

The Shepherd's Voice

July 2014



Gardens and Grounds

The Gardens and Grounds crew have been busy. Have you seen all of the garden areas at Good Shepherd?



Want to join the fun? Contact Elizabeth Rybicki at 828 506-0338 or Deanna DuBose at 828 389-3730.

Services

Every Sunday:

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:15 am Adult Spiritual Formation

10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nursery available)

11:00 am Children's Church
(Children go to 10:45 service first)

Tuesday:

7:00 pm Healing with Soaking Prayer

Wednesday:

Noon Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer

New in the Library

The Adult Spiritual Formation Committee will be providing reviews of some of the books in the church library. Stop by and check out this one or one of the many other books that are available.

*Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer
An Approach to Life in Fullness*
By Brother David Steindle-Rast

I am neither a literary critic nor an authority on religious or spiritual writings. I have opinions, as most do, about what is worth reading and what is not. But for me to do justice in a review of Brother David's seminal work on prayer is an exercise steeped in "fear and trembling". Rather than stumble through my own feeble attempt to capture the essence of *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer*, I have opted to rely upon two well recognized authorities in the religious and spiritual realm, Henri Nouwen and Barbara Brown Taylor, and have borrowed liberally from their views.

In the Forward to Brother David's work, Henri Nouwen exclaims: "This is a true delight! It delights by surprising insights, its unexpected perspectives and its gentle humor." Nouwen was so deeply affected by Br. David's words, that he was determined to meet him in person and hear him teach. He did so, and was not disappointed.

"Knowing Brother David is a special grace", wrote Nouwen. "One the most remarkable qualities of Brother David's teaching is his ability to make old words 'new'. To very simple and 'normal words' such joy, peace, patience, humility, obedience, heart and mind he is able to give such a fresh tone that it seems he uses them for the first time. He speaks them with so much care that they appear as precious gifts to be admired and joyfully shared with others. Thus his words are more than just words. They become the active instruments of inner transformation." "Gratefulness the Heart of Prayer is the precious fruit of [his] many years of teaching." And finally: "Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer is indeed a delightful book. It throws a ray of light in our world and makes us see that we can live now as people who can be constantly surprised and who can let an 'inch of surprise become a mile of gratefulness.' This is indeed high praise from one of the beloved spiritual writers of our time.

Barbara Brown Taylor is equally effusive in her gratitude to Brother David for *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer*. It had a similar transformative effect on her that Nouwen wrote about. She discussed this transformation of her prayer life in the first part of chapter 11, The "Practice of Be-

ing Present to God", in *An Altar in the World*. She begins the chapter with a honest look at her own shortcomings. "I know that a chapter on prayer belongs in this book, but I dread writing it". "I am a failure at prayer. When people ask me about my prayer life, I feel like a bulimic must feel when people ask about her favorite dish. My mind starts scrambling for ways to hide my problem. I start talking about other things I do that I hope will me sound like a godly person. I try to say admiring things about prayer so there can be no doubt about how important I think it is. I ask the other person to tell me about her prayer life, hoping she will not notice that I changed the subject."

She then came across *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer* while still in seminary. As she explains: "Unlike many of the books I read in seminary, this one was not complicated. "This was the first inkling I had prayer might mean more than getting down on my knees, either in public or in private to address God in a way that was respectful enough, focused enough, unselfish enough and theologically correct enough to merit God giving it some attention." "Brother David was the first person to tell me that prayer is not the same as prayers. Prayers are important, he said, [but] prayer is more than saying prayers at set times. Prayer, according to Brother David, is waking up to the presence of God no matter where I am or what I am doing. When I am fully alert to whatever or whoever is right in front of me; when I am electrically aware of the tremendous gift of being alive; when I am able to give myself wholly to the moment I am in , then I am in prayer. Prayer is happening , and it is not necessarily something I am doing. God is happening, and I am lucky enough to know that I am in the Midst."

Do you now see why I could not hope to improve on what Henri Nouwen and Barbara Brown Taylor have to say about *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer*? This book is for me now, what it has become for Barbara Brown Taylor, a must read again and again to remind me of three things: everything I have and experience in life is a gift from God; the proper response to such an all-encompassing gift is all-encompassing gratitude; and a meaningful prayer life is something to strive for but it is not the same thing as living a life of prayer.

Elements of Worship

The Episcopal Church is blessed to be comprised of worshipful folks who bring with them the customs of their previous church and denominational affiliations. This adds a richness to the texture of our liturgical practice, but may also lead us to wonder at times what exactly it is that we should be doing. "Should I stand or kneel for prayer, or can I sit?" "Is it okay to genuflect when I enter and exit my pew?" "Do I make the three crosses at the announcing of the Gospel reading?" "Should I reverence at the name of Jesus or the Trinity?" "My back is aching and my knees hurt. Can I stand to receive the host?" The short answer is that these are individual acts of piety, which often become part of the collective customs of a worshiping community, and which are often given a theological explanation. As acts of piety, the rule should be to do what makes you feel closer to God. Do what ritual action you hope will bring you closer to God, whether you feel it or not, but in a way that is considerate of those around you. That said, here are some historical data that may be helpful.



In the early church, no one sat in pews, no one kneeled, and there was no altar rail. Fixed pews did not enter the church until some time before the Reformation. They were in response to the development of lengthy sermons. In the early church, prayer was done in the traditional Jewish manner: standing, eyes open, head raised to heaven, and arms extended. You still see this in the Episcopal tradition when the priest says the Eucharistic prayer. What the modern church has come to recover is the understanding that the whole of the worship gathering is liturgy, where "liturgy" means the work of the people. That means that it is not just the priest who prays, and it is not the role of the priest to do the work of prayer on behalf of the people. Rather, all the gathered are called to participate in prayer. Imagine the early church where all the faithful would stand with their hands raised in a communal act as the priest reads the Eucharistic prayer. Kneeling during worship was actually forbidden by the Council of Nicea in 325AD. That was the council that gave us the first version of Nicene Creed. Being that the Feast of the Lord's Day celebrates his resurrection and our redemption, it was to be a joyous rather than penitential affair. Later, in England, kneeling to receive the host was banned in the Anglican Church by the Protestants who were in power at that time because they saw it as too Catholic and expressing the wrong Eucharistic theology.

The modern church certainly has its customs. Sit to listen, kneel to pray, stand to sing, for example. In some churches, they kneel for all prayer during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent, but stand during the other seasons. In others, they never kneel or they never stand. The Episcopal custom has been to look to the early church and its practices, but it has also been a church of the "via media" or middle way between piety of Roman Catholicism and that of the reformed Protestant churches. As a via media church, we welcome various acts of personal piety. Mine happens to include standing for prayer because I want to be connected with ancient practice standing during communal worship. Believing penance has its place, I kneel for confession and during penitential seasons. I encourage you to think more about what brings you closer to God and to practice those things. And let us all be gracious toward others who have different expressions of piety.

In Christ's service,

Fr Bill+

Adult Spiritual Formation and Parish Life Event

Mark your calendar August 23rd 6:00 PM for a special event! The Adult Formation and Parish Life committees will jointly sponsor a dinner and special guest speaker to end the summer vacation and a kick-off for the new school year.

Further information and details (menu) will be developed over the next month and be in the August Newsletter.

Financial Update (May 31, 2014)

2014 Operating Account:

Income YTD: \$152,759

Expenditures YTD: \$152,489

Balance in Operating Account: -\$3,527

Receipts for Debt Reduction — \$14,169

Balance on mortgage with bank — \$228,489

Balance on loan from diocese — \$16,665

Balance on loan from Mt. of Faith — \$25,000

St. Francis Pet Memorial Garden



The St. Francis Pet Memorial Garden has been completed and is open for use. It is open to the use of all parishioners for the remembrance of their pets. The garden is located on the west side of the nave and can be accessed by driveway or the doorways from the nave and Dogwood Room. The Garden Angels for the St. Francis Garden are Sue and Bob LeKites, if you would like to help maintain this area, please give them a call.

ashes in the garden. There is a "Liturgy for the Burial of a Pet" which the rector will do if requested by the family. The placement is a private family time of remembrance and scattering of ashes. Please take the container home with you after the ashes have been placed in the St. Francis Garden.

MARKERS: Those wishing to have the name of their pet, whose ashes have been placed in the Garden, recorded are encouraged to place their pet's name tag in the Remembrance Box placed on a bench in the garden. If no tag is available, the pet's name may be written on a small wooden stick and placed in the Remembrance Box. The wooden sticks and a permanent marker pen are in a manila envelope in the antique secretary desk in the narthex.

RESTRICTIONS: Any exception to these Guidelines is at the discretion of the rector. The Garden is for ashes of pets only, there will be no burials. Ashes are not to be placed in other areas of the church grounds. No artificial flowers, plants, cremains containers or other items may be placed in the Garden at any time without permission of the rector or the Memorial Garden Committee. The Memorial Garden Committee will be responsible for the approval, purchase, placing and planting of any flowers, plants, furniture, statuary or other artifacts. Unauthorized items will be removed and disposed of without notice.

FEES: There is no fee to place the ashes of a pet in the St. Francis Garden. Your help with the maintenance of the Garden is appreciated. If you would like to contribute monetarily to the upkeep of the Garden, you may do so, but it is not required.

GUIDELINES FOR ST. FRANCIS PET MEMORIAL GARDEN

PURPOSE: The St. Francis Garden is a garden for the remembrance of our beloved pets. It provides a permanent resting place for the ashes of those pets who live on in our memories and in our hearts. Benches are provided for the parishioners to use if they would like to sit and pray in the Garden.

WHO MAY USE THE GARDEN: Members of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church may place the ashes of their beloved pets in the St. Francis Pet Memorial Garden.

METHOD OF USE: Only ashes will be scattered in the garden. The ashes may be either scattered on top of the mulched area or the mulch may be lifted aside and the ashes placed on the earth and the mulch replaced over the ashes in a manner so that the mulch appears not to have been disturbed. The family may come at any time and place their pet's

Newcomers: The Furlong Family (Birthdays: Jeremy May 8, Aimee July 28, Dean April 27, Avery August 8)



Aimee and Jeremy Furlong have two children, Dean and Avery. Dean is 4 and is getting ready to start pre-k at McConnell Memorial Baptist Church in Hiawassee. Avery will be 3 in August and is also enrolled at MMBC. They love it!

Aimee is a stay at home Mom, but she and Jeremy own their own company called Appalachian Complete Home Services. He does landscape maintenance, interior and exterior painting/staining, gutter cleaning, pressure washing, retaining walls, wood floor installation and more. Jeremy is the one that cuts the Good Shepherd grounds every week. He really takes pride in making the property look great for everyone to enjoy!

As to hobbies, Jeremy has been working nonstop for weeks without a day off, so they have not had much time for hobbies, but "we all enjoy fishing and boating when we can."

Jeremy was born and raised in Marietta, GA. Aimee lived in several states due to her Dad's job transfers, but the family lived in

Roswell, GA for the longest stretch.

Aimee says, "Our family moved to Hayesville in late Oct. 2011. My parents, Kurt and Susan Hoffman moved here in 2009 and we basically moved here to be closer to them. At the time I was working full time from home and I needed help with the kids. Jeremy and I love the mountains and small town living. It suits us perfectly! We are also excited for the kids to attend Hayesville Elementary school, since we have heard such wonderful things about it!"

"My parents are members of the church and they spoke very highly of Father John and the parish, so we decided to have Dean baptized at Good Shepherd in 2010, even though we did not live here at the time. Father John also baptized Jeremy on the same day as Dean. It was very special for us and our families."

"We cannot say enough nice things about Good Shepherd. We really enjoy coming. The thing we like best is that when we walk in the door everyone is happy to see us. The church parish is very welcoming!"



Country Fare is Coming



Although Friday September 5 and Saturday September 6 may seem far away, it's never too early to start sorting gently used items and clothing for the Country Fare Flea Market. We will begin accepting items on August 24. More information will come later.

Oldtimers — Jean Miller (birthday July 8) and Duane Miller (birthday February 4)



Carolyn "Jean" Gray was born in Hastings, Nebraska, and Duane Miller was born in Cozard, Nebraska. Duane moved to Hastings at the age of 11 and they met in junior high school. Both are very musically inclined and met in the orchestra, where Jean played viola and Duane the cello. Jean also played piano and organ and Duane the trombone and baritone horn.

They began dating in high school when Jean was a sophomore and Duane a freshman. These high school sweethearts are still very much in love 59 years later, and live in the dream home they built in Hiawassee, Georgia. It is a beautiful creation of architecture, gardens and collections from around the world of family and career achievements.

Jean attended Hastings College and took a dual major of speech and English with minors in psychology and art. She found her teaching niche with 4th, 5th, and 6th grades and loved it.

Duane went off to the University of Nebraska and studied engineering with the dream of someday designing cars. After graduation, Duane served in the Navy for three years on a destroyer. As one of his collateral duties, he was the Protestant Lay Leader. He remembers well the emotion that filled the crew's hearts as they would sing the "marine hymn" while the ship rolled and pitched in the heavy seas of the Antarctic.

When he returned he went to work for Pontiac Engineering and stayed with them for 20 years through some exciting times in the automotive industry. He loved what he did and couldn't have wished for anything better.

In 1977, Duane left Pontiac to start an engineering operation in the U.S. for Volkswagen. During one of the dinners for spouses, Jean responded to a question by VW's chairman that "sure, she would like to live in Germany for a couple of years"...and before Duane knew why or how, they were off to Germany for two years to learn the language and the corporate culture.

After 11 years with VW, its U.S. plant was closed, and Duane was recruited by Nissan with the similar challenge that he had at VW – organizing a team of engineers and building a technical center in North America.

Duane holds a Medal of Honor from the Society of Automotive Engineering – the professional organization of mobility engineers who develop design testing standards for the industry.

In support of Duane's career, Jean played the challenging role of "Corporate Wife." She was especially appreciated by both the VW German and Nissan Japanese wives who were there with their husbands for two year assignments in the U.S.

They have two children: Robin Jean Miller McGrath who lives in Colorado Springs with her husband and daughter, and David Francis Miller who lives in Bloomfield, Michigan with his wife and four daughters. They love old cars, too, and were each given one by their parents when they graduated! It's a family affair to take these beauties on a "back road tour" with other friends in various parts of the country.

Duane had been a Methodist until marrying Jean, a cradle Episcopalian. They have served in many leadership roles in their church homes over the years. In 1999 they moved into their new house in Hiawassee and also found a home at Good Shepherd. They sang in the choir for most of Bev Larson's tenure as director, and they enjoyed being part of this special group. Favorite hymns are "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (Duane, marine hymn) and "All things, bright and beautiful" (Jean).

What I take with me from this short interview is admiration for a couple that has believed in their dreams and in each other. They've worked hard and given back much to their family, community and church, an asset wherever they may be.

Extracted from an interview by Faye Hobbs

Support the Arts

During the months of July and August, as part of our Matthew 6:3 ministry, the children and youth of Good Shepherd are collecting art supplies for our local schools. Help support the arts programs and our budding young artists by making a donation of the following items: Crayola brand crayons and Crayola brand markers, permanent markers of all colors but especially black in thin and regular sizes, black Sharpies, cap erasers, masking tape, glue

sticks, glue, paint scrapers, nails, screws, and sandpaper. Please leave your donation in the large blue bucket between the double doors in the parish hall. We thank you for supporting arts education and Matthew 6:3.

Fr Bill+

Birthdays in

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| 1 Pam Roman | 21 Bob Schweikert |
| 3 Elaine Delcuze | 23 Marah Jones |
| 7 Joy Fox | Trish Reynolds |
| Kathryn Hoyt | 25 Harry Baughn |
| 8 Jean Miller | 26 Georgia Sother Citrin |
| Sam Strider | Jean Gora |
| 9 Bronte Bigham | Rick Mahaffie |
| Ernie Freda | 27 Patti Underwood |
| 10 Deanna DuBose | Bobby Lucas |
| 12 Georgia Bethel | 28 Aimee Furlong |
| Doug Stuart | Clint Cummins |
| 15 Mason Pierson | Paul Teronde |
| 17 Pat Halloran | 29 Bailie Walters |
| Jake Ehrhart | 31 Maggie Carnes |
| 18 Marion Rivers | Harold Lawrence |

Anniversaries in

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| 5 Barbara and Darry Wood |
| 15 Claudia and Ben Kennedy |
| Sue and Bob LeKites |
| 16 Joyce and Howard McDaniel |
| 23 Susan and Kurt Hoffman |
| 24 Karen and Alan Sirmans |
| 25 Teresa and David Gribble |

In Sympathy we are thinking of:

The family of Earle Seavers.

Candy and Pat List on the death of Pat's brother, Pat List.

Michelle and Harold Lawrence on the death of her mother, Evelynne Dupuy.

Myles Clark and Judy Steinbauer on the death of Eileen Clark, Myles' grandmother and Judy's mother-in-law

The family of Joyce Slight.

Give rest, O Christ, to Thy servants with Thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.



Directory Updates

Please note the following changes

 Bob Billetdeaux	828/360-2062 cell
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Save the Date

Mark the following dates on your calendar. More information will be available closer to the time of the event.

- August 4 — Ladies Rafting Trip (deadline to register is **July 1**)
- August 23 — Budgets due from ministries
- August 23 — Low Country Boil and discussion with Bruce Morgan
- August 25-September 3 — Country Fare collection
- August 30 — Grounds Clean up
- September 5 & 6 — Country Fare
- September 7 — Bishop Taylor visits
- September 10 — Red Cross Blood drive

July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00pm Parish Life committee 6:30pm Youth rally planning 7:00pm Healing Prayer service	2 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 1:00pm Communications luncheon	3	4 **Office Closed** Independence Day	5 8:30am Men's Association
6 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Holy Eucharist	7	8 6:30pm Youth rally planning 7:00pm Healing Prayer service	9 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers	10	11 3:00pm Centering Prayer	12
13 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Holy Eucharist	14	15 7:00pm Healing Prayer service	16 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers	17 9:30am Order of St. Luke	18 3:00pm Centering Prayer	19
20 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Holy Eucharist	21	22 7:00pm Healing Prayer service	23 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers	24	25 3:00pm Centering Prayer	26
27 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Holy Eucharist 12:30pm Interment of ashes	28 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Vestry meeting	29 7:00pm Healing Prayer service	30 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers	31 7:00pm Choir rehearsal		

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Sunday, 8:00 am	Sunday, 8:00 am				
LEMs	David Hourdequin Heyward Wilson	Anne Mitchell Amy Nicolson	Mary Anne Kooš David Hourdequin	Kathy Wright Amy Nicolson	
Lector	Kurt Hoffman	Guy Hunter	Jim Redmond	Harold Lawrence	
Intercessor	Susanne Treacy	Virginia Hunter	Pam Roman	Michael Wright	
Usher	Harry Baughn	Heyward Wilson	Don Roman	Nick George	
Altar Guild	Susan Hoffman	Virginia Hunter	Barb Redmond	Michelle Lawrence	
Coffee Hour	Hoffmans	Hunter	Redmonds	Lawrences	
VPOD	Kurt Hoffman	Jane Oliver	Deanna DuBose	Jim Redmond	
Sunday, 10:45 am	Sunday, 10:45 am				
LEMs	Jim Reynolds Elmer Wilson	Kathryn Hoyt Barb Hansen	Georgia Bethel Lois Ann Wentzel	Tom Griffiths Stephanie Forbes	
Lector	Laurel Adams	Bev Larson	Furie Soles	Karen Sirmans	
Intercessor	Andy Dickert	Dave Larson	Karen Campbell	Keith Christensen	
Acolyte	Hannah Whitehead	Jesse Neumann	Jesse Neumann	Jesse Neumann	
Torch bearers	Laurel Sanford TBA	TBA TBA	Angela Golenski TBA	Angela Golenski Hannah Whitehead	
Ushers	TBA TBA	Elizabeth Dickey Ray Dickey	TBA TBA	Karen Neumann Jim Reynolds	
Greeters	Ruthanne Chesebro Beth Hitchcock	Ruthanne Chesebro Beth Hitchcock	Patti Underwood Chuck Underwood	Patti Underwood Chuck Underwood	
Altar Guild	Pat Hicks Carol Dehler Linda Lucas	Georgia Bethel Carolyn Cline-Griffiths Karen Neumann	Pat Halloran Mary Stewart King Betsi Wilson	Ruthanne Chesebro Kathryn Hoyt Mary Strange	
Children's Church Nursery	Judy Steinbauer Paula Whitehead Marilyn Pierce	Amy Nicolson Susan Hoffman Barb Lanwermeyer	Marjorie Hobkirk Jenny Bethel Cameron Bethel	Dwain Zagrocki & Judy Steinbauer Sue LeKites Suzi Hebert	
VPOD	TBA	Suzi Herbert	Judy Bourne	Chuck Van Gorder	
Flower Guild Counters	Catherine Clark/Betty Weiland Jim Redmond Chuck Van Gorder	Suzi Herbert Deanna DuBose Suzi Herbert	Suzi Herbert Judy Bourne Elmer Wilson	Carolyn Cline-Griffiths Kurt Hoffman Jane Oliver	
Tuesday Service:	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Prayer Ministers	Bill Rutledge Lois Ann Wentzel	Susan Kelley Pat Halloran Barb Hansen	Pat Hicks Elizabeth Rybicki Joe Rybicki	Beth Hitchcock Jane Stuart Doug Stuart	Michelle Lawrence Anne Mitchell Bill Breedlove
Wednesday Service:	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
LEM	Stephanie Forbes	Lois Ann Wentzel	Judy Steinbauer	Pat Hicks	Stephanie Forbes