



The Shepherd's Voice

April
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

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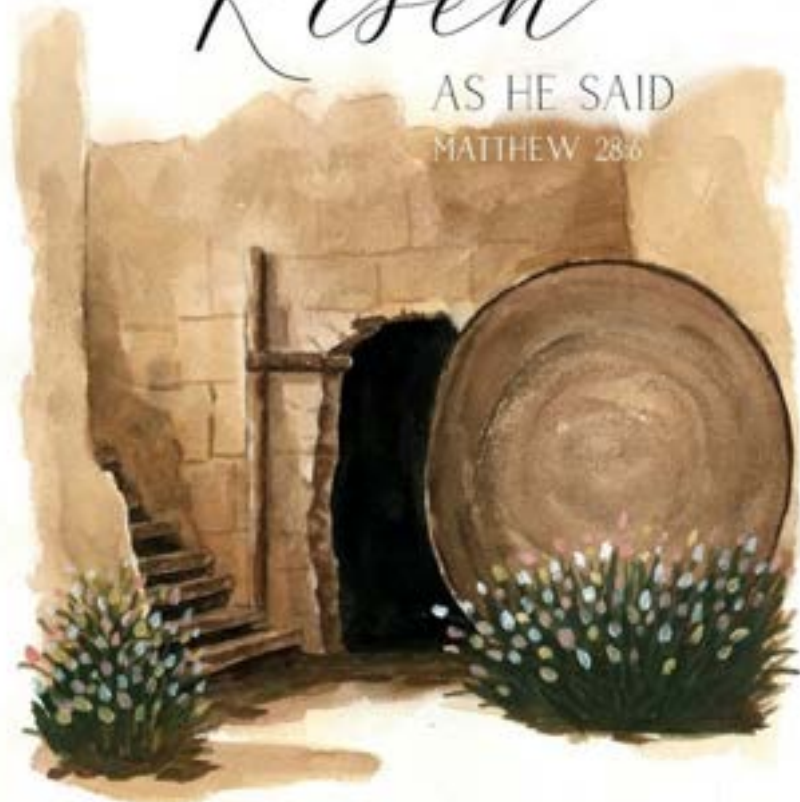
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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE IS

Risen

AS HE SAID
MATTHEW 28:6



Prince of Peace

Then said Jesus unto him, "Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

- Matthew 26:52 KJV



The above comes from the scene in the garden of Gethsemane when Jesus is being arrested. He had told his disciples several times that he will be betrayed, handed over, killed, and rise again, yet one of his followers does not understand. Thinking that Jesus needs defending, he pulls out his sword, strikes and cuts off the ear of a slave of the high priest. Jesus intercedes and stops the immediate violence from escalating. Different conclusions may be drawn from this. Some might say that Jesus is prohibiting violence and that would be consistent with others things he says such as turning the other cheek and praying for enemies and persecutors. Others might say that Jesus is pointing to the necessity of his dying as well as the general truth that violence begets violence. With two thousands years for reflection, the conclusions are many more. What do you say?

On a much larger scale, Christians have been confronted with the question "Is it ever morally correct for a Christian to go to war?" There is no single answer to this question but the church has spoken at various times to provide guidance. Several of the early Church Fathers, such as Justin Martyr (d. 160 AD), Tatian (d. 185 AD), and Tertullian (d. 220 AD), argued for Christian passivism. Christians should not serve in the military as that could result in taking life. Similarly, serving as a magistrate with authority over capital offenses was also prohibited. Note however, that the Bible points to righteous Roman soldiers - Cornelius the Centurion for example and perhaps both the centurion at Capernaum with the ill servant and the centurion at the cross. It is likely that the real issue was a strongly held belief in the sanctity of life as well as the command to love one another.

later, Augustine of Hippo (d. 430 AD), drawing upon earlier pagan writing, developed a set of principles that became known as Just War Theory. His argument recognizes that it is morally correct ("just" or "righteous") to come to the aid and defense of the innocent, and that to do so may require the use of deadly force. His principles are the classic statement on warfare, setting out the standards for a morally justified cause for engaging in warfare and the morally justified execution and outcome of warfare.

These principles came to shape our modern international relations and the Geneva Convention. In short, Just War Theory says that deadly force is a last resort option used to stop aggression against the innocent. It must have peace as its goal, not vengeance nor territorial gain nor enrichment. That force must be proportional and not excessive, differentiating combatants from the innocent, and that only in cases where success is probable is war justified. Lastly, justice requires that resumption of peace, rehabilitation, restoration, and rebuilding, rather than punishment be the outcome of war. One might wonder who is to decide. What do you say?

As we are a nation currently at war, and there are more than 130 active armed conflicts worldwide, I say we pray.

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace to you,

Fr. Bill+





April

motto of
the month:

purge

M O R E

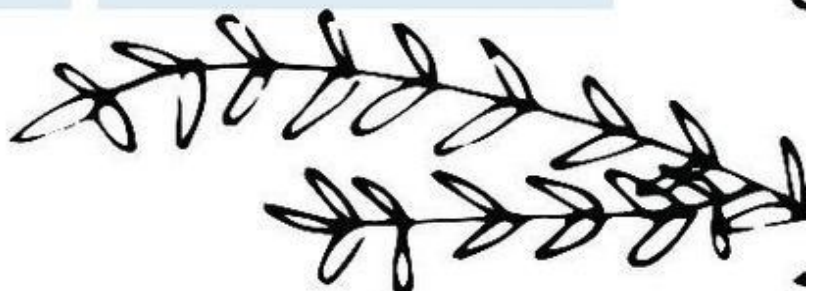
- + deep cleaning
- + donating/throwing out
- + clearing your mind: exercise/meditate
- + journaling: write out reoccurring thoughts or list areas of space to deep clean

L E S S

- material items: clothes, clutter, expired items ect.
- resentment
- negativity

practice:

letting go of things or thoughts that no longer serve you





Space

NOUN Merriam-Webster

1: a period of time

2 a: a limited extent in one, two, or three dimensions

: DISTANCE, AREA, VOLUME

b : an extent set apart or available

c : the distance from other people or things that a person needs in order to remain comfortable



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April

Christian Contentment

Day 1: Matthew 6:25-26

Day 2: 1 Timothy 6:6-7

Day 3: Luke 12:15

Day 4: Psalms 37:3-4

Day 5: Ecclesiastes 3:13

Day 6: Hebrews 13:5

Day 7: Philippians 4:12-13

Day 8: Isaiah 26:3

Day 9: James 2:5

Day 10: 1 Corinthians 7:24

Day 11: Matthew 5:6

Day 12: 1 Timothy 6:10-11

Day 13: Proverbs 14:14

Day 14: Psalms 34:8

Day 15: Ecclesiastes 3:12

Day 16: Job 1:20-21

Day 17: Proverbs 16:8

Day 18: Romans 12:2

Day 19: 2 Corinthians 12:10

Day 20: Nehemiah 8:10

Day 21: Psalms 16:11

Day 22: John 14:8

Day 23: Proverbs 10:22

Day 24: James 4:2

Day 25: Job 36:11

Day 26: Ecclesiastes 6:9

Day 27: Proverbs 28:25

Day 28: Psalms 23:1

Day 29: Habakkuk 3:17-19

Day 30: Proverbs 19:23



Easter Word Search

G S N O I T P M E D E R Y Y M
 J J U Y K I R Y T T F X E O L
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APOSTLES
 CROWN
 LAMB
 PRAYER
 RESURRECTION
 SON

CHURCH
 FAITH
 MARY
 REDEMPTION
 RISEN
 SUNDAY

CROSS
 JESUS
 MIRACLE
 REJOICE
 SAVIOR
 TOMB



The Shepherd's Voice

Your Guide to Good Shepherd

By Rachel Baughn

Whenever you have a question about anything connected to Good Shepherd, chances are very good you can find the answer on the Good Shepherd website! Can't remember when you are scheduled to serve? Don't hunt for an elusive email: There is a link to the schedule on the **Home** page. On vacation and you want to use the bulletin to follow the streaming worship service? It's there too, along with the link to the Good Shepherd Facebook page and the live stream. Schedules for special services or changes to the normal worship schedule will be highlighted on the Home page as needed. Upcoming events are listed there, too.

For prospective visitors and new members, the **Home** page features our vision statement and a short YouTube video of how Good Shepherd lives into that ideal. A slide show features parishioners at work and play. At the bottom of the page (and also via the **Visiting** dropdown menu at the top of the page) is a map, contact information, and a message form. Other links will lead visitors to a description of what to expect when worshipping with us.

The **Home** page not only includes links to the current *Bulletin* and *Weekly Highlights*, but also to the monthly *Shepherd's Voice* newsletter, *Calendar*, and *Who's Serving*. Last but not least, a DONATE button enables you to securely donate to over a dozen different church funds using your debit or credit card, making it easy to honor your pledge while out of town.

Can't put a name to a face in the congregation? The online *Instant Church Directory* is an indispensable tool for oldtimers and newcomers alike. If you are in the directory, you have access to this source for names, pictures, addresses, phone numbers, birthday and anniversaries! Full instructions on how to install the application on your computer or smart phone are found under the **Our Church** dropdown menu. You will also find the link to the *Ministry Scheduler Pro* program which the church uses to schedule all the volunteers who support our weekly worship services.

The **Our Church** menu is a treasure trove of other information, too, including:

- Staff and bios of our clergy
 - Vestry members and their assigned areas of responsibility
 - Worship services
 - Prayer request form, specifying private (Prayer Chain) or public (Prayers of the People)
 - Current and past newsletter messages from all three of our clergy
 - Church history plus the *50th Anniversary Book* in pdf format written by founding member Ellie Wilson
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- Photo albums of church events during Fr. Bill's tenure; click and save your favorites
- Documents and useful resources including our facilities use policy; application forms for the Bethel-Guidry scholarship fund; and Clay County guide to emergency, medical, and social services

The **Ministries** dropdown menu provides descriptions of our nearly 50 active ministries and who is the primary person to contact if you are interested or have information for them. Phone numbers and email links are generally not posted on the website to protect privacy and avoid spam, but it is assumed that most parishioners have a directory with that information.

Wonder if a particular book is in our lending library? Click on the Library menu for a listing of the 2,700 books contained in our extensive library! (Thanks, Kathy Wright and Mary Ann Koos!)

While any website is never perfect, I update the Good Shepherd site on a weekly basis. Be sure to bookmark www.goodshepherdhayesville.org in your browser and I'm sure you will find it as indispensable as I do. I welcome your photos and updated information at rachel.baughn@gmail.com.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church website. The browser address bar displays <http://www.goodshepherdhayesville.org>. The navigation menu includes: HOME, LIBRARY, VISITING, OUR CHURCH, MINISTRIES, EVENTS, and a button labeled "I'M NEW".

The main content area features a circular logo of a white sheep on the left. To its right is a video player titled "Welcome to Good Shepherd" with a play button icon. Below the video player is a "Watch on YouTube" button.

Text on the page reads: "Boldly **engaging** the world as God's shepherds, **sharing** God's blessings and **creating** Heaven on Earth one person at a time." Below this is the text: "— Vision Statement, adopted 2015".

At the bottom, there is a large heading: "Welcome to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church!" and a button labeled "WORSHIP SERVICES".

How to Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY



- TO DO:
- GO TO MASS
 - PUT YOUR NEW PALMS IN YOUR HOME
 - PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

This is the Sunday before Easter. We celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. This marks the beginning of Holy Week and final week of Lent.

SPY WEDNESDAY



On this day, Judas Iscariot acts as a spy for the Sanhedrin and betrays Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. It is traditionally given this name because of Judas' sneakiness in talking to the high priest.

HOLY THURSDAY

- TO DO:
- GO TO MASS
 - PARTAKE IN THE 7 CHURCHES TRADITION
 - EAT MEDITERRANEAN FOOD

Today we commemorate the Last Supper, where Jesus establishes the Eucharist, institutes the priesthood, and gives the great commission.



- TO DO:
- WATCH AN OLD SPY MOVIE
 - DONATE \$30.00 TO THE CHURCH
 - GO TO CONFESSION

GOOD FRIDAY

Today we remember the death of Our Lord, it is a day for somber reflection, prayer, and sacrifice as we unite ourselves with Jesus as fully as we can. We seek to die with Christ so that we can rise with Christ as the scriptures tell us.

HOLY SATURDAY

We observe this day in anticipation and remembrance of the harrowing of hell, when Christ goes down to the abode of the dead to free the just who had gone before Him. This is the last phase of Jesus' Messianic mission. On this evening, the Church keeps watch, celebrating the resurrection of Christ.



- TO DO:
- FAST AND ABSTAIN
 - MAKE HOT CROSS BUNS
 - TRY TO REMAIN SILENT BETWEEN 12-3PM

EASTER SUNDAY

Praise God, Jesus has resurrected from the dead, the covenants have been fulfilled, and Heaven has been won for us.

- TO DO:
- DECORATE FOR EASTER IN PREPARATION
 - DYE EASTER EGGS
 - ATTEND THE EASTER VIGIL

- TO DO:
- PARTAKE IN A FAMILY LUNCH
 - GIFT AN EASTER BASKET WITH RELIGIOUS ITEMS
 - GO TO MASS



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Holy Week 2026

Sunday March 29 @ 9 and 11 AM. Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist with the Liturgy of the Palms and the reading of the Passion Narrative.

Wednesday April 1 @ 12 PM. Generational Healing Holy Eucharist sponsored by the Good Shepherd Healing Prayer Ministry.

Thursday April 2 @ 7 PM. Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist with a meal, Liturgy of the Word, and service of foot washing in the parish hall followed by Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar in the church. The overnight vigil in the chapel begins @ 9 PM.

Friday April 3 @ 7 AM. Stations of the Cross.

Friday April 3 @ 12 PM. Good Friday service with Veneration of the Cross.

Saturday April 4 @ 12 PM. Holy Saturday service.

Sunday April 5 @ 9 and 11 AM. The Feast of the Resurrection.



A lot can happen in seven days

A collection of colorful Easter eggs with various patterns and designs, including stripes, zig-zags, and floral motifs, arranged around the central text.

HOP ON OVER FOR OUR

Easter Egg hunt

Join us on

April 5th

following the
11am service

FOR SOME EGG-CITING FUN!

495 Herbert Hills Drive Hayesville
www.goodshepherhayesville.org





Join us!

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YOU ARE INVITED TO:

Our Easter Lunch

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

Following the 11am Service & Egg Hunt
495 Herbert Hills Drive Hayesville, NC 28904
Bring your Easter baskets for the Easter hunt!

WWW.GOODSHEPHERDHAYESVILLE.ORG

The Blessing of Our Marriage



*Please join us for this joyous occasion -
THE BLESSING OF OUR MARRIAGE
on Sunday, April 19th.*

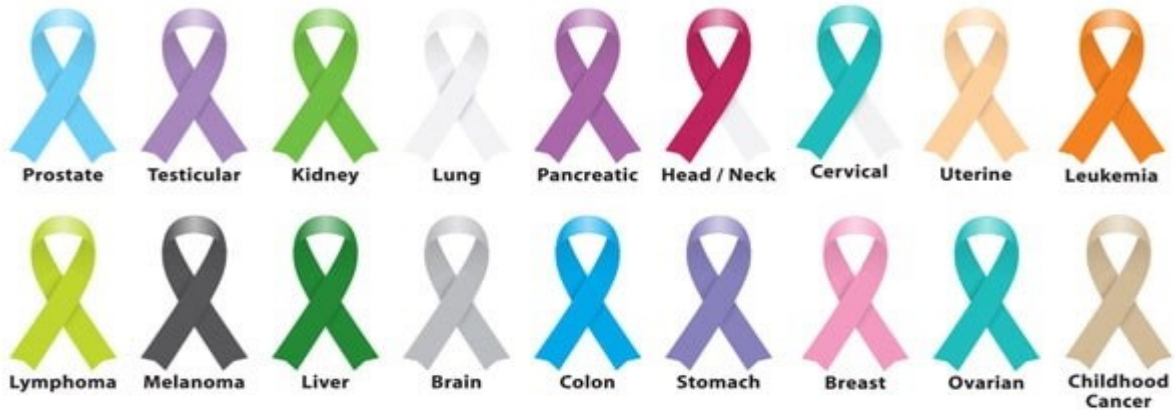
*This Service of Blessing will take place as part of the 11:00 am worship service
at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Hayesville, North Carolina.
A Reception will follow the service in the Parish Hall.*

We look forward to welcoming you.

Allen & Beverly Lewis

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Cancer Support Group



Our regularly scheduled **Cancer Support Meeting** for the month of **April** will meet on **April 21st at 5:30pm.**



Parish Life and Church Community

*Please, take note of our scheduled
Office closures for April:*

None



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Parish Life



Parish Life sponsored a bowling outing recently at Blairsville Galaxy Lanes. Pictured are Mili Arias, Aline Conley, Laurie and Jack Wright, Kevin Conley, Pam and Don Roman, Suzy and Keith Christensen, and waving in the background, Rick Martin and Wayne Raulin. Bruce Beall is the photographer. Watch this newsletter for other Parish Life events coming up and join in the fun!



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Notes from our Financial Statements for February 2026 (Amended 3/25/2026)

Income and Expenses from Operating Checking Account

Bookkeeping software (Realm) re-configuration not complete. Realm reports for January & February 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.

Deposits received for February	\$39,078
<u>Expenses for February</u>	<u>-\$56,834</u>
Net Income/(Loss) for February	-\$17,756
Total Income for the Year	\$98,494
<u>Total Expenses for the Year</u>	<u>-\$98,023</u>
Net Income/(Loss) for the Year	\$ 471*

***possible January deposit for \$17,00 will be credited to 2026 -\$16,529**

Difference in budgeted amounts would be painting costs appx \$17,000

Account Balances 02/28/2026

Operating funds Accounts

UCBI Operating Account (Checking)	\$ 41,624
UCBI Petty Cash	\$ 1,239
Operating Funds Money Market (30)	\$126,882

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 April

- 04/04 Linda Wingo
- 04/06 Dr. Mark Walter
- 04/07 Grey Bethel
- 04/07 Barbara Boswell
- 04/08 Sharon Faircloth
- 04/10 Wally Figura
- 04/11 Randy Williams
- 04/11 Jacob Paul Smith
- 04/14 Kevin Conley
- 04/15 Jenny Bethel
- 04/21 Anne Hourdequin
- 04/21 Larry Howell
- 04/25 Jan Freeman
- 04/25 Kanute Rarey
- 04/25 Dr. Melanie Breedlove
- 04/26 Keith Christensen
- 04/26 David Werdin
- 04/28 Caroline Akers



Anniversaries in April

- 04/07 Barb & Dave Field
- 04/23 Susan Gray & John Pollock
- 04/24 Peggy & Andy Dickert
- 04/25 Mary & Jim Ackerly
- 04/26 Kathy & Glenn Marcel
- 04/30 Jenny & Cameron Bethel
- 04/31 Georgia Bethel & Turner Guidry

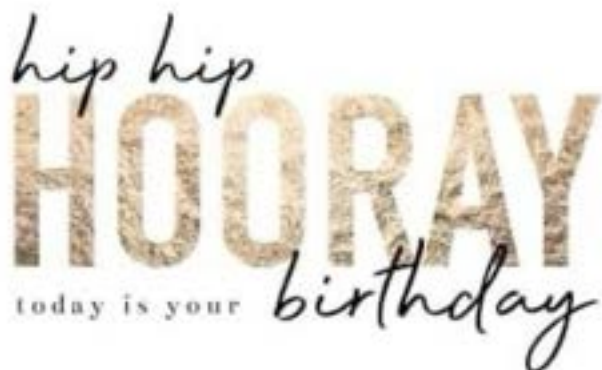
♥
you're still the
One



Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.

Adelaide Fullilove— 828-361-9536
 Kathryn Hoyt— 828-361-9536
 Kathy Rarey—kprarey@gmail.com



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

gsepicsopal@brmemc.net

Lectionary Readings for *April*

Easter Day

[Acts 10:34-43](#)
[Colossians 3:1-4](#)
[John 20:1-18](#)
[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)

2nd Sunday of Easter

[Acts 2:14a,22-32](#)
[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)
[John 20:19-31](#)
[Psalm 16](#)

3rd Sunday of Easter

[Acts 2:14a,36-41](#)
[1 Peter 1:17-23](#)
[Luke 24:13-35](#)
[Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17](#)

4th Sunday of Easter

[Acts 2:42-47](#)
[1 Peter 2:19-25](#)
[John 10:1-10](#)
[Psalm 23](#)



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