



The Shepherd's Voice

September 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. Dr. Delmer
Chilton
Pastor in Charge

The Rev. George Choyce
Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Turner Guidry
Deacon

From the Lutheran "Pastor"

I am a big fan of the Rolling Stones - so much so that I have been known to sprinkle short phrases from their songs into my sermons just to see if anybody notices. Their song, "Sympathy for the Devil" begins with the line "Let me introduce myself;" so I shall.

I grew up on a farm on the Virginia/North Carolina state line; stepping off the porch into the back yard took you from one state into the other. I am a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Divinity School at Duke University. While at Duke, I was the "student pastor" of a "three point circuit" of three small United Methodist Churches, about 35 miles out in the country from Durham. After my wife finished her Master of Social Work degree at UNC, we moved to Columbia SC where I completed my training at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. I have served parishes in North Carolina, Georgia; and Tennessee. Along the way we added two boys to our family - Lowell (a Lutheran minister in Anchorage, Alaska) and Joseph (a legal aid attorney here in Hayesville) - and I earned a Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Direction. In 2002 I came to the Hinton Center to work in Spiritual Formation and Continuing Education for clergy. In 2008 I became the Assistant to the Bishop (in Episcopal terms, the Canon to the Ordinary) for the Lutheran bishop of Atlanta. While still living in Brasstown, I traveled across four southern states working with clergy placement, continuing education for clergy, and conflict resolution. In 2012 I became the priest-in-charge at Messiah Episcopal in Murphy. In 2014 I added St. Andrew Lutheran in Andrews to my little parish, serving both at the same time: "Book of Common Prayer," Rite II at Messiah at 9:30 and Setting Four in "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" at 11:15. Was I ever confused - "Where am I and what

am I doing?"
Yes. Was it a great
experience?
Again, yes. In 2016 I semi-retired and began a ministry of consulting and short-term interim ministry positions.



I am thrilled to be your Supply Priest for the three months of Father Breedlove's sabbatical. Good Shepherd has the option of using my gifts and availability at this time as a direct result of the Called to Common Mission, a Full Communion Agreement that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (my denomination) and The Episcopal Church approved in the year 2000. Among other provisions, it makes possible the orderly exchange of clergy. That simply means that, with the permission both the Lutheran and the Episcopal bishop, Lutheran pastors can serve Episcopal parishes and Episcopal priests can serve Lutheran congregations,

One final word - when I was at Messiah, folk worried about what to call me. Lutherans use the title "Pastor" the way Episcopalians use "Father" (or "Mother" as the case may be). It matters not to me. Most people just call me Delmer, but you can call me either Pastor or Father as you wish.

Peace,
Delmer

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Christian Education

The Adult Spiritual Formation Committee will continue to meet over the last part of the Summer to examine the extremely helpful survey results. Thank you for your input. Robert Schneider, Randye Williams, Dave Smucker, Jenny Bethel, and Fr. George Choyce will take their time to carefully come up with a definite curriculum for the

Fall of 2018. The work continues to go forward. Additionally, the Lectionary Bible Study will start back up beginning on Sunday, September 9 in the Library at 9:15. We will follow the established pattern of discussing the Lectionary Readings for the upcoming week, which can be found on the back of *Shepherd's Voice*.

Arts & Spirituality Invites You to Share Your Icons

During the month of October, the Arts and Spirituality Ministry will stage a new and special exhibition of icons in the Parish Hall. The foundation of the exhibit will be the 17 icons created at Good Shepherd last March during a week-long workshop. Some of Father Bill's beloved icons will also be on display, and you are encouraged to share icons that you may have made or collected.

For those not yet familiar with the world of iconography, an icon is a religious work of art, most commonly a painting, usually depicting Christ, the Virgin Mary, saints, or angels. Though the tradition of writing icons originated in the Eastern church, recently



Christ the Good Shepherd icon written/painted by Kathy Rarey at our recent Iconography workshop.

it has become popular in our own tradition. A surprising number of our parishioners may own treasured icons.

If you would like to share your icon in the exhibition, please attach your name and identification of the icon on the back. Bring it to the Parish Hall between services on September 30. So that we know how many to expect, call Betsi Wilson at 404-313-2311, or email her at betsiwilson@gmail.com.

This upcoming exhibition is inspired by the recognition of the Arts and Spirituality Ministry that the act of creating something connects the artist to God, the source of all creativity, love, and blessings.

Help Needed to Write Articles

The Communications Ministry is in immediate need of people to write articles about Good Shepherd and its activities for local newspapers. If

you are interested, please contact vestry liaison Rachel Baughn to learn more about the work of this ministry,

Financials (July 31, 2018)

2018 General Fund Balance:

General Fund Balance on January 1, 2018	\$20,700
Income year to date	220,960
Expenses year to date	<u>-217,147</u>
General Fund Balance on July 31, 2018	\$24,513
Balance on bank mortgage	\$132,889
Balance on Mt. of Faith loan	\$14,000

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 Double Goodness of Generosity

"Generosity is paradoxical. Those who give their resources away, receive back in turn. In offering our time, money, and energy in service to others' well-being, we enhance our own well-being as well. In letting go of some of what we own for the good of others, we better secure our own lives, too. This paradox of generosity is a sociological fact, confirmed by evidence drawn from quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews. We have good reason to accept this conclusion, and no good reason to ignore it. We can also state the paradox negatively. By clinging to what we have, we lose out on the higher goods that we might gain. By holding onto what we possess, we diminish its long-term value to us. In protecting only ourselves against future uncertainties and misfortunes, we become more anxious about uncertainties and vulnerabilities to future misfortunes. In short, by failing to care well for others, we actually do not properly take care of ourselves."

So conclude sociologists Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson in their book, *The Paradox of Generosity*. Generosity - the "virtue of giving good things to others freely and abundantly" - matters because it brings benefit not just to others but also to ourselves. This should be welcome news to Christians because it squares with some of the truths of our religious tradition.

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely; who conduct their affairs with justice. - Psalm 112:5

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but ends up impoverished. - Proverbs 11:24

Send out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back. - Ecclesiastes 11:1

Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it. - Luke 17:33

Remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." - Acts 20:25

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. - 2 Corinthians 9:6

Smith and Davidson find that generous people are happier, suffer fewer illnesses and injuries, live with a greater sense of purpose, and experience less depression. Yet, it seems that there are several conditions that must be met for generosity to have such benefits to self. First, generosity must be sought for itself, and not for the benefit it might bring to us. That is, it must not be self-serving. It is the good of other people that we must want. In church language, we must act in love and charity toward our neighbor, with that as the end in itself in order to obtain the personal benefits of generosity. Second, we

cannot obtain the benefits of generosity by engaging in seemingly generous acts. The truth of our intentions matter and we cannot fake our way into receiving the benefits of generous giving. Third, generosity must be a regular practice, part of our regular discipline of free and abundant giving, and not "random acts of kindness." For generosity to be true, it must be lived out, repeated, and incorporated into the normal rhythm and way of being of one's life. When it becomes a foundational belief and practice, then generosity is beneficial to the giver as well as the receiver.



So, what does that mean for others who are still working on their selfless love of others or who do not have a regular practice of selfless giving? It means that if someone wants to become generous, they start by beginning to act like a generous person. Attitudes often follow from our practices, so that thinking like a generous person follows from and reinforces generous actions. Engage in regular acts of generosity and then reflect upon the feelings generated by those acts of selfless love for another person. The cumulative effect of pondering and recalling those thoughts and feelings will change our thinking and then our behavior. Generosity is a good thing for all of us when it is a regular discipline and we can all do that, even starting now.

Grace and peace,

Fr Bill+

One for the road

A preacher in a very traditional church, where proper decorum was regularly observed, was halfway through his Sunday morning sermon when someone yelled out, "Amen!" The preacher nearly fainted. Once he regained his composure, he cleared his throat and continued. For a second time the man yelled, "Amen!" This time the preacher glared at him. By now the entire congregation was awake, wondering what would happen next. The preacher paused, then plowed on into his sermon once more. When the man yelled, "Amen!" even louder than the first two times, the preacher said to him from the pulpit, "We don't do that in our church." "But I've got religion!" said the man with enthusiasm. "Well," replied the preacher, "you obviously didn't get it here!"

The Shepherd's Voice

Mary Stewart King

Mary Stewart was born on October 20, 1942 in Athens, TN. Her father saw her at birth and was soon after sent to serve in WWII not seeing her again until age 3 years. Military life was a big part of her family. Her father had 5 other brothers who were serving in active battle at the same time. Only one did not return. Mary Stewart's mother did not enjoy active military life so her father returned to his work with the IRS but remained in the National Guard until retirement as commander of the 30th Armored Division.

Mary Stewart grew up in Athens, TN except for a brief time at Fort Devens, MA. After high school, she attended Emory University in Atlanta where she was a history major.

When asked the people closest to her in her life, Mary Stewart responded that her parents and her maternal grandfather were the most important. She remembers her grandfather as a quiet, contemplative man who would sit with her on the porch glider, putter with her in his workshop filled with fascinating tools and hold her hand as they picked "Tommy Toes" in his garden. He lived with her family the last few years of his life.

Having grown up in a small town, Mary Stewart much preferred city life. She and Fred had lived in several large towns in the southeast. While in Charlotte, Mary Stewart decided to return to school to pursue a degree in Architecture. Long story short, two small children, demanding studio hours, and Fred's transfer to Atlanta cut this short. So after completing two and one half of the five year program, she decided to put this dream to rest.

The Kings came to Hayesville as guests, never thinking that small town living would ever be a permanent choice. After one weekend Mary Stewart and Fred, in a purely emotional decision, started looking for property. She and Fred initially came, as many do, to own a vacation home then later moved here permanently.



Her church affiliation growing up was Methodist to the core. A grandfather, uncle and two cousins were Methodist ministers. She felt it necessary to wait until that generation "died off" before she and Fred could explore other options. While visiting Hayesville they found the welcoming environment at Good Shepherd the place that felt like home. They joined and became Episcopalian. Mary Stewart and Fred were at one time actively involved in EFM (Education For Ministry) a program out of the University of Suwannee which dealt with the doctrines, traditions and biblical teachings of the Episcopal church. Ellie Wilson, a founding member of G.S., and Evie Greene, a late member of G.S., were the mentors of the study. Mary Stewart helped with the administrative duties for the four-year study.

Mary Stewart remembers holidays growing up as fairly quiet since she had such a small family and no siblings. She now enjoys Thanksgiving as her favorite holiday because it is a less hectic, lower stress time with family. She and Fred usually take their sons and daughters-in-law and their families out to eat then enjoy together time. Both sons live in the Atlanta area.

Enjoying time with four grandchildren is high on Mary Stewart's list. She fondly remembers a day spent shopping with her granddaughter, purchasing a pair of "much too high" heels, dressing up, giggling a lot and going to Valentine's Day dinner at Enrico's. The college age staff hostess complimented her granddaughter's shoes which absolutely made her weekend.

I asked Mary Stewart if she had any message she would like to pass on to the children of today. She said: "First learn to love, value and respect yourself and then you will have the confidence to go into the world and apply these values to everything else you do; then you will be alright."

Bingo Night

Come One! Come All! Bingo Night at Good Shepherd on Thursday, September 13, 6:00-8:00 pm. Popcorn and drinks provided. A \$1

donation buys up to 4 cards and lots of fun. Stay tuned for more details or contact Mary Rose Figura.

From Fr. George:

I have been ordained to the priesthood since 1993. If anything that means that I have had quite a lot of experiences in that time period from serving parishes in Florida, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Tennessee, and now in North Carolina. It was from the Episcopal Churches in Connecticut and in Tennessee where I was the Rector that I took a Sabbatical. These Sabbaticals encompassed some study at Sewanee, some staying with members of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota (Companion Diocese of East Tennessee), plenty of sleep, and all with my family.

This was all at a time that there was plenty of good ministry going on in both of the churches in Connecticut and Tennessee. It was in that time frame that my Bishops in both Connecticut and East Tennessee would remind me that my example for ministry was Jesus who intentionally took time away in the midst of his busy ministry. For example, after Jesus fed the five thousand, his popularity surged. The people were going to make him king by force. What did Jesus do? St. John records, *he withdrew again to the mountain by himself*. Instead of riding his wave of success, Jesus left. In fact, Jesus left again. Amazing. The Son of God needed to be by himself again. It was part of his spiritual discipline.

Clergy also need to go away - that is literally the only way they will get away - to be alone. I modified my getting away to happily involve my family. Fr. Bill will be away and out-of-touch. Delmer Chilton and I will be here and in-touch; we also have 40 and 25 years of ordained

ministry, respectfully. If you do the math, you have two clergy with plenty of experience to be with you. Good Shepherd will continue to have the diaconal ministry of Turner Guidry. Furthermore, during the week, I will typically be here Monday through Wednesday. Delmer Chilton will be here for the later part of the week. We are both available for clergy pastoral appointments here, as well as bringing Holy Communion to those who are unable to get out. Tom Wilkerson will continue in his role and Senior Warden, and Teresa Gribble will continue in her role as Junior Warden. I could confidently go on and on about the things that will remain the same. In other words, we are in good shape. Though Fr. Bill will be deeply missed during his Sabbatical, he will even agree that Good Shepherd will move forward without him and he without us.

Both of my Sabbaticals were for me times of spiritual recharge, recreation, and reconnection with my family. I did not know how much recharge, recreation, and reconnection I desperately needed. The only way I was going to discover this was to literally get away. Pray for Fr. Bill during his time of Sabbatical. We will all come back together ready to move forward in the ministry that Christ has called us all.



Hayesville 7th Pet Celebration on the Square

On Saturday, September 22 beginning at 8:00 a.m., Good Shepherd is once again having a booth at this event. Dr. Z. with his ultrasound machine and various veterinary instruments (which the children may use) will be there. We're providing a watering station for the pets and will be handing out 200 doggie goodie bags to the participants. We need 1) DOGGIE TREATS to be put in the goodie bags (please put them in the yellow bucket in the Parish Hall and 2) VOLUNTEERS to fill the bags on Saturday September 8th @ 10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft as well as on the day of the event. Carole Webber is coordinating this event. Contact her at 828 389 1026 or webber42@frontier.com. Thank you!



The Shepherd's Voice

Fred King



Fred was born in the small town of Hazlehurst, Georgia on December 30, 1941, just after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. His family owned a clothing store and a farm and there are many

good memories of afternoons at the farm horse back riding, working with the mules and being with his Dad. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and several cousins lived nearby and there was never a dull moment. Unfortunately, his father died when he was nine years old and, at age twelve, his mother remarried and they soon all moved to Jacksonville, FL. He has fond memories of his childhood there too and credits his step-father with helping him stay grounded and "toe the line". He also taught Fred how to water ski and fish which became summertime passions. He graduated from Landon high school in Jacksonville where he also attended class and was a friend of Gil Nicolson. Gil would later introduce Fred to Hayesville and Good Shepherd church.

After finishing high school, Fred moved to Charleston, SC and entered The Citadel. While at The Citadel he became an ROTC cadet and enrolled in the Army flight program. He learned to fly which obligated him to active duty service in the Army, which he later did. After The Citadel Fred attended the University of South Carolina and earned an MBA degree. He worked in the accounting department of Southern Bell Telephone Company while earning his degree. It was during this time that he met and fell in love with Mary Stewart.

Upon completion of his education it was time to fulfill his obligation to serve in the Army. After a year of flight school he and Mary Stewart were married on June 17, 1967. Shortly thereafter Fred was sent to Vietnam for a year. Fred was on active duty for three years and afterwards served in the SC National Guard and flew helicopters for another twenty years. After active duty he went back to work for Southern Bell and the Bell System which took him to several places like Columbia, SC, Baskin Ridge, NJ, New York City, Charlotte, NC and Atlanta, GA (twice). He retired from BellSouth Corporation after thirty years of work in public utility accounting.

Fred and Mary Stewart were settled in Atlanta before permanently moving to Hayesville in 1999. They came to this area, in large part, because of the bond that Fred and Gil Nicolson shared. (Remember, they had known one another since high school). Gil was a construction supervisor with Habitat for Humanity and this was an interest for Fred as well. After a day of work at a Habitat work site, Gil, Amy, Mary Stewart and Fred visited the Nicolson's home in Hayesville. On the trip from Atlanta in 1997 Mary Stewart had stated she probably wouldn't want to live in the mountains in a small town. She had grown up in Athens, TN. Her attitude changed completely over the weekend and she and Fred immediately started looking for property and visited frequently. After moving here, they became heavily involved with the Hinton Rural Life Center and the House Raising Volunteers and worked for about fifteen years with home repair and construction.

Fred did not grow up in the Episcopal church. In fact, his family had deep Southern Baptist roots until his great-great grandfather and great-grandfather were commissioned to make whiskey for the troops during the Civil War. Once word of this activity leaked out they were asked to leave the church. It did not matter that this was their "patriotic duty". So his family joined the Methodist church where they were welcomed and accepted. As a result of this family conversion to Methodism, two great-uncles became prominent Methodist ministers, one was the editor of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate for several years and the other president of Young Harris College during World War I. Fred did not have an introduction to the Episcopal church until he came to the church in 1997 on the weekend visit with Amy and Gil Nicolson. He found Good Shepherd to be very friendly and welcoming and he and Mary Stewart were confirmed as members in 2000 so they would be eligible to be vestry members and because they had become committed to the doctrine of the church. Fred subsequently served on the vestry, was junior warden at one time and later sexton and treasurer. He and Mary Stewart completed the Education For Ministry course under the tutelage of Ellie Wilson and Evie Greene, two pioneering members of Good Shepherd.

When asked if there was anything Fred feels left undone, he said he has a goal of building a playhouse in the woods behind his house for his four wonderful grandchildren to camp out but realizes he will likely need help from the grandchildren with this project.

Parish News

Birthdays in

- 2 Hunter Roberts
- 6 Chosh Dacey
- 8 Mack Ratchford
- 9 Helen Naismith
- 14 Doris Soles, Jules Wooten
- 15 AJ Martin
- 17 Fr. George
- 18 Rick Sanderson
- 20 Kelliann Long, Helen Mulcahy
- 21 Rachel Baughn, Glenn Marcel, Mac Pinner
- 22 Pat Fox
- 24 Bill Pierson, Paul Smith
- 25 Holley Calmes, Olivia Martin
- 26 Sandy Smith, Paul Jordan
- 27 Peggy Dickert
- 28 Matt Wilson
- 29 Helga Reaves
- 30 Vicki Lake, Nick Garpetti, Dick Welton

Anniversaries in

- 1 Diane and Dick Welton
- 7 Jane and Doug Stuart
- 8 Jenny Montgomery & Dean Harshbarger
- 11 Pam and Don Roman
- 12 Mary Ann and Sam Strider
- 13 Michelle and Paul Smith
- 15 Denise and Dwain Zagrocki
- 16 Doris and Furie Soles
- 27 Patti and Jim Brownlee, Pat and Paul Jordan

In Sympathy we are thinking of:

The Zagrocki family on the death of Denise's mother, Dorothy Leroux.

*Give rest, O Christ, to Thy servants with Thy saints, where sorrow and
pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

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Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, cards, food preparation, etc. for our family during these past months and especially during my mom's memorial service. We truly have the most loving and thoughtful church family anyone could hope for.

God's blessings on you all!

Denise & Dwain Zagrocki and family

NOLA Mission Trip

By the time you read this, your Mission Team to New Orleans, headed by Father George Choyce, will have had its first planning meeting. We encourage you to give prayerful consideration to participating in this worthwhile event and if you feel called, there is still time for you to sign up. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

There is some financial assistance available. Please see Father George if you have any questions regarding a scholarship.

If you can't make the trip to New Orleans but wish to help the team

financially, you can make a donation. Just make your check payable to Good Shepherd and note NOLA Mission Trip in the memo line.

Thanks in advance for your support.

We ask for your prayers for the team as we plan and prepare for our trip to New Orleans December 4-9, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Glenn Marcel (225-572-0615) or Kathy Marcel (225-937-2030).

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Lectionary Readings for September

15 Pentecost	16 Pentecost	17 Pentecost	18 Pentecost	19 Pentecost
September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16,
Psalm 15	Psalm 146	Psalm 116:1-8	Psalm 54	24-29
James 1:17-27	James 2:1-17	James 3:1-12	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Psalm 19:7-14
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-38	Mark 9:30-37	James 5:13-20
				Mark 9:38-50



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