



The Shepherd's Voice

September
2025

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

7:00pm 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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i WILL
PRAISE
HIM IN
EVERY
SEASON
PSALM 146:2



Making Choices

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

- Joshua 24:15

The people of God have come into the land. Moses has died, it is a new day, and Joshua is their new leader. It has been a forty year journey from Egypt through the wilderness and now across the Jordan to their new promised home. They have come to Shechem, that ancient city where long ago their ancestor Abram build an altar and first called upon the name of God in this land that God had showed him. Joshua and the people of the exodus have come here to renew the covenant God had established with father Abraham. Joshua recounts for them the mighty deeds of God in delivering them from slavery in Egypt and defeating the enemies that they encountered along this journey. Now, it is time to make a choice. It is time to re-up, to recommit, to rededicate themselves to the covenant God made with them, or to make another choice.

There is always a choice. Joshua proclaims that he and his household choose to serve the Lord. Others may find that undesirable or at least less desirable than some other option like serving themselves or serving another god. Martin Luther is credited with say "Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your god." Accordingly, whatever our hearts cling to and confide in, that may be what we serve. It may be wealth or desire for more wealth, accomplishments, intellect, and reputation, some movement or philosophy of life, or some other human leader to whom we affix our hearts and dreams. There are many gods to choose from. The choice is made not once, but repeatedly whenever a choice is made. In our choosing, who we will serve?

Recognizing all that God promised them has come true and all that has been given them has come from God, Joshua chooses where his heart will cling and confide. I imagine there were moments for Joshua, as there are for all people, when the temptation and opportunity came to choose another god. Covenant renewal is necessary because we fail. Covenant renewal is necessary because we want to begin again. Everyday is a chance for covenant renewal, for making another choice, maybe a different choice, and then practicing that choice in who and how we serve.

As we enter this stewardship season, I ask that we all consider our choices. Who is the God we serve? How do we allocate our personal and communal time, talent, and treasure and what do our choices say about the God we serve?

Grace and peace,

Fr. Bill+





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SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Encouragement

Day 1: Exodus 14:14	Day 16: Romans 8:37-39
Day 2: Psalm 4:8	Day 17: Romans 15:4-6
Day 3: Psalm 23:1-6	Day 18: Romans 15:13
Day 4: Psalm 34:3	Day 19: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5
Day 5: Psalm 46:5	Day 20: Galatians 6:2
Day 6: Psalm 145:18	Day 21: Galatians 6:9
Day 7: Proverbs 16:24	Day 22: Ephesians 3:20-21
Day 8: Isaiah 40:31	Day 23: Philippians 1:3-6
Day 9: Isaiah 41:13	Day 24: Philippians 2:1-4
Day 10: Isaiah 43:1-2	Day 25: 1 Thess. 5:11
Day 11: Lament. 3:22-23	Day 26: 2 Thess. 2:15-17
Day 12: Acts 9:26-28, 31	Day 27: Philemon 4-7
Day 13: Acts 20:1-3	Day 28: Hebrews 6:19-20
Day 14: Romans 8:18	Day 29: Hebrews 12:4-6
Day 15: Romans 8:28	Day 30: Hebrews 13:8

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*



The Ruffled Mango

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Good Shepherd Welcomes New Music Director

Good Shepherd is delighted to welcome Teresa Lemaire as our new music director. Teresa brings a wealth of experience, a joyful spirit, and deep passion for both teaching and performing music.



Teresa lived in Atlanta prior to 2020 but also owned a cabin in Murphy. Just as she was preparing to rent it out—new mattresses, stocked supplies, even 62 rolls of toilet paper—the world shut down.

Instead of finding renters, she decided to ride out the pandemic in her cabin, and she hasn't looked back since. "I love it here," she says, "and cannot believe I ever sat in three-hour traffic!"

Music runs in Teresa's family. Her mother, Janice, still lives in Woodstock, Georgia, and is a talented musician herself. Her late father was a flautist who played an important role in shaping Teresa's early musical journey.

Teresa holds a Bachelor of Music from Southern Methodist University in Dallas and a Master of Music from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. She works as a music teacher and freelance performer, playing at weddings, parties, and services of all kinds. She especially loves teaching middle school students.

Over the years, Teresa has served Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Catholic, and Unitarian Universalist congregations, and she continues to sing and play flute at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hayesville. At Good Shepherd, she is excited to work with a choir that she already describes as "fantastic."

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“You care about the music and about each other,” she says. “The welcome I have received is so warm. Thank you.” Her goals for the choir include building confidence in reading and sight singing, always keeping service to the music as the highest priority.

Outside of church, Teresa’s love of music continues to flourish. She has a special passion for Brazilian *chorinho*, an early 20th-century jazz style that combines technical skill, improvisation, and community. “Music is universal,” she says, recalling her time making friends in Brazil despite speaking only limited Portuguese. She also enjoys singing in different languages, which she finds to be a wonderful way to learn them.

Locally, Teresa plays flute and tenor saxophone in the Tristate Community Band and participates in productions at The Peacock Playhouse.

We are grateful to have Teresa sharing her gifts with us, and we look forward to the ways her leadership will inspire and enrich our worship.



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September Adventure List



☐ Go blackberry picking



☐ Try some apple cider



☐ Spot a squirrel with a nut



☐ Make a bug hotel



☐ Look for signs that seasons are changing



☐ Visit a farm



☐ Visit a state fair



☐ Try a moon cake.
Mid-autumn fest is Sept 17th



☐ Make a stick fort



☐ Make leaf rubbings



☐ Have a backyard movie night



☐ Find a perfectly symmetrical leaf



☐ Make a list of the favorite things you did this summer.
The last day of summer is the 22nd



☐ Collect acorns



☐ Make fall-themed window sun catchers



☐ Try a new berry recipe



☐ Make a pine cone bird feeder



☐ Play flashlight tag outside in the evening



☐ Identify mushrooms you find

30 Days of Speaking Life

Scripture affirmations to pray over yourself and your family.

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- 1 - Romans 5:8 "I am loved."
- 2 - 1 John 1:9 "I am forgiven."
- 3 - Psalm 16:5 "I am secure."
- 4 - Joshua 1:9 "I am strong and courageous."
- 5 - Psalm 139:14 "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."
- 6 - Psalm 23:1 "The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing."
- 7 - Psalm 37:23 "The Lord directs my steps."
- 8 - Psalm 90:17 "You establish the work of our hands."
- 9 - Philippians 4:4 "I can always find something to rejoice in."
- 10 - Philippians 4:6 "God gives me peace when I pray."
- 11 - James 1:5 "God gives me wisdom when I ask."
- 12 - 1 Peter 2:9 "I am chosen."
- 13 - Colossians 3:3 "My life is hidden in Christ."
- 14 - Philippians 4:8 "I will meditate on what is true."
- 15 - Jeremiah 29:11 "God's plans for me are good."
- 16 - Isaiah 26:3-4 "When my mind is fixed on You, I am at peace."
- 17 - Ephesians 3:20 "Your power is at work in me."
- 18 - Isaiah 42:9 "You are doing a new thing."
- 19 - Romans 8:37 "I am more than a conqueror through Christ."
- 20 - Romans 8:38-39 "Nothing can separate me from God's love."
- 21 - John 1:12 "I am a child of God."
- 22 - Hebrews 6:19 "My hope is secure."
- 23 - Ephesians 2:10 "I was created to do good works."
- 24 - 2 Corinthians 12:9 "Your grace is sufficient."
- 25 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 "I am a new creation in Christ."
- 26 - Romans 12:2 "I can be transformed by renewing my mind."
- 27 - 1 Corinthians 15:57 "I have victory in Jesus."
- 28 - 2 Corinthians 1:4 "I am comforted to give comfort."
- 29 - Galatians 5:1 "I am free in Christ."
- 30 - Lamentations 3:23 "You have new mercies for me today."

the ABC's of Praying for Students



Attitude ... Psalm 14:14
 Boldness ... Psalm 27:1
 Courage ... John 1:4
 Discernment ... Philippians 1:4-10
 Enthusiasm ... Colossians 3:23
 Friendliness ... Proverbs 18:24
 Generosity ... 2 Corinthians 9:7
 Humility ... Philippians 2:3-5
 Initiative ... 1 John 3:18
 Joyfulness ... Philippians 4:4
 Knowledge ... Proverbs 18:15
 Listening ... Proverbs 12:15
 Maturity ... 1 Corinthians 14:20
 Neighbors ... Mark 12:31
 Overflow ... Romans 15:13
 Perseverance ... Galatians 6:4
 Quiet ... Proverbs 24:11
 Respect ... Romans 12:10
 Self-control ... 2 Peter 1:5-7
 Thankfulness ... 1 Chronicles 16:34
 Understanding ... Psalm 119:130
 Victory ... Psalm 18:29
 Wisdom ... James 3:17
 eXcellence ... Proverbs 3:4
 Youthfulness ... 1 Timothy 4:12
 Zeal ... Romans 12:11



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Lord, I pray that my children walk in the fruits of the Spirit. May they represent your truth to those around them and shine brightly for you. Fill them with your love, joy, peace, patience, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Help them produce good fruits and walk in truth, being a good example to their peers at school.

Father, I pray that you lead and guide my children into the good plans you have for their lives. May they prosper and have a hopeful future. Set a passion in their hearts for the things you have called them to do, and may they experience school with excitement, clarity, and a clear path of where they are going. Fill them with purpose, meaning, and a hope-filled future..

Holy Spirit, I pray that you use my children in a GREAT way and set a special calling over their lives. May they be your handiwork, and may they do good works all for your glory! You've prepared wonderful things for them, and I ask that you lead them on the path you've called them to and use them in powerful ways.

I ask you to fill my children's hearts with joy and peace this school year. Go before them and lead them each day. May they place their trust in you alone, and overflow their hearts with your hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Marvelous Medical Loan Closet

We all experience times in life when we get a little banged up, worn out, something breaks... and the ordinary tasks of life are suddenly not so easy to achieve. All kinds of physical helpers have been invented to make daily functioning a little easier. When you get well and you no longer need them, what do you do with them?

A couple of years ago Helga Reaves helped establish a Medical Loan Closet in an unused office in the undercroft at Good Shepherd, modeling it on a much larger operation at First Methodist in Franklin. In fact, Mary Williams from that organization recently gave us two transfer chairs when we had none, for which we are deeply grateful.

All that is required to use the closet is to check the inventory to find the equipment you need and then fill out a simple form indicating what you borrowed and when. According to Helga, you will be amazed at what you can find – crutches, canes, shower seats, bed rails, potty seats, rolling walkers, knee scooters, ice machines, even bed pans!



Helga is anxious to give away some items that require too much space, for example, extra rolling walkers. Nearly all items are in excellent shape and fully functional. There is a motorized scooter looking for a permanent home with anyone who can find batteries for it.

Is the Closet only for use by Good Shepherd members? She says No; friends and neighbors are welcome to use the closet as well, as long as their name and number are on the form so we know where everything is.

Thank you, Helga, for initiating a ministry which has helped many Good Shepherd members and friends, and will continue to give service as long as generous donors continue to recycle unused medical supplies through Good Shepherd's marvelous medical closet!

Rachel Baughn, Communications Ministry

Newcomers Corner:

Debbie and Jon Hooper enjoy the best of two worlds

Debbie and Jon Hooper's story began in their senior year at Princeton High School in New Jersey. They attended different colleges, discovering that time apart only strengthened their bond, and married in 1973—following Debbie's mother's advice to wait until after graduation. This past June, they celebrated 52 years of marriage.

Jon served eight years as a U.S. Air Force pilot before starting a computer hardware and software development company in Rapid City, South Dakota. Debbie taught algebra and geometry, and later became a professional tourism photographer. In 2000, they moved to Port St. Joe, Florida, purchasing a home in an airpark and building a hangar. When they bought a plane, Jon flew while Debbie captured aerial photographs for 20 years—until drones changed the industry.

Today, they split their time between Florida and a home they built—80 percent of it with their own hands—by the airport in Andrews, North Carolina. Jon enjoys construction projects, while Debbie plays pickleball three times a week and participates in local poetry events. They share a love of hiking to waterfalls, entertaining friends, and visiting family.

The Hoopers have two children: Kelly, a marine science professor in the Bahamas, and David, a physician assistant in Fayetteville, NC. Four grandchildren—ages 6 to 13—keep family visits lively.

After trying several churches, Debbie and Jon found Good Shepherd, drawn by the music, the service, and the preaching. Joining a Grazers group helped them quickly feel connected, and they continue to enjoy “grazing” with their church family.

“We have truly been blessed,” says Debbie, “to live in two wonderful places, by the beach and in the mountains, both close to airports.” Next on their bucket list: experiencing the Albuquerque Balloon Festival this October.



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On Tuesday, [September 16th](#) we are hosting our Cancer Support Group in the Parish Hall at **5pm**. 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



Bethel-Guidry College Scholarship Golf Tournament



Saturday, **Sept. 20th** is the date of the annual Bethel-Guidry Scholarship Golf Tournament. This scholarship funds a scholarship for a student from Clay County AND Towns County!!! The scholarship awards are up to \$10,000 for a 4 year degree and \$6,000 for a 2 year degree. This has been a very impactful event and provides significant assistance to students in our area.

Please help us with your donation marked: "Golf Tournament" and mail or drop by the church. We will be collecting at weekly services in a few weeks also. We also need volunteers for the day of the event.

Please, see Kevin Conley or Sanford Freeman with questions.





Spiritual Journaling Class

Spiritual Journaling, a spiritual practice that incorporates Gratitude, Paying Attention, and Reflection is a powerful tool for self-development & awareness and spiritual growth. There are many different journaling methods, and when starting out, it can be unclear where to begin, or what technique to use. If you're interested in journaling, you are invited to join in a time to learn from one another and share our journaling experiences.

Our class will be held from 10-11:30am in the Library each Thursday in September: 4, 11, 18, 25.

Please, contact Carol Smucker with questions/interest:

706-994-8104 or carolsmucker@hotmail.com

*Living every moment
with awareness of
God's abundant generosity*

Parish Life and Church Community

Attention hikers and Alpine Foodies- Join us on **September 6th** as we'll meet in the church parking lot at **10 am** to drive to **Ana Ruby Falls** outside of Helen. After our hike we'll go into Helen to enjoy some fellowship and lunch. If you have a senior National Park pass please bring it with you. Please sign up in the Parish Hallway.



REMEMBER!!!!

ONE SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 7 AT
10:00AM!!!!!!!

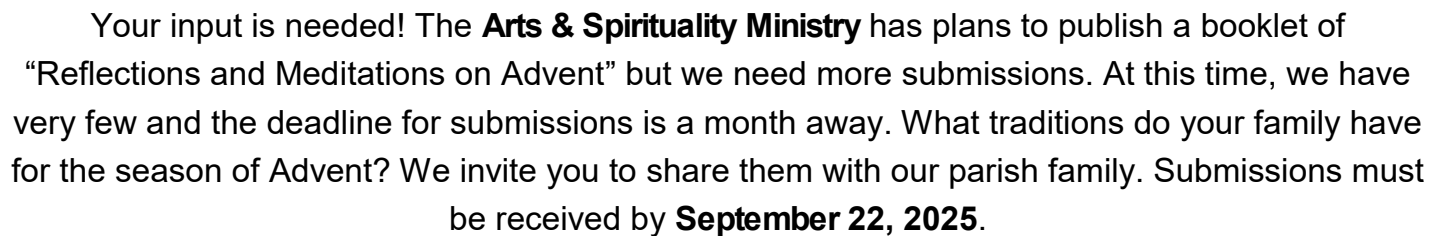
A delicious brunch (especially made for you by our Order of St. George folks) will be following the service in the parish hall with Fr. Bill and your leadership team also providing an update on the state of our parish. Please plan to attend!!!!

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Interested in learning how to make a pretty hand-made card? Come join our **Stamping Class** for a day of creativity and fellowship. No experience needed. Your class instructors, Kaye TeRonde and Jan Freeman will guide you through the steps to create a greeting card friends and family will cherish. All supplies provided. The next date is **Wednesday, September 24th** from **1p to 4p** in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$12 for 4 cards. Sign up on the hallway bulletin board if you plan to attend. For further information contact Kaye TeRonde at kteronde@gmail.com or Jan Freeman at jansfreeman@gmail.com.







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Notes from our Financial Statements for July 2025

Income Statement

Income received for July	\$29,534
Expenses for July	\$23,659
July Payroll (not reflected in Income Stmt)	\$15,390
Net Income/(Loss) for July	(\$13,115)
Total Income for the Year	\$226,765
Total Expenses for the Year	\$240,084
Net Income/(Loss) for the Year	(\$13,319)
Funds Due from MOF for LED Lights 2024 project	\$4,000 est
Funds due from MOF for windows	\$5,919 est
Net Income/Loss after adjustments	(\$3,400)

Pledges submitted for 2025 -\$356,410. Pledges received as of 7/31/2025- \$179,191

Account Balances

Operating funds Accounts

UCBI Operating Account (Checking)	\$ 58,693
UCBI Petty Cash	\$ 1,018
Operating Funds Money Market (30)	\$124,330

Restricted/Designated funds Accounts

B&G Scholarship Money Market (60)	\$127,599
Camp Henry Tuition Assistance (62)	\$ 4,033
Capital Reserve Money Market (61)	\$ 41,762
Rector Sabbatical Money Market (54)	\$ 5,055
All other Restricted/Designated Accounts Obligations	\$ 19,249

Endowment Accounts

Mountain of Faith Endowment Fund	\$237,357
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Celebrate Good Times!!!

Birthdays in September

09/01 Ed Faircloth
09/06 Chosh Dacey
09/07 Colton Bruggers
09/07 Warren Clayman
09/08 Mack Ratchford
09/09 Helen NaiSmith
09/13 Ron Dutton
09/14 Doris Soles
09/17 Jules Frank
09/18 Rick Sanderson
09/21 Rachel Baughn
09/21 Glen Marcel
09/22 Pat Fox
09/24 Bill Pierson
09/24 Mere Samsil
09/24 Paul Smith
09/27 Peggy Dickert
09/28 Matt Wilson
09/29 Helga Reaves
09/30 Vicki Lake
09/30 Dick Welton

Anniversaries in September

09/01 Diane & Dick Welton
09/11 Pam & Don Roman
09/12 Mary Ann & Sam Strider
09/13 Michelle & Paul Smith
09/15 Denise & Dwain Zagrocki
09/16 Doris & Furie Soles

life with you

JUST KEEPS GETTING
BETTER & BETTER

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.

Ella Angelillo
Uplands Village Room 312
PO Box 406
Pleasant Hill, TN 38578

Peggy and Andy Dickert
123 Emerald Creek Dr.
Troutman, NC 28166
New home phone: 704-508-1438

Please email Amanda in the church office with any
birthday or anniversary updates:

gsepicsopal@brmemc.net

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Lectionary Readings for *September*

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

[Jeremiah 18:1-11](#)
[Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17](#)
[Philemon 1-21](#)
[Luke 14:25-33](#)

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

[Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28](#)
[Psalms 14](#)
[1 Timothy 1:12-17](#)
[Luke 15:1-10](#)

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

[Jeremiah 8:18-9:1](#)
[Psalms 79:1-9](#)
[1 Timothy 2:1-7](#)
[Luke 16:1-13](#)

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

[Jeremiah 8:18-9:1](#)
[Psalms 79:1-9](#)
[1 Timothy 2:1-7](#)
[Luke 16:1-13](#)



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