



The Shepherd's Voice

May 2017

Services

Saturday:

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
Rite I (Nursery available)

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

Parade of Tables Tickets on Sale!



Have you marked your calendar for the 5th annual Parade of Tables and Silent Auction on Friday, June 16? Tickets will be sold after each Sunday service on May 21, May 28, and June 4. Only \$20 per person buys your choice of beef, chicken or vegetarian entrée along with appetizers, sides, desserts and your beverage of choice (wine – with or without alcohol). Tables will be assigned by number when you purchase your ticket, so if you want to sit with anyone in particular, you must buy your tickets at the same. Table hosts will not know their table number until right before the event.

You can make this night extra special by getting involved now. Here are some opportunities suitable for all:

- Table hosts are working hard on their theme tables, showcasing "Love on Parade." Put your own love on parade by submitting special photos or messages for Fr. Bill's slide presentation. Email your messages (e.g., Happy 50th Anniversary, Sweetie Pie!) and photos (JPEG format) to Fr. Bill. If all you have is a print photo, you can come by the church office and scan your photo. Remember, we're celebrating all kinds of love, not just of the romantic sort. Love of animals, nature, skydiving or whatever your passion, it will fit right in. Questions? Call Suzi Herbert (828-389-9929).
- Most of us can find something to donate for the Silent Auction. High quality collectibles, gift certificates, home accessories, jewelry, weekend get-aways, home services, decorative glass or pottery (not ordinary glassware), almost anything (of appropriate quality) goes. Be creative! We will be accepting donations May 28 through June 5 in the Parish Hall. If you're not sure about your item or service, call Joy Fox (828-389-4763).
- For all you artists and craftsmen out there, Parade of Tables is the perfect place to share your creative spirit with our parish family. The items made by parishioners always generate a lot of interest; so artists, crafters, woodworkers, photographers and fly-tiers, just to name a few, get those creative minds working and create something special for the Parade of Tables silent auction. You will be given a tax receipt for your work when it is received. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Rybicki at 828-506-0338.

Proceeds from the Parade of Table and Silent Auction will benefit our outreach ministries, supporting Clay and Towns county people in need.

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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.
- **Fit 4 God** is a healthy lifestyle men's group. The group meets in the library at 6:00 pm on Monday. For more information contact David Hourdequin at 828-421-6216.

Upcoming

- **Episcopal Summer School, An Outline of the Faith commonly called the Catechism** on Sundays in June and July @ 12:15 pm in the Undercroft

The Book of Common Prayer is a treasury of reference for the faith, worship, and life of Episcopalians. Part of that treasury is a

teaching outline of the faith in question and answer format known as 'the catechism.' The very early church used such teaching materials to instruct newcomers, seekers, and those to be baptized, and a catechism has been included in the Prayer Book since the first edition in 1549. Many raised in the Episcopal Church learned the Prayer Book catechism as part of their preparation for confirmation. It may be that some have forgotten what the Prayer Book catechism teaches and that others coming to the Episcopal Church as adults have never studied the Episcopal Church's teachings on questions such as "What is the Church?" "What are sin and redemption?" "What is prayer?" "What is the mission of the church?" and "What is the Christian hope?"

All are welcome. This conversation is facilitated by Fr. Bill.

- **The Mockingbird Parables** — Beginning July 9 at 9:15 am. See article below.

Something New

Adult Spiritual Formation has limited book studies during Sunday School for a good reason. Most book studies require regular attendance of 100% or pretty close to it in order for the class material to remain in context and for knowledge and understanding to grow. This means that, especially during the summer months, many people are reluctant to start a book study because they know they will be missing one or two or maybe more classes.

A book study was suggested to the committee and we have investigated it. The book is *The Mockingbird Parables* by Matt Litton. Using *To Kill a Mockingbird* as a core for discussion the book has a unique property. Each chapter is a discussion about a character or event in the story of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Each chapter is a self-contained story/discussion. The chapters are not long, nor is the style of writing cumbersome to read.

Adult Spiritual Formation has devised a program that we hope will include many people in the Sunday School class. On Wednesday evening May 24 at 7:00 pm we will be showing the movie *To Kill a Mockingbird*, in the Parish Hall. Popcorn and sodas will be available. The plan is to show the movie several times, at different times of the day or maybe on the weekend, whatever works so as many people as want

to may see it at their convenience. We also are encouraging people to get out their copies of *To Kill a Mockingbird* and reread this American classic. The Library has purchased three copies to share. Seeing the movie does NOT mean that you have signed up for the class. Everyone is welcome.

The Adult Spiritual Formation Committee asks that people who wish to attend the Sunday School class see the movie again and/or re-read the book before starting the class.

On Sunday, July 9 at 9:15 a.m. the first chapter of *The Mockingbird Parables* (The Parable of Boo Radley) will be discussed. This will be a facilitated discussion that we hope you will enjoy. We ask that participants in the class obtain, share, or borrow a copy of the book *The Mockingbird Parables* by Matt Litton and have the introduction (which explains the power of parables) and the first chapter read. Both books are available through Amazon in new and used editions.

If you have questions or suggestions please contact Kathy Wright, kathywright259@gmail.com or 828-837-6703.

Maranatha

One of the few Aramaic words in the New Testament, *maranatha* means both “Our Lord, has come” and “Come, Lord.” We say *maranatha* to proclaim that God has come to earth. We say *maranatha* to affirm our belief in the incarnation. We say *maranatha* in witness to the on-going ministry of Christ in the world through the church. It is a word befitting a church that has seen Christ and still sees Christ incarnating the world through the church in places where disease and darkness remain. Into our present darkness, against our present darkness, we cry “*maranatha*.” It is our proclamation of hope. It is our one word gospel in a nutshell. In the Easter season, our Epistle lessons come from the Book of Acts. Reading Acts, one sees that much of the preaching of the very early church focused on *maranatha*. See, for example, the preaching and ministry of Peter (1:22-35; 3:12-26; 4:8-12; 10:34-43), Stephen (7:2-53), Philip (8:29-35), and Paul (13:16-41; 17:2-3; 17:22-31; 22:3-16). The proclamation of the early church was that the man Jesus, who was killed in Jerusalem, was the messiah, but that after three days, he rose from the dead and by his life and death made atonement for all who would believe. *Maranatha*!

It is also a word befitting a church in waiting, a church that has seen our Lord come, who knows something of the power of his love, and looks forward to that time when Christ will come again - a time when God will create a new heaven and earth, when wars will cease, when there will be no more crying, and when death will be no more. “*Maranatha*. Come, Lord Jesus and save your people. Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.” This *maranatha* is a cry, a petition, and a pleading that our Lord return

quickly. It is a *maranatha* that points toward the end of our liturgical year and the Feast of Christ the King. This year, we will hear from the gospel of Matthew. The Lord has returned with his holy angels and sits in judgement of the world, separating the sheep and the goats. How we live as the church in waiting does matter. It has never been the case that all that is required is belief. As James (2:17) writes, “... faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” Charitable acts, works of mercy, doing good for another and praying for the well-being of others are all indications of a living faith. The ancient Christian theologian Tertullian (b. 160 AD) quoted this pagan view of the early church, “Look,” they say, “how they love one another and how they are ready to die for each other.” Can you imagine nonbelievers saying the same of the church today? Perhaps? We might pause before we next cry “*maranatha*” and ask ourselves how we are doing.



Maranatha, come Lord Jesus,

Fr. Bill+

First Quarter Outreach Allocations

Matt's Ministry	\$400
Clay County Food Pantry	200
Towns County Food Pantry	200
REACH	800
HAVEN	800
SAFE	200
Communities for Students	800
Towns County Family Connection	200
Durgapur Medical Clinic	200
Lamb Institute Honduras	<u>200</u>
Total	\$4000

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Heads Up Bikers

If you love riding your motorcycle on our beautiful mountain roads, you know that these roads can also be treacherous. You'll feel safer if you have your bike blessed. Join us on Sunday, June 4, after the 10:45

service to have your bike blessed. For further details, contact Susanne Treacy.

Moms' Connection

Our first Moms' Connection Meeting was held on April 21, 2017!! We had a great turn out and all enjoyed the fun and support. Registration of moms and kids ages 0-5 yrs will be on going,

so please spread the word!! We are also still in need of volunteers for child care and activities. Call or see Susan Gray 828-361-7175.

Reed Organ Loft Tour, May 16

On May 16, the Arts and Spirituality Ministry is sponsoring a tour of Jerry Taylor's Organ Loft in Young Harris. Since space is limited, tours are being offered at both 11:00a.m. and 2:00p.m.. Jerry's love of history and story-telling abilities, combined with the unusual reed organs, make this an experience you won't want to miss.

Jerry's interest in reed organs began when he was a youngster and discovered his grandmother's old reed organ in "the back room" of her house. The organ offered him so much entertainment on his visits there that he asked for it "when she broke up housekeeping." She told him he could have it if he could get it in working order, and, as Jerry writes in the April edition of The Free Reed: "So began my passion as I took it apart using bread ties to color coordinate connecting pieces and cleaned out years of dust, cobwebs, and neglect....Amazingly, it took on new life as I heard 'the music'." Since

then Jerry's collection has grown to 30+, spanning the time period of reed organ production in the U.S., the oldest being an 1847 lap organ and the newest a World War II era Estey chaplain organ. Jerry opened the Organ Loft in 2007 and it's there that he shares "the music" with others as he plays each organ and tells the stories (in his own unique, delightful way) of how he discovered and shipped "the reeds" over the years and from all over the country.

There is a sign-up sheet for this tour on the Events board in the information hallway. We will carpool from the church at 10:40 and 1:40. Space is limited to 15 for each tour, so sign up early so you won't miss this unique experience. For more information, contact Betsi Wilson at 828-389-1093 or betsiwilson@gmail.com. Thanks to Jerry for opening his home and "The Loft" to us!

Financials (March 31, 2017)

2017 General Fund Balance:

Balance January 1, 2017	\$20,513
Income year to date	89,606
Expenses year to date	<u>-91,316</u>
General Fund Balance on March 31, 2017	\$18,802

Balance on bank mortgage \$155,014

Balance on Mt. of Faith loan \$25,000

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.

Parish News

Birthdays in May

3 Susan Gray, Mary Monahan, Benjamin Bethel, Dwain Zagrocki
7 Dan Wickersham
8 Alba Jones, Diane Welton
9 Jeremy Furlong, Romi Maguina
11 Jennifer Golenski
14 Howard McDaniel, Dave Smucker
15 Mel Halfon
17 Lou Lanwermyer
18 Summer Bigham, Angela Wilkerson, Bill Ahrens
23 Helen Dillenbeck, Pat Jordan, Dan Goff
24 Clarice Edmondson
27 Tom Griffiths
28 Catherine Clark, Clyde Taylor
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
18 Lisa and Bob Billetdeaux
25 Anne and David Hourdequin
26 Cheryl and John Notchie
27 Hannah and Andrew Jones
28 Sandi and Ken Perrson

In Sympathy we are thinking of:

Pat Hicks on the death of her husband, Jim.

The family of Judd McCarthy.

Laurie Wright on the death of her brother, Toby Hassberger

*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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Congratulations to:

Pat and Paul Jordan on the birth of their great-grandson Cash Leon Woody. Parents are Caitlyn and Taylor Woody.

Meliss and Jon Czarnecki on the birth of their grandson Andrew Maximus Blake.

Patty Bilitzke on the birth of her granddaughter Oaklyn Knapp.

Randy and Kelly Williams on the birth of their grandson Grayson Wells Marburger.

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Lectionary Readings

4 Easter

May 7

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

I Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

5 Easter

May 14

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

I Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

6 Easter

May 21

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:7-18

I Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

7 Easter

May 28

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11



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