



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
Weekly Highlights
April 17, 2026

**Your new life
is not like
your old life.**

1 Peter 1:17-23

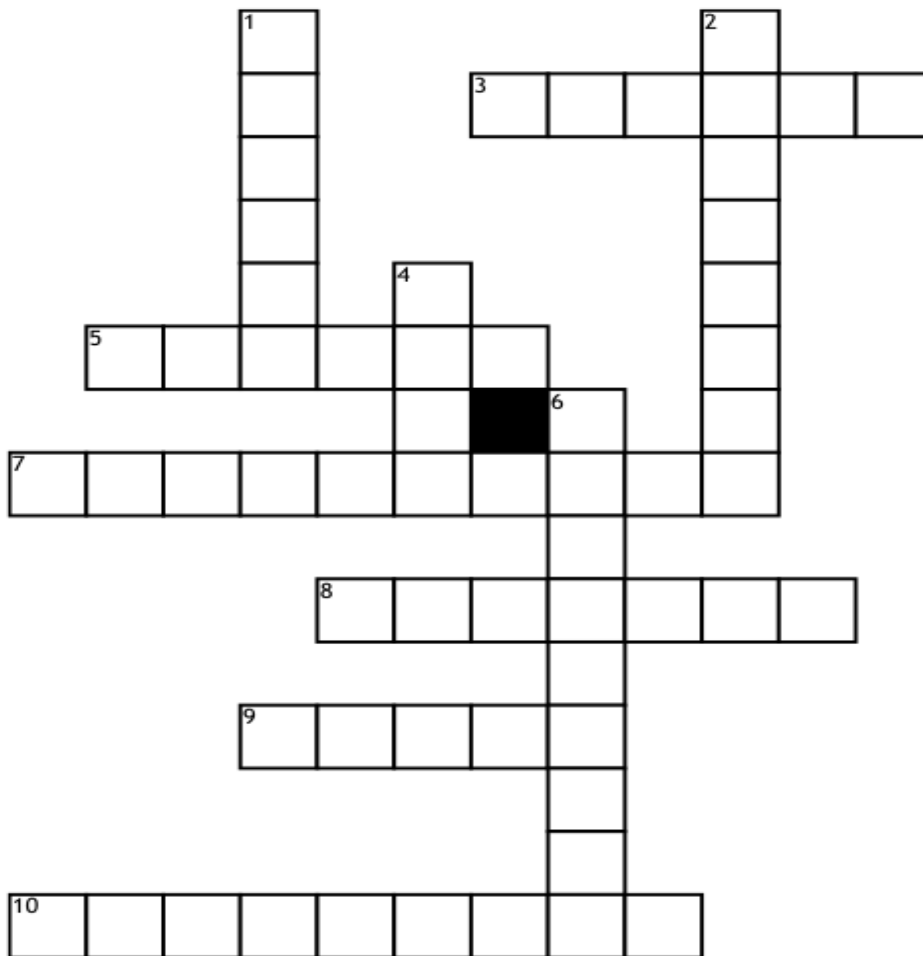


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Christian Education

Lectionary Bible Study – Currently meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Library. This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

Luke 24:13-35



Across

- 3. They hoped Jesus would redeem this place
- 5. They saw a ----- of angels
- 7. They realized who was walking with them when they -----
- 8. The name of one of the individuals
- 9. The Lord has appeared to -----

- 10. After realizing who the stranger was, they returned to -----

Down

- 1. Two people walked to this village
- 2. After realizing who the stranger was, the stranger -----
- 4. Where were the women early in the morning
- 6. The individuals did not ----- him

Parish Life and Church Community

Take note: Tai Chi & Moving Meditation will NOT meet April 15-22. Classes will resume at 10:30am on April 27, 2026.

PLEASE JOIN US in the Parish Hall for the **special reception celebrating the marriage of Beverly and Allen Lewis**, following the Marriage Blessing and 11:00 service, **Sunday, April 19**. If you plan to attend, please sign the RSVP on the Bulletin Board in the Information Hallway. Food will be provided. Just bring your love and good wishes.



A **Floral Design class** is being sponsored by the Flower Guild on **Friday, May 1, 2026, 10am – 12pm**. Come learn the basics of flower arranging and stay for flower planting. We're asking those who would like to add a plant to the church garden to **bring a small plant in honor of all mothers** and stay after the floral class to **plant them, with our Master Gardener's assistance**. If you can't make the class and you'd like to donate a flower, please contact Jeff @ 423-744-4107.

May 3rd, our **Bishop will be visiting!** We will have **one service at 10:00am**, followed by **Brunch with the Bishop** in the Parish Hall. *Your donation of a side brunch item is welcome!*

Join us on **May 8, 2026, at 7pm** as we welcome the **Valley River Ringers!** The Valley River Ringers have been ringing together for about 12 years. They ring on 4 octaves of bells and choir chimes. They ring level 3 and 4 in handbell music which is commonly known as moderate difficult music. The ringers come from Georgia, North Carolina and they meet at the First United Methodist church in Murphy where their director, Suzanne West, is the music director.

Help wanted! We need Eucharistic ministers. At Good Shepherd, we have two EMs at each worship service. Both EMs serve as chalice bearers at communion, but their roles in other parts of the service are different. The minister who serves as EM1 (the first one listed in the bulletin) also reads the first lesson while the minister who serves as EM2 also serves as the acolyte. Our current EM2's have been working overtime recently. Please prayerfully consider whether you are being called to serve in one of these ministries and feel free to talk with Father Bill or any of our current Eucharistic Ministers for more information. Those of us who serve as EMs consider this a very special and Holy ministry. You will receive very ample training and encouragement before you are scheduled. Call the church office to sign up and we will get you started. Thank you!

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Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Announcements and Weekly Highlights -

No later than Wednesday of each week, at noon.

Monthly Newsletter -

No later than the 20th of each month, at noon.

Service

Matt's Ministry – Contact Joe Rybicki

Meal Ministry – Contact Kathy Wright

Medical Loan Closet – Contact Helga Reaves

The Order of St. George – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

Brotherhood of the Fire – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

Meals For Friends– Contact Aline Conley at 504-214-1909

Drivers on **April 21, 2026** are:

Town: Suzy Christensen

City: Linda Milt

Tusquittee: David & Teresa Gribble



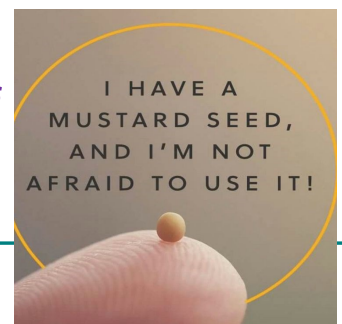
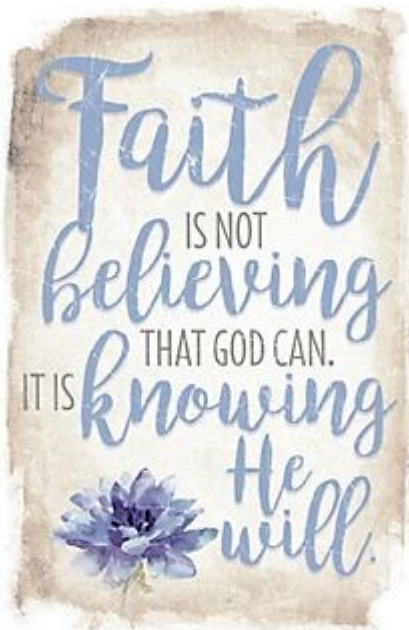
In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing-

Pat and Joy Fox, Denise Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Helen NaiSmith, Deb Sellers, Sarah Kreiss, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti and Chuck Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit, Ann Wolf, Philip Bannister, Frank Burdo, Teresa and David Gribble, Cooper Godfrey, OV Lewis, Adelaide Fullilove, Janice Lemaire, Anne Hourdequin, Sam and Mere (Mary) Samsil, Jay and Mary Ann Miller, Bob Wilkerson, Gail Rose, Lynne and Mark Walters, Kenny and Stacy Waldroup, Sally Conaway, Kim Brabon, Alexis Bernal, Mili and Jose Arias, Helga Reaves, Kanute Rarey, Ashley Murray, Mary Rose Figura, Wendy Mitchell, Kris West, Talullah Kenyon, Mike Campbell

Good Shepherd Ministries:

This week we pray for *The Adult Recreational Groups* at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.



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Those Who Serve



Sunday, April 19, 2026

9:00am

EMs: Deanna DuBose, Elizabeth Rybicki; **Lector:** Michael Wright;

Usher: Joe Rybicki; **Altar Guild:** Mary Rose Figura;

VPOD: Jane Boritz; **Ingles cards:** Dave Field; **Intercessor:** Kathy Wright

Flower Guild: Joy Fox

11:00 am:

EMs: Janet Beall, Ron Dutton; **Lector:** Barry Benson; **Usher:** Sandy Freeman;

Intercessor: Keith Christensen; **Altar Guild:** Pat Halloran, Beth Hitchcock, Mary Stewart King; **Altar Linens:** Mary Stewart King; **Nursery:** Kathy Marcel, Juby Bourne;

VPOD: Barry Benson; **Ingles cards:** Elizabeth Rybicki; **Videographer:** Bruce Beall;

Flower Guild: Joy Fox; **Greeter:** Helen Doulliez

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Leader: Beth Hitchcock

Prayer Minister: Deanna DuBose

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Altar Guild: Gail Criss



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday

April 20

9:00 am Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
10:00 am Women Walking/Talking @ Chatuge Dam
10:00 am Library Maintenance
11:00 am Private Group (Undercroft)

Tuesday

April 21

10:00 am **Meals for Friends**
Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm Soaking Prayer
5:30 pm Cancer Support Group (Parish Hall)
6:00 pm BOTF

Wednesday

April 22

9:00 am Exercise
11:30 am Private Group (Undercroft)
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study

Thursday

April 23

6:45 am Order of St. George (Parish Hall)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday

April 24

9:00 am **Office Closed**
Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
10:30 am Tai Chi (Parish Hall)

Saturday

April 25

Sunday

April 26

9:00 am **4 Easter**
11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II
Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)

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Listen

to stop and listen;
to pause and praise



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