



CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Shepherd's Voice

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Dwayne's Retirement

As we approach the retirement of long time Music Director, Dwayne Holloway, let us take a moment to share our appreciation, love, and admiration for the ministry and the countless ways that Dwayne has touched our lives.

Dwayne recalls, in his own words, the very beginning of his ministry at CGS. "So, I was not working in a church at the time...(for about a year). David and I were attending Christ Church. We were driving down Hillsborough Street one Sunday on the way to church and David asked me at the corner of McDowell and Hillsborough Streets, "Why don't you play and direct somewhere like that?" as he pointed to Good Shepherd. I replied, "Oh, someone has to die before a job like that becomes available." The following week, Eric Ennis, (former choir director) called me to see if I could fill in as organist. One thing led to another and my first Sunday as the permanent part-time organist was on Holy Name Sunday, January 1, 1996. A few years later, I was given the opportunity to become the Director of Music Ministries and Organist!"



While Dwayne has been serving at CGS over the years there have been several changes in the parish. Dwayne recounts some of those changes. "When I first started at Good Shepherd, we had three Sunday morning Services: 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00. The 9:00 service was a service mainly for younger people with children. It was a rather small congregation and we mostly did Rite II. The 11:00 Service was the much larger service. It was an older, more established congregation and they mostly preferred Rite I. In time, the services basically flipped in size with the 9:00 service growing significantly and the 11:00 declined. It later evolved to just an 8:00 and a 10:15 which is where we are today."

Dwayne shares some of his favorite traditions and memories at CGS. "The Celtic Services we did during Pat Grace's interim period were some of the most beautiful and meaningful services I think we ever did. The harp & violin Celtic music, the bagpipes, the choral music were all beautiful. However, the visual of the huge free-standing altar that we built, the literally hundreds of candles placed at the altar, at base of the capitals around the columns, and the candelabras on the side aisles made it a very reverent and magical moment for everyone!

Of course, a Good Shepherd Christmas Eve is always very special with all the added musicians. I also always looked forward to Good Shepherd Sunday and always tried to make it very special since it's our church's namesake. Last, but not least, I loved the Christmas Pageant with all the children in their amazing costumes and it was always a big deal who was going to be Mary and Elizabeth and sing the "Lullaby Song".

When we had children's choirs, the parents were all so supportive and appreciative of my efforts and energy. And, oh what talented children we have had at CGS. I remember how proud we all felt to be singing at the Governor's Mansion at Christmas and after we sang, the mansion chef came out with a large silver tray of freshly baked cookies for the "Good Shepherd Children." I hope at some point children and youth choirs can be restored at Good Shepherd.

Dwayne adds, "I LOVE GOOD SHEPHERD! That means I love the people that make us such a special and diverse church. I have been so honored for 26 years to lead the musical direction of our parish. I was blessed with amazing professional and volunteer singers. I was also blessed with a very good budget which enabled me to realize my many musical visions to include instrumentalists and more."

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However, Dwayne's many talents extend beyond the CGS Music Ministry! Dwayne has shared his leadership and musical skills at Raleigh Boy Choir, now Raleigh Youth Choir for many years. "Currently, I am the Chairman of the Board of Directors [in Raleigh Youth Choir]. I guess it is also fair to say, I had a heavy hand and a loud voice in getting the Choir "housed" under the roof of Good Shepherd. I am so thrilled and honored this happened during my tenure at Good Shepherd. It is wonderful to hear the beautiful voices and feel the contagious energy of the children in their rehearsals on Mondays at 4:30-6:30pm and on special occasions in our Sunday morning services."

Dwayne also used his talents to lead the refurbishing of the Ennis Suite Parlor in order to minister to the people of CGS. "So, prior to the pandemic, we (the staff) were all on the second floor in a Weekly Staff Meeting. Dear Bev McTaggart asked Imogen were we going to have refreshments after the Service in the foyer or out in front of the Parish Life Center. Imogen closed her eyes and took a long pause. She then said she wished there was a space that was more accessible, roomier, where people could gather, enjoy some refreshment and socialization and yet, it still felt and looked like we were at The Church of the Good Shepherd. We all agreed Shepherd's Hall was just too large, not easily accessible, and it doesn't feel "churchie." Thus, I suggested that the Ennis Music Suite on the first floor was a likely space we could use and let's give it a try.

So, for a number of Sundays we improvised with card tables, a few chairs, etc. It seemed to work, and people seemed to like it! We then moved the choir room to the 2nd floor. So the plan was set into motion, and the vestry approved the remainder of the Ennis Estate gift be used to refurbish the space. In addition to music, I've also had a good bit of education and experience in design, thus I led the project.

Then, Divine Intervention occurred with a phone call from Elizabeth Gant. She shared with me that the North Ridge Country Club was going to redecorate and that the existing furniture was practically being given away. We met at the country club, picked out the pieces we wanted (upholstery, tables, lamps, etc.), they were delivered, then reupholstered. The room was painted, carpeted and molding was added to make it a warmer, more inviting space. And there ya have it, the New Eric Ennis Parlor."

Now that Dwayne is retiring, the congregation may be curious as to how he and David will spend their new-found free time. "Well, I still have a day job in real estate. I am currently the Education Director at Howard, Perry & Walston Realty. I will likely continue in that position for a few more years. However, David and I, look forward to more long weekends at our mountain retreat at Chetola Resort in Blowing Rock, NC. I also plan to take tennis lessons, spend more time at the gym, paint, spend more quality time with my mother, and just enjoy more "down time" on the weekends.

As we move on to the next chapter in CGS's Music Ministry in 2023, let us pause, reflect, and celebrate the service and talents of Dwayne and his beautiful Music Director ministry at CGS, during worship as well as outside of worship. Please take a moment to thank him for his service and many contributions to the life, mission, and legacy of CGS. To the people of CGS, Dwayne concludes with, "I'd like to say a very heartfelt THANK YOU for the opportunity of my lifetime. Like clergy, Church Musicians are called, and I've been immensely blessed to serve the best of the best!"

Warmth for Wake

Join us on Saturday, January 21st from 8:00am – 12:00pm at Everett Farms - 7044 Wildlife Trail, Raleigh, NC 27613 for Warmth For Wake.



We will be splitting wood with log splitters, loading wood into pickup trucks to be delivered, and delivering wood to those in need. This project helps those in need in our community stay warm during our coldest months.

Bring an axe if you would like and if you have a truck, please bring that as well. We can put it to work. For those with teenagers that need community service credits, this is a perfect opportunity.

We can use all the helping hands we can get!

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Zucker.



Adult Formation There are many CGS Adult formation offerings in the New Year! All adults are invited to join any of these classes at any time. Please take a look at the adult formation offerings below:

Theology 101 led by Devin McGinnis in the Ennis Parlor; begins on Sunday, January 8th at 9:00am. This series, an introduction into Christian theology, will dive into the intricate and beautiful study of the divine. Topics covered will include: what is theology, a deep dive into the Trinity, and Christology.

Bible Study led by Debbie Moyer in room 304 will continue in the new year.

Special Formation offerings will continue, including sessions led by Parish Nurse Tristin Carpenter, RN, MSN.

In addition, weekday Bible study sessions are offered throughout the year, including the Tuesday Bible Study led by Mother Nancy at 10:30am in Ennis Parlor, and the Wednesday Bible Study led by Craig DeShong at 8:30am (with virtual option).

Children & Families

CGS Children & Families Ministries will start the new year off with offerings and Sunday School for grades K-2 in Room 316, grades 3-5 in Room 329.

On Saturday, January 7th at 5:00pm in Shepherd's Hall join us for an Epiphany Party! We'll share a pizza dinner, some Epiphany crafts, and a Winter Spiral in the Waldorf tradition. RSVP using the QR code in the picture.

On January 8th we will have an Epiphany Starry Cinema Sunday School for all ages at 9:00am.

On January 15th there be no Sunday School to accommodate the single worship service and Annual Meeting on that date.


Our spring Sunday School schedule will begin on January 22nd and run through May 28th.

We'll be having a meeting for parents of elementary-age children on Jan 22 at 9am in the Library on the 2nd floor of the PLC. Parents and other care-givers are invited to come for a brief overview of the spring family ministries schedule and updates!

Please reach out to Andrew Phillips, Children & Families Minister for more information.

Church of the Good Shepherd & Raleigh Mennonite Church
invite you to join us for an


Epiphany Party



January 7 | 5-7 pm | 2nd floor of CGS

Pizza, Epiphany crafts, and a Winter Spiral in the Waldorf tradition

RSVP @ bit.ly/EpiphanyParty2023



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A Look Back

December offerings at CGS have provided opportunities for the entire parish to come together as we move through the seasons of Advent and Christmas; from special formation activities, to our Children & Families Christmas Pageant and Parish Christmas Party, the St. Nicholas Tree, a reading of A Christmas Carol, and even a new offering presented by the Archives & History committee of a CGS Open House presenting the history of our church building and the stained glass windows. We look forward to worshipping together as we approach Christmas, the New Year, and Epiphany!



January

- 1st Christmas Lessons & Carols; No Formation
- 6th Epiphany
- 7th Children & Families Epiphany Party
- 8th Regular Worship Schedule & Formation Resumes
- 15th Single Holy Eucharist 9am; Annual Meeting 10:30am
- 16th Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 21st Warmth For Wake
- 31st Habitat For Humanity Race & Housing Dialogue

A Look Ahead

February

- 20th Presidents' Day
- 21st Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 22nd Ash Wednesday

Have a story idea for The Shepherd's Voice? Contact Rebekah Rode at rebekah.rode@cgs-raleigh.org