



The Shepherd's Voice

May
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



New Beginnings

EACH TIME A FLOWER BLOOMS,
THE WORLD IS REMINDED THAT THERE
IS BEAUTY IN NEW BEGINNINGS.



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Seeking Good News



One of the many ministries through which I have been blessed is working with children. In my former parish, I worked not only with our parish member children and their parents, but also served as the chaplain to our parish day school. As chaplain, I would try to meet at least once a week with the children during their daily chapel service. The service was very much a liturgical service with an opening litany, the confession and then some words about God's love for them from "Father Bill" as they knew me, followed by a song and prayers. It seemed rather easy at first to share with them the more obvious ways that we know God's love for us, but then after a few months came the challenge when the obvious ways appeared to be exhausted. Rather than repeat what has already been said, how would I first discover for myself the new, unobserved, hidden in plain sight, ways that God loves us and then how would I share that with these very young people? It was a growth experience for me, and perhaps also for them. In the end, I may have received more spiritually from this experience than they did, and I would not be surprised if that is what God intended when he led me to serve as chaplain to a day school so far from my southern home. He opened my eyes and stretched me to see his love for me and others and gave me words and the opportunity to share that with his littlest lambs. What a blessing!

Our ministry as the parish of the Good Shepherd is not so different. As individuals and as one body - a parish, a diocese, a church - we are called to share the good news of the Gospel with others, but we need to first see and know that for ourselves. Can you see that? Do you know that? That good news is God's love for all people and all creation. The good news is good news whether times are good or not as good as they might be. It is the latter times that provide for us what might be the greater opportunity for us to discover the unobserved, hidden in plain sight, ways that God loves us and calls us to love others. It may be for us a daily practice to discern the good news amidst the often frequent and very bad news surrounding us. How is God showing love to you where you stand in these times?

It is Eastertide, the season of the resurrection, where the grief, the fears, and the dashed hopes of the disciples run into surprise encounters with the risen Lord. Grief and fear are replaced by joy. Hope renews. The context is one of continuing Roman oppression, corrupt political and religious elites, ethnic tensions, and other less than good news. As then, like now, there is very good news to share with a world that needs some good news. Some may be obvious, some may be hidden, some may bear greater fruit through discernment and discovery. What story do you have to share with friend and stranger about how God is loving you and all others in our day?

Fr Bill+





motto of
the month:

May
bloom

M O R E

- + sunshine & fresh air
- + hydration
- + outdoor walks or gardening
- + creative projects
- + seasonal fruits & veggies
- + acts of kindness
- journaling: note what's growing well in your life

L E S S

- comparison
- clutter
- procrastination
- overcommitting

practice:

gratitude &
nurturing what
makes you feel alive





Abundance

NOUN Merriam-Webster

1 : an ample quantity : an abundant amount : PROFUSION

2 : AFFLUENCE, WEALTH

3 : relative degree of plentifulness

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May

Pursuing Humility

Day 1: Colossians 3:12

Day 2: Micah 6:8

Day 3: 1 Peter 5:5

Day 4: Proverbs 16:19

Day 5: Romans 12:3

Day 6: Philippians 2:5-8

Day 7: James 4:10

Day 8: 1 Corinthians 1:28-29

Day 9: Luke 14:11

Day 10: Proverbs 22:4

Day 11: Matthew 23:10-12

Day 12: Psalms 25:8-9

Day 13: Isaiah 57:15

Day 14: James 4:14-16

Day 15: Proverbs 12:15

Day 16: Romans 12:16

Day 17: John 3:30

Day 18: Psalms 115:1

Day 19: Proverbs 15:33

Day 20: Matthew 6:2

Day 21: Psalms 149:4

Day 22: James 4:6

Day 23: Mark 9:35

Day 24: Psalms 8:4

Day 25: Proverbs 3:34

Day 26: Philippians 2:3-4

Day 27: Ephesians 4:2

Day 28: Proverbs 27:2

Day 29: Mark 10:45

Day 30: James 3:13

Day 31: Proverbs 11:2



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Dear Friends,

It is with much gratitude that we offer our heartfelt thanks to all who reached out in prayer and support on the occasion of Melanie's mom's death. Your expressions of love through cards, phone calls, the floral arrangement, and many kind gestures were uplifting reminders that God's love abounds in and through the saints of this parish in times of great celebration and in times of great loss.

With affection,

Melanie and Fr. Bill+



Flower Design Class/Church Plant Donation 5/1/26

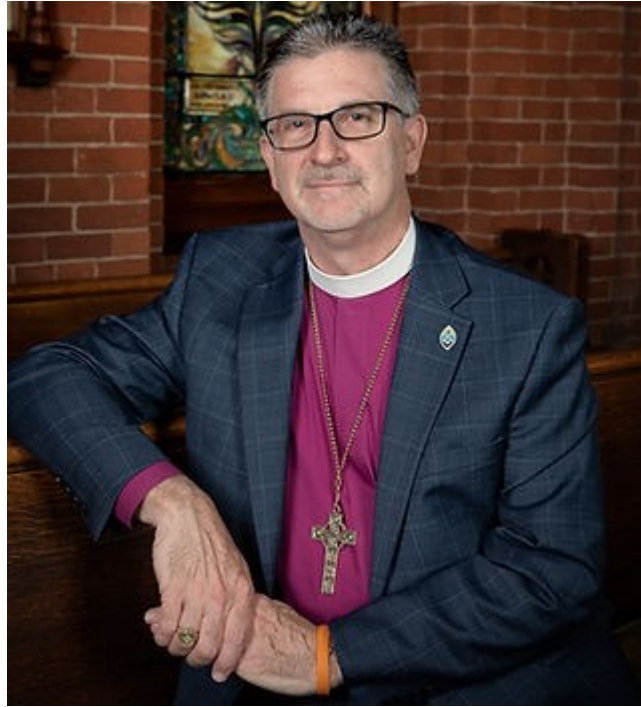


A **Floral Design class** is being sponsored by the Flower Guild on **Friday, May 1, 2026, 10am - 12pm**. Come learn the basics of flower arranging and stay for flower planting.

We're asking those who would like to add a plant to the church garden to **bring a small plant in honor of all mothers** and stay after the floral class to **plant them, with our Master Gardener's assistance**. If you can't make the class and you'd like to donate a flower, please contact Jeff @ 423-744-4107.



The Rt. Rev. Bishop José A. McLoughlin



May 3rd, our **Bishop will be visiting!** We will have **one service at 10:00am**, followed by **Brunch with the Bishop** in the Parish Hall.

Your donation of a side brunch item is welcome!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone that is available to help with clean-up afterwards.



Valley River Ringers



Join us on **May 8, 2026**, at **7pm** as we welcome the **Valley River Ringers!** The Valley River Ringers have been ringing together for about 12 years. They ring on 4 octaves of bells and choir chimes. They ring level 3 and 4 in handbell music which is commonly known as moderate difficult music. The ringers come from Georgia, North Carolina and they meet at the First United Methodist church in Murphy where their director, Suzanne West, is the music director.



Mother's Day Carnations

The story of Mother's Day in the United States began in 1908, thanks to the dedication of Anna Jarvis, a woman determined to honor her mother and mothers everywhere.

Jarvis and her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, were both activists and shared a tight bond. When Ann fell ill, Jarvis cared for her by her side up until her death in 1905.

Jarvis' inspiration for creating Mother's Day stems back from a prayer her mother said about caring for and appreciating mothers everywhere. On the first official Mother's Day service held at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, Jarvis distributed hundreds of white carnations, her late mother's favorite flower, to each mother present. This gesture was symbolic, representing the purity, strength, and endurance of a mother's love.

Over the years, the tradition of giving carnations on Mother's Day has evolved but the essence remains the same. The color of the carnation flower also began to hold significance: **red carnations** came to **signify a mother who is still living**, while **white carnations are used to honor a mother who has passed away**. This distinction allows individuals to express deep emotions and respect through the simple act of giving flowers.



Dear Mom,

Thank you for supporting me even when I pushed you away.

Thank you for showing me it's okay to make mistakes.

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Thank you for taking care of me, because I still need you.

Thank you for showing me what unconditional love truly is.

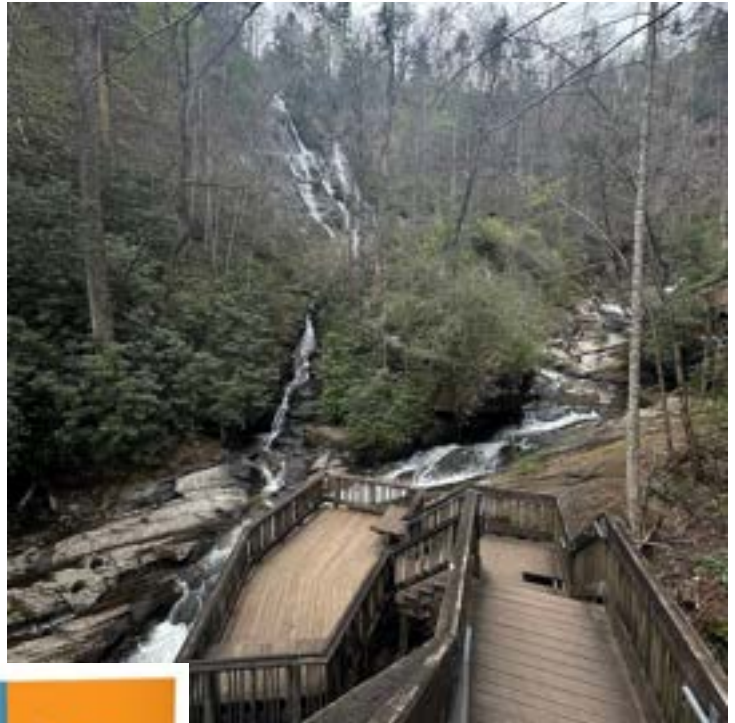
Thank you for being my teacher, my mentor and my best friend.

Thank you mom, I love you

Please, join us this **Mother's Day, May 10th**, in honoring and celebrating **YOUR** mother by wearing either a **red (if living)** or **white (if passed)** carnation.

Parish Life Event

On **May 16th**, Parish Life is enjoying a hike at **Duke's Creek Falls** in Helen, GA. We'll meet at church at **10:00am**, then carpool or caravan. Don't forget to pack a lunch & bring water! Sign up if you plan to attend.



THEN...

SIGN UP

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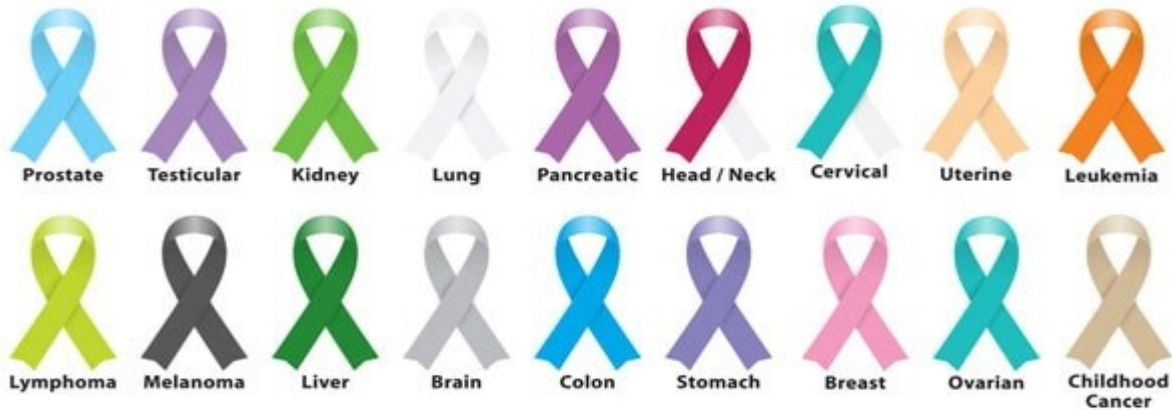


We are meeting at **4:00pm**, for fellowship at **Crane Creek Stone House Tasting Room**
1040 Crane Creek Rd,
Young Harris, GA 30582



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Cancer Support Group



On Tuesday, **May 19th** 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



Memorial Day



Thank you to all of our men & women who serve, and to those who have served and passed.



Bringer of Peace

JESUS. AS WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES TO FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM, WE ARE AT A LOSS. WE ASK YOU TO MEDIATE BETWEEN NATIONS AND SETTLE INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES. WE PRAY THEY WILL HAMMER THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES AND THEIR SPEARS INTO PRUNING HOOKS SO COUNTRIES WILL NO LONGER FIGHT NOR TRAIN FOR WAR ANYMORE.





The Still Place is a Non-Profit Organization who offers a peaceful place for rest, relaxation, and enjoyment to individuals and families experiencing serious life-altering illness or loss of a child. Healing and hope are fostered through uniquely designed, single family retreats at **no cost to the family**. Families enjoy art, nature, spirituality, and southern Appalachian culture and adventures.

Good Shepherd has partnered with The Still Place since its inception through financial assistance as well as needed volunteers from our loving parish family.

On **Sunday, May 31**, after the 11 o'clock service, our parish will host a delicious **spaghetti lunch** as a **fundraiser for The Still Place**. Ron Dutton will be our principal chef in preparing his grandmother Rose's extraordinary, authentic pasta sauce. Please plan on staying after the service to enjoy this fine meal and to learn more about The Still Place.



Coming in JUNE...



Brunch With Your Rector

Fr Bill is hosting another of his famous **Newcomers Brunch** on **Sunday, June 7th**, in the **Undercroft** immediately **following the 1100 o'clock service**. If you are new to our church family in the past six months to a year, you are invited! Please come for a light lunch and this personal welcoming gathering to our church family on behalf of Fr Bill.



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"Summer Classics.....Beethoven to Broadway"

Date: June 6, 2026

Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Champagne reception in the church Parish Hall immediately following concert.

Good Shepherd will be hosting an evening concert of classical music and Broadway tunes!

This event has been organized by our own Teresa LeMaire and will feature outstanding performances from her professional friends who will offer a one and one half hour program of classical instrumental, voice, and contemporary Broadway vocals. The concert will take place in our church sanctuary.

A champagne reception in our Parish Hall will immediately follow the concert.

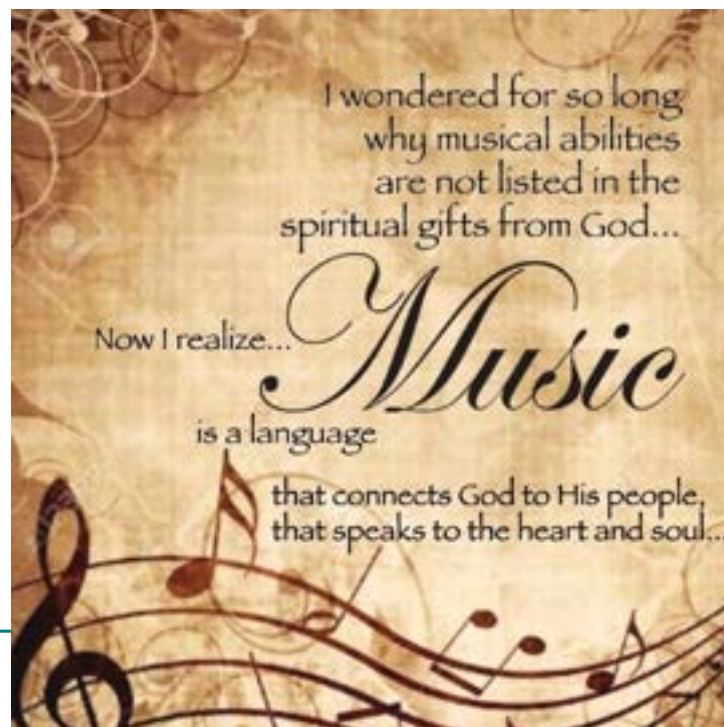
We will be offering tickets for sale at \$15.00 each and seating is limited to 120 tickets, first come first serve.

This is your chance to invite friends to accompany you and to experience what will surely be a wonderful evening at Good Shepherd! Our intent is to have a great time for everyone and to offer our Community an opportunity to see our beautiful church from the inside!

Please think about who you would like to invite to attend with you and make plans to attend, Tickets are limited to 120 attendees and tickets will go on sale about May 11th. We encourage you to buy your tickets online at www.zeffy.com, but see Amanda in our church office if you need assistance.

Call Phil Cox or Kathy Rarey if you have questions.

Further announcements and comments will be forthcoming!



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Notes from our Financial Statements for March 2026

Income and Expenses from Operating Checking Account

Bookkeeping software (Realm) re-configuration not complete. Realm reports for January, February and March activities (income statement and balance sheet) should be available at the end of April. Note that these deposits reflect some annual giving that will be adjusted to reflect 1/12 per month in the Realm accounting system.

Contributions received / Bank Deposits for March	\$51,447
Expenses from Checking for March	-\$55,376
Net Income/(Loss) for March	-\$ 3,929
Total Contributions received/Bank Deposits year to date	\$149,941
Total Expenses from Checking for the Year	-\$153,399
Net Income/(Loss) for the Year	-\$ 3,458*

***possible January deposit for \$17,000 will be credited to 2026 -\$20,458**

Difference in budgeted amounts would be painting costs appx \$18,000 incurred that were not in the annual budget.

Account Balances 03/31/2026

Operating funds Accounts

UCBI Operating Account (Checking)	\$ 37,695
UCBI Petty Cash	\$ 1,069
Operating Funds Money Market (30)	\$ 127,612

Restricted/Designated funds Accounts

B&G Scholarship Money Market (60)	\$ 130,872
Camp Henry Tuition Assistance (62)	\$ 4,140
Capital Reserve Money Market (61)	\$ 42,791
Rector Sabbatical Money Market (54)	\$ 5,180
All other Restricted/Designated Accounts Obligations	\$ 19,249

Endowment Accounts

Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund	\$ 277,925
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Celebrate Good Times!!!

Birthdays in *May*

- 05/01 Mili Arias
- 05/01 Gayle Cox
- 05/03 Benjamin Bethel
- 05/03 Susan Gray
- 05/03 Dwain Zagrocki
- 05/08 Alba Jones
- 05/08 Diane Welton
- 05/13 Mary Carol Campbell
- 05/15 Mel Halfon
- 05/17 Lou Lanwer Meyer
- 05/18 Angela Wilkerson
- 05/18 Susan Wyman
- 05/24 Abby Joyce
- 05/24 Bethann Bowman
- 05/26 Robin Kolar
- 05/27 Tom Griffiths
- 05/28 Clyde Taylor
- 05/30 Jerry Taylor
- 05/31 Shirley Stillwell



Anniversaries in *May*

- 05/01 Janet & Bruce Beall
- 05/10 Sue & Ed Kelley
- 05/16 Sharon & Ed Faircloth
- 05/16 Kathy & Kanute Rarey
- 05/27 Hannah & Andrew Jones
- 05/28 Aline and Kevin Conley



Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.



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

gsepicsopal@brmcmc.net

Lectionary Readings for *May*

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21
Psalm 66:7-18

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
or Numbers 11:24-30
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23
or John 7:37-39
Psalm 104:25-35, 37

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20
Psalm 8
or Canticle 13
(or Canticle 2)



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