



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
Weekly Highlights
October 23, 2026



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2026 Christmas Care

Most of us see Christmas as a joyous time to spend with family and friends, worship, eat well and exchange gifts, but it's no secret that Christmas is a stressful time for those who find life challenging. There are families in our community that have a difficult time meeting their kids' clothing needs; new shoes and warm winter coats often stretch budgets to the breaking point.

Good Shepherd is a major supporter of Christmas Care, a Hinton Center program that helps provide clothing for children in need. Last year Christmas Care helped meet the clothing needs of over 500 children. This year parents will be given the opportunity to shop for baby, children and youth clothing at the Murphy Walmart on prearranged days. Christmas Care hopes to match or exceed last year's \$75.00 per child amount, but it all depends on donations.

How can we help? Good Shepherd is again putting up a Thanksgiving tree in the Narthex during November, and when you make a donation in any amount you can place an ornament on the tree. Make your checks to Good Shepherd with Christmas Care on the memo line. God is so good to us, one way we can give thanks is to cover our Thanksgiving tree with ornaments!



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Christian Education

Lectionary Bible Study - This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. This Bible Study **meets on Wednesdays** at 1:00pm. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

Parish Life and Church Community

Hayesville Community Trick or Treat - Good Shepherd will be on the square in Hayesville on Saturday, October 31 @ 4pm for the annual community trick or treat. Your donation of individually wrapped candy is welcome. Please use the collection bucket in the narthex.

In-gathering Sunday is scheduled for **November 1**. We ask that you have your pledge and time and talent cards returned to the church by that day so that we can gather them up on the altar as an offering to the Lord. We will celebrate our in-gathering with **one service of Holy Eucharist at 10 AM and a brunch to follow**. We will celebrate our in-gathering with **one service of Holy Eucharist at 10 AM and a brunch to follow**. The Vestry is providing the main course of ham. Please **sign up** to bring some of your **favorite side dishes** and **volunteer to assist** for our special event. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

November 1 is All Saints Day and we will remember all our faithful departed with a reading of names. If you have loved ones you wish remembered, please see and add their names to the sign-up sheet in the hallway.

Parishioner Joy Fox will teach us to make our own personal **crèche** or nativity using a coastal theme on **Thursday, November 5, 1:00-4:00 pm** in the church **undercroft**. Joy has made hundreds of crèches over the years. She particularly favors using materials found on the beach, especially oyster shells. All materials will be provided but please feel free to bring any of your own embellishments. **Class is limited to 20 participants**. A sign-up sheet is posted on the information hallway bulletin board.

JESUS REPLIED: "LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."
MATTHEW 22:37-39

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CHRISTMAS CARD STAMPING BUFFET! Get started on your Christmas cards by attending our Christmas Card Buffet on **Thursday, November 12th from 12:30 - ~4:00p** in the Parish Hall. You will make up to 5 cards (time permitting) from a selection of 8 Christmas designs. Included in the choices will be gift card holders. Cost is \$25 for 4-5 handmade cards. Light snacks will be provided. The class is limited to 16 participants so sign up soon. If the spots are filled, please add your name to the wait list and we will notify you if an opening occurs. For newcomers, all supplies will be furnished. If you decide to continue joining us on a regular basis, we will make you a basic supply box for a small fee. Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hallway or RSVP to Kaye TeRonde at kteronde@gmail.com or Jan Freeman at jansfreeman@gmail.com. **Deadline to sign up is Friday, November 6th.** If you sign up but find you are no longer able to attend, let Kaye or Jan know so we can offer the spot to someone else.

Save the Date: We will have an **Advent Quiet Day** event on Saturday morning, **December 5th, 10-12 in the Parish Hall**. More details will follow, but for now, save the date.

Attention Blood Donors! Save the Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2026.

Good Shepherd will host a Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 - 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. You may sign up now for your preferred appointment time by calling 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767) or at www.redcrossblood.org.

Monthly Newsletter – If you have something you'd like published in the monthly newsletter, you must email it to Amanda at gsepiscopal@brmemc.net **no later than the 20th of the month preceding the month you would like the item to appear**. Anything received after the 20th of the month will not be in the newsletter until the following month.



Welcome to the family of Christ little one!
Suzi Herbert's great grandson Harrison (Harry) Roger Balcazar was baptized here at Good Shepherd on Sunday, October 18th, with his family surrounding him. Harry is the son of Annie Mario Balcazar of Kyle, TX, brother of Frank, and grandson of Lynne Blanks. Suzi treated everyone to lunch in the parish all after.

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Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Announcements and Weekly Highlights -

No later than Wednesday of each week, at noon.

Monthly Newsletter -

No later than the 20th of each month, at noon.

Service

Matt's Ministry – Contact Joe Rybicki

Meal Ministry – Contact Kathy Wright

Medical Loan Closet – Contact Helga Reaves

The Order of St. George – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

Brotherhood of the Fire – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

Meals For Friends– Contact Aline Conley at 504-214-1909

Drivers on **October 27, 2026** are:

<u>Town:</u>	Suzy Christensen
<u>City:</u>	Linda Milt
<u>Tusquittee:</u>	Dave & Barb Field



In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing:

Pat Fox, Denise Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Helen NaiSmith, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit, Ann Wolf, Frank Burdo, Teresa and David Gribble, Jim Redmond, Cooper Godfrey, Jay Miller, Adelaide Fullilove, Anne Hourdequin, Lynne Walters, Kenny Waldroup, Jose and Mili Arias, Helga Reaves, Bryson Joyce, Janet Beall, Kim Brabon, Jennifer Hiller, Deb Sellers, Kim Whitehearst, John Notchie, Pat and Graham Dixon, Glenn Marcel, Matt Cramer, Andrew Hooper, Duncan Lawrence, the Waters family, Noelia Bernal & the Bernal family

Good Shepherd Ministries:

This week we pray for the *Stewardship Campaign* at Good Shepherd.

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TO LIMIT
YOUR PRAYING
BECAUSE HE
KNOWS YOUR
PRAYING WILL
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Those Who Serve



Sunday, October 25, 2026

9:00am

EMs: Kelly Williams, Randye Williams; **Lector:** Amy Nicolson;

Intercessor: Kathy Rarey; **Usher:** Kanute Rarey; **Altar Guild:** Mary Rose Figura;

VPOD: Jeff King; **Ingles cards:** Paul Swanson; **Flower Guild:** Helga Reaves

11:00 am

EMs: Ron Dutton, Georgia Bethel; **Lector:** Jane Boritz; **Usher:** Mike Stringer;

Altar Guild: Jan Freeman, Kathy Marcel, Betsi Wilson;

Intercessor: Jerry Taylor; **Altar Linens:** Betsi Wilson;

Nursery: Hattie Sheehy, Liz Rybicki; **VPOD:** Jane Boritz; **Ingles cards:** Dave & Barb Field; **Videographer:** Jay Miller; **Flower Guild:** Helga Reaves; **Greeter:** Kim Brabon

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Leader: Bill Breedlove

Prayer Minister: Harry Baughn

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Altar Guild: Gail Criss



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday
October 26

9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
10:30 am	Tai Chi (Parish Hall)
11:00 am	Private Group (Undercroft)

Tuesday
October 27

	Meals for Friends
9:00 am	Yoga w/Rita (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
2:00 pm	Healing Prayer Meeting
5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting (Undercroft)
6:00 pm	BOTF

Wednesday
October 28

9:00 am	Exercise (Parish Hall)
10:30 am	Moving Meditation (Parish Hall)
11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm	Lectionary Bible Study

Thursday
October 29

9:00 am	Yoga w/Rita (Parish Hall)
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Friday
October 30

	Church Office Closed
9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
10:30 am	Tai Chi (Parish Hall)

Saturday
October 31

4:00 pm	Parish Life Event- Trunk or Treat @ Hayesville Square
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Sunday
November 1

	23 Pentecost
9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:30 pm	In-gathering Brunch (Parish Hall)

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