



September  
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

# The Shepherd's Voice

## Preparing for the 2020 Lenten Season



Does it seem early to be thinking about Lent? Not if you are writing a book about it!

*Knowing and Enjoying Creation: Meditations for Lent* is the theme for a booklet to be assembled by our Arts and Spirituality Ministry for the 2020 Lenten season. All Good Shepherd parishioners are invited to participate by submitting a reflection, poem, meditation, or photograph to appear in the booklet. Father Bill suggests that we “reflect on how the five natural senses and our sixth spiritual sense connect us with the natural world in which Christ became incarnate and are gifts for knowing and enjoying God's creation and for worship.”

As we begin preparation to offer our time, talents, and treasure to Good Shepherd and then enter into Holy Lent, we hope that you will share what you have produced for this project. Consider it a new Lenten discipline, or another way to give.

“We are thankful to be able to offer this booklet as a gift to one another during Lent,” says Arts and Spirituality chair Kathy Marcel. We will give you more details and due dates at a later date. In the meantime, be thinking about what you will contribute. You may contact Kathy Marcel, [kfmarcel@gmail.com](mailto:kfmarcel@gmail.com), or at 225-937-2030.

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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, October 22 at noon in the library. This month the book is *The Sunflower* by Simon Weisenthal. Bring your lunch. All are welcome.

## Mom's Connection Learns About Essential Oils

Young mothers from the community gathered in our Parish Hall recently for their monthly Moms' Connection meeting. The program about essential oils was presented by our own Carolyn Cline-Griffiths. The ladies made their own lavender spray as well as a natural cleaning product. Carolyn brought a variety of her homemade natural products. Moms' Connection is a free group for all mothers of kids age 0-5, expectant mothers, grandmothers and caregivers. They meet at Good Shepherd the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month for friendship, encouragement and adult conversation. A nursery is provided. Men and women of the parish are invited to volunteer to help with the children. Please contact Susan Gray at 828-361-7175 for more information.



## A new recipe from the past...

Those of you who remember Sylvia Hartwell, remember a Christ filled woman who was always ready to volunteer where ever there was need. I found this recipe in *Cooking With Friends* published by Good Shepherd in 1978. When you try this recipe, remember with thanksgiving the woman who wrote it. Kathy W.

### JULIENNE OF BEEF

2 Tbsp Shortening	1/8 tsp pepper	1/2 c. catsup
1 1/2 lbs beef cubes	1 1/2 Tbsp flour	1/4 tsp basil
2 small onions, thinly sliced	1 1/4 c. water	1/4 tsp thyme
1 clove garlic, minced	3/4 c. dry red wine	Saffron Rice

### Saffron Rice

Saute meat, onions and garlic in shortening until browned. Sprinkle with salt, pepper, and flour; blend well. Stir in water and next 4 ingredients. Cover and simmer until meat is tender, stirring occasionally. Serve over Saffron rice. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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## The Stewardship of Life

The story is told of an American tourist who visited the 19th century Polish rabbi, Hofetz Chaim. Astonished to see that the rabbi's home was only a simple room filled with books, plus a table and a bench, the tourist asked, "Rabbi, where is your furniture?"

"Where is yours?" Replied the rabbi.

"Mine?" Asked the puzzled American. "But I'm a visitor here. I'm only passing through."

"So am I," said Hofetz Chaim.

Passing through happens in so many ways. We are visitors to each day the Lord has given us. We pass through places where we live and call home. We pass through friends, losing some and gaining others. Our families change. Youth turns to adulthood and then to old age. Our life on this side of eternity is a passing through. You have likely noticed that Jesus traveled and did a lot of passing through. You may have also noticed that he did it unencumbered by home and wealth, things we feel we must have and things that can become a cause for us to worry. The felt need for the security of a place and our things is shaped by the world we live in and cannot escape, but the same was true for people in Jesus' day. Yet, Jesus tells us that we are passing through. To the rich man, who to his credit had kept all the commandments but who was also encumbered by his wealth, Jesus said to "sell it all and give it to the poor. Then come follow me." He taught that entering the kingdom was through a small door and that holding onto wealth and things could be a problem (Matthew 19:24). To others he spoke of the necessity of setting our hearts on building up treasure in the place we would eventually arrive when the passing through has ended. Like Jesus, in this life we are just passing through.

Likewise with our accomplishments and our failures. These, too, are passing. Most will never have monuments built to their memory and those few who do will also eventually be forgotten by this world. However, earthly accomplishments can provide an opportunity for recognizing our good fortune, our giftedness, and expressing our gratitude. They can lift our eyes off the approval of the world and to the approval of God. Our faith tells us that heaven is our home and the only accomplishment with eternal significance is receiving our family membership through Christ. As with accomplishments, failures are a passing part of this life. Learn from them, let them also be a source of sanctification, and then let them pass. I imagine that it can take much courage and grace to accept the impermanence of our lives and to receive and let go of what each day brings.



In this passing through, know that you are loved and already heirs of a kingdom beyond all you can ask or imagine. It is a place where all that needs to be accomplished already has been accomplished for you and where failures will neither be recalled nor known. Blessings of courage and grace be upon you as you pass through this life to your eternal life in the household of our God.

Fr. Bill+

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## 2019 General Fund Balance:

General Fund Balance on June 30, 2019	\$43,414
Income received	25,214
Expenses	<u>-34,023</u>
General Fund Balance on July 31, 2019	\$34,605
Balance on bank mortgage	\$111,986
Balance on Mt. of Faith loan	\$7,500

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.

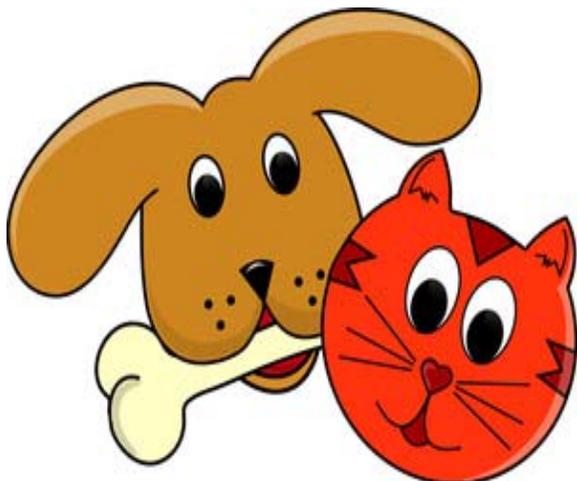
July is one of those summer months when the financial operations of our church can take a dip. That is what has happened this July. You can see the net operating loss above. The main reasons were a material drop in our average monthly income of \$-6,641.00, coupled with increased expenses. It is fortunate that we continue to have a healthy General Fund standing at \$34,604.05. Let us all please keep it this way. Thanks to all of you for your continued support.

## Ultreya!



We are having another Ultreya at Good Shepherd on Saturday, September 14 at 10:00 am. All are welcome; those who have attended a Cursillo weekend and those who are interested. As we are inviting parishioners from nearby Episcopal churches, Good Shepherd Cursillistas are asked to bring a small snack to share. Please come and join in the food, fellowship, singing, sharing and planning. Musicians, please contact Tom Griffiths at 706-851-6852.

## 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](mailto:webber42@frontier.com). Thank you!

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## Country Fare Was A Huge Success!!!

I send a huge THANK YOU to all of you at Good Shepherd!! Whether you donated items, volunteered your time, told someone about the sale, shopped, prayed for our success, or just patiently endured the Country Fare, we succeeded in touching our community in so many ways. This year's ONE DAY Country Fare raised nearly \$10,000 which will be distributed in our local communities by the Outreach Committee. The efforts of the Holy Smokers were a big part of the success of Country Fare providing free hot dogs to kids, selling meals, and holding a smoke out. The ministry provided by the Country Fare goes far beyond the money raised. Customers are able to purchase needed and desired items at prices which allow them to even splurge a little. The Country Fare also encourages people to let go of items which they are no longer using, including those folks who sometimes have a hard time letting go. Relationships among the volunteers make us a stronger parish with connections that continue outside of our church walls.

Prior to the event this year, we had taken some time off to assess the interest and need to continue Country Fare. We made a few changes (no pick ups or deliveries and held the sale on ONE DAY only) to suit the needs of our dynamic parish. The changes were well received and we look forward to next year's sale. Susan Morgan



# Spiritual Gifts Workshop

Monday, September 9 at  
10:00am  
in the Library

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

I Corinthians 12:1, 4-6.

Each person has been equipped for ministry by some Holy Spirit given gift. That gift may be a skill like teaching or building, or more of a disposition like generosity or mercy. Maybe your giftedness is both in skill and disposition. However it is that you have been graced, it is God's plan that you use your gift for God's ministry purposes in the church and in the world.

This workshop will review the different kinds of spiritual gifts mentioned in the Bible and will give each participant an opportunity to discern their current spiritual gifts. We will also consider how those gifts might match with serving in one or more of our parish ministries.

All are welcome.

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## Parish News

### Birthdays in September

09/01 John Covode  
09/01 Ed Faircloth  
09/02 Hunter Roberts  
09/06 Chosh Dacey  
09/07 Colton Bruggers  
09/08 Mack Ratchford  
09/09 Helen NaiSmith  
09/13 Ron Dutton  
09/14 Doris Soles  
09/15 AJ Martin  
09/17 Jules Wooten  
09/18 Rick Sanderson  
09/20 Kelliann Long  
09/21 Rachel Baughn  
09/21 Glenn Marcel  
09/21 Mac Pinner  
09/22 Pat Fox  
09/24 Bill Pierson  
09/24 Paul Smith  
09/25 Holley Calmes  
09/25 Olivia Martin  
09/26 Sandra Smith  
09/27 Peggy Dickert  
09/28 Richard Calmes  
09/28 Matt Wilson  
09/27 Helga Reaves  
09/30 Nick Garpetti  
09/30 Vicki Lake  
09/30 Dick Welton

### Anniversaries in September

09/01 Diane & Dick Welton  
09/07 Jane & Doug Stuart  
09/08 Jenny Montgomery & Dean Harshbarger  
09/11 Pam & Don Roman  
09/12 Mary Ann & Sam Strider  
09/13 Michelle & Paul Smith  
09/15 Denise & Dwain Zagrocki  
09/16 Doris & Furie Soles  
09/27 Patti & Jim Brownlee

### Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.

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## Sunday Lectionary Readings for September

12 Pentecost September 1 Jeremiah 2:4-13 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14 Psalm 81: 1, 10-16	13 Pentecost September 8 Jeremiah 18:1-11 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17	14 Pentecost September 15 Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10 Psalm 14	15 Pentecost September 22 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13 Psalm 79:1-9	16 Pentecost September 29 Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels Genesis 28:10-17 Revelations 12:7-12 John 1:47-51 Psalm 103:19-22
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