



# The Shepherd's Voice

July 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

## Director of Pastoral Care Services

Good Shepherd parish is a special place. Its people and God's spirit make it so. When Marilyn Pierce retired in Spring 2015, I knew that I needed to find someone special to fill that pastoral care director position. I wanted someone who was a leader, highly skilled, prayerful, and very good with people - a special person to lead the care of a special people. God has brought together in this place a diverse body of talented and educated folks, and I hoped that God would lead to us someone who is like us and who understands us. It has been over two years since we have had a staff person filling the pastoral care position. I think you will find that waiting was worthwhile. Please join me in welcoming Keith Christensen to our staff as the new Director of Pastoral Care Services. Keith has a masters degree in social work, is a licensed clinical social worker, has

worked in a number of areas in social work and brings a wealth of experience to the position. Keith is a leader and a prayerful person. He is smart and he is funny, and he is not short of people skills. I have already begun talking with Keith about the pastoral care needs of the parish and have set a couple of goals for him. What I hope for Keith and all of you is that Keith will have a chance to get to know you and your particular pastoral care needs. From that, he and I will work on building a new pastoral care system that serves the needs of this parish as we are in 2017-18. In case you are wondering, Keith will continue on as Director of Music at Good Shepherd. This is a great day for Good Shepherd. Peace be with you and thanks be to God.

Fr Bill+

## Parade of Tables

June 16's Parade of Tables and Silent Auction was a fun and fabulous fundraiser from beginning to end. Congratulations to the Christensens for winning the judges' prize for most creative table, with their "we love music" piano theme, following the night's theme of "Love on Parade." The creativity of the table hosts was over the top! Many thanks to those hosts, to all who offered up auction items, and especially to the planning and food teams who worked so diligently to make the event successful. Thanks, too, to those who attended and helped raise an estimated \$10,000 that will go toward supporting those in need in our community. God is good and Good Shepherd ROCKS!



Thanks to Suzanne Treacy for the photos. Check out additional pictures on pages 4 and 5.



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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.
- **Episcopal Summer School, An Outline of the Faith commonly called the Catechism** on Sundays continuing through 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 for this conversation facilitated by Fr. Bill.

### Upcoming

- **America the Beautiful** – On July 2 in the Undercroft at 9:15 am Jerry Taylor will be presenting one of his now famous music extravaganzas for one day only. America the Beautiful will feature music and history that celebrates our beautiful country. Families are welcome.

- **The Mockingbird Parables** will be starting on Sunday July 9 at 9:15 in the undercroft. It is recommended that participants re-read *To Kill a Mockingbird* and/or see the movie before the class starts. We have one copy left of *To Kill a Mockingbird* in the Parish Hall. It is available to borrow. Please read and return these books promptly so others may borrow them. The movie is available for private viewing or we can show it again for as few as one person. Contact Kathy Wright to arrange to borrow or see the movie. The class will be talking about the book *The Mockingbird Parables*, doing one chapter per week. You should obtain your own copy of the book. Used copies are available on Amazon for pennies, but the shipping is \$3 to \$4. We hope to hit the ground running and so ask that when you come to class you will have read the prologue and the first chapter. If getting a copy of the book is a problem, please contact Kathy Wright and we will work something out.
- **Praying the Gospel Stories** — Mondays in September at 11:00 am. In this short course, participants will follow and Ignatian prayer practice to enter imaginatively into well-known stories from the Gospels. No prior Bible study nor experience with Ignatian prayer is required. This course is led by Fr. Bill.
- **Rector's Brown Bag Book Read** – More detail available in the hallway.
  - \* *Conflict and a Christian Life* by Sam Portaro on Tuesday, September 12 at noon
  - \* *The Celtic Way of Evangelism* on Tuesday, November 21 at noon.

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## Education for Ministry (EfM) to begin this Fall at St. Clare's in Blairsville

St. Clare's in Blairsville will begin an EfM group this fall under the mentorship of Jim Morton, an EfM mentor with 17 years of experience. The group will begin in September and meet every other Sunday afternoon in the Parish Hall of St. Clare's, and will conclude in the Spring of 2018.

If you are not familiar with EfM, it is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small group study and practice. Grounded in the belief that all baptized persons are called to a life of Christian ministry, the program helps participants recognize how their lives can be lived with this intention every day. Through the study of the Bible, theology and church

history, and through a unique group exercise reflecting on connecting what we know with how we live, EfM is designed to give participants the tools to discover their own unique ministry and to grow in their depth and understanding of the Christian faith. While EfM is a four year course, commitments to the group are made one year at a time. Groups are limited to 12 participants. More information about EfM, a program of Sewanee University of the South, may be found here: <http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm/about-efm>.

For more information about the EfM group forming at St. Clare's, please contact Jim at [jimmorton2000@comcast.net](mailto:jimmorton2000@comcast.net) or Ken at [mail@kenalexander.us](mailto:mail@kenalexander.us).

## Independence Day

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, p. 285

From its earliest days, the church has celebrated special days in the life of God's people along with the remembrance and celebration of the lives of the saints and martyrs. The Episcopal Church has its own calendar of these major and lesser feast and fast days. Among these, one finds the obvious major feast days such as Christmas and Easter, and some others that may come to mind in a moment's thought such as the Feast of the Epiphany, the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, the Ascension of our Lord, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday. Further thought, and some good guessing, may identify so-called "lesser" feast days such as those of each Gospel evangelist, feast days of the disciples, and feast days of important early church leaders. Over the years, the calendar has grown to include a diversity of people in whom we recognize a special incarnation of God's grace and through whom the Kingdom of God has been furthered. This reflects the ongoing and lived experience of people who continue to journey with a living God. It reflects God's people proclaiming that God is still active in the world and claiming new stakes for God's Kingdom. So, along with the Christmas and Easter events, along with the lives Saints Peter and Paul, those of Saints Augustine and Aquinas and the remainder of the "so

great a cloud of witnesses," we also find Independence Day. It may seem odd that a secular, political holiday would be found among other holy days. As Saint Tertullian (b. 155AD) questioned, "What does Athens have to do with Jerusalem?" What does philosophy have to do with the church, the political with the religious, a state holiday with a calendar of church holy days? The answer comes



from our lived experience, our claiming, and our proclaiming. As Saint Paul claimed and proclaimed in Athens that the altar to an unknown god belonged to the one true God (Acts 17:16-34), and as Saint Patrick and the Celtic monks, while affirming the Irish search for God, claimed and proclaimed that the high stones, sacred groves, wells, and fairy pools of the Irish belonged to the one true God, the church throughout history has baptized and assimilated the world to itself. Likewise, the Episcopal church has claimed Independence Day as a day belonging to the one true God. Like the altar in Athens and the land of the Celts, we baptize our world and the events that transpire within it, claiming those for God and proclaiming through them our lived experience of the living God. For Episcopalians, Independence Day is a holy day where we proclaim the presence of God's grace in history and we remember the call to God's people to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God that all people may live in righteousness and peace.

Happy Independence Day,

Fr. Bill

## Men's Baseball Outing

The men of the parish and their friends are invited to a men's baseball outing to see the Asheville Tourists take on the Hickory Crawdads on Friday, July 14. Game time is 7:05 pm. We will leave from the Good Shepherd parking lot at 5:00 pm. It will be \$1 dog night. Please contact Fr Bill for more information.





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Second Place Table







Third Place Table



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## Financials (May 31, 2017)

2017 General Fund Balance:

Balance January 1, 2017	\$20,513
Income year to date	151,721
Expenses year to date	<u>-146,085</u>
General Fund Balance on May 31, 2017	\$26,149

Balance on bank mortgage \$153,125

Balance on Mt. of Faith loan \$24,500

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.

## Blessing of the Bikes



The Blessing of the Bikes was held on June 11.



## Parish News

### Birthdays in July

1 Pam Roman  
7 Joy Fox, Kathryn Hoyt  
8 Jean Miller, Sam Strider  
9 Bronte Bigham, Ernie Freda  
10 Deanna DuBose  
12 Georgia Bethel, Jeanne Russack, Doug Stuart  
13 Chris Roberts  
14 Robin Halfon  
15 Mason Pierson  
17 Pat Halloran, Roxann Wagner, Jake Ehrhart  
18 Marion Rivers  
19 Lottie Jones  
21 Bob Schweikert  
23 Marah Jones, Kathleen Lyden, Trish Reynolds  
25 Harry Baughn  
26 Georgia Souther Citrin, Jean Gora, Rick Mahaffie, Michael Wright  
27 Patti Underwood, Bobby Lucas  
28 Aimee Furlong, Paul TeRonde  
29 Bailie Walters  
31 Harold Lawrence

### Anniversaries in July

5 Barbara and Darry Wood  
13 Laurie and Jack Wright  
15 Claudia and Ben Kennedy  
23 Susan and Kurt Hoffman  
24 Rachel and Chris Roberts, Karen and Alan Sirmans  
25 Teresa and David Gribble  
27 Jan and Sanford Freeman

### Congratulations to:

Joy and Pat Fox on the birth of their great-grandson, Lane Price Moore.

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## Time for a Directory Update

If any of your directory information (email, phone, cell phone, address) has change, please contact the church office at 828-389-3397 with your updates. If you are new and haven't been in the directory before,

please contact the church office so that we can verify that we have the information to include in the directory.

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## Turner Guidry Celebration

We are "Roasting" Turner on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 23rd, but we also want to honor him as well for all the ways he has impacted our lives over the past 20 years or more -- as our deacon, friend, counselor, preacher, teacher, youth leader, fellow adventurer, jokester -- you name it! We are compiling a keepsake scrapbook made up of YOUR

memories, stories, and photographs. Please write down a favorite memory or put into words what his ministry means to you, and by all means share your photographs. Send to [rachel.baughn@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.baughn@gmail.com) or place hard copy in her vestry mailbox. All photos will be returned. Deadline for your submission is August 15. Don't delay!

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## Lectionary Readings

4 Pentecost July 2	5 Pentecost July 9	6 Pentecost July 16	7 Pentecost July 23	8 Pentecost July 30
Genesis 22:1-14	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49,	Genesis 25:19-34	Genesis 28:10-19a	Genesis 29:15-28
Psalms 13	58-67	Psalms 119:105-112	Psalms 139:6-12	Psalms 128
Romans 6:12-23	Psalms 45:11-18	Romans 8:1-11	Romans 8:12-25	Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 10:40-42	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30			



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