



The Shepherd's Voice

November 2014

Services

Every Sunday:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
Rite I (Nursery
available)

9:15 am Adult Spiritual
Formation (Nursery
available)

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

Singing in Christmas!



A concert presented by the Chancel Choir at
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
495 Herbert Hills Drive
Hayesville, NC
Saturday, December 20, 7pm
Followed by a cookie exchange and
community caroling
Everyone is invited to attend.
Bring a friend.
Bring your favorite cookies and recipe to share.
Bring a canned item(s) for the food pantry
Contact kprarey@yahoo.com or text 502 525 7256



Schedule of Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm and 11:00 pm

Christmas Day

10:00 am

Lessons and Carols

December 28

Weekday services

The Soaking Prayer services on December 23 and 30
are cancelled.

The Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, December 24 has
been cancelled. The service on December 31 will be
held as usual.

Winter Weather

Now that winter is definitely here there will be
questions about whether or not events at the church
will go on as planned.

Fr. Bill is committed to having services regardless of
the weather but he asks that everyone exercise

caution in deciding whether to travel in inclement
weather.

When there is snow Fr. Bill's policy is that the church
office will follow the Clay County schools schedule
with regard to closing or opening late.

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Christian Education

Sundays at 9:15 am:

- **The Parables of Jesus: Seeking the Pearls of Great Value** – “I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world” Matt. 13:3
Would you like to uncover “what has been hidden”? Would you like to experience some powerful “a ha” moments? Then join Geoff Schwartz and Teresa Gribble on a quest to understand more fully the truths Jesus revealed in his parables. The study of a select group of parables will guide the group on its journey, while we learn how we can apply the hidden pearls in our lives. The last meeting of this class will be on December 14.
- **Lectionary Bible Study** will be held in the Elevator Lobby downstairs. Join us each Sunday at 9:15 beginning November 30 as we work through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. From beginners through Bible scholars, all are equally sure to gain something from our time together. All are welcome. Bibles will be available or you can bring your own. This discussion is facilitated by Fr Bill.

Tuesdays:

Bible 102 is a general overview of the Old Testament following the traditional Jewish division of the text into the Torah, the Navi'im, and Ketuvim. Within our journey through the story of the Old Testament as we now receive it, we will examine some of the parallel texts from other Ancient Near East cultures and how they compare with the Biblical text, basic features of Hebrew literary style that aid in the understanding of the original text, and how the text shows a theology in continuing development.

November 25 – Ketuvim

December 2 - Theology of the Old Testament

This course is taught by Fr Bill. Please sign up below to let us know you plan to participate.

Calling all Stephen Ministers

Attention all current and former Stephen Ministers. We are attempting to update our contact information and ask that you send your name, phone number and email address to Tom Griffiths at

tom_griffiths@tds.net or call Tom at 706-400-9911. You may also share with Tom any thoughts you have about supporting and expanding the reach of Stephen Ministry.

Remember the Church Staff for Christmas

Your vestry requests that you place your gift in the collection plate using the envelopes in the bulletin or the narthex or send it to the church to the attention of Jim Reynolds by December 15.

Annual Report deadline

Good Shepherd's annual meeting will be held on January 25, 2015. The annual report will be produced to be distributed for that meeting. If you are a ministry head, we'd like to include in that report information about what your ministry has been doing in 2014. This is a way to let others in the congregation know more about the great work of your

ministry. Reports are due by December 31. Send them to gsepiscopal@brmemc.net or bring/send a copy to the church office.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office. If your ministry has completed their activities for the year, please consider submitting your information earlier than December 31.

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Eucharist

Holy Communion, Eucharist, the Lord's Supper, the Great Thanksgiving. Different terms for an act of worship that the Book of Common Prayer presents as central to our identity as Episcopalians and our worship of God. Probably because of my childhood experiences in the Roman Catholic church, to do church has always been to celebrate Eucharist. However, it was not until much later that I even thought to ask questions about Eucharist, its meaning and its liturgy. What I have found so far in my study is something more profound and mysterious than I could have imagined.

The word Eucharist comes from the words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper, that Passover meal where we are told that he took bread and gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to his friends. The Greek word for giving thanks is Eucharist. When we gather for Eucharist we offer our own thanksgiving. In Eucharist to God, we present our offerings - called "oblations" in church speak - of bread and wine and the fruit of our labors. In our Eucharistic prayers, we give thanks for what God has done for us in salvation history, for forgiving our sins and for granting us eternal life. And in thankful obedience we do what Jesus commanded us to do in remembrance of him. That is, recalling his words, we take bread and wine, give thanks for those, and break and share them as one body gathered around one table.

Unfortunately, this remembrance has been a source of heated debate and division in the church. Some think of remembrance in the common sense of "to recall or bring to mind" and so think that Jesus is saying something like "do this so that you do not forget me." To those who

think this way, the Eucharistic meal is a memorial service. Yet, for Jews to recall an event like the Passover was not merely to remember but to make something from the past present to them in the current moment. Thought of in this way, when we remember Jesus' words we are remembered with Jesus and the disciples at that Last Supper evening and with Christians everywhere with whom Christ is present in the celebration of Eucharist. For this reason, some say they believe in the "real presence" of Christ at the Eucharist.

The Episcopal tradition has been to teach the "real presence" of Christ in the Eucharist but not to have an official or authoritative explanation of how that happens which must be believed in order to be a member of this church. As a broad and inclusive church that stands between the Roman Catholic and Reformed Churches, what you will hear in our Eucharistic liturgy is something that embraces both traditions. "These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you." "This is the body of Christ, the bread of heaven."

Now, if any of this has piqued your curiosity, days off purgatory are offered for locating in the Eucharistic prayer the "sursum corda," "sanctus," and "epiclesis."

Fr Bill+



Hike Inn



A scouting team ranging in ages 50 - 72 has successfully completed the first Good Shepherd excursion to the Hike Inn. Thirteen adventurous

souls departed from Amicalola Falls State Park and hiked five miles to and from the inn which is not accessible by cars. The hike was between 4 and 5 and 1/2 hours to arrive at the inn. Everyone enjoyed the gorgeous setting, fabulous, though rustic inn and the great food, but the best part of the trip was spending time together. We slept in bunk beds (two per room) and spent time together in the Sun Rise Room at the inn. The hike was a bit challenging, but 4 bad backs, 1 bad hip, and one person with an inhaler all returned still intact. A return trip has been proposed possibly in the spring, but certainly by next fall. If you are interested in participating, please contact Susan Morgan, scbasketlady@yahoo.com or 913-945-0476 to help determine how many rooms should be reserved. If you have any questions about whether the hike is for you, feel free to contact any of the hikers: Keith and Suzy Christensen, Karen Campbell and Brad Rouse, Susan Morgan and Fr. Bill, Suzi Herbert, Barb and Jim Redmond, Kurt and Susan Hoffman, and Kathy and Kanute Rarey.

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Nominations for Vestry Election

The nominating committee consisting of Rachel Baughn, Wade Covington, Kurt Hoffman, Jane Oliver, Dave Smucker and Doug Stuart is now soliciting input for the elections of vestry members for 2015. To be eligible to run for vestry a candidate must meet the following requirements:

- Communicants in good standing of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church as defined in I.17.3 of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church of the United States and in Canon 10.7 of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

- No less than 18 years of age, who have agreed to serve on the Vestry for the elected term, to serve on one committee, and to attend Church functions.
- Have no spouse serving concurrently on the Vestry.
- Shall be a contributor of record through pledging to the General Fund of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

If you would like to nominate a member of the parish for vestry, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee before December 28.

Absentee Voting Procedures for Vestry Election

The procedure for absentee voting is:

1. Absentee ballots may be requested from the Parish office during normal business hours, in person, by phone, by mail or by email. When an absentee ballot shall be requested, the Parish office issuing the ballot shall mark the requester's name from the master list of Parish members eligible to vote, and such person shall not be permitted to vote in person without first surrendering the absentee ballot in blank.
2. Absentee ballots must have been physically received in the Parish office not later than Friday noon preceding the last Sunday of regular voting.

3. An absentee ballot shall be sealed in a plain envelope without the voter's name appearing. The envelope containing the ballot shall be placed in a second envelope that does include the voter's name so that it may be checked as received.
4. All absentee ballots shall be opened as soon as the ballot boxes are closed, and their count shall be supervised in the same manner as regular ballots.

The vestry election will take place on January 11 and 18 after both services. Absentee ballots may be requested now but will not be mailed until January 2. Absentee ballots must arrive back in the church office by noon on January 16.

As We Approach the End of the (Budget) Year

It is not hard to say that generosity is a hallmark of Good Shepherd parish. Your on-going and increasingly generous giving of time, talent and financial support for the ministries of this church and its many ministry partners is commendable. Thank you for your financial support of the general fund, ministries and special fund raising during the year. Your church staff, vestry and ministry heads have worked hard to keep the expenses of the church under budget all year and the parish is on track to finish the year under budget. In these final months of 2014, keeping your contributions up to date or catching up if a little behind will insure that Good Shepherd finishes the year in the strong financial position that was projected. Mindful of the work still before

us, we ask that if you have been blessed with a little extra for giving at the end of the year, that you remember the church in your Christmas donations to charity.

Giving statements were mailed out the end of October, if I can help you understand the statement or answer any questions, call or drop by the church office any Monday when I have my office hours.

Thank you for all you do for our church home,

Elizabeth Rybicki
Church Treasurer

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On The Way Toward Making Our Playground A Reality



Two years ago, during the process of searching for our new rector, the parish went through a discernment process and developed a parish profile that reflects who we are and hope to be as a parish. A top goal identified was growing the church in the area of children and families. While we have made great strides toward supporting that goal (by hiring a Nursery Supervisor, and creating a children's chapel and Sunday School Room located adjacent to the nursery and nave), one key piece is still missing – a playground where children may play together outside in a safe and clean environment. This element is something that is basic to what parents now look for in a church.

Recently a Playground Committee was formed, charged with the task of pursuing construction of a playground at Good Shepherd. We researched what was needed regarding product and safety requirements, talked to other churches with newly built playgrounds, and met with and received great input from those Good Shepherd parents and grandparents with small children concerning what their requirements and hopes would be for a place for their children to play. Based on the information and recommendations we received, we put out requests for bids to those companies specializing in church and school playground equipment and have selected Peggs Recreational and Architectural Products as the equipment provider. We are a generous parish that is and can be a blessing to families with young children, and with this new addition, anyone even driving by will be able to see that it is a place that welcomes children.

We have made a pledge that this project, which is estimated to be just above \$40,000, will be completed without any additional indebtedness for Good Shepherd, so we are applying for grants and looking to this

parish to help make this playground a reality. We have already applied for a \$5,000 Congregational Vitality Grant and will be applying for a Fiscal Ministries Grant from the diocese in December; and thanks to the love and generosity of the Holt family, memorial donations in Ben's name will be applied toward the playground project. Many thanks also to Tony Ledford, Jenny Bethel's father, for his offer to help with our groundwork needs.

The goal of making Good Shepherd a church home for young families is a sign of the vitality of our church and central to our mission to make this church a place where all are welcome. Please pray about how you might help with a monetary donation, fund-raising activity, or even helping with the physical plant. We have a display board in the narthex that provides a visual of what the playground will look like and a barometer that will reflect how close we're getting to our final monetary goal. To contribute, please make a check payable to Good Shepherd and clearly mark it for "the playground." This is an exciting opportunity for Good Shepherd and we'd like everyone to be able to play a part!

Thanks be to God and to all of you for your help in making this playground a reality, and especially to those parents and grandparents who provided us with their invaluable input. We'll keep you posted on our progress!

Your Playground Committee,

Jim and Barb Redmond, Elmer and Betsi Wilson, Kurt and Susan Hoffman

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Country Fare - A Huge Success

This year's Country Fare was a huge success. The committee was energized by Fr. Bill's support and were determined to make this year's event one to remember. Sue LeKites would have denied that she was the driving force behind the success of this year's Country Fare, but her leadership was the key to our success. She empowered the committee and other volunteers to use their gifts with confidence as she patiently and competently answered questions from all of the volunteers every day. Sue and her husband, Bob, put in long hours for Country Fare. Sue would have wanted everyone in the parish to know how hard all of the volunteers worked and the many ways that Country Fare impacts our community.

The Country Fare raised \$13,400 this year. The Outreach Committee is charged with distributing those funds in our local communities.

But the ministry provided by the Country Fare goes far beyond money. Our customers and volunteers are touched spiritually as well. Our customers are able to purchase needed and desired items at prices which allow them to even splurge a little. For example, this year we received a touching thank you note from one of our customers who appreciated being able to (afford to) purchase a special doll which was a gift for her mother who lives far away. The Country Fare also encourages people both within and outside of our parish to let go of items which they are no longer using, including those folks who

sometimes have a hard time letting go. The camaraderie among the workers is another source of ministry. Both new church members and those who are not as active as we once were find that spending days working on Country Fare gives us a purpose and solidifies connections with other parish members. It is a great way to get to know one another.

There are additional ways that people are impacted materially as well. Two new things happened this year at Country Fare. We gave meals to kids who attended which was VERY WELL received and we "predonated" some items to Christian Love. From experience, we have learned that some items just do not sell in our two day venue. Partly due to our large number of donations and partly due to Sue's inspiration, we were able to donate these items in good repair before the sale. Christian Love was thrilled to receive these items almost daily and were able to use everything we gave them. Of course, at the end of the sale our left over items are also donated to a local charity.

So, a huge THANK YOU to all of you at Good Shepherd!! Whether you donated items, volunteered your time, told someone about the sale, shopped, prayed for our success, or just patiently endured the Country Fare, we succeeded in touching our community in so many ways. We look forward to next year's sale and being able to honor Sue LeKite's legacy by having yet another successful Country Fare.

Meals for Families

On November 16, our visiting clergyman, Darrell Golnitz, spoke about his passion, Food For The Poor, which reaches out to those needing food on a global scale. Here at Good Shepherd we have Meals for Families, which is a ministry on a much smaller, local scale, and provides food to Good Shepherd parishioners on a temporary basis (four days). The ministry had its first meeting on November 4, chaired by Anne Mitchell, and attended by several volunteers and the Vestry liaison, Chuck Van Gorder. Anne and her crew will cook a variety of meals in their own homes, placing them in single-serving containers, and storing them on the top shelf of the freezer in the church kitchen. Anyone is

free to take the meals for themselves or others, based on need. There will be a sign-out sheet, so we can keep track of the number of meals we need to have on hand.

People are often reluctant to ask for help, so I am asking that anyone who knows of a parishioner temporarily in need of such a service due to illness, hospitalization, surgery, or the birth of a baby, please contact Pastoral Care at: (828) 389-3397 or <pastoralcaregsec@brmemc.net>. Chuck, along with some volunteers, will deliver the meals.

Prayer Shawl Luncheon

In place of our December meeting, the Prayer Shawl Ministry is having a luncheon on Thursday, December 11. The luncheon will be held at the Blue Mountain Coffee and Grill in Peachtree at 11:00 am. Ordering will be from their regular menu.

Everyone is welcome to attend. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway. For more information contact Meliss Czarnecki at 828-389-1172 or Beth Hitchcock at 828-390-4445.

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Oldtimer: Nick George



Nick was born on December 1, 1933, in Acushnet, Massachusetts, but his proud father whisked him and his mother to their home in Florida when he was barely three days old. Nick's father was part owner of a successful restaurant, and in his early years Nick spent winters in the restaurant environment and summers with his grandparents in

Massachusetts. He jokes that his first babysitter was John F. Kennedy: Mr. Kennedy would take Nick to the beach with him fishing while Nick's grandmother worked at the house.

In 1947, his father sold the restaurant and bought another in Newport, Rhode Island. However, Nick and his mother stayed in Florida, moving from Ft. Lauderdale to Orlando. Until he was 17, Nick's summers were spent working in his father's restaurant and learning the trade. Nick says his father was meticulous and a perfectionist when it came to the restaurant. Although his father was a hard man in some ways, Nick credits him with passing along a good work ethic, high standards, and a love of cooking. The job also developed Nick's love of numbers and the ability to memorize and work problems in his head. Unfortunately, while Nick was still in his early 20s, his father's second wife ensured he never cooked with his father again.

Nick's mother was French Canadian and Nick says he used to be able to speak not only Greek and English, but also French. Nick enjoyed school and was a good student, but not outstanding. He loved sports and swimming, and from the age of 13 he always had a motorcycle. Nick graduated in a class of 23 from St James Catholic school. Amazingly, four or five of those former schoolmates now live nearby.

Following graduation, Nick spent two years in the army as a chaplain's assistant at Walter Reed Hospital during the Korean conflict. He also married his first wife while in the military, and they had two children, a girl and a boy.

At age 25, Nick bought his father-in-law's window cleaning service: ABC, Always Better Cleaning. After selling that business after 7 or 8 years, he worked for a couple of years for the city of Orlando as a building inspector under HUD. Then he started his own window

cleaning service around 1962, called Windows by George, which grew to 3000 accounts before he sold it in 1980.

When Nick, now divorced, met his cousin's roommate Jody in 1972, he asked her to stand up and turn around to see if the rest of her was as good as the front! Understandably, Jody was "like talking to a steel fence" on their next meeting, but Nick's charm (and his motorcycle) won the day and they were inseparable thereafter.

Nick had already begun making wine when he took a job as salesman for McKesson Wine and Spirits in 1980, a job he naturally enjoyed. His first trip to New York City was a prize for being a top salesman, and he loved getting to eat in the restaurants they supplied.

In the late '80s he worked as a salesman for Chemical Conservation Corps, but he and Jody also bought a tract of 6 acres in faraway Hiawassee, Georgia. They built a house on it in 1985, and Nick says from then on they spent every other weekend traveling from Orlando to Hiawassee. "We loved it."

In 1988, Nick began working for MNM Chemical and they moved to Hiawassee – initially renting in the same subdivision where he lives now. Their neighbor across the street attended Good Shepherd and was instrumental in Jody being hired as church secretary under Mother Charlotte Waldroup. – a position she held for two years.

When Nick became a top salesman for MNM, was assigned to the states of Tennessee and Kentucky, they moved to Murfreesboro, Tennessee. One Christmas they came back to Hiawassee and rented a cabin. Nick thinks that was the experience that decided where they would settle down when he retired on July 1, 1998.

After the move back to Hiawassee, Nick and Jody visited a Baptist church on the invitation of friends, since Jody was raised Baptist. But when no one spoke to them after a couple of Sundays, Jody announced, "We're going to that church across the mountain in Hayesville." They had only attended services a couple of times when she was secretary at Good Shepherd. But this time they came, they loved it, and they stayed. Good Shepherd saw Nick through Jodi's illness and her death on Dec 30, 2002. Good Shepherd also rejoiced with Nick when he married Sandra Smith on October 14, ten years later!

Nick has become a part of the public face of Good Shepherd, especially at the 8 o'clock service. Over the years Nick has made wine for communion and for special occasions; he serves as usher, helps with the Men's Association, the Silent Auction, Soup for Friends and DeSoto Square, and serves breakfast to the young men in the Order of St. George. He enjoys cooking for Women's Appreciation Dinners and for Elders Luncheons. He has participated in Reunion groups and has served on team for Cursillo.

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Besides cooking, making wine, and riding the motorcycle, Nick enjoys bowling and square dancing (the "best exercise in the world" as well as the place where he met Sandy). He and Sandy are members of the wine club, the square dance club, motorcycle club, the British car club (even though he no longer owns his), and active in many church activities, including Grazers. Nick says he likes to keep moving and doesn't like to sit!

When asked what he would like to say to this generation of youth, he

says "Pay attention to your parents and listen." He thought he knew everything until he went to work for his father and discovered he knew very little! He learned self esteem by being pushed to do his best, and discovered that making a mistake isn't the end of everything.

"I like pleasing people. I have always enjoyed being with people and helping them to feel comfortable." Nick embodies the Cursillo adage, "Make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ," because making friends is "just what I do."

Interviewer Rachel Baughn (11/12/2014)

It's Not Too Late to Turn in a Pledge Card!!

From your Stewardship Committee: Thanks to all those who have turned in a pledge card for 2015! While we appreciate all giving (i.e. via both plate and pledge), the Finance Committee and vestry cannot build a realistic budget for 2015 without stated monetary commitments from our parishioners, so we are most grateful for your willingness to make that written commitment via your pledge card. For those still considering a pledge, please return the cards as soon as possible, or call Elmer Wilson, Stewardship Chair and vestry member, if you have any questions or concerns about the process. If you are not going to pledge,

please sign a blank card and turn it in or mail it back to the church so that we will know you at least received the card. Again, thanks to everyone for all you do and give to Good Shepherd. It's only through your giving of time, talent and treasure that we, as a church, are able to make a difference in the spiritual and physical well-being of the world around us. And it's only through your pledges that we are able to plan appropriately for what we might be able to accomplish for the upcoming year.

Servers for Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

	4:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
LEM's	Judy Steinbauer	Stephanie Forbes
		Georgia Bethel
Lector	Jane Stuart	Carol Smucker
Intercessor	Doug Stuart	David Smucker
Acolyte	Hannah Whitehead	Jesse Neumann
Torchbearers	Laurel Sanford	
Ushers		

Christmas Day

LEM	Amy Nicolson	
Lessons and Carols – December 28		
	8:00 am	10:45 am
1st Lesson	Harold Lawrence	Laurel Adams
2nd Lesson	Pam Roman	Richard Soles
3rd Lesson	Guy Hunter	Elmer Wilson
4th Lesson	Chuck Van Gorder	Tom Griffiths
5th Lesson	Virginia Hunter	Carolyn Cline-Griffiths
6th Lesson	Jim Redmond	Dave Larson
7th Lesson	Kurt Hoffman	Bev Larson

Flower Guild and Altar Guild will meet at 10:00 am on Tuesday, December 23 to set up for Christmas services.

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Parish News

Birthdays in December

- 1 Logan Daniel, Nick George
- 4 Jarod Covington, Ray Dickey
- 5 Lamar Battles, AJ Bruce
- 6 Joan Mahon
- 7 Pat Hicks, Gil Nicolson
- 10 Karen Neumann
- 11 Georgia Battles
- 12 Marilyn Clark, Teresa Gribble
- 14 Mark Siekmann
- 15 Hazel McIntyre, Carolyn Rice, Joan Walter
- 16 Patty Bilitzke, Abigail Granacki
- 17 Carol Smucker
- 20 John Gray
- 26 Ed Kelley
- 27 Vicky Schwartz, Birch Criss, Jacob Wallace
- 28 Ruth Zimmerman
- 29 Larry Hartman
- 30 Meliss Czarnecki, Karen Foster, Fred King
- 31 Talley Breedlove, Gail Criss, Dudley Hall

Anniversaries in December

- 7 Angela and Joe Martin
- 10 Georgia Souther and Yale Citrin
- 16 Jean and Mike Gora
- 26 Laurie and David Bruce
Cliff and Margie Weathers
- 29 Deborah and Delmer Chilton
- 31 Helen and Dick Dillenbeck
Becky and Chuck Van Gorder

In Sympathy we are thinking of:

Carolyn and Tom Griffiths, Kathleen Holt, Georgia and Lamar Battles, Jessica Evans on the death of Ben Holt.

Toni Moral on the death of her husband, Skip.

Mary Strange on the death of her brother-in-law, John Bragg.

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



Thank You

The Holt family, Carolyn, Susan, Kathleen, and Freda would like to sincerely thank the members of Good Shepherd Church for the grace, love, prayers, sympathy, and condolences. In addition, those who worked to make the memorial service of our father Ben Holt a truly joyful and beautiful experience. He so loved Good Shepherd, the service, good conversations, people, kisses, hand shakes, and coming early to listen to the choir. The outpouring of love for our father, surrounding us with your love during all the events of the past weeks has been a blessing and words fall short in expressing our gratitude. Kathleen Holt

Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.

Dottie Ament	6501 17th Ave, W Apt. I-404 Bradenton FL 34209
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Financials (October 31, 2014)

2014 Operating Account:

Income YTD: \$293,697

Expenditures YTD: \$316,864

Balance in Operating Account: [\$26,964]

Receipts for Debt Reduction: \$29,992

Balance on mortgage with bank: \$213,785

Balance on loan from diocese: \$8,330

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

End of Year Donations

All donations for 2014 must be in the church office or postmarked on or before December 31, 2014. Any contributions received or postmarked after that date will be credited to 2015 contributions.

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2014 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church.

Christmas Memorials

Poinsettias and other plants will grace the nave, sanctuary and narthex as memorials or in honor of loved ones during the Christmas season. These memorials will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Please fill in the information below and place it in the alms basin or return it to the office with your check marked "Christmas Plants."

I would like to donate _____ toward Christmas decorations. I understand the plants will be distributed to homebound parishioners.

Bulletin statement:

"Christmas decorations are given to the glory of God by

_____ (Your name)

() in loving memory of

() in thanksgiving for

(Bulletin deadline is December 15.)



We need people to deliver flowers to shut-ins after Christmas.

I am willing to deliver flowers. Name _____

I believe that flowers should be delivered to _____



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Hayesville NC 28904

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Fax: 828-389-8304
E-mail: gsepiscopal@brmemc.net

Web address:
goodshepherdhayesville.org

December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:00am Exercise class 6:00pm GreenFaith	2 6:00pm Bible 102 7:00pm Healing Prayer service	3 8:00am Exercise class 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 6:00pm Care Chain ministry	4 7:00am Order of St. George 7:00pm Choir rehearsal	5 8:00am Exercise class 3:00pm Centering Prayer	6 Advent Quiet Day 8:30am Men's Association 1:00pm Advent Event 6:00pm Choir Christmas party
7 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Holy Eucharist 12:00pm Honduras mission trip planning	8 8:00am Exercise class 5:00pm Outreach	9 7:00pm Healing Prayer service	10 8:00am Exercise class 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers	11 7:00am Order of St. George 11:00am Prayer Shawl Luncheon 7:00pm Choir rehearsal	12 8:00am Exercise class 3:00pm Centering Prayer 6:00pm Grazers Christmas dinner	13 9:00am Choir rehearsal 6:00pm Town Parade
14 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Holy Eucharist	15 8:00am Exercise class	16 7:00pm Healing Prayer service	17 8:00am Exercise class 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 6:30pm Vestry meeting	18 7:00am Order of St. George 9:30am Order of St. Luke 7:00pm Choir rehearsal	19 8:00am Exercise class 3:00pm Centering Prayer 6:00pm Vestry Christmas party	20 4:00pm DeSoto Square Christmas party 6:00pm Choir Christmas concert
21 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Holy Eucharist 7:00pm Blue Christmas service	22 8:00am Exercise class	23 10:00am Altar Guild and Flower Guild Christmas set up	24 **Office Closed** Christmas Eve 8:00am Exercise class 4:00pm Holy Eucharist 11:00pm Holy Eucharist	25 **Office Closed** Christmas Day 10:00am Holy Eucharist	26 **Office Closed** 8:00am Exercise class	27
28 Lessons and Carols 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Holy Eucharist	29 8:00am Exercise class	30	31 8:00am Exercise class 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers			

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<u>Sunday, 8:00 am</u>				
LEMs	David Hourdequin Kathy Wright	Heyward Wilson Amy Nicolson	Mary Anne Kooš David Hourdequin	Kathy Wright Heyward Wilson	
Lector	Jim Redmond	Kurt Hoffman	Guy Hunter	Harold Lawrence	
Intercessor	Michael Wright	Susanne Treacy	Virginia Hunter	Pam Roman	
Usher	Kurt Hoffman	Jim Redmond	Nick George	Don Roman	
Altar Guild	Barb Redmond	Susan Hoffman	Virginia Hunter	Michelle Lawrence	
Nursery	Susan Hoffman	Pam Roman	Suzi Herbert	Pam Roman	
Coffee Hour	Wrights	Redmonds	Hunters	Lawrences	
VPOD	Jim Redmond	Judy Bourne	Chuck Van Gorder	Kurt Hoffman	
<u>Sunday, 10:45 am</u>				
LEMs	Elmer Wilson Jim Reynolds	Tom Griffiths Georgia Bethel	Kathryn Hoyt Elizabeth Rybicki	Barbara Hansen Stephanie Forbes	
Lector	David Smucker	Carolyn Cline-Griffiths	Richard Soles	Deanna DuBose	
Intercessor	Carol Smucker	Karen Sirmans	Laurel Adams	Jerry Taylor	
Acolyte	Jim Reynolds	Georgia Bethel	Hannah Whitehead	Stephanie Forbes	
Ushers	Kathy Rarey Kanute Rarey	Jim Reynolds Cheri Pinner	Cheri Pinner Mac Pinner	Cheri Pinner Mac Pinner	
Greeters	Teresa Gribble David Gribble	Teresa Gribble David Gribble	Carolyn Cline-Griffiths Tom Griffiths	Carolyn Cline-Griffiths Tom Griffiths	
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	Dwain Zagrocki Judy Steinbauer	Amy Nicolson Paula Whitehead	Judy Steinbauer Cameron Bethel	Judy Steinbauer	
Nursery	Jenny Bethel	Barb Lanwermeier	Marilyn Pierce	Paula Whitehead	
VPOD	Jane Oliver	Deanna DuBose	Suzi Herbert	Dave Smucker	
Flower Guild	Advent	Advent	Advent	Christmas	
Counters	Jim Redmond Chuck Van Gorder	Deanna DuBose Suzi Herbert	Judy Bourne Elmer Wilson	Kurt Hoffman Jane Oliver	
<u>Tuesday Service:</u>	December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 30
Prayer Ministers	Theresa Waldroup Stephanie Forbes	Rachel Baugh Beth Hitchcock	Bill Breedlove Pat Hicks Michelle Lawrence	no service	no service
Meditation	Harry Baughn				
<u>Wednesday Service:</u>	December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
LEM	Judy Steinbauer	Pat Hicks	Judy Steinbauer	no service	Pat Hicks