



The Shepherd's Voice

October
2026

Services:

Sunday

9:00am Holy Eucharist
Rite I

11:00am Holy Eucharist
Rite II

I am service is live
streamed to Facebook at:
[facebook.com/
goodshepherdhayesvillenc/](https://facebook.com/goodshepherdhayesvillenc/)

Coffee Hour in the Parish
Hall following I am
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

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Rooted in Faith, Growing in Generosity

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It's the Fall of the year, a season when we look toward Thanksgiving, a time of being grateful for all God has given us; and to Christmas when, during Advent, we wait with anticipation for the birth of Jesus, the One who came to Earth to save the world. For Good Shepherds, it's also a time to think and pray about what we desire for the future of our church and its people, and how we might contribute to that hope. Our stewardship theme this year is "Rooted in Faith, Growing in Generosity" because that's been our history as a church, and who we are today. And Jesus' parable of the mustard seed allows us to see how, with faith the size of the mustard seed, we can do great things.

You will notice a leafless tree in the hallway. This is to represent how the smallest of seeds can become a tree whose branches and leaves provide a haven and shelter for birds and other creatures, just as our faith and service have the potential to grow into something great, providing support, shelter and blessings to many. In the stewardship mailing, you will receive a pledge card and time and talent cards and are asked to step out in faith and prayer and give with grateful generosity of your gifts of time, talent and/or treasure. With every pledge card and time and talent card we receive back, we will place a leaf on the hallway tree so you may visually see how the tree (representing Good Shepherd) flourishes through your gifts.

You will also have the opportunity to take home a packet of mustard seeds to plant and watch grow or even as just a reminder of how even a tiny act of faith can lead to great results. Just as the tree shelters birds, through your faith and generosity we can provide refuge and hope for our parishioners and those in our community.

Let's stay rooted in faith, be good stewards and together, do wonderful work for the Kingdom of God.

With gratitude for your love, faith and support,

Betsy Wilson
Sr. Warden

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Parish Life

Parishioners enjoyed picnicking and camping at Clay County Rec Park in September. Our Parish Life Ministry provided hotdogs and all the sides with campers bringing their favorite campsite dishes. Rain threatened. Closing out the evening, parishioner Jane Boritz led the group in praying Compline. Then on Saturday, Parish Life hosted a gathering at Crane Creek Winery for fellowship, community, and good times. Thank you Jose and Mili Arias, chairs of Parish Life Ministry, volunteers, and everyone who made it a weekend to remember. Please enjoy these photos taken by our own Debbie Hooper.



WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING IN THIS SEASON?

How to Partner With God
Through Every Spiritual Season



Pruning Let go willingly.

Prayer: "Lord, help me release even good things if You say it's time."



Refining Stay near the flame.

Prayer: "Show me what doesn't reflect You — and burn it away with grace."



Wilderness Stay expectant.

Prayer: "Even when You feel far, help me trust that You're leading."



Planting Be faithful in small things.

Prayer: "Teach me to sow in faith even when I don't see results yet."



Harvest Gather with gratitude

Prayer: "Help me not grow weary — and remind me my labor matters."



Renewal Rest and receive.

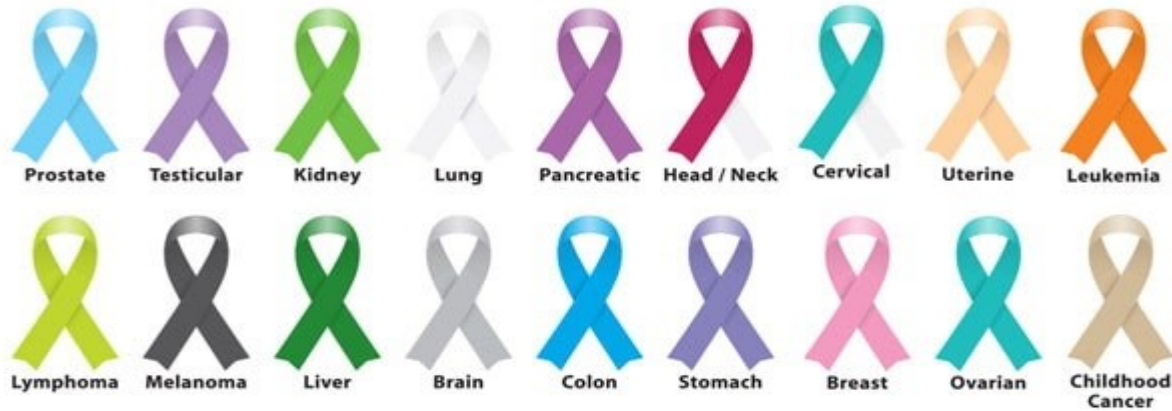
Prayer: "Restore what's been depleted so I can rise again whole."



Rooting Go deeper.

Prayer: "Anchor me in truth so I won't

Cancer Support Group



On Tuesday, **October 20th** 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.



Wheeling Around

By: Carol Sutton

One of the many blessings that we have in this area is the opportunity for outdoor recreation. Lovely lakes and forest, including the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are part of our heritage. These provide opportunities for all kinds of outdoor activities.



Not everyone realizes that many of these opportunities are also available for disabled people. Dawn and I have been going to water-ski and hiking events for years. Shane and Helen have joined us this summer for water-skiing.

Skimming over a lake surrounded by forested mountains is a wonderful feeling that can only be expressed by a big Woo-hoo. There aren't too many times that a disabled person can feel that free.

Just in the last several years, Catalyst Sports has offered adaptive hiking and even an overnight camping trip in cooperation with GSM National Park. Not only do specialized wheelchairs and volunteers make trails accessible that otherwise would be difficult or impossible for a wheelchair user, but we also have Park Rangers available to answer questions and show us many of the wonders of the park that we might otherwise miss.



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Good Shepherd has donated several thousand dollars to sleep in Heavenly Peace this year. In doing so they have been instrumental in sponsoring 2 bed builds. If members of the parish would like to participate or see what is involved in a bed build, there will be a **bed build** at the **Hinton Center** on **October 17th** that is partially sponsored by Good Shepherd.

Typically, the builds **start at 8:30-9:00 am and finish in 3-4 hours**. You are not obligated to spend the full time there - we are aware that people have other commitments.

If you choose to participate, it is helpful if they sign up ahead of time. The sign up link for the Hinton Center build: <https://bit.ly/ClayCounty-Hinton-Center>





All Good Shepherd Pets and their Devoted Caretakers
are invited to join in a Celebration of St. Francis with a
Service of the **Blessing of the Animals, Saturday,**
October 10th, at 3:00pm,
in the Good Shepherd parking lot.

Baptism Sunday

The Balcazar, Blanks, and Herbert families will celebrate the

Holy Baptism of Harrison Roger Balcazar

on **October 18, 2026**, at the 11:00 service.

A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

All are invited.

Harry is the son of Annie and Mario Balcazar, the brother of Frank, the grandson of Lynne Blanks and great-grandson of Suzi Herbert.



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.

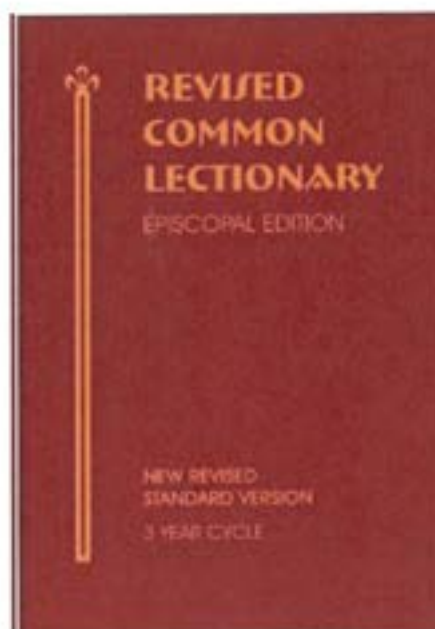
More details will follow, but for now, save the date.



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.



The Lord's Prayer

As we have occasionally changed the form of the Eucharistic prayer, the form of the prayers of the people, the Gloria, the Sanctus, the form of the Creed, and even the sung version of the traditional Lord's Prayer, we will for a season use the Lord's Prayer in its contemporary form at the 11:00 AM service. Changes in these elements are small changes in spiritual disciplines that maintain the overall framework of our worship but that may prompt and open up new areas of spiritual growth.

The contemporary form of the Lord's Prayer that we will use can be found in the daily offices and Rite II Eucharist liturgies of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Its most proximate origin is in the late 1960's work of the ecumenical International Consultation on English Texts and the 1970 publication *Prayers We Have in Common: Agreed Liturgical Texts*. Happy 56th birthday, contemporary form. In part, this form of the prayer comes from the movement of the Roman Catholic Church from a Latin mass to the mass in the language of the people. In part, this form of the prayer is an updating to the contemporary language used by Anglicans and Protestants in their everyday lives. Scholar Marion Hatchett gives as example the change from "thou" to "you." While "thou" may seem to carry greater reverence, in sixteenth century English, thou was a familiar second person personal pronoun used for intimate relations, for friends, and for God. For those who knew themselves to be children of God, God was thou. For moderns, the equivalent word is "you."

Our use of the contemporary form does not change the original because there is no original to change. While that may sound strange, consider that the Lord's Prayer appears in both Matthew and Luke, but those are not identical. Which is original? Early texts of Luke's version also differ. In either case, the Greek texts of Matthew and Luke would be translations of either Aramaic or Hebrew, the languages of the Lord. The 1789 American Book of Common Prayer changed "which art in heaven" to "who are in heaven," "in earth" to "on earth," and "them that trespass" to "those who trespass." And that familiar doxology beginning "For thine is the Kingdom," was added to the English Book of Common Prayer 1662, being brought over from the 1637 Scottish Prayer Book. What we have with the contemporary form is not change so much as updating - like we have with the Rite II offices and Eucharistic prayers.

Grace and peace be with you always,

Fr. Bill+



October

Names Of God

Day 1: Genesis 2:4-5
 Day 2: Genesis 22:8-14
 Day 3: Exodus 3:14-15
 Day 4: Exodus 17:15
 Day 5: Exodus 15:26
 Day 6: Jeremiah 23:6
 Day 7: 1 Samuel 1:3
 Day 8: Psalms 7:17
 Day 9: Exodus 20:2
 Day 10: Isaiah 40:28
 Day 11: Genesis 2:7
 Day 12: Psalms 97:1
 Day 13: Genesis 15:2
 Day 14: Ezekiel 48:35
 Day 15: Isaiah 28:16
 Day 16: Psalms 32:7
 Day 17: Isaiah 9:6
 Day 18: Song of Songs 2:1
 Day 19: Nahum 1:7
 Day 20: Zechariah 2:5

Day 21: Hebrews 5:9
 Day 22: John 6:35
 Day 23: 1 Peter 5:4
 Day 24: John 14:26
 Day 25: Romans 11:26
 Day 26: Revelation 19:11
 Day 27: 1 Timothy 6:15
 Day 28: Malachi 3:2
 Day 29: Jeremiah 2:13
 Day 30: Genesis 21:33
 Day 31: Psalms 24:10



Are you enough?

The tree stands so patiently,
Not asking, "What can I be?, What can I be?"
For a tree is as sure as a tree can be,
That its purpose in life is to be a tree,
Without a doubt, it knows its worth,
Roots delving deep into the Earth,
Branches standing strong and proud,
Pointing at the passing clouds,
All of nature loves the tree,
In its beautiful simplicity,
And without speaking, it teaches me,
To be happy with just being me.



I grew up in an environment of comparison. Maybe the same is true of you. From early on, even at the humble level of living in a mobile home, there were some homes that looked better than others and at the top of the hill was the park owner's brick home where we had our cub scouts' meetings. How did things look to you in your early memories? Did the neighbors have more or less? How about the other school children? There are a number of spiritual traditions and philosophical arguments that tell us that our unhappiness stems from desire and desire from comparison. Many of us have probably seen children fight over a toy, but only after one of them has it in their possession. Philosopher Rene Girard developed the concept "mimetic desire" for the observation that human desire is not autonomous, but rather arises from seeing what another possesses. Jesus certainly talked much about money and possession and status, about how they can cause us to worry. He told about the folly of a man who stored up his grain in ever larger barns, and about a God who knows what we need before we know.

He told us about a God who will provide. He showed us a generosity that is possible when we think of God's abundant grace and love for all. He told us about a God who loves us equally as beloved children. Yet, we are well socialized into this world's way of being, and there is comparison. There is sorting and distributing, and haves and have-nots, and we compare. We see possession and its absence, what others have and what we do not. Others see us in the same way. And some steal, and others hoard, and some fret over where to store it all, and others fear there will be enough, and some work themselves to death. And others still, those blessed by the grace of God find some way in the midst of it all to be generous. By the grace of God they know they are enough because of who God says they are. They are happy because they know that in God's eyes and heart they are enough. You are enough.

Grace and peace,

Fr. Bill +

*you are
enough*

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Notes from our Financial Statements for August 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 August	\$57,574
Total Operating Expenses August	-\$33,971
Net Income/(Loss) for the August	\$23,603

Total Operating Income year to date	\$271,799
Total Operating Expenses	-\$287,757
Net Income/(Loss) for the Year	-\$15,958*

***Received pledge transferred to Ed Jones not in Realm yet + \$17,500
\$1,515**

Account Balances 08/31/2026

Operating funds Accounts

UCBI Operating Account (Checking)	\$ 29,449
UCBI Petty Cash	\$ 952
Operating Funds Money Market (30)	\$129,104

Restricted/Designated funds Accounts

B&G Scholarship Money Market (60)	\$132,825
Camp Henry Tuition Assistance (62)	\$ 4,202
Capital Reserve Money Market (61)	\$ 43,430
Rector Sabbatical Money Market (54)	\$ 5,257
All other Restricted/Designated Accounts Obligations	\$ 19,249

Endowment Accounts

Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund	\$292,697
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Celebrate Good Times!!!

Birthdays in October

10/1 Kaye TeRonde
10/2 Mary Ann Miller
10/3 Richard Broszeit
10/4 Bob LeKites
10/4 Jason Lee Edwards
10/7 Jamie Pierson
10/7 Brayden Bethel
10/8 Eileen Adams
10/8 Clark Bourne
10/11 Mary Ann Strider
10/11 Jim Reynolds
10/11 Kelly Williams
10/11 Susanne Treacy
10/14 Liz McLamb
10/14 Jake Bennett
10/16 Kathy Rarey
10/19 Abby Bethel
10/20 Mary Stewart King
10/10 Teresa LeMaire
10/21 Mary Strange
10/22 Kathi LeKites
10/28 Randy Brown
10/30 Jose Arias

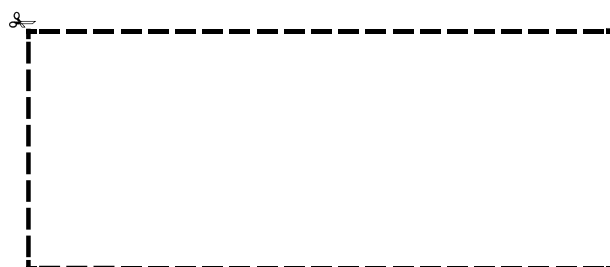
Anniversaries in October

10/05 Melanie & Bill Breedlove
10/06 Bob & Robin Kolar
10/08 Keith & Suzy Christensen
10/09 Mere and Sam Samsil
10/12 Harry & Rachel Baughn
10/12 Bill & Jamie Pierson
10/12 Janice and Dave Cady (added)
10/18 BJ Jarvis and Randy Emberg
10/20 Wally & MaryRoseFigura
10/24 Bob & Kathi LeKites
10/25 Nick Garpetti & Vicki Lake
10/29 Jim & Patricia Reynolds
10/30 Jake & Signe Ehrhart



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 *October*

19th Sunday after Pentecost

[Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20](#)

[Psalm 19](#)

[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)

[Matthew 21:33-46](#)

20th Sunday after Pentecost

[Exodus 32:1-14](#)

[Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23](#)

[Philippians 4:1-9](#)

[Matthew 22:1-14](#)

21st Sunday after Pentecost

[Exodus 33:12-23](#)

[Psalm 99](#)

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)

[Matthew 22:15-22](#)

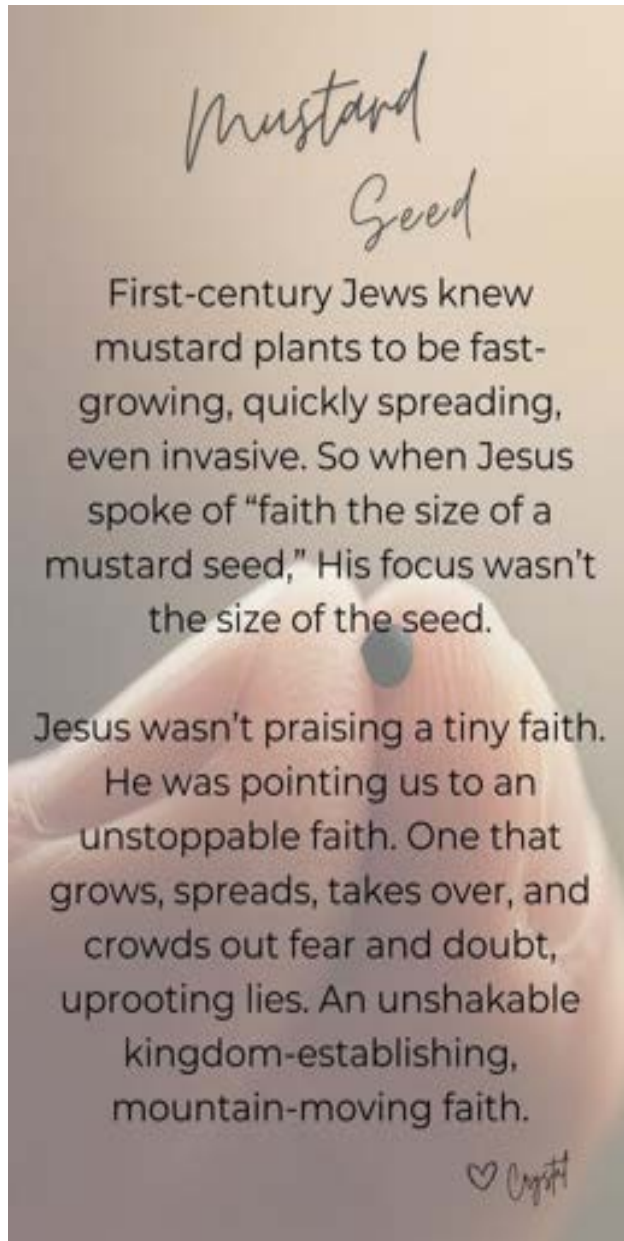
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

[Deuteronomy 34:1-12](#)

[Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17](#)

[1 Thessalonians 2:1-8](#)

[Matthew 22:34-46](#)



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