



The Shepherd's Voice

June 2019

Services

Sunday:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
Rite I

9:15 am Adult Spiritual
Formation

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

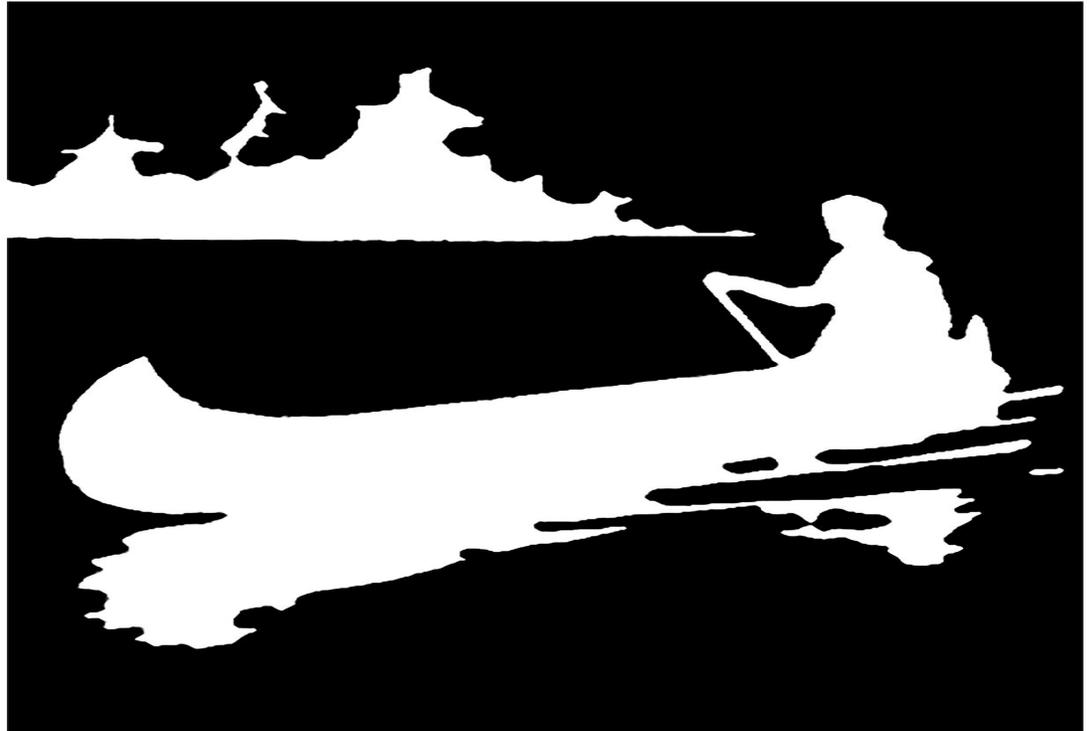
Wednesday:

Noon Holy Eucharist
with Healing Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Bill
Breedlove
Rector

The Rev. Turner Guidry
Deacon

Get outdoors and play!



LET'S GO PADDLING...

Sign up to canoe and kayak on Lake Chatuge with our "Paddling Parish" group. Put in at Lake Chatuge Spillway Boat Ramp and Picnic Area off Hinton Center Road on Saturday, June 29 at 10:00 am. We will paddle and picnic, so bring food and drink for lunch. Bring boat, paddle and personal life preserver. Let us

know if you need equipment. Some parishioners have extra.

For more information,
contact Kanute 502-525-7272
or Kathy Rarey 502-525-7256
or EMAIL

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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 June we will be studying the book Deuteronomy. Bring your Bible and coffee. All are welcome.

Rector's Brown Bag Book Read – Tuesday, June 18 at noon in the library. In June, the book is *When Prophecy Fails* by Leon Festinger. Bring your lunch. All are welcome.

Calling all SENIORS & FRIENDS

RED, WHITE, and BLUE LUNCH

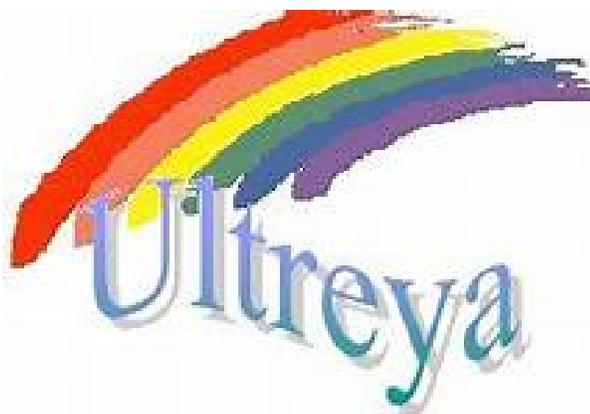
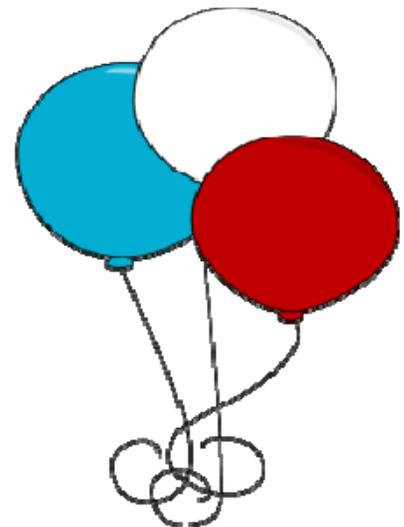
June 13 at 12 noon in the Parish Hall

Come join us for fun, good food and singing! Bring a friend! Everyone welcome!

Wear your red, white, and blue!

Please sign up in the hallway.

Helga Reaves 727-418-2239



Ultreya! We are having an Ultreya at Good Shephard at 2:00 pm on Saturday June 15. All are welcome; those who have attended a Cursillo weekend and those who are interested. As we are inviting parishioners from nearby Episcopal churches, Good Shepherd Cursillistas are asked to bring a small snack to share. Please come and join in the food, fellowship, and singing, sharing and planning. Musicians please contact Tom Griffiths at 706-851-6852 or tom_griffiths@tds.net

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Happy Tenth Anniversary

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

- Psalm 118:1

It has been ten years now that I have served as an ordained minister in the Episcopal Church. Some anniversaries, like tenth and fiftieth, and maybe all those in increments of ten, seem to hold a special place in our mental calendars. They seem to be more important milestones than say, the eighth or eleventh anniversary. I have been thinking around this anniversary of the reasons why I said yes to the call and the occasion of my ordination. That ordination was on the Feast Day of Saint Augustine of Canterbury. Canterbury, not the more famous Augustine of Hippo. This Augustine, not of Hippo, was a monk at a monastery in Rome when Pope Gregory the Great chose him to lead a mission to England in 595. This mission was to re-establish the church in England following an almost two hundred year period when the British Isles were cut off from Rome and the Roman Empire. Augustine was a reluctant missionary and for good reason. His destination was an unknown land, ruled by Saxon heathens who were always fighting and selling the defeated into slavery. The Saxons spoke a strange language that no one knew and whatever authority the Pope had elsewhere did not hold sway here. What good could forty unarmed monks do if they even managed to survive first contact with these fierce barbarians? Augustine stopped before he reached his destination and made an appeal to the Pope to reconsider the mission. Gregory sent him a second time and he arrived in 597 to find a receptive King Aethelbert of Kent. As it turned out, the king's wife Bertha was a Christian. The king soon converted, gave land for churches, and Augustine became the first Archbishop of Canterbury. Who saw that coming for Augustine the reluctant monk, Augustine the fortunate, Augustine now forever the saint, and first Archbishop and head of our Anglican tradition? In the aftermath, I wonder what Augustine had to say to God about his doubts and his hesitation. I wonder what Augustine had to say to God about his good fortune in finding a receptive king and something of a church still remaining in that forgotten land. "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

It seems proper that I was ordained on the Feast Day of Saint Augustine. There have been many times that I have been like him. Like him, I can find myself with doubts and reluctant to take chances on the unknown. In those

moments, I want to arm myself with data and probabilities for success before setting out to a reasonable end. Like him, my doubts can lead me to stop short of greater goals. And like him, I can find myself delighted by outcomes that were much better than anticipated. I have lots of old family photos and no one is smiling. They seem to have their doubts and their faces seem to show their reservation. Maybe that is a family trait or a larger German trait. A couple DNA tests say that I am 50-60 percent Britain. Maybe Augustine, with his doubts, is a distant relative. It is important that doubts and reluctance are not confused with an absence of faith. My ancestors' faith carried them through hard times and I am sure Augustine's doubts were not about the core of his faith. Perhaps like you, the unknown gives me reason to pause and to question, but that is because we have faith and are in those moments grappling with our faith. Doubt and faith are not opposites. I would like to think that Augustine shares with me another trait - gratitude. I would like to think that he too experienced over and over that God is good and his love endures forever. I said yes to the call to ordained ministry out of gratitude for so many unforeseen blessings. God has been exceedingly good to me. One might think all those unforeseen blessings would cause me to be less doubting and less questioning. Those remain, but gratitude is really what has grown. On this tenth anniversary, I am grateful for the places I have gone, often reluctantly, and have been blessed to find something greater than I could have asked or imagined. I am grateful that going through those places has brought me here. I give thanks to the LORD and my witness is that he is good and that his love endures forever.



Grace and peace,

Fr Bill+

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2019 General Fund Balance:

For any questions, please contact our church bookkeeper, Susan Wyman in the office on Mondays.

General Fund Balance on March 31, 2019	\$33,290
Income received	35,087
Expenses	<u>-29,039</u>
General Fund Balance on April 30, 2019	\$39,338
Balance on bank mortgage	\$117,421
Balance on Mt. of Faith loan	\$9,000

The church's financial statements are posted each month on the bulletin board by the office door.

Attention all...Save the Date!

The annual Bethel-Guidry College Scholarship Golf Tournament is September 28, 2019. It is being held again at The Mountain Harbour Golf Course. Be on the lookout for more information regarding volunteering, sponsorship and playing. We are looking forward to a great event.



Rich and Susie Focke are new members here at Good Shepherd. Having known each other in high school, they reconnected after 30 years and just celebrated their two year anniversary. They recently began building The Cottages at Chatuge on 175 near High Bridge. They are excited about getting involved here at the church in whatever capacity God calls them.

From Fr. George:

As I finish up my priestly ministry with you at Good Shepherd, I wanted to put a thing or two literally *in writing*. The other, much more personal things, I wanted to say *in person* - they are along the line of how much I have enjoyed our time together.

The most obvious and logical question I am being asked is, *Where are you going after this?* Good question. I wish I had a factual answer. I do, however, want to give us all the same information.

There are parts of our faith journey, when and where, we step out in faith and go where we believe we are being led. Some of my faith journey has been fairly routine, while other steps have probably left people scratching their heads in utter bewilderment. What I know to be true - as I preached about most passionately in my last sermon - is that the Good Shepherd never stops searching for us when we are lost in our faith journey. Never. No matter how it feels.

Because I know that to be true, I can now step out in faith that I am being led. I was able to stay put and be in the same pasture as you from 2016 to 2019. This was healing for me to simply be; I did not have to prove my worth by trying to do or to accomplish. Father Bill kindly shared the priestly ministry here with me of being behind the Altar, and in the Pulpit, and next to the bedsides of those who were in their last hour of life. Father Bill also gave me his complete support as the gentle nudges from my spirit were prompting me to be open to the direction of the Holy Spirit. And the only way I am going to be able to do that is to leave my comfort zone and enter into the unknown.

Where are you going after this? Well, I can write with certainty that I am going back full time to

Signal Mountain in order to be more involved with the selling process of a house. It is not fair for Anne to have to shoulder more than her fair share of the responsibility in our marriage to sell our home.



Though I am not sure where I am going vocationally after Good Shepherd, I have been talking with colleagues and mentors. They are part of the much-needed discernment process of what that next step is in my faith journey as a priest: *Where will it lead me? When will I go? How is it going to happen?*

I do not have answers to the previous questions; nevertheless, Father Bill is one of my references. In turn, you all will be some of the first to know where the faith journey for this priest has led him. I am leaving this pasture for pasture's unknown, but I leave far more healed than when I first arrived.

2019 Graduates

Alexandra Bates – granddaughter of Carolyn Cline-Griffiths and Tom Griffiths received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biology and a minor in Chemistry from the Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Ga.

Chloe Makayla Beall – granddaughter of Bruce & Janet Beall will be graduating from high school. Chloe is Valedictorian & Honor graduate. She will attend University of Georgia.

Mary Breedlove – daughter of Susan Morgan & The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove has graduated from Agnes Scott College and will be attending Florida State University to pursue her doctorate in sociology.

Jarod Burt – grandson of Suzi Herbert & Robert Schneider will be graduating from Veterans High School in Kathleen, GA and will attend Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, NC.

Sophie Cameron—granddaughter of Mary and James Ackerly is graduating from Lambert High School, Forsyth County, GA and will attend Georgia Southern University in the fall.

Jon Carpenter – grandson of Suzi Herbert & Robert Schneider will be graduating from Reinhardt University, Magna Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology and minors in Mathematics & International Studies. Plans are for an internship this summer in the Galapagos.

Gianna Cassetta – granddaughter of BJ & Bob Schweikert is graduating from Rochester Institute of Technology on May 10. She will be pursuing a career in the medical field.

Katie Ann Evans – granddaughter of Anne Hourdequin is graduating from Eastern Allamance High School in Mebane, NC on June 15th. She will be attending North Carolina State in Raleigh, NC to study engineering.

Katie Kuenzle – granddaughter of Jane & Doug Stuart will graduate from Yale on May 20th. She has been attending Yale on a Navy scholarship and will serve as a Navy officer after graduation.

Robert Patrick O’Niell – grandson of Lois Ann Wentzell will graduate from Portland State College in Portland, OR with a Bachelor of Science in Economics.

Charlotte Thomas – grandniece of Rachel and Harry Baughn graduated summa cum laude from Covenant College and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology.

Sydney Thornton – granddaughter of Barbara Hluchy is graduating from Pierce City High School in Blackshear, GA and will attend Georgia Southern University.

Meghan Wentzel – granddaughter of Lois Ann Wentzel, will graduate in December from University of Florida with a degree in Animal Sciences.

Parish News

Birthdays in June

06/01 Amy Nicolson
06/02 Marcia Patterson
06/03 Morgan Pierson
06/03 Jane Sutton
06/04 Jim Ackerly
06/04 Kathy Mixon
06/08 Dottie Ament
06/08 Sue Kelley
06/09 Daxon Bruggers
06/11 Hattie Sheehy
06/15 Lili Kolar
06/16 Bob Forbes
06/16 O. V. Lewis
06/19 George Heilner
06/19 Ken Schneider
06/20 Jared Edwards
06/21 Sharon Sanderson
06/21 Heyward Wilson
06/23 Anne Wolf
06/24 Olive Bethel
06/24 Marlo Joyce
06/24 Carol Taylor
06/24 Tom Wilkerson
06/27 Denise Zagrocki
06/28 The Rev. Turner Guidry
06/28 Marjorie Hornsby
06/28 Stacey Overlin
06/30 Carole Webber

Anniversaries in June

06/04 Clarice & Bud Edmondson
06/07 Mili & Jose Arias
06/08 Betsi & Elmer Wilson (50 years!)
06/09 Julie & Stacey Overlin
06/10 Jan & Mack Ratchford
06/12 Vicky & Geoff Schwartz
06/12 Kathy & Michael Wright
06/13 Betsy & Dick Reynolds
06/13 Angela & Tom Wilkerson
06/15 Pat & Jim Halloran
06/17 Mary Stewart & Fred King
06/17 Carol & Dave Smucker
06/18 Claudia & Rick Mahaffie
06/19 Susan Morgan & Bill Breedlove
06/19 Patti & Chuck Underwood
06/20 Barbara Brewton & Ernie Freda
06/22 Carolyn Cline-Griffiths & Tom Griffiths
06/23 Sandy & Barry Benson
06/26 Joan & Pat Mahon
06/27 Patricia & Steve Champ

Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.

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Pat Hicks
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Sunday Lectionary Readings for June

7 Easter June 2	Day of Pentecost June 9	Trinity Sunday June 16	2 Pentecost June 23	3 Pentecost June 30
Acts 16:16-34	Acts 2:1-21	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	1 Kings 19:1-4, 5-7, 8-15a	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Romans 8:14-17	Romans 5:1-5	Galations 3:23-29	Galations 5:1, 13-25
John 17:20-26	John 14:8-27	John 16:12-15	Luke 8:26-39	Luke 9:51-62
Psalm 97	Psalm 104	Canticle 2-Rite I	Psalm 43	Psalm 77:1-2, 11-15
		Canticle 13-Rite II		



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