



The Shepherd's Voice

November
2025

Services:

Sunday

9:00am Holy Eucharist
Rite I

11:00am Holy Eucharist
Rite II

11am service is live
streamed to Facebook at:
[facebook.com/
goodshepherdhayesvillenc/](https://facebook.com/goodshepherdhayesvillenc/)

Coffee Hour in the Parish
Hall following 11am
Sunday service

Tuesday

7:00pm Soaking Prayer

Wednesday

12:00pm Holy Eucharist w/
Healing Prayer

1:00 pm Lectionary
Bible Study

The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove,
Rector



I WILL
GIVE thanks
TO THE LORD

because of His righteousness;
I will sing the praises of the
name of the Lord Most High.

PSALM 7:17



You are set free

"Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath day.'" - Luke 13:10-14



A paralytic who could not walk, a man blind from birth who could not see, a man engaged in a disreputable profession who could not find his way out, a man imprisoned among the tombs, a woman with a twelve-year hemorrhage, an epileptic child, a man dead for four days, and here a woman bent over by illness and a man bent over by responsibilities. The stories are many. Bound by physical, spiritual, and social forces, these people need to be set free. They need to be unbound and unburdened. The scriptures give us so many of these stories because this is the human condition. Our mortal bodies and our built world conspire to bind and burden us. And then what? And then we are not free to be playful, loving, grateful and generous children of God. As is said, hurt people hurt people. Sick people make others sick.

Read again the passage above from Luke. What burdens you? Is it a health concern? Maybe it is the many responsibilities you shoulder. Some may be burdened by memories of their past or lamentations over their current family relations. For others, it is an uncertain future that weights them down. Jesus comes to his people to set them free from want, from guilt and shame, and from what be the worst thing - fear of dying in this life and eternal death in the next. He comes to set us free from worry and hoarding and selfishness and all those other ways of being that are aspects of our burdens. He sets us free from guilt and shame. He sets us free from the need to prove ourselves over and against those who disapprove. Whatever it is that burdens you, Jesus wants to unburden you of that. He says that you are enough because he is more than enough. He says that you have done enough because he has done it all. He says that you are healed because he has made all things new. He is yours and you are his and he bids you to come and learn from him that he is the good and gentle shepherd who takes all your burdens. Believe in it, trust in it, trust his word to you, and your burden will be lightened.

Your Healing Prayer Ministry is inviting you into a time of laying down your burdens by offering them up to God as part of your Sunday offering. In the coming weeks, you will find a basket in the aisle and slips of paper you may use to anonymously write down your burden and place it in the basket. We will offer those up with our weekly collection and the Healing Prayer Ministry will pray over them at their weekly Soaking Prayer service.



Jesus says "Come to me, you who are burdened by many things." I bid you share your burdens and let us pray for you.

Fr. Bill+



November

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Thanks & Giving

Day 1: Colossians 3:15-17	Day 16: 2 Timothy 3:1-5
Day 2: Philippians 4:6	Day 17: Ephesians 4:31-32
Day 3: Psalm 106:1	Day 18: Hebrews 6:4-6
Day 4: Ephesians 2:8	Day 19: Micah 6:8
Day 5: James 1:17	Day 20: Deuteronomy 16:17
Day 6: Psalm 100:4	Day 21: Proverbs 3:27
Day 7: Hebrews 12:28-29	Day 22: Proverbs 11:24-25
Day 8: 2 Corinthians 4:15-16	Day 23: Matthew 6:3-4
Day 9: Romans 1:21	Day 24: Luke 6:38
Day 10: Isaiah 12:4-5	Day 25: Acts 20:35
Day 11: John 10:10	Day 26: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
Day 12: 2 Timothy 4:4-5	Day 27: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8
Day 13: Luke 6:35-36	Day 28: 1 Corinthians 13:9-13
Day 14: Psalm 107:8	Day 29: Matthew 5:10-12
Day 15: Colossians 1:12	Day 30: Galatians 6:2

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*



The Ruffled Manger



Feel the Call

Dear Good Shepherd Parishioners: We're at the end of another church year which means the call will soon go out for parish members to consider standing for the vestry. Are you feeling the call to serve Good Shepherd in guiding the overall vision for our missions and ministries?

To help you with your prayerful discernment, we are providing below the responsibilities you should expect during a 3-year term as one of 9 members of our church leadership team. We understand that making this commitment is a significant gift of your time, talent and energy, and can be a significantly rewarding time, so please take the time to prayerfully discern this opportunity to serve God in a leadership role.

Expectations include:

- Participate in annual January weekend vestry retreat and attend monthly meetings
- Become familiar with basic church business practices and parish finances
- Once a year lead meeting's opening devotional and prayer
- Take required Safeguarding God's Children training and Anti-racism training (on-line)
- Be familiar with and complete Vestry Person of the Day (VPOD) responsibilities, as assigned
- Serve as Vestry Liaison for assigned parish ministries and report monthly on their progress and needs
- Contact assigned parishioners periodically
- Attend parish social functions to 'see and be seen,' and get to know parishioners
- During meetings, listen with an open heart and mind, and support decisions and work of the vestry

May the Spirit guide you as you discern the feel to serve in a leadership role of the church, whose mission is to Boldly Engage the world as God's shepherds, Share God's blessing and Create Heaven on Earth one person at a time.

If you have questions, please contact your Outgoing Senior Warden, David Gribble.



30 DAYS OF FALL ACTIVITIES

naturalbeachliving.com

1 go on a bike ride	2 have a photo shoot 	3 go bowling	4  visit an apple orchard	5 PAINT PUMPKINS
6 build a bird house 	7 visit a festival	8 eat candy CORN	9 make a fall wreath	10 go on a nature walk 
11 jump in a pile of leaves	12 make apple cider	13 watch a fall movie	14 go horse back riding 	15 CREATE A LEAF CRAFT
16  read outdoors	17 roast marsh- mallows	18 make soup	19 have a picnic	20  volunteer
21 BUILD SOMETHING	22 bake cookies	23  find acorns	24 make a no-sew blanket	25 go on a hay ride
26  make trail mix	27 visit an outdoor market	28 go for a walk	29 MAKE SOMETHING WITH PUMPKIN	30 have a bonfire 

Thanksgiving Tree - Christmas Care

Good Shepherd is a major supporter of **Christmas Care**, a program that helps provide clothing to children in need. Last year Christmas Care helped meet the clothing needs of 430 children and this year hopes to match or exceed last year's \$90.00 per child amount, but it all depends on donations.

How can you help? Good Shepherd is again putting up a **Thanksgiving tree** in the Narthex during November; 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!



Praying the Armor of God For My Family

A Piece For Each Day of the Week

Monday: Belt of Truth

God, help us tuck our thoughts and feelings into the belt of truth so we can walk without tripping on the path You've marked out ahead for us.

Tuesday: Breastplate of Righteousness

Help us guard our hearts and recognize practical opportunities to choose Your righteousness today.

Wednesday: Shoes of Peace

Help us put on the shoes of peace and then tie them tight with laces of thankfulness.

Thursday: Shield of Faith

Help us raise the shield of faith and use it to deflect the enemy's arrows of distraction.

Friday: Helmet of Salvation

Help us tug the helmet of salvation down over our minds so we think Your true thoughts.

Saturday: Sword of the Spirit

Help us offend the enemy with the sharp sword of Your Word.

Sunday: Prayer

Help us pray all the time about everything.

based on Ephesians 6/GuiltyChocoholicMama

HARVEST

Bible Matching Game

Look up the verse and match it to the word.

1. Hebrews 1:10 _____
2. Psalm 21:3 _____
3. Zechariah 1:11 _____
4. Numbers 10:10 _____
5. 1 Samuel 15:29 _____
6. Matthew 13:30 _____
7. Galatians 6:10 _____
8. Joshua 1:11 _____
9. John 12:24 _____
10. Proverbs 30:25 _____
11. Isaiah 40:8 _____
12. Luke 8:6 _____
13. Isaiah 17:5 _____
14. James 5:7 _____
15. Mark 4:4 _____
16. Acts 4:37 _____
17. Joel 2:23 _____
18. Ecclesiastes 3:1 _____
19. Psalm 147:18 _____
20. Jeremiah 17:8 _____
21. Mark 16:1 _____
22. 2 Peter 3:14 _____
23. Psalm 25:5 _____
24. Genesis 8:22 _____
25. Matthew 9:37 _____

- A. Ants
- B. Autumn
- C. Barn
- D. Birds
- E. Blessings
- F. Breeze
- G. Change
- H. Cold
- I. Earth
- J. Family
- K. Farmer
- L. Feast
- M. Field
- N. Flower
- O. Friends
- P. Grain
- Q. Harvest
- R. Hope
- S. Leaves
- T. Peace
- U. Plants
- V. Provisions
- W. Spices
- X. Season
- Y. Wheat





About 30 people and their furry friends gathered on October 4th at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Hayesville for the St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals. The short service was led by the Rev. Beverly Braine and assisted by the Rev. Deacon Turner Guidry, who led the congregation in a lively rendition of "Dog Breath." All animal companions and their people received blessings for long and healthy lives together.



Cancer Support Group



On Tuesday, **November 18th** we are hosting our **Cancer Support Group** in the Parish Hall at **5:30pm**. We are hoping to offer support to those on the journey of dealing with, surviving, and/or caring for someone with cancer. Bring something to share in thoughts, ideas, and of course some food. Contact Jose Arias by email if you can't attend in person but would like to be part of the meeting by zoom: jose_m_arias@hotmail.com



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THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Every year Good Shepherd hosts a Thanksgiving dinner prepared in community by our parishioners. We beautifully decorate the parish hall, while the turkeys are in the oven filling the space with their aromas. The church provides turkeys, ham, mashed potatoes, and gravy and Parishioners sign up to bring tasty sides and scrumptious desserts. If you don't have plans yet, come join your Church Family for a festive celebration of Thanksgiving.

Those attending will help fill out the rest of the meal by signing up and giving us an idea of what side dish and/or desert they plan to bring. We really need you to sign up because we need to know how many places to set and want to make sure we have enough turkey. When you do sign up, you will have an opportunity to list what you want to bring. This will ensure a good variety of sides and desserts. After all, it's the extensive choices of sides and deserts that makes this event a feast!

We will need help to set up and clean up. We will also need help receiving food prior to the service as people arrive with their contributions. Pies and cakes will also need slicing.

Sign-up sheets will be in the information hallway.

Questions? Call Jose Arias at 239-595-1865 or email jose_m_arias@hotmail.com





A few go to verses

WHEN GOD SEEMS FAR AWAY : PSALM 139

WHEN YOU HAVE WORRY : MATT 6:19-34

WHEN YOU'VE MESSED UP : PSALM 51

WHEN YOU'RE FEELING DOWN : JOHN 14

WHEN THE WORLD SEEMS BIGGER THAN GOD : PS 90

WHEN A BOY BREAKS YOUR HEART : PSALM 27

WHEN YOUR FAITH NEEDS STRENGTH : HEBREWS 11

WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY : 1 CORINTHIANS 13

WHEN YOU FEEL LEFT OUT : ROMANS 8:31-39

WHEN YOU NEED PEACE : MATTHEW 11:25-30

WHEN YOU ARE LONELY : PSALM 23

WHEN YOU NEED REASSURANCE : ROMANS 8

WHEN YOU NEED COURAGE : JOSHUA 1

WHEN YOU NEED TO DROWN OUT LIFE : PSALM 19

What's New in November?!?

This month, we will begin offering **2 new classes**, offered by **Instructor, Karen Goff: Moving Meditation and Tai Chi.**

Moving Meditation Class will be offered **each Tuesday at 1pm, beginning Tuesday, 11/18/25.** This class consists of warm ups, balance poses, tapping, and the 18 postures known as Shibashi. The postures are fluid and easy to learn. The breath is coordinated with the movement. Benefits include greater flexibility, reduced stress, and enhanced immune system. 1 hour long, no mat required, \$5 suggested donation.



TAI CHI EXERCISES

Tai Chi Class will be offered **each Thursday at 1pm, beginning Thursday, 11/20/25.** This class consists of warm ups, breath work, tapping (which stimulates blood and energy flow along with reducing stress), and learning the "form". The form is a variation of the Yang Style short form. Benefits include strengthening the body, focusing the mind, better balance and coordination. 1 hour long, no mat required, \$5 suggested donation.

While sign-up isn't required to participate, it is helpful for to have an idea of anticipated participation. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the information hallway. If you have questions, feel free to contact Karen directly at **352-339-4772.**



Parish Life and Church Community



Please, take note of our
scheduled Office closures for
November:

11/11— Veterans Day
11/26—11/28 Thanksgiving



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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FOLLOW THAT STAR!

Good Women of Good Shepherd, mark your calendars! December 6th will be our Advent Quiet Day this year. We will be meditating on how *light* is part of the Christmas story. Our time for guided meditation will be 10:00 a.m. until noon. At noon, we will share a covered dish luncheon. The retreat time is designed to be silent. You are encouraged to bring a holiday project (like the writing and addressing of Christmas cards) which you can do alone and silently. We will be gathering in the Parish Hall. This quiet time is a lovely way to enter into the season in a focused and contemplative way. I look forward to sharing the time with you.

Bev



GET TO KNOW HIS PERSONALITY

NAMES OF GOD



ABBA *FATHER*

ADONAI *LORD*

ALPHA & OMEGA *BEGINNING AND END*

CHRISTOS *THE ANOINTED ONE*

EL DEAH *GOD OF KNOWLEDGE*

EL ELYON *THE GOD MOST HIGH*

EL OLAM *THE EVERLASTING GOD*

EL ROI *THE GOD WHO SEES*

ELOHIM *THE CREATOR*

YAHWEH *I AM*

EL SHADDAI *GOD ALMIGHTY*

YAHWEH JIREH *THE LORD WILL PROVIDE*

YAHWEH NISSI *THE LORD MY BANNER*

YAHWEH RAPHA *THE LORD THAT HEALETH*

YAHWEH SHALOM *THE LORD IS PEACE*

YAHWEH TSIDKENU *THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS*

YAHWEH SHAMMAH *THE LORD IS THERE*

YAHWEH TSABBAOTH *THE LORD OF HOSTS*

Notes from our Financial Statements for September

Income Statement

Income received for September	\$36,183
<u>Expenses for September</u>	<u>\$34,723</u>
Net Income/(Loss) for September	\$ 1,460
Total Income for the Year	\$303,958
<u>Total Expenses for the Year</u>	<u>\$322,058</u>
Net Income/(Loss) for the Year	(\$18,100)
Funds Due from MOF for LED Lights 2024 project	\$4,500
<u>Funds due from MOF for windows</u>	<u>\$9,517</u>
Net Income/Loss after adjustments	(\$4,083)

Account Balances 10/26/2025

Operating funds Accounts

UCBI Operating Account (Checking)	\$ 55,996
UCBI Petty Cash	\$ 624
Operating Funds Money Market (30)	\$125,646

Restricted/Designated funds Accounts

B&G Scholarship Money Market (60)	\$128,855
Camp Henry Tuition Assistance (62)	\$ 4,076
Capital Reserve Money Market (61)	\$ 2,132
Rector Sabbatical Money Market (54)	\$ 5,112
All other Restricted/Designated Accounts Obligations	\$ 19,249

Endowment Accounts

Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund	\$251,523
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Celebrate Good Times!!!

Birthdays in November

11/02 Steven Harper
11/03 Jan Ratchford
11/03 Brenda Scheneman
11/03 Patti Brownlee
11/05 David Gribble
11/06 Mary Rose Figura
11/10 Linda Milt
11/13 EJ Caiazzo
11/16 Claudia Kennedy
11/17 Jane Boritz
11/20 Robert Stillwell
11/21 Ellie Owen
11/22 John Cain
11/24 Richard Kirchberg
11/24 Judy Bourne
11/26 Beej Hampton
11/26 Laurie Wright
11/27 Laurel Adams
11/27 Frank Burdo

Anniversaries in November

11/03 Rex & Barbara Boswell
11/20 Meg Gring & Frederic Whitley
11/29 Marilyn Kotten and Bill Clark



Directory Updates:



Please email Amanda in the church office with any birthday or anniversary updates:

gsepicsopal@brmemc.net



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Lectionary Readings for *November*

All Saints' Sunday

[Isaiah 1:10-18](#)

[Psalm 32:1-8](#)

[2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12](#)

[Luke 19:1-10](#)

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

[Job 19:23-27a](#)

[Psalm 17:1-9](#)

[2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17](#)

[Luke 20:27-38](#)

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

[Malachi 4:1-2a](#)

[Psalm 98](#)

[2 Thessalonians 3:6-13](#)

[Luke 21:5-19](#)

Christ the King Sunday

[Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

[Psalm 46](#)

[Colossians 1:11-20](#)

[Luke 23:33-43](#)

First Sunday of Advent

[Isaiah 2:1-5](#)

[Romans 13:11-14](#)

[Matthew 24:36-44](#)

[Psalm 122](#)



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