



The Shepherd's Voice

August
2026

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

5:00pm Soaking Prayer

Wednesday

12:00pm Holy Eucharist w/
Healing Prayer

1:00 pm Lectionary
Bible Study

The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove,
Rector



CHAPTER 8 OF 12

august



I COULD NOT
COMPREHEND
GOD'S PLAN
BUT MY
UNDERSTANDING
WAS NOT ESSENTIAL,
MY OBEDIENCE
WAS.

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Parish Life would like to thank everyone who brought food to share at our Annual 4th of July celebration. And to all the volunteers who helped make this another successful Parish Life event, THANK YOU!







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Big kudos to Patti Brownlee and all volunteers for another delicious and fun **Blueberry Festival**! Thank you also to John Breazeale and his team of chefs for the yummy blueberry pancakes. We estimate close to 100 parishioners and friends were in attendance.



Turner Guidry entertained us with his guitar and our favorite ditty, Dog Breath, and other songs accompanied by Rachel Baughn. A big thanks to all who provided goodies for the bake sale. Kathy Wright served her homemade Blueberry Fool again to the crowd's delight. Early estimates show our net total to be just under \$2,500.00 to benefit our Dental Fund Ministry!!! Please enjoy these photos taken by Mary Carol Campbell. See you next year!



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Mining Our Memories

This month, the Arts & Spirituality Ministry sponsored a writing group led by Jean Gora. The “Mining Our Memories Writing Group” will continue to meet until September 3, learning to articulate and share memories and written form.



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Did someone say MUSIC?!?

Do you like to sing? Have you ever wanted to join the choir? Then come hang out with us! We're excited to welcome our choir back after a nice summer break! Please be reminded of our **Choir Retreat—Saturday, August 1st, 12pm**. We will meet in the Parish Hall for food and fun times!!!

Sopranos: How many sopranos does it take to change a light bulb? Just one. She holds up the bulb and the whole world revolves around her.

Altos: Why do altos make great detectives? Because they always find the relative minor!

Tenors: How do you know a tenor is knocking on your door? They never have the right key and they never know when to come in.

Basses: How can you tell if a bass is actually dead? Hold out a piece of sheet music with a dynamic change on it





CLAY COUNTY COMMUNITY *for* STUDENTS



School Supplies needed:

- Headphones and Earbuds (Not wireless)
- Trapper Keeper style Zippered 3 ring binders
- Tab dividers for binders
- Baby Wipes
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Tissues
- Hand soap
- Paper Towels
- Hand Sanitizers
- Sandwich bags that zip closed (Gallon, Sandwich and quart)



CCCFS Supplies to help with families in need requests

- Plastic bags (ingles, walmart, dollar general ect)
- Deodorants both male and female
- Hair Brushes
- Shampoos/Conditions
- Towels



Shoes

- Girls/Ladies 4, 5 and 6
- Boys/Mens 4,5,6,7,8,9

Clothing

- Boys shorts and pants size 4/5, 6/7, 8/10
- Men's elastic waist or drawstring shorts and pants size large, XL & above.
- Girls shorts and pants size 4/5, 6/7
- Women's elastic waist or drawstring shorts and pants size ladies small & XL
- Girls shorts 8/10. 10/12 12/14,





Back-To-School Supply Drive

We are partnering with Clay County Community for Students for their **Stuff-a-Bus School Supply Drive/Back to School Bash**. Final pick-up will be on **August 19**. Copies of the supply list can be found on the credenza & the collection box is located in the Narthex. Please contact Amanda with questions.



Clay County

Back to School Bash

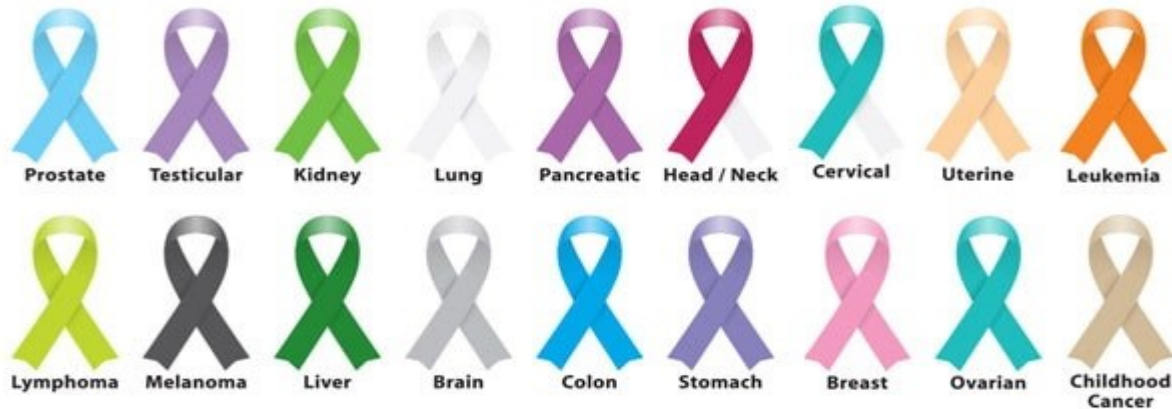
A family event to learn about resources in our area and pick up school supplies (while supplies last).

Hayesville Square
6:30PM-8PM
Thursday, August 13th
Questions? Call: 828-389-1625



Interested in hosting a table?
Scan the QR code:
or email: hannah.miller@clayschools.org

Cancer Support Group



On Tuesday, **August 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





Good Shepherd Cursillo Community Third Sundays in the Parish Hall

Looking for Friendly Spiritual Conversation, Guidance,
Support, and Enrichment?

The Cursillo Community Welcomes You.

Please feel welcome to join us each Third Sunday of the
month during our Cursillo-sponsored Coffee Hour.

Look for the tables on the far side of the Parish Hall.



The Gospels in Shorts

Sundays after Church

The four canonical Gospels share common material but differ in important ways in their telling the life and ministry of Jesus. In this course we will examine in brief each of the Gospels with an eye toward comparing and contrasting the likely contexts in which the Gospels were written, their intended audiences, and editor's intentions, their sources, their theology and themes, their common material and their unique contributions to the story of God with us.

July 5 - The Gospel
according to Mark

July 12 - The Gospel
according to Matthew

August 2 - The Gospel
according to Luke

August 9 - The Gospel
according to John



Members of The Order of the Daughters of the King® are women and girls between the ages of seven and one hundred and seven who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are Christian women, both lay and ordained, who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life, and supported through the companionship of our sisters. We are all at different stages of our Christian journey – some have just begun and some have been on this path for a long time. But no matter where we are on our sacred journeys, our primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.

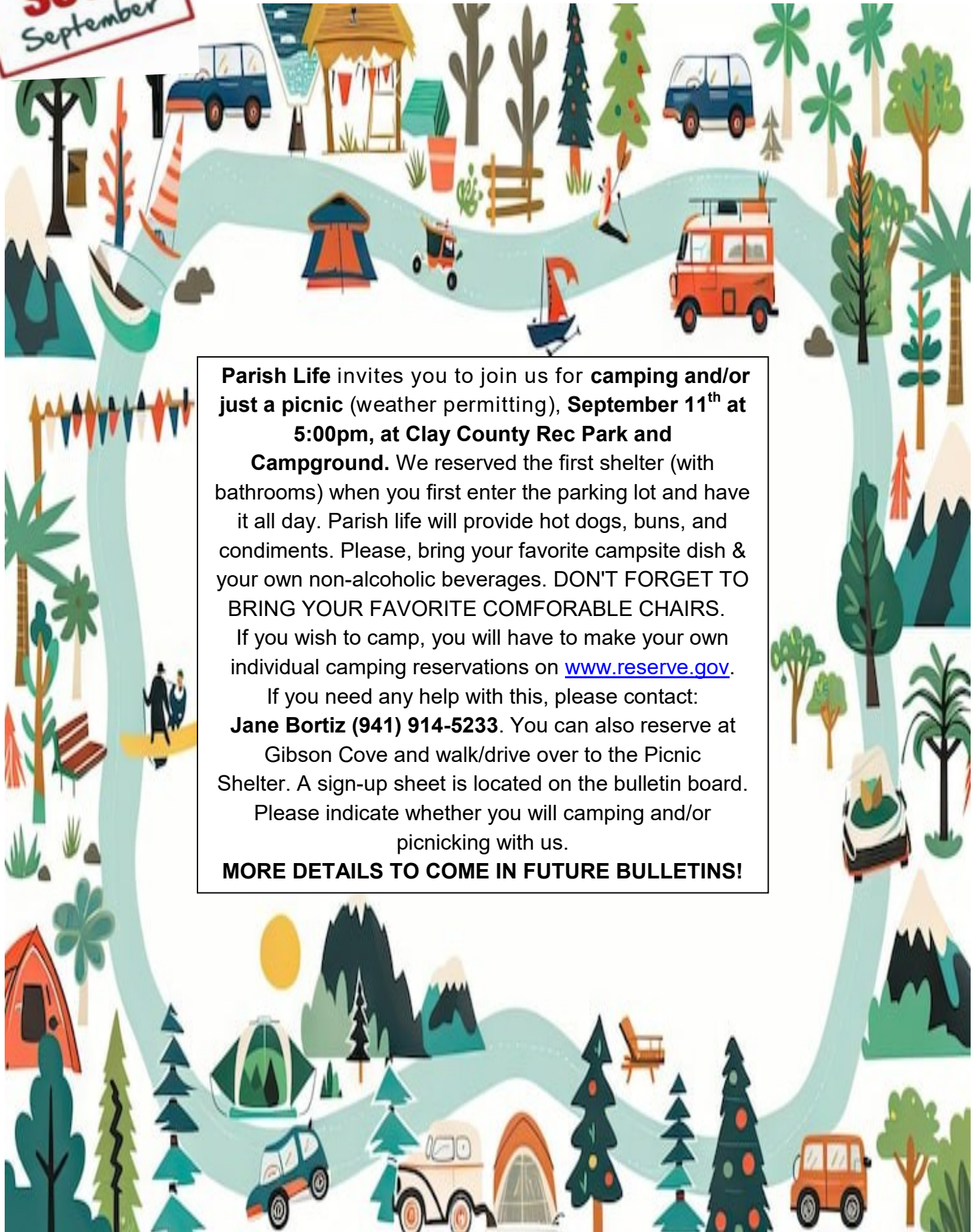


We meet in the **Undercroft** on the **2nd Thursday of each month**. Our next meeting will be held on **August 13, 2026**. If you are interested or have any questions, please see Sharon Kyser or any of the Daughters.



**COMING
SOON**
September

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Parish Life invites you to join us for **camping and/or just a picnic** (weather permitting), **September 11th at 5:00pm, at Clay County Rec Park and Campground.**

We reserved the first shelter (with bathrooms) when you first enter the parking lot and have it all day. Parish life will provide hot dogs, buns, and condiments. Please, bring your favorite campsite dish & your own non-alcoholic beverages. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE COMFORTABLE CHAIRS.**

If you wish to camp, you will have to make your own individual camping reservations on www.reserve.gov.

If you need any help with this, please contact:

Jane Bortiz (941) 914-5233. You can also reserve at Gibson Cove and walk/drive over to the Picnic Shelter. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board. Please indicate whether you will camping and/or picnicking with us.

MORE DETAILS TO COME IN FUTURE BULLETINS!

**TRY
Something
NEW**

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Beginner Yoga Classes

**Promoting physical and mental health
through stretching, breath work, spinal
alignment, and mindfulness practices.**

**Start your day with focus and enhanced
energy!**

**Classes will be held at
Good Shepard Episcopal Church
495 Herbert Hills Dr.
Hayesville, NC 28904
every Tuesday and Thursday
from 9am - 9:45 am**

*****Bring a Yoga Mat and a Small Pillow*****

**Rita Schwab
Certified Yoga Instructor
specializing in Hatha, Vinyasa and Kundalini Yoga**

August

Maturing in Christ

Day 1: Ephesians 4:13-15

Day 2: Hebrews 5:12-14

Day 3: 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

Day 4: Job 32:7

Day 5: Romans 15:14

Day 6: 2 Peter 3:17-18

Day 7: Hebrews 12:2

Day 8: Colossians 2:6-7

Day 9: James 1:4

Day 10: Philippians 1:9-11

Day 11: 1 Corinthians 13:11

Day 12: Proverbs 1:2-7

Day 13: 1 Corinthians 14:20

Day 14: Titus 2:11-14

Day 15: Psalms 1:3

Day 16: James 1:2-3

Day 17: Ephesians 1:17-18

Day 18: Philippians 2:5-7

Day 19: 2 Corinthians 7:1

Day 20: Hebrews 6:1

Day 21: Colossians 1:9-10

Day 22: Matthew 5:48

Day 23: James 3:2

Day 24: 1 Corinthians 2:6

Day 25: Romans 12:2

Day 26: Hebrews 13:5

Day 27: Philippians 3:12-15

Day 28: 1 Peter 2:2

Day 29: Colossians 3:9-10

Day 30: 2 Corinthians 13:11

Day 31: Romans 5:3-5





motto of
the month:

August
discipline

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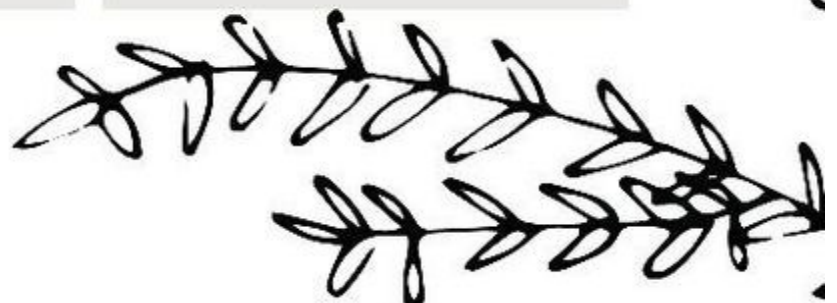
- + sleep: get to bed on-time/early
- + healthy foods
- + logic & reasoning
- + structure: stick to plans/restrictions & order tasks/space/priorities ect.
- + exercise
- + journaling: weekly about desired structure in life & areas for improvement

L E S S

- impulsive actions
- junk food
- fear of failure
- temptation
- low self-esteem

practice:

respect for your own
values, morals, &
rules





flourish

VERB Merriam-Webster

1 : to grow luxuriantly : THRIVE

2 a : to achieve success : PROSPER

b : to be in a state of activity or production

c : to reach a height of development or influence

3 : to make bold and sweeping gestures

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Bring them to me.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.'

- Matthew 14:15-18



I find the scriptures an endless treasure, riddle, a mystery and an inspiration. "Bring them here to me." Bring what? The loaves and the fish? The hungry crowds? Maybe both, probably both, because that gracious invitation into God's abundance about to be revealed stands in sharp contrast to the setting. It was evening, it was late, it was a deserted place. Time was up, resources were gone, and nothing is possible but to fold up the chairs and turn out the lights. Here they are, and we along with them, in the wilderness. It is a place of peril and a place of death, but also one where God might just show up. See in the wilderness, Moses, Elijah, Elisha, and keep looking. When our eyes tell us that the cupboard is bare, God says to look again. When we start to get concerned that the sun is setting, that it is too late, and there is not going to be enough, Jesus asks that we trust and that we bring to him what we have. Bring to him both their needs of the congregation and the community and bring to him our loaves and fish. Five loaves and two fish, seven gifts from God's perfectly abundant creation, made for us, given to us, and meant for all of God's people. The story of the feeding of the 5,000 men plus women and children says many things but certainly it says that in contrast to the evening of the day, when it is too late and there is too little, God is in the abundance game. In this episode, all are fed and with full bellies, twelve baskets of leftovers remain. That twelve baskets represent are for the twelve tribes which themselves symbolizes the whole community. There is enough for everyone.

He says, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing but ..." Can you hear the contemporary people of God saying something similar? "We used to do ____ but we can't do that anymore." "There's a need over there but we can't do that because ____." It is evening, it is late, it is a deserted place. That sounds familiar to me. That sounds like the place where God shows up, and like a risky place that might call for some trust, and a place where something like disbelief might die. Jesus does not ask about what we do not have. He does ask that we see the needs of the world and that we bring those needs and our loaves and fish to him. It is his work to save the world. It is our work to trust and to share what he provides.

I am aware that living conditions are hard for many. Prices are high and rising and incomes for many have not kept pace. Your household expenses have increased and the costs of running this church have increased. Outreach organizations have seen increases in need and in expenses. God asks us in this time to trust in God's abundance and to continue to "Bring them to me."

Grace and peace,

Fr. Bill +



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Notes from our Financial Statements for June 2026 Income and Expenses from Realm

Operating/Budget Report

Total Operating Income year to date

\$191,374

Total Operating Expenses

-\$212,496

Net Income/(Loss) for the Year

-\$21,095

Account Balances 06/30/2026

Operating funds Accounts

UCBI Operating Account (Checking)

\$ 14,221

UCBI Petty Cash

\$ 3,329

Operating Funds Money Market (30)

\$ 128,733

Restricted/Designated funds Accounts

B&G Scholarship Money Market (60)

\$ 132,021

Camp Henry Tuition Assistance (62)

\$ 4,176

Capital Reserve Money Market (61)

\$ 43,167

Rector Sabbatical Money Market (54)

\$ 5,225

All other Restricted/Designated Accounts Obligations

\$ 19,249

Endowment Accounts

Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund

\$292,697



Celebrate Good Times!!!

Birthdays in August

08/01 Scott Farnsworth
08/01 Phil Klenke
08/01 John Notchie
08/01 Jim Redmond
08/02 Bruce Beall
08/03 Meg Whitley
08/04 Barb Lanwermyer
08/04 Chuck Underwood
08/07 Bill Clark
08/07 Signe Ehrhart
08/10 Jan Chatterton
08/10 Gayle Graziano
08/10 Andrew Jones
08/10 Frederic Whitley
08/11 Candy List
08/11 Sam Samsil
08/12 Griffin Bethel
08/13 Mary Anne Koos
08/15 Lynn Kirby
08/17 Barbara Hansen
08/17 Becky Underwood
08/18 Furie Soles
08/21 Bob Kolar
08/21 Bev Larson
08/22 Dawn Schneider
08/23 Bill Breedlove
08/23 Molly Cain
08/23 Diana Sofield
08/24 Barb Field
08/25 Janet Beall
08/26 Mary Ackerly
08/27 Aline Conley
08/28 Rodney Penland
08/29 Gina Wood
08/31 Don Roman

Anniversaries in August

08/02 Joe & Elizabeth Rybicki
08/04 Gil & Amy Nicolson
08/08 Lou & Barb Lanwermyer
08/10 Rick & Sharon Sanderson
08/11 Craig & Becky Underwood
08/11 Jeanine & Danny Craig
08/17 Pat & Candy List
08/17 Jim & Barb Redmond
08/18 Dorman & Liz McLamb
08/19 Robert & Shirley Stillwell
08/22 Robin & Mel Halfon
08/22 Brenda and Larry Scheneman
08/25 Debbie and Paul Swanson
08/28 Ines and Phil Klenke

life with you

JUST KEEPS GETTING
BETTER & BETTER

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.



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

gsepicsopal@brmemc.net



Lectionary Readings for *August*

10th Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 32:22-31](#)
[Psalms 17:1-7, 16](#)
[Romans 9:1-5](#)
[Matthew 14:13-21](#)

11th Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28](#)
[Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b](#)
[Romans 10:5-15](#)
[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

12th Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 45:1-15](#)
[Psalms 133](#)
[Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32](#)
[Matthew 15: \(10-20\), 21-28](#)

13th Sunday after Pentecost

[Exodus 1:8-2:10](#)
[Psalms 124](#)
[Romans 12:1-8](#)
[Matthew 16:13-20](#)

14th Sunday after Pentecost

[Exodus 3:1-15](#)
[Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c](#)
[Romans 12:9-21](#)
[Matthew 16:21-28](#)



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