



# The Shepherd's Voice

June  
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



## BE JOYFUL IN HOPE.

Romans 12:12

## The Shepherd's Voice

### Bishop Jose makes his annual and final visit to Good Shepherd



The Rt. Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin has overseen the Diocese of Western North Carolina for ten years. We have always enjoyed his visits but the one we hosted on May 5 was especially meaningful as he made his announcement that he was moving into another position with the National Church in July. After a joy-filled service, we provided a beautiful luncheon feast of chicken and, as always, delicious side dishes and desserts provided by parishioners. He was presented with a thank you gift of a cross created by our blacksmith, Bruce Beall. The Bishop sent a thank you card that Fr. Bill wanted to share with our parish along with the message that "The Bishop loves us!" He made mention that the Bishop always wants to meet with vestry at churches that are having problems, but because we are healthy and happy, he chose to meet and speak candidly and affectionately with our parish. Bishop Jose's note of appreciation is below:

Dear Bill -

Thank you so much for a wonderful visit to Good Shepherd. It was a wonderful visit. It has always been a joy to be with you all. Every time I visit I always feel the love and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Please thank everyone for the generous hospitality and the wonderful send off....

*Bishop Jose*

And from me, your Senior Warden, thank you from the bottom of my heart for continuing the love and spirit that makes Good Shepherd the welcoming and joy-filled place that it is.

*Betsi*



*The Rt. Rev. Bishop José A. McLoughlin's visit*





## Take Note:

Yoga and Women Walking are on Summer Break. The **Thursday Chair Yoga class** will be **cancelled for June and July** *except by special arrangement* with Rachel Baughn or Lorraine Brown. The Tuesday yoga class will continue as usual.

Women Walking on the dam will not resume until the Myers Chapel Bridge is completed. However, anyone is welcome to join Rachel and Lois Anne Wentzel at 10am at the VFW memorial to walk to Spikebuck Indian mound and back for an equivalent distance.



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



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Presents

Summer Classics

**Beethoven to BROADWAY**

*An evening of strings, woodwinds, keyboard and vocals*

Saturday, June 6  
6:00 to 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary  
495 Herbert Hills Drive | Hayesville, NC

Tickets are \$15 each  
available online at  
[goodshepherdhayesville.org](http://goodshepherdhayesville.org)  
or church office  
(Mon-Thurs 9am - 3pm)  
828-389-3397

Seats are limited and should be purchased in advance  
as no ticket sales at door. All are invited to a  
champagne reception afterwards in the Parish Hall.

### **Summer Classics Concert...Beethoven to Broadway - Saturday, June 6, from 6-7:30p**

Our Good Shepherd Parish family is invited to a special summer concert featuring strings, woodwinds, keyboard and vocals performed by talented local and regional artists.

Here's your chance to invite friends to join us! Our own Harry Baughn will emcee. Organizer Phil Cox said, "we have remarkable talent at in the area that we look forward to highlighting and sharing with our audience." Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased online at [www.goodshepherdhayesville.org](http://www.goodshepherdhayesville.org) or by calling the church office at (828) 389-3397, Monday - Thursday 9am - 3pm. Seating is limited and tickets should be purchased in advance. A champagne reception in the Parish Hall will follow the performance. A sign up sheet for bringing lite fare for the reception is in the hallway.



### **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.

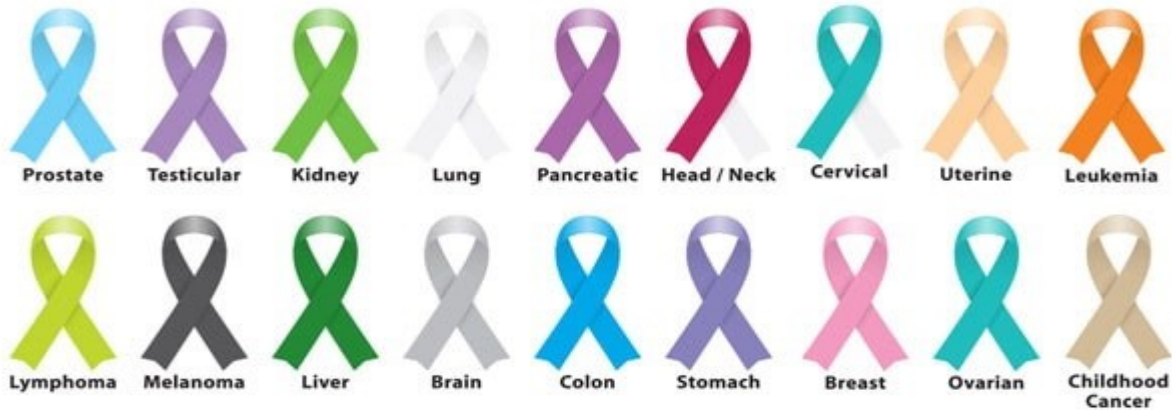


## Card Stamping Class

Join us for an afternoon of creativity and comradery on **Thursday, June 11th** from **12:30 - ~4:00p** in the Parish Hall. You don't need experience to create pretty handmade cards. We will guide you. Cost is \$20 for 4 handmade cards. The class is limited to 16 participants. If the spots are filled, please add your name to the wait list and we will notify you if an opening occurs. For newcomers, all supplies will be furnished. If you decide to continue joining us on a regular basis, we will make you a basic supply box for a small fee. Please sign-up or RSVP to Kaye TeRonde at [kteronde@gmail.com](mailto:kteronde@gmail.com) or Jan Freeman at [jansfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:jansfreeman@gmail.com). Come join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. **Deadline to sign up is June 7th**. If you sign up but find you are no longer able to attend, let Kaye or Jan know so we can offer the spot to someone else.



## Cancer Support Group—June 16



On Tuesday, **June 16<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:jose_m_arias@hotmail.com)



## Happy Father's Day—June 21

### What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add  
He knew His masterpiece  
was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

A *righteous* MAN  
WHO WALKS IN  
HIS *integrity*;  
BLESSED ARE HIS  
*children* AFTER HIM.

PROVERBS 20:7

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# Parish Life Event

June 25, 2026



On *June 25th at 5:00*, Parish Life will be hosting a *Pizza and Bingo Night* in the Parish Hall. Watch for sign-up sheets so we know how many pizzas we'll need.

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## The **Blueberry Festival** is coming! **July 19, 2026**

Join us in the Parish Hall after the 11am service for our  
**3rd annual Blueberry Festival.**

All donations accepted benefit our children's Dental Ministry.  
Events include a blueberry brunch and a Bake Sale featuring parish bakers!  
Blueberry Fluff will also be available - try it as a pancake topper!

Fun Fact:

The US is the world's largest producer of blueberries!

Yes, it's true! We harvest almost 600 million pounds of blueberries each year!  
Wowza!!! That's a lot of berries!!!



**WOMEN'S 2026 FALL RETREAT – September 29 - October 1**

In Eucharistic Prayer C in our service of Holy Communion, there is this phrase, "God of our fathers, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ...." to which I always add, "God of our mothers, God of Sarah, Ruth, and Mary...." I choose these three women, of all biblical possibilities, for the role each has as a Matriarch in our faith story and experience.

I would like for us to explore and reflect on the role of MATRIARCH as we have seen it, in our faith story and, importantly, in each of our own stories.

I like to identify myself now as being "on the Twilight Cruise." I want to own the wisdom I have accumulated and celebrate the time in my life when I can share that with my family generations following me. That's what Matriarchs do.

Let's get together to share our stories, to share THE story, and to celebrate and own our most excellent roles as Matriarchs.

If you would like to attend this year's retreat, please contact Tawanna Dutton right away. Space is very limited. The cost for this year's retreat is \$275 and deadline to receive your payment is July 15.

*Bev*

**A matriarch is a woman filled with love, wisdom, and faith. She is the heart of her family, she weaves together traditions, and values, creating a cozy and welcoming home that acts as a refuge from the world for her, her family and those in need.**

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## Sleep in Heavenly Peace

The Blairsville chapter of **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** hosted a highly successful public bed build on Saturday, May 23, at the Union County Farmers Market, bringing together community members of all ages for a day filled with teamwork, laughter, and purpose.

A total of 28 volunteers, ranging in age from 7 to 75 years old, rolled up their sleeves to help us reach our goal of building 21 beds for local children in need. The event highlighted the power of community involvement as families, friends, and neighbors worked side by side to ensure that "**No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town.**"

Throughout the day, volunteers sanded, drilled, and assembled bed frames while sharing stories, encouragement, and plenty of smiles. The atmosphere was one of camaraderie and hard work, with everyone united by the mission of helping children receive a safe and comfortable place to sleep.

"This was more than just building beds," organizers shared. "It was about building hope, friendships, and community. Seeing volunteers from multiple generations come together and have fun while serving others was truly inspiring."

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to building and delivering beds to children who do not have one of their own. The Blairsville chapter continues to rely on the generosity and support of local volunteers and donors to make a difference in the lives of children across the area. A special Thank You to the churches of Good Shepherd in Clay County and St. Clare's in Union for making this day possible.

Community members interested in volunteering, donating, or subscribing to our monthly newsletter can do so here:

### Volunteer:

<https://bit.ly/SHP-GA-Blairsville-Volunteering>

### Donate:

<https://give.shpbeds.org/page/FUNZDGQRSXX>

Subscribe to Newsletter:

[01 SHP Newsletter Mailing List](#)



# The Shepherd's Voice

## Congratulations, Graduates!!!

**Benjamin Bethel**, grandson of Georgia & Turner, graduated from Hayesville High School and also received his Associate of Arts degree from Tri-County Community College. Ben will be attending Western Carolina University this Fall.

**Riley McCallister**, granddaughter of Georgia & Turner graduated from Appalachian State University with a master's degree in nutrition. Riley will be working as a clinical nutritionist at Haywood Regional Medical Center.

**Lucy Konisky**, granddaughter of Steve & Patricia Champ is graduating from Midtown High School, Atlanta, GA. Lucy will be attending Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

**Charles Crooks**, grandson of Jean & Mike Gora is graduating from Denver East High School. Charles plans to attend University of Colorado Boulder.

**Connor Marcel**, grandson of Glenn & Kathy Marcel, graduated from Tara High School in Baton Rouge, LA. Connor plans to attend Louisiana State University.

**Andrew J. Evan**, grandson of Anne Hourdequin, graduated from West Point as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army. Andrew received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and will receive more training and go to Ft. Bragg.

**Marie Barrow**, great-granddaughter of Tom & Carolyn Cline Griffiths, graduated with honors. She will be attending University of Tennessee in the fall.

**Ian Ford (Griffiths)**, grandson of Tom & Carolyn Cline Griffiths, graduated with high honors and will attend Georgia State University.

**Destiny Rathbun**, great Niece of Tom & Carolyn Cline Griffiths, graduated with honors and will attend West Georgia College in the fall.

**Hannah Faith Jones**, Granddaughter of Helen Douylliez and niece of Shane Douylliez, graduated cum laude from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy on May 9, 2026. Dr. Jones has matched into a postgraduate pharmacy residency position at Advent Heath Celebration, Florida, where she will continue her education and training to become a clinical pharmacist.





# June

## Church Unity

**Day 1:** Hebrews 13:1  
**Day 2:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-14  
**Day 3:** Psalms 133:1  
**Day 4:** John 17:20-23  
**Day 5:** 1 Timothy 3:15  
**Day 6:** Philippians 2:1-4  
**Day 7:** Ephesians 4:3-6  
**Day 8:** Romans 12:10  
**Day 9:** 2 Corinthians 6:14-16  
**Day 10:** Acts 20:28  
**Day 11:** Galatians 3:28  
**Day 12:** Colossians 1:24  
**Day 13:** 1 Corinthians 10:16-17  
**Day 14:** Hebrews 13:7  
**Day 15:** 2 Corinthians 13:11  
**Day 16:** 1 Timothy 6:3-4  
**Day 17:** Romans 14:13  
**Day 18:** Ephesians 2:22  
**Day 19:** 1 John 4:20  
**Day 20:** Colossians 3:15

**Day 21:** Colossians 1:18  
**Day 22:** 1 Corinthians 1:10  
**Day 23:** Acts 4:32  
**Day 24:** Ephesians 4:25  
**Day 25:** Hebrews 10:25  
**Day 26:** Galatians 6:2  
**Day 27:** 1 Corinthians 12:27  
**Day 28:** Romans 14:19  
**Day 29:** Matthew 18:19-20  
**Day 30:** John 13:34-35





June

motto of  
the month:

connection

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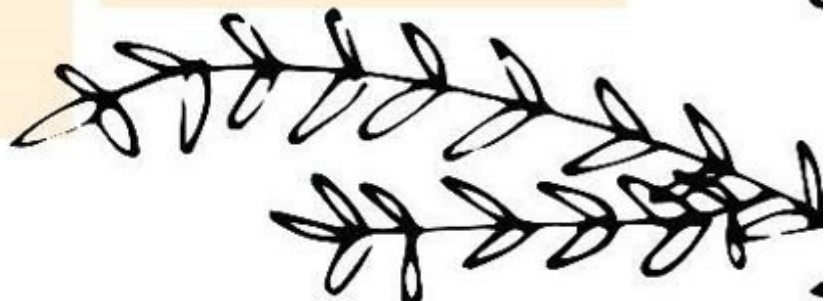
- + socializing: host or go to a gathering with friend/family, or reach out to someone you haven't in a while
- + smiling & laughter
- + meaningful conversation/quality time
- + active listening
- + journaling: about connection with self & others you are grateful for weekly

L E S S

- aloneness
- rejection (unavailability is okay)
- holding back/hiding
- mindless distractions

practice:

"putting yourself out there" & keeping an open mind





# Grace

**NOUN** Merriam-Webster

1. a: unmerited divine assistance given to humans for their regeneration or sanctification  
b: a virtue coming from God  
c: a state of sanctification enjoyed through divine assistance
- 2 a: APPROVAL, FAVOR  
stayed in his good graces  
b: MERCY, PARDON  
c: a special favor : PRIVILEGE  
d: disposition to or an act or instance of kindness, courtesy, or clemency  
e: a temporary exemption : REPRIEVE



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## Good Shepherd Cursillo Community Third Sundays in the Parish Hall

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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

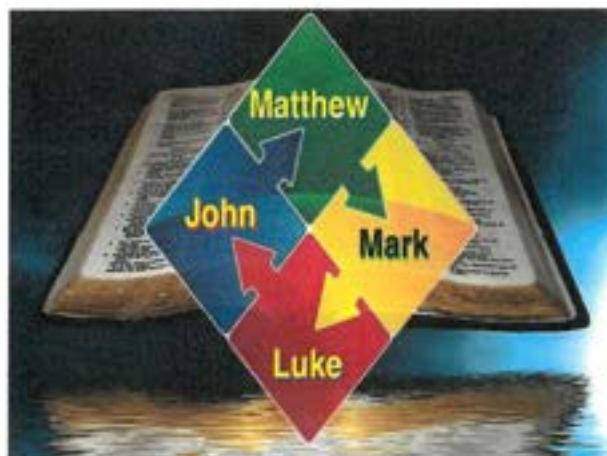
The four canonical Gospels share common material but differ in important ways in their telling the life and ministry of Jesus. In this course we will examine in brief each of the Gospels with an eye toward comparing and contrasting the likely contexts in which the Gospels were written, their intended 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



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## Recognizing the Good

Grace and peace and all God's love be with you now and forever. There is a Hebrew expression for gratitude *ha karat ha tov* which translates "recognizing the good." To recognize the good is an act of awareness and an act of response. It is both to look for and name the good and to say or do something with or about the good recognized. How are we Good Shepherds doing with our personal and collective *ha karat ha tov*? What is the good you see around you and among us and how do we or how shall we respond?



When I look around, I see plenty of good. Your vestry and I met recently on a Saturday to talk about the good we see in this parish. That good is in part the warm and welcoming spirit that I believe is part of the origin DNA of this parish. This faith community was established by people of different denominational traditions who sought community. Good Shepherd has been a welcoming meeting place from its inception. We discerned that this is a good thing, a special charism from God, that we can and should capitalize upon and grow. You will hear more about one gentle way we will do that by being present on the square, Thursday mornings, this summer.

When I look around, I see plenty of good. I see a Sunday parish hall welcoming community to gather and share their lives. I see a choir vibrant and growing in new ways under our excellent new music director. I see faithful parishioners practicing the ministry of presence both in the pews and on-line. Your faithful gathering matters to those who seek community. I see saints who have "been there and done that" - who can tell you all about the challenges of life and aging - and yet their faith and faithfulness are unshaken. I see a community that continues to respond when asked, that continues to serve when called upon. I see new leaders stepping forward to care for this church and its people. There is so much good to recognize and to be thankful for. Thank you, God and thank you, Good Shepherds.

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Years ago, I completed a first spiritual biography. Think of that as a time line of significant life events. I found that exercise helpful for becoming aware of the good that is always present and identifying who to thank. Grace abounds and it is up to us to recognize the good and respond. Today, I think about how that time line has changed over the past twenty years. Two decades ago this June, I left my secure, happy, academic position at the College of Charleston. That was a good gift from God made possible by people I know and some I will never know. Seventeen years ago, I was back in my wonderful home parish, the one that sent me off to seminary, to be ordained. My goodness, the blessed saints of that community and the things I learned from them. And then, thirteen years ago, I was sitting at the back of our nave listening to Fr. Tim McRee lead worship on my first day at Good Shepherd. It was Pentecost Sunday. Fr. Fred Lindstrom led worship the next Sunday and made the traditional reference to the Athanasian Creed on Trinity Sunday. Highlights, grace, and good things along my spiritual journey. Now begins the fourteenth year of my *ha karat ha tov* in this place.

With gratitude for the good we have shared, now share, and the good we will share,

Fr. Bill+



# The Shepherd's Voice

## Notes from our Financial Statements for April 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 April	\$31,302
Expenses from Checking for April	-\$44,448
<b>Net Income/(Loss) for April</b>	<b>-\$13,146</b>

Total Contributions received/Bank Deposits year to date	\$181,243
Total Expenses from Checking for the Year	-\$197,847
<b>Net Income/(Loss) for the Year</b>	<b>-\$16,604*</b>

**\*possible January deposit for \$17,000 will be credited to 2025 -\$33,604**  
**5/10/26-Parishoner reimbursed GSE \$12,000 for Shelter/Security support they received. We deposited the \$12,000 in May for reimbursement to Shelter/Security**

**Difference in budgeted amounts and cash flow could be painting costs appx \$18,000 incurred that were not in the annual budget.**

### Account Balances 04/30/2026

#### Operating funds Accounts

UCBI Operating Account (Checking)	\$ 24,548
UCBI Petty Cash	\$ 1,781
Operating Funds Money Market (30)	\$127,612

#### Restricted/Designated funds Accounts

B&G Scholarship Money Market (60)	\$131,251
Camp Henry Tuition Assistance (62)	\$ 4,152
Capital Reserve Money Market (61)	\$ 42,915
Rector Sabbatical Money Market (54)	\$ 5,195
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 June

- 06/01 Amy Nicolson
- 06/01 Stacey Waldroup
- 06/01 BJ Jarvis
- 06/03 Morgan Pierson
- 06/04 James Ackerly
- 06/08 Sue Kelley
- 06/11 Hattie Sheehy
- 06/11 Phil Cox
- 06/16 O.V. Lewis
- 06/16 Kenny Waldroup
- 06/19 George Heilner
- 06/21 Sharon Kyser
- 06/23 Anne Wolf
- 06/23 Jay Quillen
- 06/24 Olive Bethel
- 06/24 Marlo Joyce
- 06/24 Dr. Tom Wilkerson
- 06/26 Amanda Farmer
- 06/27 Denise Zagrocki
- 06/28 Rev. Turner Guidry
- 06/28 Stacey Overlin
- 06/30 Carole Stringer



## Anniversaries in June

- 06/04 Bud & Clarice Edmondson
- 06/06 Carole and Mike Stringer
- 06/07 Jose & Mili Arias
- 06/09 Stacey & Julie Overlin
- 06/10 Mack & Jan Ratchford
- 06/12 Kathy & Michal Wright
- 06/13 Tom & Angela Wilkerson
- 06/17 Fred & Mary Stewart King, Jr.
- 06/19 Chuck & Patti Underwood
- 06/22 Tom Griffiths & Carolyn Cline-Griffiths
- 06/23 Barry & Sandy Benson
- 06/27 Steve & Patricia Champ



### 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](mailto:gsepicsopal@brmcmc.net)

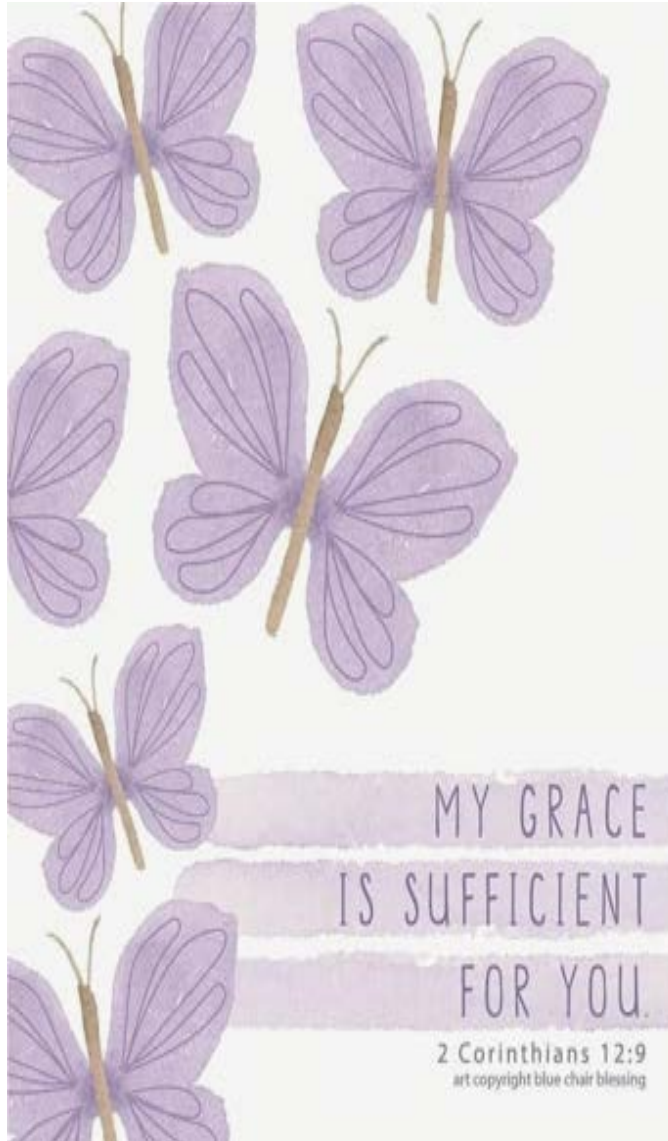
## Lectionary Readings for *June*

### 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 12:1-9](#)  
[Psalm 33:1-12](#)  
[Romans 4:13-25](#)  
[Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26](#)

### 4th Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 21:8-21](#)  
[Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17](#)  
[Romans 6:1b-11](#)  
[Matthew 10:24-39](#)



### 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 18:1-15, \(21:1-7\)](#)  
[Psalm 116:1, 10-17](#)  
[Romans 5:1-8](#)  
[Matthew 9:35-10:8](#)  
[\(9-23\)](#)

### 5th Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 22:1-14](#)  
[Psalm 13](#)  
[Romans 6:12-23](#)  
[Matthew 10:40-42](#)

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