The Shepherd's Voice

November 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/

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





Rooted in Faith, Growing in Generosity

As a 5-yr old, my mom gave me a nickel for the Sunday School collection. When I went to the 6-yr old class, she gave me dime. I cried saying it was not big enough for Jesus. Early in my married life with a baby, finances were tough. We attended church one Sunday. I only had $1. I folded it in such a way the one was not visible.

I got my first pledge card when I joined my first Episcopal Church. I now had 3 girls and a shaky marriage. Fortunately, we had a wonderful stewardship chair that eased my anxiety. I learned I was not expected to fulfil but was encouraged by faith to try. It was a VERY small amount. I was able to make the pledge that year. The feeling was amazing. I Always seemed to be concerned about too little, not enough, **Would God APPROVE.** When PAUL and I married, I was a single mom of 3 girls, one graduating from college and two beginning college. That meant "no left-over funds," school loans tuition and loans to pay, college emergencies etc…

One of the first things Paul and I discussed as a couple was to our **tithe** (insert my laughter). **I know** that is an unspoken word in the Episcopal church. But when both of us had grown up in churches where that was mentioned often, did I say often!! We began growing our pledge each year. We got there and beyond. Side note: My daughters had all graduated and were on their own.

WOW I checked all my boxes. But the old nagging thoughts still occurred "would God approve" What was I missing. I won't share my resume of 40+ years of church and community service. Here is where I really grew spiritually. This is where I found ADVENTURE, (and Robert!) and JOY. I found the missing boxes. Joy and Gratitude in serving others. I'm older now but I'm still growing in Faith and experiencing new **JOYS joys and gratitude's.** During these years of service, I confess was often overwhelmed with the **Promiscuity of God's Grace.**

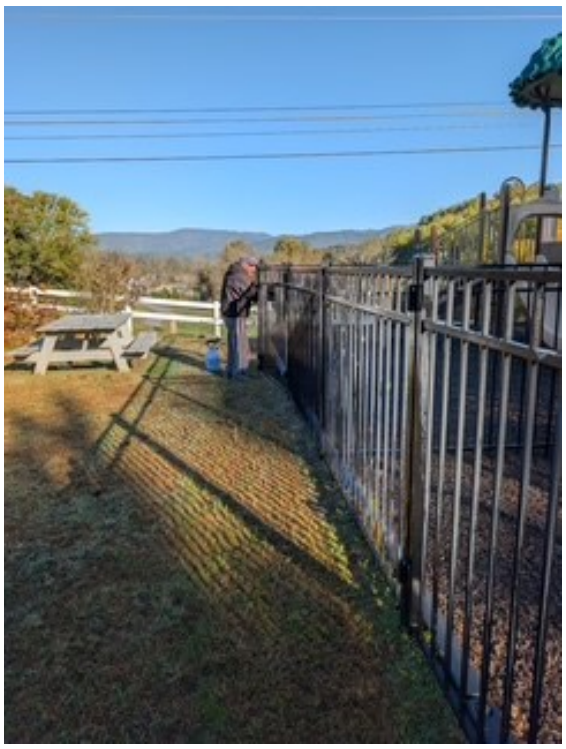
Several weeks ago, the 2nd lesson was from Roman's 12:1-8 I have summarized selected a portion and added my bold from Peterson's *The Message Bible.* Paul writes to the Romans: "God brings the **best out of you**, I'm speaking to you out of **deep gratitude for all that God has given me,** and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, **in pure grace,** it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. **No, God brings it all to you**.' And **me!** ~Suzi Herbert



Church Grounds Clean-up Day

Our church grounds are a testament to faithful stewardship thanks to the many volunteers who helped with cleanup day Saturday, October 24. Parishioner, Jeff King organized the day with perfect weather for tidying up gardens and enjoying each other's company. Jeff captured this shot of Gill Nicolson, recovering from an injury, pondering his next "can do!"











Blessing of the Animals

"God bless you sweet Mindy (Roman)"



Reverend Beverly Lewis is pictured Blessing The Animals here at Good Shepherd on Saturday, October 10. "… blessed are you Lord God maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless these our pets. By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty and creation. Your goodness is turned upon every living thing and your grace flows to all your creatures. Grant to our special animal companions, long and healthy lives. Give them healing where needed, and if you see fit to take them from us, help us to understand that they are not gone from us, but only drawing closer to you." Deacon Turner Guidry played old goldies including " Dog Breath" surrounded by parishioners and their furry friends. Pictured with Rev. Bev is Mindy whose humans are Don and Pam Roman. Please enjoy these pictures from the day.

Kathy Rarey, Communications Ministry



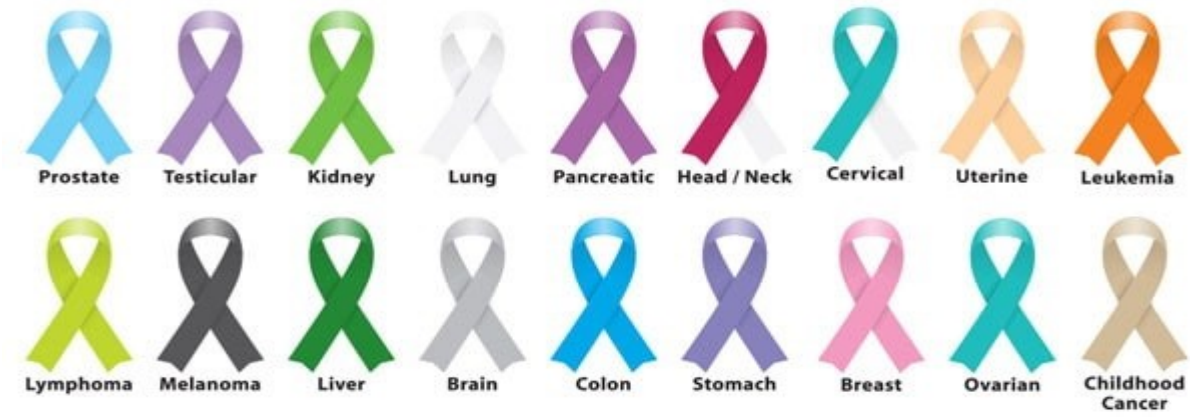








Cancer Support Group



On Tuesday, **November 17th** 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



Good Shepherd Cursillo Community
Third Sundays in the Parish Hall

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.



Bethel~Guidry



Oh, what a beautiful day God blessed us with for our 10th Annual Bethel-Guidry Golf Tournament! The shotgun start began at 9am Saturday September 26, with continental breakfast and goodie bags for all golfers and a prayer to "hit 'em straight" by Fr. Bill. "It takes a village" as they say and that certainly applied to preparations for this day. Many, many thanks to "The Boss, Sanford Freeman", Jan Freeman, Aline & Kevin Conley for their leadership and for the tireless volunteers who stuffed the goodie bags, prepared and served the food and beverages, sold Mulligans, and dealt with the finances and other important tasks for the day. Kudos to Chef Tim with Mountain Harbor Grill for preparing a hearty lunch of barbecue, loaded potato salad, coleslaw and all the trimmings. Special mention goes to Jim Redmond, Kanute Rarey, Georgia Bethel and Turner Guidry for having the vision 10 years ago for this fundraiser for college scholarships for Towns and Clay County high school graduates, and to all the Good Shepherd folk who followed in their footsteps over the years to make this tournament happen. This year's winning foursome included our own Jim Ackerly and Dick Welton, who was celebrating his 95th birthday, Jack Binswanger and Mike Toale with a score of 53 under. It is reported that more than $20,000 was raised this year for scholarships and the committee thanks each and every person who participated! Enjoy these photos taken by Turner and Georgia and Mary Carol, Laurie, and Kanute.

Mountain Harbour
Golf Club





















Thankfulness Game



Name a PERSON you are thankful for



Name a PLACE you are thankful for



Name a THING you are thankful for



Name a MEMORY you are thankful for



Name a FOOD you are thankful for



Name a BOOK or MOVIE you are thankful for



Name a CHALLENGE you are thankful for



Name an ACTIVITY you are thankful for

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What is your Turkey Name?

First Letter of Your Name:

A- Yam Bam
B- Pudgie
C- Hot Bunns
D- Big Bird
E- Pickles
F- Gizzard
G- Fickle
H- Trots
I- Longneck
J- Yammy
K- Butterball
L- Captain
M- Lurkey
N- Deep Fried
O- Mashed
P- Henny
Q- Mayflower
R- Pepe
S- Greenbeaner
T- Salty
U- Drum Stick
V- Gobbler
W- Squasher
X- Snood
Y- Farley
Z- Giblet

Your Birth Month:

January- McStuffington
February- Cornucopia
March- Featherbottom
April- Gravy-Train
May- St. Cranberry
June- Featherbrain
July- Messy-Dressin'
August- Tryptophanny
September- Gobblestein
October- Pie Head
November- McTurkey
December- Wishbone



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2026 Christmas Care

Most of us see Christmas as a joyous time to spend with family and friends, worship, eat well and exchange gifts, but it's no secret that Christmas is a stressful time for those who find life challenging. There are families in our community that have a difficult time meeting their kids' clothing needs; new shoes and warm winter coats often stretch budgets to the breaking point.

Good Shepherd is a major supporter of Christmas Care, a Hinton Center program that helps provide clothing for children in need. Last year Christmas Care helped meet the clothing needs of over 500 children. This year parents will be given the opportunity to shop for baby, children and youth clothing at the Murphy Walmart on prearranged days. Christmas Care hopes to match or exceed last year's $75.00 per child amount, but it all depends on donations.

How can we help? Good Shepherd is again putting up a Thanksgiving tree in the Narthex during November, and when you make a donation in any amount you can place an ornament on the tree. Make your checks to Good Shepherd with Christmas Care on the memo line. God is so good to us, one way we can give thanks is to cover our Thanksgiving tree with ornaments!



MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS CRECHE

Parishioner Joy Fox will teach us to **make our own personal crèche** (nativity scene) using a coastal theme on **Thursday, November 5, 1:00 to 4:00 pm**. in the church undercroft. Joy has made hundreds of crèches over the years. She particularly favors using materials found on the beach and in the low-lying coastal Lowcountry of South Carolina and Georgia.
The Lowcountry features extensive salt marshes, tidal creeks, estuaries, and barrier Sea Islands. Joy will show us the art of replacing traditional stable elements with beach-inspired textures, colors, and ocean motifs. Your crèche may include driftwood, sand, seashells, Spanish moss, and any coastal themed treasures you may have. All materials will be provided but please feel free to bring any of your own embellishments. Please bring your hot glue gun to share if you have one. *Class is limited to 20 participants*. A sign up sheet will be posted on the information hallway bulletin board October 4.



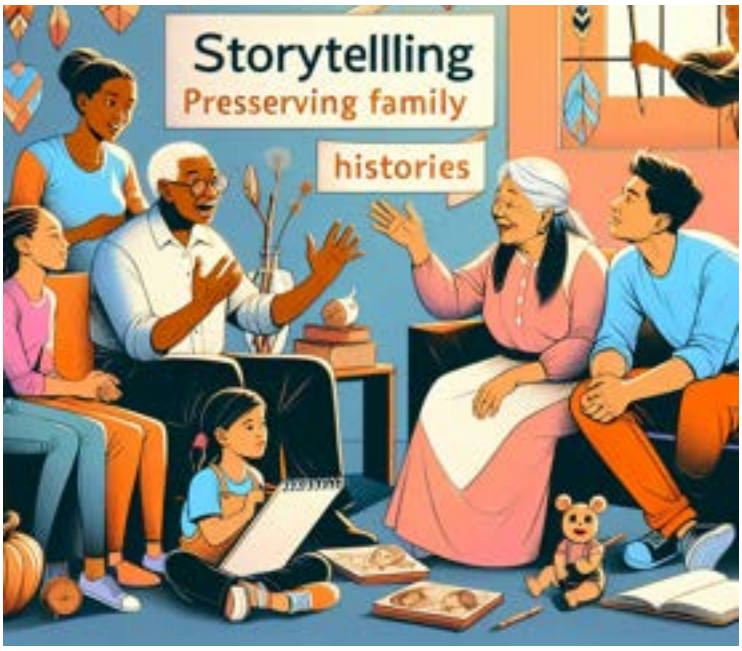








REMINISCING FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Parishioner and storyteller Kanute Rarey will host a workshop, **Reminiscing, Storytelling and Capturing Family History**, in our **Parish Hall** on **Saturday, November 21, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM** (coffee served beginning at 9:30 am) Join him as he shows us how to engage friends and family members of all ages, over the holidays especially, in remembering happy times, traditions, special holidays, funny experiences, trips, difficult times, proud moments, special people, and more. He suggests participants come with questions, bring helpful hints to share and bring old photos, recipes, letters, clothing, or keepsakes to share a memory or two. A sign up sheet will be posted on the information hallway bulletin board October 4.



American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE

Attention Blood Donors! Save the Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2026

Good Shepherd will host a Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 - 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. You may sign up now for your preferred appointment time by calling 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767) or at www.redcrossblood.org.





Save the Date:

We will have an Advent Quiet Day event on Saturday morning,

December 5th, 10-12 in the Parish Hall.

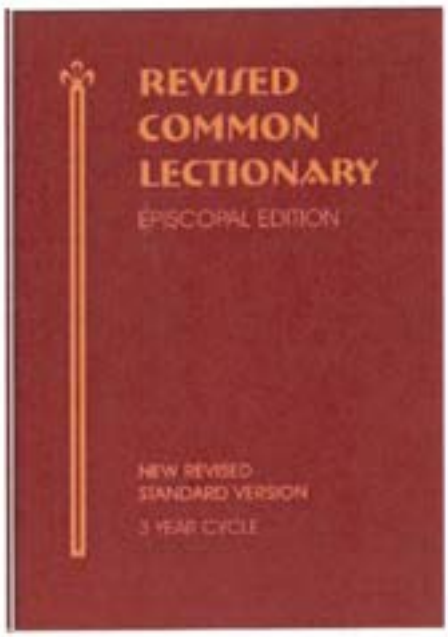
More details will follow, but for now, save the date.



Lectionary Bible Study
Wednesdays @ 1:00pm
in the Library

Join us each Wednesday at 1:00pm as we work through the appointed lectionary readings for the following Sunday. From beginners through Bible scholars, all are equally sure to gain something from our time together. All are welcome.

This discussion is facilitated by Fr Bill.



"Jesus picked up a cup of wine and gave thanks to God. He gave it to his disciples, and they all drank some."

- Mark 14:23 CEB

In this season of in-gathering pledges and commitments of time and talent, thank you. In this season of the fall harvest, thank you. In this season of thanksgiving and a special day of thanksgiving, thank you. You are a generous community and your generosity blesses many. Thank you.

On the last night of his life, Jesus shares a meal with his friends. It is a meal in which we now all share. It is a meal that continues as we gather for fellowship after church in the parish hall and when we gather in our homes and elsewhere with thanksgiving. Jesus picks up a cup of wine. We remember his first miracle at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. He made water into the finest wine. He provided wine for the celebration. Now, at this supper, he also lifts a cup for celebration. And as he does on another occasion, he thanks God for what God provides. When the resources looked meager, he took a few loaves of bread and two fish, looked to heaven and gave thanks to God. Five thousand men plus women and children were fed. There was food left over, of course. Gratitude is expressed to God.

So, thank you God, for the people of Good Shepherd. Thank you God, for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure you have given them and they have pledged to your Kingdom work. Thank you God, for the bounty of your harvest and for grateful hearts. May it please you to bless and multiply our gifts to the service of your church.

With gratitude,

Fr. Bill+



Parish Life and Church Community

Please, take note of our scheduled Office closures for November:

11/11— Veterans Day

11/26—11/27 Thanksgiving





November

Daily Gratitude

Day 1: Psalm 50:14
Day 2: Colossians 4:2
Day 3: Ezra 3:11
Day 4: Psalm 140:13
Day 5: 2 Corinthians 4:15
Day 6: 2 Samuel 22:50
Day 7: 2 Corinthians 9:15
Day 8: Psalm 26:6-7
Day 9: Daniel 6:10
Day 10: Psalm 136:2
Day 11: Psalm 95:2
Day 12: Matthew 26:27
Day 13: 1 Timothy 4:4
Day 14: Romans 14:6
Day 15: Psalm 69:30
Day 16: Ephesians 1:16
Day 17: 1 Chronicles 16:8
Day 18: Colossians 1:3
Day 19: Jonah 2:9
Day 20: Psalm 18:49
Day 21: 1 Corinthians 15:57
Day 22: Romans 16:4
Day 23: Psalm 100:4
Day 24: 1 Thessalonians 5:18
Day 25: Psalm 35:18
Day 26: 2 Corinthians 2:14
Day 27: Revelation 7:12
Day 28: Psalm 30:4
Day 29: 1 Chronicles 16:34
Day 30: Psalm 116:17



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Reading and Praying the Bible

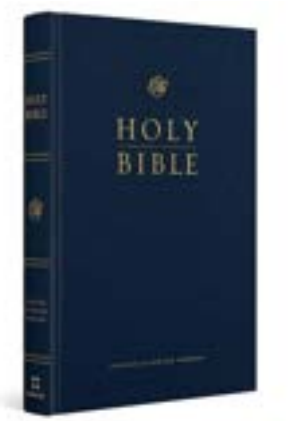


When Thomas Cranmer wrote the first Books of Common Prayer in 1549 and 1552, he turned to the ancient Benedictine traditions of the monasteries and convents in England. In those places, the Bible was used for *lectio divina* or sacred reading and for the celebration of Eucharist. What Cranmer recognized is that the Bible's purpose in the ancient practices of the monastics, practices that when back to the very beginning of Christianity, is spiritual. The Bible is to be used in prayer and liturgy to help us hear God speak, to shape and maintain our relationship with God. Cranmer's Prayer Book sought to give the common person that same experience and so he crafted a book that is saturated with scripture and meant for use in prayer. We are correct when we say that the Book of Common Prayer is the Bible organized for worship. For classical Anglicanism, reading the Bible is a form of prayer and our Book of Common Prayer facilitates that practice.

What this should also tell us is that classical Anglicanism did not see the Bible as concerned with many of our contemporary debates. They saw the Bible as a vehicle for prayer, not one on which to base morality. For classical Anglicans, God gave us reason and it is by the use of reason that we know the basic principles of morality. The Bible's role in this is to continually reconnect us with the revelation of God's grace. And so we should be reminded that contemporary concerns over the validity of Bible - either a fundamentalism that claims literalism, inerrancy and infallibility, or a liberalism that seeks to trim the Bible of what is not scientifically verifiable - are foreign to the classical Anglican tradition. Rather, the classical Anglican approach is to read, pray, and understand the Bible as containing symbolism, metaphorical language, and mysteries that lead us into a deeper relationship with God.

As Episcopalians who are inheritors of this great classical tradition, we are a people of prayer. I encourage you to read and pray your Bible reading. It is through praying scripture that we reconnect with God's grace and with Anglicans throughout space and time.

Fr Bill+







Notes from our Financial Statements
For
September 2026
Income and Expenses from Realm

Bookkeeping software (Realm) re-configuration incomplete, but I discussed these figures with Susan and she was comfortable that this presents a good report of our financials as currently represented in Realm.

Operating/Budget Report

Total Operating Income September	$38,749
Total Operating Expenses September	-$33,098
Net Income/(Loss) for the September	**$ 5,651**
Total Operating Income year to date	$328,426
Total Operating Expenses	-$320,856
Net Income/(Loss) for the Year	**$ 7,606**

Account Balances 09/30/2026

Operating funds Accounts

UCBI Operating Account (Checking)	$ 57,804
UCBI Petty Cash	$ 621
Operating Funds Money Market (30)	$147,349

Restricted/Designated funds Accounts

B&G Scholarship Money Market (60)	$133,201
Camp Henry Tuition Assistance (62)	$ 4,213
Capital Reserve Money Market (61)	$ 43,553
Rector Sabbatical Money Market (54)	$ 5,272
All other Restricted/Designated Accounts Obligations	$ 19,249

Endowment Accounts

Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund	$383,983

Celebrate Good Times!!!

Birthdays in November

11/02 Steven Harper
11/03 Jan Ratchford
11/03 Brenda Scheneman
11/03 Patti Brownlee
11/05 David Gribble
11/06 Mary Rose Figura
11/10 Linda Milt
11/13 EJ Caiazzo
11/17 Jane Boritz
11/20 Robert Stillwell
11/21 Ellie Owen
11/22 John Cain
11/24 Richard Kirchberg
11/24 Judy Bourne
11/26 Laurie Wright
11/27 Laurel Adams
11/27 Frank Burdo



Anniversaries in November

11/03 Rex & Barbara Boswell
11/20 Meg Gring & Frederic Whitley
11/29 Marilyn Kotten and Bill Clark



Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.

Please email Amanda in the church office with any birthday or anniversary updates:
gsepicsopal@brmemc.net

Lectionary Readings for November

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
I Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18







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