



The Shepherd's Voice

May 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

Good Shepherd Honors Founder Ellie Wilson

On May 19 we will celebrate Founders Day on what would have been Ellie Wilson's 100th Birthday. Ellie and Monroe Wilson were one of four families who helped start the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal: Danny Wilson and Becky Van Gorder are children of those families. Celebrating with us will be several other Wilson family members.

An old-fashioned Picnic on the Grounds (Parish Hall) potluck will be enjoyed following the second service. For those who wish to be "authentic," Kathy Wright has gathered several of Ellie's favorite recipes as well as one of the old cook books published by the Parish and the first Folk School

Cookbook. Contact her for recipes and sign up to bring food in the hallway. The church will provide drinks and condiments.

Old pictures and stories of Ellie and of Good Shepherd are invited. Turner Guidry is coordinating the program. In the accompanying photo of founding church members from 1953, Ellie is the second grown-up in the back row, holding Danny, and Becky Ledford is 3rd from the left in the front row.

The book Ellie Wilson compiled on the occasion of Good Shepherd's 50th anniversary is out of print, but you can now download and read it from the church's website at <http://goodshepherdhayesville.org/history>.



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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 Bible Study — The Pentateuch on Mondays at 10:00 am in the Library. In May we will be studying the book Numbers. Bring your Bible and coffee. All are welcome.

Rector's Brown Bag Book Read – Tuesday, April 30 at noon in the library. This month the book is *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis. Bring your lunch. All are welcome.

Moms' Connection

We met in March and enjoyed making Spring wreaths, met again on April 26 for a healthy cooking class and a meal taught by Jasmine Macintosh, one of our moms!! Also, May is Mother's Day and we will meet on May 17th for Mom pampering, an annual favorite.

As always all moms are welcome and we have nursery available for kids 0-5years.

Come take a break, relax, and meet other moms! For more information and to RSVP call Susan Gray at 828-361-7175 or visit our Facebook page at momsconnectionhayesville.



Who Loves Baseball?

The men of the parish and their guests are invited to an evening of Asheville Tourists baseball, Friday, May 31 at 7:05pm. The carpool caravan leaves for Asheville from Good Shepherd at 5:00pm. It's \$1 hot dog night. For more information, contact Fr. Bill.



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Founder's Day

"The history of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is your story as well as it is mine. It is the story of God's people, created by Him to live according to His will and purpose. It is the memory and story of times and events we share, that made us the family that we are."

Eleanor Wilson, 2005

By now you have likely noticed that I like to share stories. Stories are the vessels of our collective wisdom and truths. When memorable, they are usually more effective in communicating wisdom and truth than are speeches or lectures, or least they seem to have more lasting power. My guess is that many more people can remember and share the basic outline and morals taught by childhood fables than they can of any Presidential speech.

The quote above is from a small book written by Ellie Wilson for the fiftieth anniversary of this parish. If you can find a copy, it is well worth reading again or for the first time. It tells a story of the founders of this parish, how they came to establish this church, and the story of its life since then. In the early 1950's, four couples from Clay County, each with their own local faith community, would occasionally attend the Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Murphy. In each couple, one person was a lifelong Episcopalian and the other had strong ties to these Western North Carolina mountains. It was those four - Rufus and Dorothy Vick, Ruth and Quintin Moore, Eva and Jim Ledford, and Ellie and Monroe Wilson - who started a monthly fellowship and study group that became the Church of the Good Shepherd.

From the very beginning, this church has been about fellowship and welcoming. Perhaps that is why we find those so important to our parish character and why we continue to do those so well. We also see that from our beginning this parish has been a meeting place for people drawn to a liturgical form of worship and for those drawn to live in the natural beauty of this area. This is our God-given genesis DNA. Ask your fellow parishioners why they are members of Good Shepherd and you will probably hear something about welcome and fellowship, worship, and the attraction of the mountains. This is in our DNA and it makes us a special place. Ellie's book is full of stories that may help us all more appreciate just how very special is this church community and its various ministries. For example, do we not all appreciate our wonderful Chancel Choir and our music director, Keith Christensen? Do you know its history? In 1993 "the choir had five members, Mary Anne Koos, Bob Gaunt, Doris Etlar, Joe and Evie Green. Every Sunday we pleaded with the congregation to come join the choir. One night this cute little blonde showed up and asked if it was all right if she could sing with us. We nearly fell off our seats! ... That was the first time any of us had met Bev Larson. Then she said she sang alto and she has a sister who sang

soprano and a husband who sang tenor. We had more than doubled the choir." I am grateful to that group of five and that they expressed the welcome and fellowship that mark us as a parish.

This year we have moved our Founder's Day celebration to Sunday, May 19 in honor of Ellie Wilson's one hundredth birthday. Ellie and Monroe's children will be with us that day. Eva and Jim Ledford's children will be here too. Two of those children are current members of the parish. Can you identify them?



I ask that you please save the date for this special occasion when we will celebrate the story of us.

Grace and peace,

Fr. Bill+



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2019 General Fund Balance:

General Fund Balance on February 28, 2019	\$27,431
Income received	33,832
Expenses	<u>-27,973</u>
General Fund Balance on March 31, 2019	\$33,290
Balance on bank mortgage	\$117,422
Balance on Mt. of Faith loan	\$9,500

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.

Country Fare is coming BACK!

County Fare is a rummage sale which will be held in the Parish Hall and parking lot on August 24 (ONE DAY ONLY). Everyone is invited to participate as you are able. Please start cleaning out your closets and preparing your donations now! We will need a small army of volunteers between August 11 – 24th to help sort and price, set up, tear down and be cashiers. And, we need your prayers for success and transformative fellowship!

There will be some changes and maybe some surprises, so stay tuned for more announcements. Two big

changes: there will be NO pick up or delivery, no exceptions. And, the sale will be held on Saturday only. Please email Susan Morgan at scbasketlady@yahoo.com if you would like to be on the planning committee or if you have questions.

A gentle reminder as you prepare your donations: Only FLAT SCREEN tvs and computer monitors will be accepted. No broken items or items that need to be constructed will be accepted. We will begin collecting donations on Monday, August 12.

Need a Good Shepherd T-Shirt?

Orders for Good Shepherd T-Shirts and Polo Shirts will be taken on three upcoming Sundays: May 26, June 2, and June 9. Get yours before volunteering for Country Fare or the Golf Tournament and be identified as a Good Shepherd member wherever you go in the community! If you can't order in person, call Rachel Baughn at 828-361-3033 within those three weeks to place an order as this is the only time this year shirts will be sold. Watch the bulletin board for details on style and color options.

Thank you!

Dear friends,
 What a celebration you hosted for me on the occasion of my retirement as organist! Thank you for your well wishes and generous gift. You made me feel important and appreciated. I sincerely

appreciate all the many expressions in big and small ways that made the day a day to remember.

Sincerely,
 Jerry Taylor

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From Fr. George:

One of the aspects of my life now is to continue a professional relationship with my list of doctors. This includes my Internist, Local Neurologist, Specialist Neurologist, Dentist, and Ophthalmologist. Thankfully, my health remains stable. There has only been one prescription change for my brain medicine due to poor side effects. The new prescription was adjusted until the right dosage was found.

My most recent appointment was with my Ophthalmologist, Dr. Hale. A good relationship with all your doctors is important, but for someone with epilepsy it is particularly important since seizures do have an effect on eyesight and vice-versa. Perhaps you have seen me outside in the sun before or after one of our worship services. My prescription glasses look like sunglasses. That is because they have a medical tint to them that instantly turns darker in sunlight. In this manner, the sun does not shock my eyes and then subsequently my brain into a seizure. After a few minutes inside, the lenses return to their normal clear appearance.

For the actual eye exam this year, I put my chin on an optical machine and then looked through some specialized lenses to call out letters. Dr. Hale then examined my eyes using a light he very quickly ran across both eyes looking for any signs of eye conditions that were showing signs of any eye disease. None were found. Nothing has changed. No eye diseases. No prescription change. In fact, no change at all.

I was both relieved and disappointed - physically relieved and spiritually disappointed. My eyes still see the same. Thank God. But I think I see much differently now than from when I first came to Good Shepherd. Thank

God. Does that make sense? Jesus said, *Your eye is the lamp of the body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness.* (Luke 11:34) Though I will have a bad day - a dark day - from time to time, the light of Christ is more prevalent now than when I first arrived.



In the season of Easter, all of us will have a bad day or two or more but our eyesight is now through faith. Mary Magdalene was the first to see Jesus outside of the tomb. She believed the impossible. She believed that he was risen from the dead. The first thing she said to the absolutely despondent disciples was, *I have seen the Lord.* It took the disciples some time to believe the impossible, but then they too saw the resurrected Lord. Their lives have never been the same, and this world has never been the same. Alleluia!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR GOOD SHEPHERD FAMILY!!!

Thank you ALL so much for all the love and caring for our family during the death of Paul Jordan. The prayers and hugs, and all of the food and cards, love and everything that you all did for all of us helped so much, Special thanks to Fr. Bill and Jan Freeman for being there every step of the way. Our church

is a family of love for each other and you all lived it with us when we needed it the most. THANK YOU. MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!!!

Good Shepherd Meals on Wheels Ministry Needs Volunteers

Boldly **engaging** the world as God's shepherds, **sharing** God's blessings and **creating** Heaven on Earth one person at a time.

The Meals on Wheels ministry at GSEC is a living testament to our Vision statement.

The Senior Center of Clay County delivers approximately 68 meals daily, Monday through Friday, to qualifying Seniors in Hayesville/Clay County. These meals, funded by a state grant, are nutritionally sound and usually hot. They consist of a main meal (meat and vegetables), fruit, roll and milk. There are 6 routes in Clay County, with Good Shepherd Episcopal Church covering 3 routes each Tuesday: Tusquittee (16), City (12) and Town (10). In addition to the meals, we periodically deliver handmade cards from GSEC Stamping ministry with words of blessings from our church.

We are in need of additional volunteers for this ministry! Volunteers, using their own vehicles, are provided a list of recipients with directions to each home. We encourage two persons running each route, but some of the routes can be done alone. Most routes take between 1 and 1.5 hours to complete. New volunteers will ride as long as needed with regular volunteers to become familiar and comfortable with the routes and process. Volunteers may sign up for as many or as few routes as desired. The sign up sheets are located in the hallway.

The best way to describe the blessings of this ministry is through the words of the volunteers:

"The Meals on wheels program gives me the opportunity to serve others which I really love. I enjoy the smiles and laughter and the short visits with the folks. I hold them so dear as I deliver meals to those that I know appreciate it and that I know fills a need for them." *Kanute Rarey*

"Trish and I have been involved with Meals on Wheels for the past 4-5 years and find it enormously fulfilling. It does not take much time to deliver the meals on our route. The satisfaction of helping and chatting with those in need provides us more reward than what we do for them. We hear about their families, their joys and their sorrows. This gives us an inner joy knowing we are helping those who need it in our community and at the same time fulfilling the Good Shepherd's command of love they neighbor." *Jim and Trish Reynolds*

"Those of us who deliver them benefit by meeting new people on our routes as well as new co-workers both from Good Shepherd and the Senior Center. The feelings we share of optimism and the extra rewards of driving through our beautiful county to places we didn't even know existed with fellow members of our parish are precious



ones. This ministry not only provides a much appreciated service to those receiving the meals, driving with a partner provides one or two hours of companionship to share thoughts, both spiritual and mundane. Examples include, "How do you envision God when you pray?" to "Did you know spiral hams are on sale at Ingles for \$1.68 a pound?" *Barb Fields*

"Peggy and I have delivered meals intermittently for five years and have delivered to all the routes served by Good Shepherd. We experience blessings in many flavors. Peggy assembles the meals as we drive and enjoy the backroads of Clay County. I am the delivery boy and share my experience after each stop. Lack of mobility is the predominate condition but we hear little about those woes. Most of whom we visit are excited and anxious to see us and all are grateful. Grandmothers caring for preschoolers greet us with pride. We hear stories of life events – some heartbreaking and some heartwarming. Family picture galleries give rise to stories of recent visits and calls. Handmade cards from the Good Shepherd stamping ministry brought tears and smiles of joy. Thank you Good Shepherd for all you do. And the obvious blessing is our ability and mobility to participate in this service." *Andy and Peggy Dickert*

Please consider volunteering for this vital and blessed ministry. For more information, contact Jan Freeman at 828-389-8292 or email: jansfreeman@gmail.com.

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Parish News

Birthdays in May

- 1 Mili Arias
- 3 Benjamin Bethel
- 3 Susan Gray
- 3 Mary Monahan
- 3 Dwain Zagrocki
- 8 Alba Jones
- 8 Diane Welton
- 9 Romi Maguina
- 13 Mary Carol Campbell
- 14 Howard McDaniel
- 14 Dave Smucker
- 15 Mel Halfon
- 17 Lou Lanwermeier
- 18 Angela Wilkerson
- 23 Helen Dillenbeck
- 23 Pat Jordan
- 24 Clarice Edmondson
- 24 Abby Joyce
- 26 Robin Kolar
- 27 Tom Griffiths
- 28 Catherine Clark
- 28 Clyde Taylor
- 29 Susan Barbaro
- 30 Jerry Taylor
- 31 Ella Angelillo
- 31 Henry Phillips
- 31 Shirley Stillwell
- 31 Cathy van der Meer

Anniversaries in May

- 9 Gini and Ed Reynolds
- 9 Joanne Wampler and Harry Lloyd
- 10 Holley and Richard Calmes
- 10 Sue and Ed Kelley
- 15 Kathy and Kanute Rarey
- 16 Sharon and Ed Faircloth
- 25 Anne and David Hourdequin
- 26 Cheryl and John Notchie
- 27 Hannah and Andrew Jones

Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.

Please add:
Renee Williams
9577 Society Hill Rd.
Auburn, AL 36830
334-741-4234

Sunday Lectionary Readings for May

3 Easter May 5	4 Easter May 12	5 Easter May 19	6 Easter May 26
Acts 9:1-6	Acts 9:36-43	Acts 11:1-18	Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 5:11-14	Revelation 7:9-17	Revelation 21:1-6	Revelation 14:23-29
John 21:1-19	John 10:22-30	John 13:31-35	John 14:23-29
Psalms 30	Psalms 23	Psalms 148	Psalms 67



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