



The Shepherd's Voice

May 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

Honduras 2019

And Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."

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Mark 16:15

I invite you to a transformational journey of body and spirit. In February 2019, I and some of your brothers and sisters are returning to Honduras to visit with our friends at the LAMB Institute in Tegucigalpa. Come and see. The LAMB Institute is a multifaceted ministry including a school in a marginal community in the capital city, a group home for children, a micro-loan program for small business start-ups, a soccer program to counter gang membership, and an anti-sex trafficking effort. Founded in 1999 by Suzy McCall, the LAMB Institute is now led and staffed by Hondurans with Suzy, an ordained priest, serving as the spiritual director for the ministry. This will be the third team from Good Shepherd to make this journey and it will be my sixth visit to LAMB. I anticipate having my body and spirit challenged. I anticipate laughter and tears. I anticipate making a difference and coming home different.

Some wonder about the value of such trips, questioning whether they are worth the expense, whether they have lasting value, and whether we should not instead focus on local or national missions. When thinking about those questions, I think about the friends that I and others have made with whom we remain in touch. I think about how I know something of the lives of Ariel, Jose Luis, Angel, Amanda, and Wendy. I think of the hopes and dreams they have shared and the photos of their

families. And I know that a North American taking time to come and see them means a lot. We work together and we share, but it really is being present that seems to matter most. Is there lasting value? We are building relationships as well as lasting structures.



Some are called to serve locally and some beyond the local community. The Spirit speaks to others to leave the land they know. Saint Paul said that he was commissioned by the one Spirit to be an apostle to the Gentiles as others were commissioned to serve the community in and around Jerusalem. There is no competition here where serving beyond our local community means something proximate will be shortchanged. Our faith is in a God of abundance who will provide for the work to which we are called, whether that is locally, nationally, or abroad. I encourage you to find your place for serving the world outside of the parish and to pray for the guidance of the Spirit in that endeavor. For those who feel called, for those who are wondering, I invite you to come and see what God is doing among our Christian brothers and sisters in Honduras.

Inquirer's meetings will be held Saturday, May 19 and May 26 at 10am.

Parish Picnic

On May 20 after the 10:45 service bring your favorite side or dessert and join your church family for the annual parish picnic. Hamburgers, hotdogs and condiments will be provided.

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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.

Upcoming

- *First Light* - Sundays May 6 - June 10 - 9:15 am - Kathy Wright will be Facilitator. This is a Living the Question series production. John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg present a course about the time Jesus lived. The course covers daily living, economics, literacy, the politics of Rome, and much more. Borg and Crossan are internationally renown Jesus scholars with a wonderful ability to speak to us clearly of these times and issues. The class consists of a short video and discussion each week. Study materials will be provided. The entire program is 12 weeks. We will be doing the first six weeks now and balance of sessions in September after our summer break. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Hallway so we know how many copies of course materials to print.
- 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.
- Confirmation, Reaffirmation, Reception—Sundays at 12:15 pm To be an Episcopalian is to be a member of a worldwide fellowship of some 80 million Christians who find common ground in their belief in the triune God of holy scripture and the liturgies of the Book of Common Prayer locally adapted. It is

customary for us to welcome baptized adults and youth over age 12 into this fellowship through a course of preparation preceding the annual visitation of the diocesan bishop. This course is meant for those seeking confirmation, for those already confirmed in the Episcopal church who wish to reaffirm their confirmation vows, and for those confirmed in another Christian church who wish to be received into this church. Others interested in the fundamentals of the Christian faith and our Episcopal way of life are welcome to attend. This course is led by Fr. Bill.

- * May 27 - One Lord
- * June 3 - One Faith
- * June 10 - One Baptism
- * June 17 - Episcopal Theology
- * June 24 - Episcopal Worship
- * July 1 - Episcopal Ecclesiology
- God Forbid: End of Life Planning — Saturdays, June 9—June 30 at 11:00 am in the Undercroft
Christian Stewardship requires that we look forward to and prepare for the end of our days. For some, that end will come unexpectedly. God forbid that should happen but taking time to prepare now will be a great gift to those who survive the loss of a spouse, parent, or other loved one. All are welcome to join the conversation as we explore some dimensions of end of life planning.
 - * June 9—Getting Your Information Together
 - * June 16—Hospice Care and Your Five Wishes
 - * June 23—Planned Giving
 - * June 30—Writing Your Burial Plan

Please sign up in the hallway if you plan to participate.

Zentangle Workshop

The Arts and Spirituality ministry invites you to join Kaye Teronde, certified Zentangle instructor, on May 5, 9:00 am-1:00 pm to learn Zentangle. Cost is \$10.00. No experience necessary. Sign up sheet is located in the hallway. The Zentangle Method is an easy to learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured

patterns. It increases focus and creativity, provides artistic satisfaction along with an increased sense of personal wellbeing. All supplies you will need for class are included. Snacks will be provided. Class will be held in the undercroft.

From Fr. George

Good Shepherd is a wonderfully noisy parish. That is an unusual manner to begin a *Shepherd's Voice* article. If you come to Good Shepherd during the week, chances are that you might just find that something is going on in one of the classrooms or Parish Hall or Undercroft or library. The noise reflects a dynamic life within Good Shepherd, as well as preparation for an active life in outreach just outside the walls of the church building itself. Check out your weekly email (Good Shepherd events), the website (goodshepherdhayesville.org), your bulletin insert, as well as your Vestry Person of the Day (VPOD) Sunday morning announcements to get a sense of the vibrancy of Good Shepherd. It is essentially the Nave that is quiet.

This description of Good Shepherd might take some kind of intellectual adjustment, as well as spiritual modification, especially if you have come from a wonderfully quiet parish that had a very part-time staff. This corresponds to the matching hours for their presence in the parish. Realistically not much is going on in the office nor in the rare classroom areas. Perhaps, not much is going on at all. Of course, a canonically-required Vestry meeting will happen on a monthly basis; the choir will most likely meet on a weekly basis. Also, the Altar Guild will come on Saturday morning to prepare the Altar for the upcoming Sunday worship. Furthermore, there will probably be an occasional gathering of some sort - a Lenten offering is an example. The Nave, however, is quiet.

I bring up the *compare and contrast* of a wonderfully noisy parish and a wonderfully quiet parish. Who is right? Who is wrong? Those are loaded questions. They certainly reflect diverse spiritual priorities,

because they are both wonderful.

I would not want to write that one kind of parish is right, while the other kind of parish is wrong. It is not that simplistic. I can only respond from a personal, priestly point of view. There are times when a study – either continuing for years or encapsulated to a certain number of weeks or limited to a day – is precisely where I need to participate. Moreover,

sometimes group meetings of new possibilities excite me. Other times I need the absolute silence and stillness of the Nave to get a literal sense of God's holy presence.



If anything, I believe that wonderful noise and wonderful silence can complement one another. When it is only the spiritual offerings that I attend, ironically my soul reaches a point of exhaustion. When it is only the literal sanctuary of the Nave that calls out for my presence, there reaches what feels like a saturation point in my soul.

The spiritual life is never easy to balance. Furthermore, what is balance for one person may not be a balance for another. As we move into the extensive Church Season of Pentecost in May, use it as a season for spiritual growth. Maybe you need to be in the silence of Nave. Perhaps this is a time for you to try out other opportunities at Good Shepherd. There is only going to be one way to find out. As the Video on our website concludes – *Come and See*.

Financials (March 31, 2018)

2018 General Fund Balance:

Balance January 1, 2018	\$20,700
Income year to date	88,565
Expenses year to date	<u>-93,752</u>

General Fund Balance on March 31, 2018 15,513

Balance on bank mortgage \$135,362

Balance on Mt. of Faith loan \$19,500

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.

The Shepherd's Voice

Featured Ministries in May

In May we pray for our Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Family Ministry and Finance Committee. For more information, please consult your printed or online directory to contact ministry heads by phone or by email. Currently Family Ministry does not have a head, though it is active on occasions such as the Family Picnic in April. If you would like to help facilitate this ministry, please speak with Fr. Bill.

Eucharistic Ministers

Sharing God's Sacramental blessings through the chalice, one person at a time.



Eucharistic visitors are licensed by the diocese and are trained to assist the priest in serving communion and reading the Old Testament. Reading at the Sunday and Wednesday services, and to assist at other services as requested by the priest.

Kathryn Hoyt, Eucharistic Minister

Tom Griffiths leads this ministry. He says, "Eucharistic Ministers consider this to be a very Holy and special ministry and we are always in need of new EMs; at both the 8:00 and 10:45 Sunday services as well as the Wednesday noon service. Training and vestments are provided by the church, and ministers are typically asked to serve about once a month. Anyone interested can contact the church office or me

Finance Committee



The role of the Finance Committee is to provide and assist in the financial oversight of the parish by providing support, guidance, recommendations, and informational reports to the Vestry, clergy, staff, and the members of the church regarding the financial matters and operations of the Parish. The committee meets monthly and

consists of members nominated by the Senior Warden, and approved by the Vestry.

If you are gifted in the area of finance, or have a heart for financial stewardship at Good Shepherd, please see Suzi Herbert, current head of this ministry, or Tom Wilkerson, Senior Warden.

Gardens and Grounds

This ministry is not formally featured in May, but the gardens and grounds are a prime feature of Good Shepherd during the spring and summer! Deanna DuBose and Elizabeth Rybicki are co-heads in furthering the landscaping plan initiated as part of Father John Rice's sabbatical focus on healing gardens. For a map of the eight designated gardens, see the tri-fold brochure on our Sacred Gardens and Grounds in the tract rack.



Logan Turner, Groundskeeper

The church has hired Logan Turner, who has extensive education and knowledge in horticulture, to help with some of the tasks many of us can no longer keep up with, including pruning, weeding, planting, and waterfall/pond care. Make him welcome if you see him working around the grounds.

Watch the newsletter for opportunities to help with clean-up days. As the brochure says, "*If you find something essentially spiritual about having dirt under your fingernails, come and join us in maintaining the gardens.*"

Eucharistic Visitors

As God's shepherds bringing the sacrament and God's peace to parishioners wherever they are.

Church members visit and administer Home Communion to temporarily or permanently house bound parishioners on Sunday afternoons. Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV's) must be licensed by the Diocese. See Fr. Bill if you are interested in joining this heartwarming ministry which unites all in the body of Christ.

Parish News

Birthdays in May

1 Mili Arias
3 Susan Gray, Mary Monahan, Benjamin Bethel, Dwain Zagrocki
8 Alba Jones, Diane Welton
9 Romi Maguina
13 Mary Carol Campbell
14 Howard McDaniell, Dave Smucker
15 Mel Halfon
17 Lou Lanwermeyer
18 Angela Wilkerson
23 Helen Dillenbeck, Pat Jordan
24 Clarice Edmondson
27 Tom Griffiths
28 Catherine Clark, Clyde Taylor
29 Susan Barbaro
30 Jerry Taylor
31 Ella Angelillo, Shirley Stillwell, Cathy vander Meer

Anniversaries in May

9 Gini and Ed Reynolds
10 Holley and Richard Calmes, Sue and Ed Kelley
15 Kathy and Kanute Rarey
16 Sharon and Ed Faircloth
25 Anne and David Hourdequin
26 Cheryl and John Notchie
27 Hannah and Andrew Jones

Grazers Groups, May - August 2018

Grazers groups are 8 member dinner groups that meet in host homes every 4-6 weeks over a four month period. Group membership rotates seasonally. Single are welcome and we especially encourage new and newer members of the parish to participate as this is a great

way to get to know others. The sign up sheets for the May-August semester are now posted on the parish life bulletin board in the hallway. Contact Susan Morgan or Fr Bill for more information.

Get Out And Play Ministry's Zipline adventure is rescheduled!!

We didn't get to go last fall due to weather but we're going once more! The date is Monday, June 4, at BlueRidgeMountainTrailRides.com then click on Ride The Zipline for all details. Price is \$75 (website is incorrect.) we can carpool from Good Shepherd parking lot. You may cancel up to 24 hours in advance with a full refund. I must use my credit card to hold our

reservation so I'll need your commitment. Please sign up for this adventure on the the hallway bulletin board. Contact Kathy Rarey kprarey@yahoo.com, Deanna DuBose pennyroyal_cottage@yahoo.com or Laurie Wright lwright45@frontier.com. Let's Get Out And Play!

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Lectionary Readings for May

6 Easter	7 Easter	Day of Pentecost	Trinity Sunday
May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Acts 2:1-21	Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 98	Psalm 1	Psalm 104:25-32	Psalm 29
I John 5:1-6	I John 5:9-13	Romans 8:22-27	Romans 8:12-17
John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17



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