



The Shepherd's Voice

August 2019

Services

Sunday:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
Rite I

9:15 am Adult Spiritual
Formation

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

Bethel-Guidry College Scholarship Update



Here is an update regarding the Bethel-Guidry College Scholarship and our award winners.

As you may or may not know, this past school year we awarded two college scholarships; one to Clay County and the other to Towns County. The recipients were as follows:

Towns County:

Sylvan Thomas Schuette. Sylvan was very active in Upward Sports, a Christian rec league sporting endeavor, and in Meals on Wheels. He will be attending the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, Georgia this Fall Semester.

Clay County:

Laney Ann Burch. Laney was very active in the Black and Gold Teen Center as a working board member and as a Special Olympics volunteer. Laney will be studying Elementary Education

at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC this Fall.

Information on our past winners:

Gavin Morgan renewed his scholarship for his sophomore year at Brevard College.

Courtney Giles renewed her scholarship for her junior year at Young Harris College.

Hunter Reaux will be renewing his scholarship for his senior year at Clemson University. Hunter is studying engineering and is working as an intern at Michelin Tire Co during this Fall Semester. He will renew his scholarship for the Spring Semester.

Jose Arias and Sanford Freeman will begin collecting applications for sponsorships as well as signing up golfers for this year's tournament. We'll be setting up a table outside of church every Sunday starting August 4th through September 22nd.

We're looking for some great fun and fellowship. This year's lunch will be provided by our very own Holy Smokers!

Looking forward to another great outing and a way for us to continue supporting our local youth.

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Christian Education

Lectionary Bible Study meets on Sundays at 9:15 in the library. This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

Rector's Brown Bag Book Read – Tuesday, August 20 at noon in the library. This month the book is *The Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Warren. Bring your lunch. All are welcome.

A New Ministry is Born - The Meal Assistance Ministry

We are all called to minister to each other in times of crisis. When there is need, being able to move quickly and efficiently to help fellow parishioners is important.

There is a need to organize our response to fellow parishioners who are in crisis and to do this without making the crisis more complicated for all involved.

To meet this need Kathy Wright, Cindy Nodine, and Fr. Bill have been working to develop an efficient way to deliver meals to parishioners in need of short term help so that a team will be able to provide meal assistance quickly and compassionately.

God willing, we will not have to put the Meal Assistance Ministry into action more than 2 or 3 times a year. We have never had a problem finding folks willing to do this but it has been chaotic and burdensome to try to reinvent the process each time. At our formational meeting, we will present a plan that will bring some order to the chaos.

There will be a meeting on Sunday August 4 in the undercroft at 12:30. At that time we will be forming the team that can respond when there is need.

Ministry meetings will not be called after this important formational meeting. Everything will be done by email.

We welcome all who want to be a part of this ministry. If you cannot come to the meeting please contact Kathy Wright at kathywright259@gmail.com so we can bring you on board and up to speed.

Let's Get Out and Play!



Your Parish Life's "Get Out and Play" ministry invites all parishioners and friends to paddle or tube down the beautiful Toccoa River

on Saturday, August 17.

We plan to leave the church parking lot by 9:00am. Bring a picnic lunch! Let us know if you need paddle gear. Please sign up in the hallway. Anyone interested must sign up by August 11. Kathy and Kanute Rarey 502-525-7256 or or kprarey@yahoo.com

Clarity

Years ago I heard something that I shared with my students to see if what I heard was true. The point was not to mislead or embarrass anyone, but to point out that clarity of communication matters. You may have heard about the potential problem of a dihydrogen oxide build up in the environment. It was a rainy day in Charleston when I spoke with my students about the current dihydrogen oxide spill. Scientists say that this dangerous chemical goes largely unregulated although it has incredible destructive potential. It is found in large concentrations in the atmosphere, in lakes, rivers, and oceans, and in the ground, yet the public seems not to be overly concerned or even aware of its dangers. This hydric acid can corrode metals and dissolve rock. It can create sink holes and mud slides. It is a major cause of destruction to our bridges, roadways, communication systems, and sewer lines. Meteorologists say it plays a key role in blizzards and hurricanes, tsunamis and floods. To humans, prolonged exposure can damage skin tissue and ingestion of large amounts of hydric acid can cause gastric distress, diarrhea, or even death. Having shared this news, a good number of students were understandably concerned that there had been a recent heavy spill of hydric acid in Charleston. Bad stuff, this hydric acid, this dihydrogen oxide, this H₂O.

“Oh, that is what you are talking about.” Clarity of communication matters. I appreciate that the different professions have their necessary technical language. That language is helpful toward the precision required in those professions and must be learned by those practitioners. It is meant for a limited field and is helpful in the clarity of their internal communication. With my students, I engaged in obfuscation. I intentionally made something simple hard to understand.

One thing I think Jesus tried to do was to be clear and straightforward in his communication. Yes, I get that he spoke in parables and said things about people not understanding because he spoke in parables, but I think that was a clever way of inviting

the curious, brilliant, ordinary and lazy to think for themselves rather than obfuscation. The prophet Micah tells us what God requires - “To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Jesus amplifies that in the life he models for us by showing us just, merciful, and humble living, and in the words he left us that summarize the whole purpose of our lives - “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” Can it be more clear than this? To act justly is to fulfil our responsibilities to God and neighbor. To act mercifully is to extend grace to others where it is not merited, knowing that we, too, require mercy. To walk humbly is to understand that all that we have is the gift of God. To love God is to love your neighbor and to love your neighbor is to love God. These are the measure for our Christian progress and the measure by which all our decisions should be made. Is this clear?



Grace and peace,

Fr Bill+

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2019 General Fund Balance:

General Fund Balance on May 31, 2019	\$41,228
Income received	29,162
Expenses	<u>-26,888</u>
General Fund Balance on June 30, 2019	\$43,502
Balance on bank mortgage	\$112,600
Balance on Mt. of Faith loan	\$8,000

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.

Wool Crazy Quilt Embroidery Class

Arts and Spirituality Ministry brings another wool embroidery and embellishment class with Elizabeth Rybicki to Good Shepherd in September. This time the group will take a prepared wool applique block and do the embroidery on it. The crazy quilt pieces will already be appliqued, so that the group can get right to the fun part – doing the embroidery. Elizabeth will be teaching the basic embroidery stitches used by our ancestresses on their crazy quilts. No experience is necessary, this class is for all experience levels.

Each person will receive the pattern including stitch placements, prepared wool applique block and backing, rod and wooden beads to turn the block into a small wall hanging, their choice of threads from her collection of Valdani and DMC threads,

needles, a small book of embroidery stitches, scissors, thimble plus lunch will be provided. The \$30 cost includes kit, supplies and lunch. Kits come in two colorways, one multicolor and one in blues and greens. There are a total of 18 kits available and there will be 2 class dates of 9 students per class. Please see the bulletin board for the embroidered crazy quilt, the colors available and the dates of the classes.

Come and join the Joyful Stitchers for another adventure in hand embroidery and embellished wool applique, fellowship and sharing a meal together. Class will be from 9:30 to 3:30 (or earlier if we finish sooner). It is anticipated that stitchers will take home a finished crazy quilt that day.

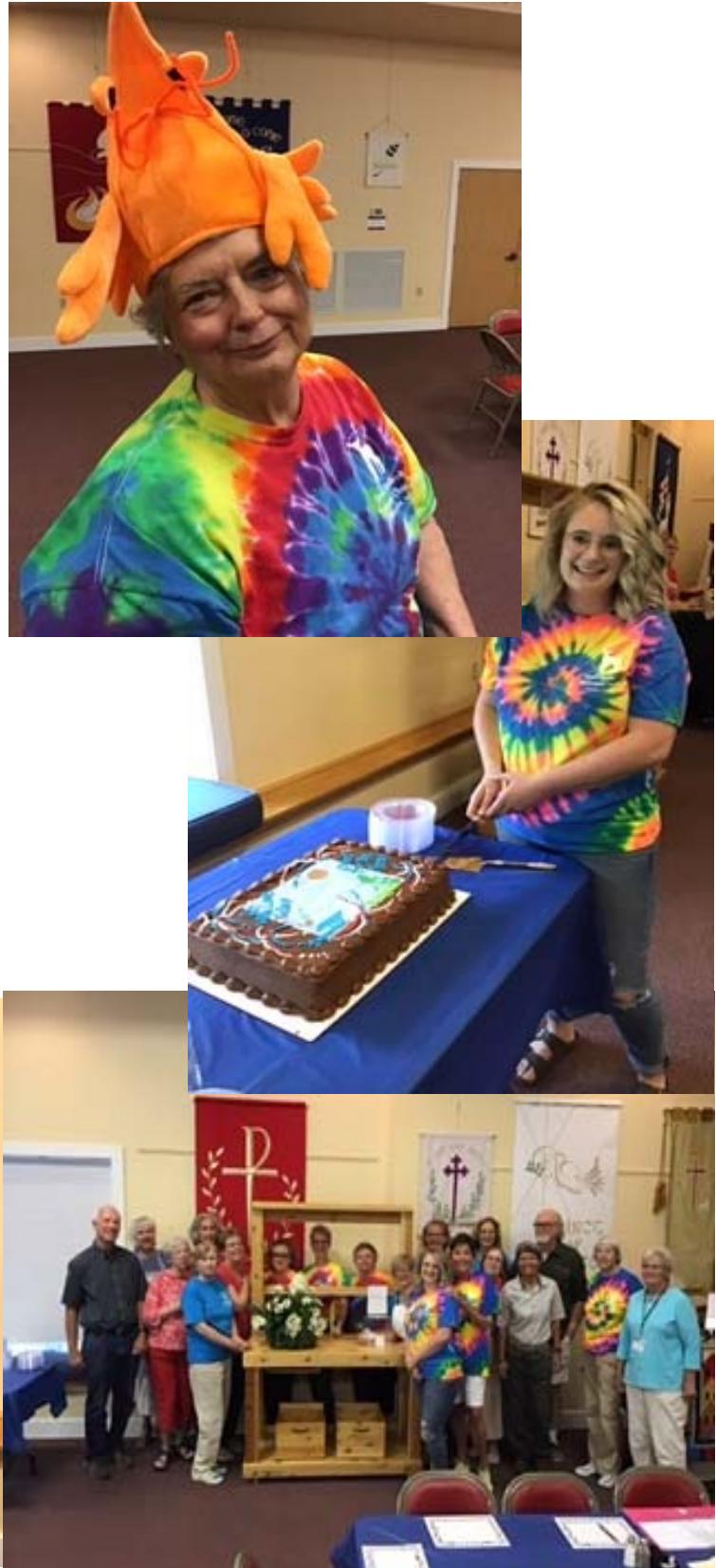
A Reminder From Your Parish Administrator

Our office hours here at Good Shepherd are Monday through Friday, 9:00am—4:30pm. If you send an email or leave a voice mail message outside of those hours, please know that no one will respond until the following day or Monday if it happens to be the weekend. If you have need to speak with Fr. Bill outside of office hours, please call him directly at 913-669-2294. Thank you.



Successful Fundraiser for Talley, Missionary to the Philippines!

"The amount of support and love I have received from this community is amazing! I am blessed beyond belief. Thank you so much. I feel all the more ready to go because of all the enthusiastic support. You can follow along at breedlovetk.wixsite.com/followingthelamb," said our own Talley Breedlove after learning of the \$7600 that was grossed on Saturday from a fundraiser for her as she leaves soon to become a missionary with the Episcopal Church's Young Adult Service Corps in the Philippines. Suzi Herbert led the Low Country Boil and raffle. Wally Figura and his Holy Smokers made the Low Country Boil. The big raffle prize, a week at Jane Oliver's Pawleys Island home, was purchased by Jan and Sanford Freeman, Kanute and Kathy Rarey, Keith and Suzy Christiansen, Jose and Mili Arias, Jim and Barb Redmond, and Wally and Mary Rose Figura. Other winners were Kathy Rarey, handmade cards; Valla Kolman, champagne brunch; Jan Freeman, custom potting bench; Jane Stuart and Laurie Wright, wine baskets; Patricia Champ, reflexology session; Doug Stuart, Epic Catering gift certificate; Robin Kozar, knitted sheep; Judi Bouchard, wall hanging; Suzi Herbert, wine/cheese cruise; Jan Freeman, handmade cutting board; and Helga Reaves, fun basket.



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A Letter From Your Choir Director

Dear Congregation,

The new choir season begins July 31st and it's time for some laying on of guilt from your Music Director/Choir Director. I know that there are singers out there in the pews who would rather be "pew potatoes" than spend a few hours a week having FUN in the service of the Lord...and I know it's asking a lot of you to change your golfing lessons from Wednesday night to Friday. But we do need voices in every section of the choir this year especially for the upcoming Christmas Cantata and Easter Cantata. So please reflect on the advantages of choir membership:

- 1) He or She who sings prays twice (this saves time)
- 2) No need to dress for church (uniform is provided)
- 3) No need to lose weight (choir robe covers all)
- 4) You'll have reserved seating for those crowded holiday services

- 5) Sitting in the choir affords you an entertaining view of your buddies who nod off during the service.
- 6) Lastly and most importantly, you get to enjoy my wonderful company.

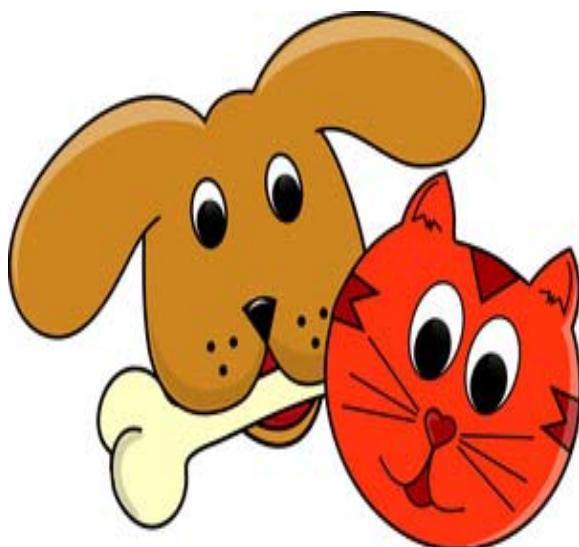
All are welcome!! Wednesday nights 7 to 8:30pm. We will be having a Choir "Retreat" on August 3rd from 10am-12pm. Come to sing, to laugh and just feel darn good!

Your Music Director/Choir Director,

Keith
Christensen
(the Big Guy)



8th ANNUAL PET CELEBRATION ON THE SQUARE



September 21st from 8:00 am to 2 pm. Good Shepherd is once again handing out 200 doggie treat bags and Dwain Zagrocki, DVM (a/k/a Dr. "Z") will be bringing veterinary instruments and will allow the children to look into their dog's ears and listen to their heartbeat. Dr. Z is also bringing a portable ultrasound unit to show the "insides" of a dog! And to top it off, Fr. Bill will do a "Blessing of the Animals" at noon. Please plan on attending for a little while and if possible volunteering perhaps 30 minutes of your time to help out. Carole Webber is coordinating:

828-360-2995 – webber42@frontier.com. Thank you!

Parish News

Birthdays in August

08/01 John Notchie
08/01 Jim Redmond
08/03 Meg Gring Whitley
08/04 Barb Lanwermeyer
08/04 Chuck Underwood
08/05 Danny Wilson
08/07 Bill Clark
08/07 Signe Ehrhart
08/07 Violet Howell
08/10 Jan Chatterton
08/10 Gayle Graziano
08/10 David Hourdequin
08/10 Andrew Jones
08/10 Frederic Whitley
08/11 Candy List
08/13 Mark Barbaro
08/13 Brenda Gignilliat
08/13 Mary Anne Koos
08/13 Elmer Wilson
08/15 Jeremiah Forbes
08/17 Barbara Hansen
08/18 Bill Monahan
08/18 Furie Soles
08/21 Bob Kolar
08/21 Bev Larson
08/23 Bill Breedlove
08/23 Jim Halloran
08/24 Barb Field
08/26 Mary Ackerly
08/26 Jim Brownlee
08/29 Ginia Wood
08/31 Don Roman

Anniversaries in August

08/02 Elizabeth & Joe Rybicki
08/04 Amy & Gil Nicolson
08/08 Barb & Lou Lanwermeyer
08/09 Lois Ann & Ed Wentzel
08/10 Sharon & Rick Sanderson
08/13 Suzi Herbert & Robert Schneider
08/17 Candy & Pat List
08/17 Barb & Jim Redmond
08/18 Liz & Dorman McLamb
08/19 Shirley & Bob Stillwell
08/22 Robin & Mel Halfon
08/28 Cathy & Bob vander Meer

Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.

Tawanna & Ron Dutton
Landline: 828-389-6180

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Sunday Lectionary Readings for August

8 Pentecost	9 Pentecost	10 Pentecost	11 Pentecost
August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Hosea 11:1-11	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Isaiah 5:1-7	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Colossians 3:1-11	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 12:13-21	Luke 12:32-40	Luke 12:49-56	Luke 13:10-17
Psalm 107:1-9, 43	Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18	Psalm 71:1-6



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