



The Shepherd's Voice

February 2019

Services

Sunday:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
Rite I

9:15 am Adult Spiritual
Formation (Nursery
available)

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

The Rev. George Choyce
Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Turner Guidry
Deacon

Spiritual Gifts Discernment Workshop

Spiritual Gifts Discernment Workshop:
Answering the Question of "Where and how am I
gifted for serving in and through the church?"

Saturday, March 9, 10am-12pm in the Parish Hall

Primary through Saint Paul, the church has been instructed that each member of the church has been endowed with God-given spiritual gifts that are meant to be used for building up the church and advancing the mission of God in the world. Knowing and employing our gifts is critical to being a disciple and for serving the community to which we have been called.

In this workshop we will explore the meaning of spiritual gifts and how they have empower the ministry of the church. Then, each participant will have the opportunity to assess and discover their particular spiritual gifts. We will also have time to explore where your gifts might best be used for serving the mission of God in the world.

This gathering is facilitated by Fr Bill. All are welcome. Please sign up to let us know that you plan to attend.

ULTREYA

Onward, Upward, Keep going! Please mark your calendar for our next **Ultreya** on March 2nd from 2 to 4 pm in the parish hall. We will celebrate Eucharist, share the Love of Christ and have lots of fellowship, and singing. All are welcome, those who have attended a Cursillo or 3-day weekend and all

who are interested or curious. Please bring a snack to share.

Questions? Please contact Carolyn Cline-Griffiths or Tom Griffiths

Come and See

"Pancakes are coming"

Shrove Tuesday

March 5, 2019



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Christian Education

Ongoing

- **Lectionary Bible Study** meets on Sundays at 9:15 in the library as we work through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

Upcoming

- **Rector's Bible Study — *The Pentateuch***
Mondays at 10:00 am in the Library
 - ◆ January-February — The book *Genesis*
 - ◆ March — The book *Exodus*
 - ◆ April — The book *Leviticus*
 - ◆ May — The book *Numbers*

- ◆ June — The book *Deuteronomy*

- **Rector's Brown Bag Book Read**

Tuesdays at noon in the Library

- ◆ February 19 — *Quarantine* by Jim Crace
- ◆ April 30 — *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis
- ◆ June 18 — *When Prophecy Fails* by Leon Festinger

- **Lenten Supper Series** — The Palestine of Jesus: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus from Bethlehem to Calvary. Wednesday, March 13-April 10 at 5:30 in the parish hall. In this Lenten series we will visit some of the sites that appear in the Biblical story of Jesus' life and ministry, reviewing the Biblical text and looking at the structures built to memorialize his ministry at those sites. This gathering is led by Fr. Bill. All are welcome.

My Personal History of Morning Prayer

When I came to Brasstown in the early 70's a lot of my life had changed. We had come to God's country. We were un-churched and I had a strong need to have my child baptized. When the twins came along 4 years later, we had met and come to love our neighbors Brad and Kay Rockwood. We were still un-churched. When Fr. Brad came to visit me in the hospital, I asked if he would baptize my new sons. He was the only "man of the cloth" I knew. He invited us to church for the baptism. This was the first time we attended the Church of the Messiah in Murphy. The service was so compelling, so beautiful, and the congregation was so welcoming, that we came back the next week. Within 2 years I was confirmed.

At this time Rev. Brad was still running between 2 churches each Sunday. If he celebrated Eucharist at Good Shepherd, then that same Sunday we celebrated Morning Prayer at Messiah and vice versa. The New Prayer Book (and that is what many are still calling it though it was first used in 1979) has both Eucharist and Morning Prayer services. I became familiar with both services and loved them.

It was some years later that there was a real push in the church to have the main service every Sunday be a Eucharist. One result of this new policy was the "loss" of Morning Prayer in the practical liturgy of the church for most people.

I am an Episcopalian who values all of the services of the church. There are five different times during the day that our Prayer Book exhorts us to pray; Morning Prayer, Mid-day Prayer, Late Afternoon prayers, Evening Prayer, and Compline. Each service has its own way of bringing me closer to God. I am most likely to be observant of

these services during Advent and Lent when we try to focus more on what God would have us do.

Recently, Morning Prayer has taken on a new importance for me. From a practical standpoint Monday is the first day of the week. The calendar says otherwise. Historically Saturday is the Sabbath and Sunday is the first day of the week. From a practical standpoint I find that Saturday is a very busy day. Sunday has become my Sabbath day to rest, praise, and worship. Society has largely agreed with this. That makes Monday the first day of the week.

For me, it is a good thing to start my week quietly and prayerfully on Monday morning. I can do this at home alone; but, I prefer to do it in the Nave where I am surrounded by peaceful and beautiful space, and with friends who wish to join me.

Before Fr. Bill went on his sabbatical, he led us in Morning Prayer every Monday Morning for a couple of months. It was wonderful to listen to the word of God, to join in the praise of the psalms, to ask for help during the coming week, and to give thanks for a multitude of gifts; all of this, in about 20 minutes.

Morning Prayer is being led by volunteers every Monday morning at 9:30 in the Nave or Chapel. Not too early, yet early enough so worship can happen just before your meeting or after you exercise.

It would be a lovely thing if you would join me on Mondays for Morning Prayer.

-Kathy Wright

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Spiritual Gifts

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

- I Corinthians 12:1

Saint Paul is writing to the church he planted at Corinth because he does not want them to be uninformed. I take it that he is writing this because they are in fact uninformed. If you read the full letter, you will find that they appear to be uninformed on a number of matters.

Thank God for teachers like Paul who come along side us and help us. I find it good news to know I am not the only one in the dark and trying to figure things out. The church has a very long history of learning and often relearning who it is and what it is meant to . In this portion of Paul's letter he instructs the church about spiritual gifts.

Some at Corinth were puffed up because of the spiritual gift they had. Holier than thou were they because in their eyes the spiritual gift given them was obviously more Godly, more powerful, more mysterious, and more significant to the mission of the church, therefore making them more worthy of honor than their brothers and sisters. Paul the teacher tells them and us that all spiritual gifts are from the same Spirit and all have the same purpose which is toward the common good of the community. He says that this is the Spirit's doing, not ours, and so we have no personal claim either to more or less honor because of the gift we have been granted.

Our 1979 Book of Common Prayer communicates this in our baptismal covenant. In baptism, we are reborn by the Holy Spirit

(p.306) and called to now confess the faith, proclaim the resurrection, and share with the church in the priesthood of all believers (p. 308). This is an important corrective to an otherwise clergy-centric church that would see the ordained ministry, but not lay ministries, as inspired by the Holy Spirit. We believe that all who have been called through the waters of baptism have been reborn and gifted for service to the church, within and outside its walls. The question is not if we gifted, but do we know our gift or gifts and are we using them for God's purposes.

Years ago, as a lay person, I participated in a spiritual gifts workshop. I recall that it helped me discern how I could best serve the church at that time with the gifts of mercy, faith, and teaching that I had at that time. It helped me find my place of ministry where I could use those gifts. Maybe you have participated in a similar workshop some years ago, or maybe this is all new to you. Regardless, I invite you to join me on Saturday, March 9 at 10:00am for a time for discerning our present gifts and conversation about where those gifts can best serve the mission of God in our time and place. Please see the sign up sheet in the hallway.

May God's holiness be yours,

Fr Bill+



Icon Writing Class

The Arts and Spirituality Ministry will host an Icon Writing class, March 25-29, 2019. The class is limited to 16 participants. Registration information is posted on the hallway bulletin board. Tuition for the

class is \$425.00 and must be paid in full by March 1st. A deposit of \$100.00 is due when the registration form is submitted to the office.

Financials (December 31, 2018)

2018 General Fund Balance:

General Fund Balance on January 1, 2018	\$20,700
Income year to date	400,702
Expenses year to date	<u>-385,843</u>
General Fund Balance on December 31, 2018	\$35,559

Balance on bank mortgage \$124,795

Balance on Mt. of Faith loan \$11,000

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.

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From Fr. George:

I had absolutely no idea, kept coming the comment - in this case a compliment - from my oldest son and his girlfriend. They visited with me in Hayesville over the Christmas Holiday. Some of you know the exciting reason for this visit is due to the fact that my family is all over the country and the world. It's a proud father who can brag on his children who are all pursuing different phases of education and employment.

While Anne spent her Christmas time with Kelly and Preston, Neil and Marli (his girlfriend) spent some time with me. Drew spent his time up in Vermont, where he is employed. Drew has already let us know that *Christmas just ain't my thing*. Clearly the creative chaos indicates that we are all in different phases in our lives.

Neil and Marli, however, *had absolutely no idea* that Hayesville, as well as the surrounding area had so much of nationally-known retailers, local stores, culture, and certainly nature. The National Car dealerships; a town square full of one-of-a-kind stores and restaurants; playhouses, an internationally-known folk school, a nationally-recognized college; and lakes, rivers and mountains. *I had absolutely no idea*, was their sincere *go-to* line of choice.

Perhaps we sometimes need to see through another's eyes what is around us. They *had absolutely no idea* that that is what they were doing for me in their visit.

Perhaps God sometimes does that for us. We are simply moved by an experience or a sight. And even if it is ordinary, it seems to point beyond the ordinary to something of extraordinary, inexplicable holiness.

We are now in the liturgical season of Epiphany. Think about what it means to have an epiphany. Epiphany synonyms include flash, inspiration, insight, realization, vision, sign,

surprise, bombshell, discovery, lightning bolt, shocker, etcetera. In other words and in terms of faith, something that we had seen or experienced before now has a holy difference to it.

Who knows what the epiphany will be for you during this church season of Epiphany? Come and see. Maybe you will have *had absolutely no idea*. Being touched by holiness is not something anyone can casually describe, but it is something that you can experience. For instance, look up into something as simple as the night sky.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (BCP, p. 214)



Ministry Scheduler Pro update

Last summer, following vestry approval, Good Shepherd purchased a new automated scheduling system called Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) and after working to configure the system and fine-tune it for our church, in September 2018 we began to use the new system to generate a monthly schedule for a number of our ministries. MSP allows ministers to use their personal computer, their tablet or their mobile phone to access the system and to see their schedule, designate which dates they are unavailable to serve and also to request substitutes when they find they are unable to serve. After paying an initial fee, the software offers a 100% money back guarantee if we are not completely satisfied, but we are in agreement that the new program is working as expected and is a big improvement over the previous version of MSP (**Manual** Scheduling Process). We intend to

make a recommendation to the Vestry that we continue using the program for 2019. As we are now using the system to schedule EMs, Lectors, Intercessors, Ushers, Altar Guild, Prayer Ministers, Ingles Cards sales, Nursery volunteers, VPOD and Counters for all services we would like to thank everyone for their patience and their support of our efforts and for consistently using the program to record the monthly service times when they are not available. We are not yet scheduling all ministries but to date, we have 88 ministers entered into the system. We continue to have occasional blips that we need to address but the new MSP provides us with excellent support and the processing is improving every month. Again, thank you from Lynne Joynes and Tom Griffiths (MSP administrators)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00am Exercise class 2:00pm Centering Prayer	2 8:00am Men's Association
3 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Reception 10:45am Holy Eucharist	4 8:00am Exercise class 10:00am Rector's Bible Study 7:00pm Higher Calling	5 10:00am Yoga class 5:00pm Healing Prayer & Meditation	6 8:00am Exercise class 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 7:00pm Choir rehearsal	7 7:00am Order of St. George 10:00am Yoga class	8 8:00am Exercise class 2:00pm Centering Prayer	9 6:00pm Family Valentine Party
10 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Holy Eucharist	11 8:00am Exercise class 10:00am Crafts Group 10:00am Rector's Bible Study 7:00pm Higher Calling	12 10:00am Yoga class 5:00pm Healing Prayer & Meditation	13 8:00am Exercise class 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 7:00pm Choir rehearsal	14 7:00am Order of St. George 10:00am Yoga class	15 8:00am Exercise class 10:00am Moms' Connection 2:00pm Centering Prayer	16
17 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Holy Eucharist 12:30pm Family Ministry Pizza and Ice Cream party	18 8:00am Exercise class 10:00am Rector's Bible Study 7:00pm Higher Calling	19 10:00am Yoga class 12:00pm Rector's Brown Bad Book Read 5:00pm Healing Prayer & Meditation	20 8:00am Exercise class 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 1:00pm Stamping Group 7:00pm Choir rehearsal	21 7:00am Order of St. George 10:00am Yoga class	22 8:00am Exercise class 2:00pm Centering Prayer	23 10:00am Safeguarding training
24 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Holy Eucharist	25 8:00am Exercise class 10:00am Rector's Bible Study 10:00am Prayer Shawl ministry 7:00pm Higher Calling	26 10:00am Yoga class 5:00pm Healing Prayer & Meditation	27 8:00am Exercise class 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 7:00pm Choir rehearsal	28 7:00am Order of St. George 10:00am Yoga class 12:00pm Healing Prayer ministry 6:30pm Vestry meeting		

FEBRUARY 2019

	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Sunday, 8:00 am:				
Eucharistic Ministers	Heyward Wilson Mary Anne Kooš Mary Anne Kooš	Beth Hitchcock Pat Jordan Heyward Wilson	Pat Jordan Beth Hitchcock Jan Freeman	Kathy Wright Mary Anne Kooš Michael Wright
Lector	Heyward Wilson	Kathy Wright	Kanute Rarey	Amy Nicolson
Intercessor	Wally Figura	Wally Figura	Wally Figura	Gil Nicolson
Usher	Pat Jordan	Gail Criss	Gail Criss	Gail Criss
Altar Guild	Teresa Gribble	Dudley Hall	Gail Criss	Tom Griffiths
VPOD	Jan Freeman	Suzi Herbert	Kanute Rarey	Laurie Wright
Ingles Cards	Sanford Freeman	Susan Morgan	Elizabeth Rybicki	Susan Morgan
Sunday, 10:45 am:				
	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Griffiths Jim Reynolds Harry Baughn	Georgia Bethel Deanna DuBose Dave Larson	Kathryn Hoyt David Hourdequin Laurie Wright	Jim Reynolds Elmer Wilson Bev Larson
Lector	Carolyn Cline-Griffiths	Jan Freeman	Karen Sirmans	Betsi Wilson
Intercessor	Deanna DuBose	Sanford Freeman	Jean Gora	Mike Gora
Ushers	Georgia Bethel	David Hourdequin	Jim Reynolds	David Hourdequin
Greeters	Denise Zagrocki Dwain Zagrocki	Denise Zagrocki Dwain Zagrocki	Barb Field David Field	Barb Field David Field
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Altar Linens	Betsi Wilson	Carolyn Cline-Griffiths	Mary Stewart King	Barb Redmond
Nursery	Hattie Sheehy Peggy Dickert	Hattie Sheehy Carole Webber	Hattie Sheehy Susan Gray	Hattie Sheehy Jean Gora
VPOD	Carol Smucker	David Werdin	Randy Williams	Cindy Nodine
Counters	Randy Williams Tom Griffiths	Teresa Gribble David Werdin	Kathy Marcel Kathryn Hoyt	Dudley Hall Cindy Nodine
Flower Guild	Flor Esposito	Liz McLamb	Barb Field	Barb Field
Ingles Cards	Pat Fox Joy Fox	Cindy Nodine Jan Chatterton	Joy Fox Pat Fox	Jan Chatterton Elizabeth Rybicki

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Tuesday 7:00 pm:				
Leader	Bill Breedlove	Carolyn Cline-Griffiths	Carolyn Cline-Griffiths	Deanna DuBose
Prayer Minister	Rachel Baugh	Bill Breedlove	Bill Breedlove	Harry Baughn

	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Wednesday 12:00 pm:				
Eucharistic Minister	Kathryn Hoyt	Deanna DuBose	Kathy Wright	Beth Hitchcock
Altar Guild	Kathryn Hoyt	Becky Van Gorder	Becky Van Gorder	Beth Hitchcock

Parish News

Birthdays in February

- 1 Darry Wood
- 2 Edie Kleinpeter
- 6 Marjorie Hobkirk, Jack Wright
- 7 Bob Kirby
- 10 Suzi Herbert, David Field
- 11 Andy Dickert, Johnathan Notchie
- 12 Lois Ann Wentzel
- 14 Valla Kolman
- 15 John Breazeale
- 16 Angelica Patterson
- 18 Jenny Montgomery
- 19 Rachel Roberts
- 20 Frank Bradley
- 22 Barbara Brewton, Suzy Christensen, Rex Boswell
- 24 Kimberly Bourne
- 26 Adelaide Fullilove, Mike Gora
- 27 Sally Conaway
- 28 Betsi Wilson, Robert Schneider

Anniversaries in February

- 1 Gail and Birch Criss
- 14 Joy and Pat Fox
- 16 Lynn and Bob Kirby
- 18 Lucy Oberle and Richard Kirchberg

Moms' Connection

Moms' Connection is a big hit with Moms and kids!! We met on October 19th for a Pumpkin Painting Party. The Moms really love to create or paint as part of our ministry, so we have incorporated this into many of our onsite meetings in the Parish Hall. On November 16 we will be creating lovely pinecone holiday candles, and on December 21 we will be gathering for a Christmas Party (details to follow). We have wonderful fellowship, snacks, great door prizes and free childcare for kids 0 to 5 years. If you are in need of refreshment and encouragement and want to connect with other Moms, please join us!! Go to [momsconnectionhayesville](https://www.facebook.com/momsconnectionhayesville) on Facebook or contact Susan Gray at 828-361-7175.



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Lectionary Readings for February

Feast of the Presentation February 3	5 Epiphany February 10	6 Epiphany February 17	7 Epiphany February 24
Malachi 3:1-4	Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalms 24:7-10	Psalms 138	Psalms 1	Psalms 37:1-5
Hebrews 2:14-18	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 2:22-40	Luke 5:1-11	Luke 6:17-26	Luke 6:27-38

Episcopal Café: Coffee, Donuts and Questions

Have you ever wondered what the "S" before a hymnal number in the bulletin means? Or, what is the difference between nave and narthex? What do the colors on the altar mean? Why do Episcopalians _____?

Starting February 10th and going for four weeks there will be an informal fellowship opportunity to ask those and other questions

you've always wanted to know but weren't sure how to ask. No book to read. No handouts. No lectures. No signup sheet. Just a time around the table with coffee and donuts to ask and share questions. The group will meet in the rear of the fellowship hall from 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM. Facilitators: Robert Schneider and Suzi Herbert



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