toward the end of the book, Mr. Beaver says, *He's wild, you know. Not like a tame lion.*



We cannot tame Jesus, yet we cannot be frightened of him either. It is a delicate balance. The Collects or Prayers for the season of Lent can be found in [The Book of Common Prayer](#) on pages 166-169 for Rite One and pages 217-221 for Rite Two. Those prayers all provide incredibly accurate summaries and maintain that delicate balance for that specific Sunday of Lent. You are encouraged to read through them all, and as a part of your Lenten discipline to read the prayer for the upcoming Sunday.

Give yourself over to the commitment and joy found in Lent during Lent this year of 2018. Treat yourself. See where the journey takes you. I can write in full assurance that Lent never ends with pain and death but points to new life and resurrection. There was a full cross; there was an empty grave. That too is our faith.

Financials (January 31, 2018)

2018 General Fund Balance:

Balance January 1, 2018	\$20,575
Income year to date	31,128
Expenses year to date	<u>-33,851</u>
General Fund Balance on January 31, 2018	17,852
Balance on bank mortgage	\$142,658
Balance on Mt. of Faith loan	\$20,500

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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Altar Guild Help Needed

As most of you know Altar Guild takes care of the needs at every service we have at Good Shepherd. It consists of many great people who work together to make our services memorable and assist the priest in many ways to make his job easier.

We Need Help! We have lost several members due to unforeseen circumstances. We hope some of you will come forward and respond.

We have four teams lined up for each service. Each team has one Sunday each month to do their duties. The 10:45 team goes in on Friday or Saturday and prepares the altar with all the elements needed for Sunday and leaves it in the sacristy for the 8:00 am team to put out and set-up for that service. The 8:00 team cleans-up and prepares for

the 10:45 service. After the 10:45 service the 10:45 team cleans up.

It is very rewarding ministry and we hope that it will appeal to some of you. We are a great group of loving people who work with our super priests Fr. Bill and Fr. George and Deacon Turner.

We welcome you. You do not have to know everything about Altar Guild or the church. We will work with you. We do this together and actually enjoy all that we do and hope you will do.

We are there for each other. Please prayfully consider joining us. Please contact Pat Jordan or the church office and let us know who you are. We welcome you!

Library Update

The Church Library Catalog is now live on line. You may search by title, author, ISBN, or category. We have never heard of any church library being so available to its patrons.

Two years ago the Library Committee began sorting through the pile of books the church had accumulated. With the guidance of Fr. Bill Breedlove, who suggested that it might be better to categorize books by content than by any one of the number systems available, we got started. This was so that the library would be friendly, like a bookstore. It was not an easy task. Not having read every single book, the Library Committee did the best they could to define Categories and then assign books to them. Though we may have made a mistake or two, we finally succeeded in categorizing 2400 plus titles. (If you should find a book categorized wrongly, please let us know. We can fix it.)

We labeled the books, made covers for dust jackets, and have already moved all the volumes around two times. We have asked the Vestry to make a capital expenditure and get us 64 more linear feet of book case space. When the new shelves are in place we will be able to move books around one more time, and re-do our map. We will be able get everything looking spiffy.

In the middle of all this Paul and Michelle Smith entered all the books for the on line catalog. They did it in two days. Paul found the Libib system on line and showed us how simple it is to use. They used an app on their cell phones to enter the books into the system. What I love so much about this system is that the program pulls a picture and lots of information from the web to make an entry that looks like an

Amazon entry. Paul has put this system onto the church web sight www.goodshepherdhayesville.org

How to use the Library Catalog

1. Go to the church web sight www.goodshepherdhayesville.org
2. Click on the Library Tab. The catalog will pop up.
3. To the right of the search bar are 2 boxes; one with the word authors and an arrow- clicking on the arrow will give you a choice of Authors, Titles, Publish. Choose the one you want to use for your search.

Or

If you wish to search by category, click on the box labeled Tag List to choose the category you want to search.

4. Put in the Author or Title you wish to search for. Enter.
5. If you have chosen a Tag, Enter

Another unique feature of our Library is our check out policy and procedure. There isn't one. We feel if there is a book you need to read you should take it home and read it. When you are finished, bring it back. When returning a book, you may put it in the wire basket on the desk. A member of the Library Committee will re-shelve it for you.

We want you to feel at home and comfortable with the Church Library. Come and see.

Parish News

Birthdays in

- 2 Delmer Chilton
- 3 Cameron Bethel, Joe Rybicki
- 4 Jonathan Bethel
- 5 Barbara Wood
- 6 Krystyna Wilson
- 7 Charlie Gignilliat
- 8 Cheri Pinner, Gini Reynolds, Suzanne Wagner
- 9 Deborah Sellers
- 11 Beth Hitchcock
- 12 Barb Redmond
- 17 Benita Esposito, BJ Schweikert, Pat List
- 18 Pat Mahon
- 23 Marilyn Pierce
- 24 Stephanie Forbes
- 25 Jane Oliver
- 26 Kathy Wright
- 27 Logan Turner
- 28 Krista Strain, Jack Bethel, Jon Czarnecki
- 29 Sanford Freeman
- 30 Pat Werdin

Anniversaries in

- 3 Kaye and Paul TeRonde
- 16 Judy and Clarke Bourne
- 21 Bev and Dave Larson
- 22 Judy and Joe Mamo
- 29 Abigail and John Granacki
- 31 BJ and Bob Schweikert

Easter Memorials

Envelopes are in the pew pockets and narthex for your contributions to the Easter floral decorations. Note on the back of the envelope for whom the contribution is in honor or memory. The deadline to get your memorial in the Easter bulletins is March 18.

You may also mail your donation to the church. Be sure to tell us who you are honoring or remembering.

Servers for Holy Week services

Palm Sunday, March 25, 8:00 am, Passion Gospel

- Pilate: Gail Criss
- Jesus: Fr. George
- Narrator: Michael Wright

Palm Sunday, March 25, 10:45 am, Passion Gospel

- Pilate: Doug Stuart
- Jesus: Elmer Wilson
- Narrator: Barb Field

Maundy Thursday, March 29

- EMs: Tom Griffiths, Carolyn Cline-Griffiths
- Lectors: Kathryn Hoyt, Furie Soles

Good Friday, March 30 Noon

- EMs: David Hourdequin, Stephanie Forbes

The Great Vigil, March 31, 7:00 pm

- EMs: Deanna DuBose, Kathy Wright
- Lectors: Kelly Williams, Rachel Baughn, Keith Christensen, Kathy Wright, Harry Baughn, Mary Anne Kooš, David Hourdequin, Elizabeth Rybicki, Fr. George Choyce

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Lectionary Readings for March

3 Lent	4 Lent	5 Lent	Palm Sunday
March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Exodus 20:1-7	Numbers 21:4-9	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Mark 11:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Ephesians 2:1-10	Hebrews 5:5-10	Isaiah 50:4-9a
John 2:13-22	John 3:14-21	John 12:20-33	Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47



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