



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
Weekly Highlights
January 23, 2026



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**THIRD
SUNDAY
AFTER THE
EPIPHANY**

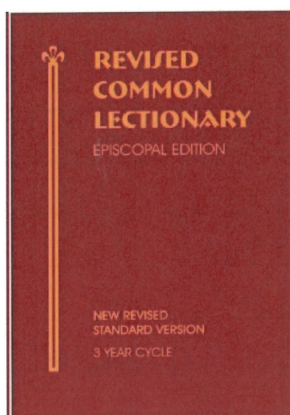
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Christian Education

Lectionary Bible Study Wednesdays @ 1:00pm in the Library

Join us each Wednesday at 1:00pm as we work through the appointed lectionary readings for the following Sunday. From beginners through Bible scholars, all are equally sure to gain something from our time together. All are welcome.

This discussion is facilitated by Fr Bill.



Theology Brown Bag Mondays at 12:00-1:30pm in the Parish Hall January 2026

Theology

noun the·ol·o·gy \thē-'ä-lə-jē\

the study of religious faith, practice, and experience; *especially*: the study of God and of God's relation to the world.

Brown bag

1. to bring (one's own liquor) to a restaurant or club, especially one that has no liquor license.
2. to bring (one's lunch) to work or elsewhere, usually in a small brown paper bag.

An open conversation and pondering of all things concerning God and our lives as God's people. You are invited to bring your lunch and something to share.

Episcopal 101

This course is an introduction and refresher course on the Episcopal Church. If you are new to the Episcopal Church— its history, worship, theology, and way of life. If you are new to the Episcopal tradition, returning after some time away, seeking Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal church, or have questions like “What is the origin of the Episcopal tradition?”, “How is the Episcopal church related to other traditions?”, “Why do Episcopalians do that?”, or “What do Episcopalians believe?”, then this course is for YOU! Sign-up in the Information Hallway if interested.

Feb 1	The Ancient Church
Feb 8	The Church in England
Feb 15	The Episcopal Church
Feb 22	Anglican Beliefs
March 1	Anglican Worship
March 8	Anglican Mission

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Parish Life and Church Community

Please check the bulletin board in the hallway for ministries that you have signed up for. If your name isn't on the list or you forgot to sign up for a ministry, please add your name to those ministries. Thank you all for your time and talent.

Annual Meeting – The annual meeting will be held today, January 25 following the 10:00am service. There will be a brunch. Your assistance with cleanup afterward would be most appreciated.

Parish Life Meeting- We will meet briefly in the Parish Hall **after the 11am service on February 1st**.

Souper Bowl Sunday is just around the corner on **Feb 8**. Kathy Wright is leading the effort to stock the shelves of the Hurlburt Johnson Friendship House with soup and stew. The Friendship House in Murphy is the only Homeless Shelter within a 150 mile radius. On Souper Bowl Sunday Kathy will make 2 pots of soup to share at lunch. She asks that you bring dried and canned soup and stew to donate to the Homeless Shelter. The shelter is serving more families with children than ever. On these cold nights, hot soup or stew is a welcome meal to fill hungry tummies.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper –February 17, 5:00 – 7:00pm. Brought to you by the youth of the Order of St. George, please join us for “from scratch buttermilk pancakes”, handmade sausage from Still Waters Landing, warm maple syrup, apple sauce, juice, coffee, tea. Cost is \$7.00 for ages 12 and older, \$3.00 for 11 and under. All proceeds will go to children and youth ministries. Tickets on sale in the Narthex on Sunday, February 8th, 15th, and at the door.



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Safe Church Training- Jesus Christ calls us to loving relationships that are healthy and helpful to each other. The obligation to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being is binding for all the baptized. Educating and empowering the people of our diocese is central to creating and maintaining safe churches and activities for everyone. The Diocese of Western North Carolina requires many ministry positions and volunteers to complete Safe Church Training. Safe Church Training will be offered on **two consecutive Saturdays, March 7 and March 14, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM**. Please see the sign-up sheet in the parish hallway.

March 7 - Vestry, Staff, Ministry Heads, Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, and Hospital Visitors.

March 14 - Vestry, Staff, Youth and Children and Nursery Volunteers.

Ministers Licensing Meeting- The church requires that certain ministers undergo periodic training and licensing. Those include lectors, intercessors, Eucharistic ministers and Eucharistic visitors. The following are the date for those training meetings:

Lectors and Intercessors - March 22 at 12:30 in the Nave.

Eucharistic Ministers & Eucharistic Visitors – March 29 at 12:30 in the Nave.

Attention all Blood Donors - Good Shepherd will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Monday, March 23rd from 12:30 - 5:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. To make an appointment call 1-800-Redcross (1-800-733-2767) or online at Redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are always welcome but appointments are handled first. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Marcel.

Attention Icon Writers - Our friends at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Blairsville, GA will host an Icon Writing Retreat from April 12 - 17, 2026. The retreat instructor will be Kara Gillette and the icon chosen is the Sacred Heart of Mary. The cost of the retreat, including all supplies, instruction, lunch and snacks, is \$525. A deposit of \$225 will hold your space. For more details contact Rita Casey at rbear11@hotmail.com or Kathy Marcel.

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Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Announcements and Weekly Highlights -

No later than Wednesday of each week at noon.

February Newsletter -

No later than Tuesday, January 20th, 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 **January 27, 2026** are:

Town:

Aline Conley

City:

Jan Freeman

Tusquittee:

Barb & Dave Field



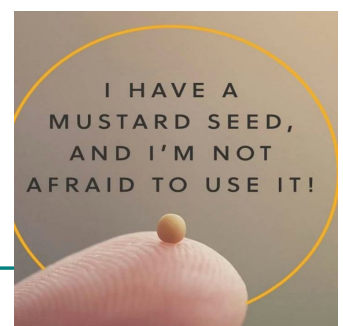
In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing-

Pat and Joy Fox, Denise Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Jacob Halfon, Patti and Chuck Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit, Ann Wolf, Philip Bannister, Frank Burdo, Teresa and David Gribble, Cooper Godfrey, OV Lewis, Adelaide Fullilove, Shane Douylliez, Janice Lemaire, Anne Hourdequin, Mere Samsil, Jay and Mary Ann Miller, Randy Emberg, Bob Wilkerson, Gail Rose, Matt and Jennifer Cramer, Eileen Adams, Lynne and Mark Walter, Kenny and Stacy Waldroup, Sally Conaway, Kim Brabon, Steven Harper, Pat and Candi List, Chris Stringer, Alexis Bernal, Mili and Jose Arias, Bob and Shirley Stillwell, Bob and Robin Kolar

Good Shepherd Ministries –

This week we pray for *The Grazers' Ministry* at Good Shepherd.



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Those Who Serve



Sunday, January 25, 2026

10:00 am:

EMs: Sharon Kyser, Kathy Wright; **Lector:** Carol Smucker;

Intercessor: Gail Criss; **Usher:** Dave Field;

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

Altar Linens: Betsi Wilson;

Nursery: Judy Bourne, Jean Gora; **Flower Guild:** Mary Carol Campbell

VPOD: Tawanna Dutton; **Ingles cards:** Jeff King;

Videographer: Harry Baughn; **Greeter:** Sharon & Ed Faircloth

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Leader: Deanna DuBose

Prayer Minister: Beth Hitchcock

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Altar Guild: Kathy Marcel



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday January 26

9:00 am	Exercise Class
10:00 am	Women Walking, Women Talking @ Chatuge Dam
10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
10:45 am	Tai Chi (Parish Hall)
11:00 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
12:00 pm	Theology Brown Bag (Parish Hall)

Tuesday January 27

10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
2:00 pm	Healing Prayer Meeting (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
6:00 pm	Brotherhood of the Fire

Wednesday January 28

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

Thursday January 29

6:45 am	Order of St. George
10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
6:30 pm	Choir Practice

Friday January 30

9:00 am	Exercise Class
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Saturday January 31

No activities scheduled

Sunday February 1

9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:30 pm	Lunch (Parish Hall)



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