

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

July 2013

**Good Shepherd
Episcopal Church**

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The Rev. Dr. Bill
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Rector

Services

Sunday:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:15 am Adult Spiritual
Formation

10:45 am Holy Eucharist
(Nursery available)

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

2nd Sunday 7:00 pm
Taizé

Tuesday:

7:00 pm Healing with
Soaking Prayer

Thursday:

Noon Holy Eucharist
with Healing Prayer

The Love of God

One of the many ministries through which I have been blessed is working with children. In my former parish, I worked not only with our own children and their parents, but also served as the chaplain to our parish day school. As chaplain, I would try to meet at least once a week with the children during their daily chapel service. The service was very much a liturgical service with an opening litany, the confession and then some words about God's love for them from "Father Bill" as they knew me, followed by song and prayers. It seemed rather easy at first to share with them the more obvious ways that we know God's love for us, but then after a few months came the challenge when the obvious ways appeared to be exhausted. Rather than repeat what has already been said, how would I first discover for myself new ways that God loves us and then how would I share that with these very young people? It was a growth experience for me, and perhaps also for them. In the end, I may have received more spiritually from this experience than they did, and I would not be surprised if that is what God intended when he led me to serve as chaplain to a day school so far from my southern home. He opened my eyes and stretched me to see his love for me and others and gave me words and the opportunity to share that with his littlest lambs. What a blessing!

Our ministry as the parish of the Good Shepherd is not different. As individuals and as one body - a parish, a diocese, a church - we are called to share the good news of the Gospel with the whole world. That good news is God's love for all people and all creation. To that end, we will work to discover daily the love that God has for us in ways that are known and ways that surprise, challenge, and shape us to be more than we imagine we could ever be. We will seek out and experience God's love in times of joy and times of great sadness. We will seek out and experience God's love in fellowship with those who are very much like us and with those who are very different. We will continue to be a welcoming church with faith in a God bigger than our theological and socially constructed differences. We will continue to gather for worship and fellowship, sharing the good news of what God is doing and being fed by word and sacrament, so that we may be sent out as servants to a world that is hurting and in need of the good news. Let us commit ourselves to constant prayer, that the eyes of our hearts be open to seeing in both ways old and new the love of God and ways that we can share that love with others. May God continue to bless you, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, and our Episcopal Church as we seek to be a blessing to others.

Fr Bill+

Adult Spiritual Formation

Track 1: Sunday Adult Spiritual Formation Hour 9:15 AM

The Bible study of Hebrews class meets in the library.

Blessing of the Backpacks and Car Keys

Attention all students, preschool through college, and their parents. On Sunday July 28th we invite you to bring your school backpacks and your car keys to church so that we may ask for God's blessing upon them and upon you as you start a new school year. I am looking forward seeing you on the 28th, just as I am every Sunday.

Grace and peace,
Fr Bill+

Altar Guild Luncheon

There will be a luncheon for all Altar Guild Members on Tuesday, July 23 at noon at Pat Jordan's house. A main dish and dessert will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and bring your swim suit if you wish to swim. All are welcome. This is our annual get together and a great chance to meet with Fr. Bill who will be there to meet you and discuss any changes and answer any questions you may have. Please make every effort to attend. If you need directions or a ride please let Pat know and it will be arranged. Thank you for all that you do and the great job that you are all doing.

Financial Update

(May 31, 2013)

2012 Operating Account:

Income YTD – \$114,231

Expenditures YTD – \$105,145

Receipts for Debt Reduction: – \$16,578

Balance on mortgage with bank: \$265,645

Balance on loan for diocese: \$25,000

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

News from the Senior Warden

Father Bills' new wireless microphone is given in memory of Beth Taylor from memorial funds given in her honor. Also a new digital recorder will allow the recording of sermons and services at Good Shepherd. We plan to make sermons part of our website.

What going on in the lower parking lot by the New Undercroft?

Late last fall we discovered a problem with vinyl tile lifting along the north and east walls of the new undercroft. Testing showed that this was caused by moisture coming through the concrete slab. The clay below this parking area is very strong and prevents the drainage of water. (This would be outstanding clay for lining a pond.) The solution to this problem is to waterproof the perimeter of the slab and install additional drainage. Ron Cantrell Construction is covering this work as a warranty item. Progress has been delayed because of our wet summer but we expect this work to be completed in the next week.

Dave Smucker

Church Email Addresses

The new emails for the church have been active for a while now and we will be discontinuing the old service soon. Please be sure that your address book is updated and that these are the addresses you are using for church staff.

gsepiscopal@brmemc.net – Parish Administrator

rectorgsec@brmemc.net – Rector

pastoralcaregsec@brmemc.net – Pastoral Care

Coordinator

financegsec@brmemc.net –

Treasurer/Bookkeeper

musicgsec@brmemc.net – Music Director

If you know who should receive your email, please send the message to them directly. If you aren't sure, send your message to the parish administrator who will see that it gets to the right person.

Coffee with Father Bill

Father Bill has been meeting with the Vestry, Ministry Heads and others as he gets acquainted with Good Shepherd and the wonderful congregation we have but he would love to have a chance to chat with everyone in the congregation. So, we are setting up a weekly time to share coffee with him and to just discuss the church and for him to get to know you and for you to know him. These get-togethers will take place on Wednesdays in July and August. The signup sheet will be in the narthex. To maintain an intimate gathering, each meeting will be held to 10 people. Please sign up for the date that fits your schedule best. Please put only one name per box.

Giving Opportunities

Our church is very generous in their giving to the special appeals during the year in addition to the pledges during the Stewardship Drive. The Vestry has realized a need to schedule these events. The chairman of any fund raising, whether monetary or in-kind items, needs to provide the details of the event to the treasurer to bring to the Vestry for approval. Please do not re-direct a part of your annual pledge to the extra items – your annual pledge pays the normal operating costs of the church including utilities, supplies, staff and other budgeted items.

July

- Stuff a Bus School Supplies

August

- Lake Logan
- Country Fare

If you have any questions, please contact the church office. If you are in charge of a Giving Opportunity not listed above, please pick up a form in the church office. The forms are to be turned in at least one month prior to the start of the event.

New Web Site and Facebook Page to Improve Communications

Two enhancements to our communication arsenal will be happening in July. As you know, we are always trying to attract new parishioners including young families, to Good Shepherd. The internet and social media are typically the most popular means for 21st century families to gather information, so in addition to our traditional and important methods of face to face introductions and newspaper articles about the church and our events, we are expanding our internet communications to make it easier for others to find us and to provide parishioners an easy-to-use, interactive place to go for information.

First, an enhanced new web site will provide more information for parishioners and “visitors” right at their fingertips, be a place for us to share photos and announcements, and to do all this in a way that allows us to be good stewards of our environment. The web site will include lots of great photos of the church and our people, up-to-date information on our ministries and events, and a section just for newcomers who want to know more about our church. Plus the web site is easy to use and allows you to contact the priest, the vestry and any ministry head at the touch of a button. More exciting information will be included, such as Sunday sermons.

Second, you Facebook users probably already know about our new Facebook page. Facebook is a great way to share memories, photos and chat with friends, and keep up with church happenings. Special thanks to Paul Smith, webmaster and Rachel Baughn, editor for these terrific collaborations.

Stay tuned for more information about these new means of communication and about a session the Communications Team will be offering to view the web site and Facebook page and learn how to easily access them.

The Communication Team

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels (Meals for Friends) ministry needs your help! What a blessing it has been for us to give an already prepared meal to our local elderly and shut-ins. You can see in their faces the appreciation, just knowing there is love for them. Jesus taught us to feed the poor. Believe me, they are still out there.

One day a week, Tuesday, our parish, for many years, has committed to deliver 3 routes for the Meals on Wheels program. The food is prepared and packed in insulated bags. Driving instructions for each route are provided on a clip board. Meals are picked up by 10:30 and delivery time is approximately an hour and a half.

We MUST have more people commit to delivering meals, OR we must give up one of our routes. This would be the last resort, but may be necessary.

Please pray about this and help us fulfill our commitment. We are available to teach you the route and routine.

Call: Sharon and Charlie O'Dell at 828 389 2985

Sweet Corn Festival

All Saints Episcopal, Franklin, NC

All Saints Episcopal (St. Agnes & St. Cyprian Parishes) will host the 16th annual Sweet Corn Festival on Saturday, July 6 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, at St. Cyprian's church, 214 Roller Mill Road, Franklin. Oh so sweet boiled or roasted corn, silent auction, yard sale, story telling, arts & crafts, games, entertainment and more. This biggest fundraiser of the year benefits both churches and CareNet.

Mark Your Calendars

Set the Date

A Country Fare 2013

Friday, September 6 and Saturday, September 7

Clean out those closets and start your ovens.

Once again we will be collecting clothing, household items, jewelry, furniture, good working appliances, books and many other things too numerous to mention.

We will have a flea market, bakery, tea room with quiche and other assorted goodies, BBQ, hot dogs, book shop and an upscale shop with one of a kind items, furniture, rugs, pictures and other items, that may be a little better than the usual flea market item.

Collection begins on Monday, August 26 and will run end on Wednesday September 4 in order to prepare for the Fare which will open on Friday morning and again on Saturday.

Watch for sign-up sheets in late July for help, bakery items and quiche.

Outreach Allocations

At their June meeting the vestry approved the following allocations as recommended by the Outreach Committee. This quarter the allocations are from budgeted funds and the proceeds of the Parade of Tables/Silent Auction.

Organization	Allocation
Clay County Food Pantry	\$900.00
Towns County Food Pantry	\$600.00
Hurlburt Johnson Friendship House	\$600.00
St. Vincent De Paul	\$600.00
Clay County Hands of Hope/CIS	\$500.00
Towns County Family Connection	\$400.00
REACH Clay County	\$500.00
SAFE Towns/Union Counties	\$300.00
De Soto Square	\$200.00
Samaritan's Promise	\$200.00
H.A.V.E.N.	\$200.00
Durgapur	\$1,000.00
Clay County Hearts For Kids	<u>\$250.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6,250.00

School Bags for Kids

This year we will be handling our school supplies a little differently. Instead of asking everyone to fill a bag we are joining with the United Way "Stuff a Bus", which will be handled by Teresa Waldroup, Director of Communities in Schools and Amy Gibby Rosser of Towns County Family Connection who will be filling book bags and arranging for distribution to the schools.

Times are still hard financially for many parents and school supplies are not always the most important thing when children are starting back to school. However, these children need supplies to accomplish their educational goals. They will be given to students of all ages from Pre K through High School who need them in a very discreet, confidential way.

Therefore, boxes will be placed in the Narthex starting July 14th. School Supply lists will be available to let you know what items are needed. Just drop your donations into the boxes. If you prefer to give money rather than shop for items, checks may be made out to the Church and marked for school supplies. These will be forwarded to the Clay County and Towns County Organizations. We look forward to giving to our community once again and thank you for your participation.

Paul and Pat Jordan

Directories

It's almost time for the annual publication of the non-pictorial directory. If your address, phone number or email have changed, please let the church office know your updated information as soon as possible. Cell phone numbers are only published at the request of parishioners so if you've decided that you want yours published, let us know that as well. Help us to make this directory as accurate as possible.

There are still some copies of the pictorial directory available in the office for \$10 each.

Lake Logan Retreats (fundraisers)

Mark August 24 on your calendar as a special event – Lake Logan's Annual Fundraiser, Retreats V. This year it is a full-day event, with optional overnight, divided into three separate events:

- Barbecue and Boats -- noon til 7:00 pm,
- Stars and S'mores starting and noon and overnight camping; and
- Rooms with a View for overnighters who choose to stay in one of Lake Logan's delightful lakeside cabins.

Brochures will be posted at church (location to be determined) and more information and tickets will be available from Anne Mitchell.

OH, and very important: Gnarly Fingers will provide the music. How exciting is THAT?

Highland Episcopalian

The May issue of the Highland Episcopalian is available online at

http://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc_attachments/public/documents/3176973/Highland_Episcopalian_May_2013_w.pdf.

If you want to continue receiving the HE by mail, you must let them know by sending email to Chris Goldman at cgoldman@diocesewnc.org or fill out the envelope included in the latest issue. If you do not specify that you want to continue receiving the HE by mail, you will no longer receive it that way. We will be sending extra copies to every church, so you can always pick it up there.

The next issue will come out in August and will center around stories related to Christian Formation. If you have a story idea, please send it to Chris Goldman.

Elder's Luncheon

If you're a member of Good Shepherd and you or your spouse are over 75, you've received an invitation to a luncheon on July 17, 2013 at 11:30 am in the parish hall. This is to meet Father Bill and share your ideas with those of us who are doing a survey to see how Good Shepherd is doing in meeting your needs as an older adult in this parish. We'd also like to know what else you would value and what would make it easier and more inviting for you to be with us more often. Don't need to bring anything but your ideas.

Music, fun, fellowship and food all provided.

Please call Faye Hobbs (828) 361-8498 and RSVP. Anyone who would be willing to help with set up, serving or clean up, please contact Faye.

Let's Go Out For Lunch

For many who for one reason or another can not participate in the Grazers, a lunch out with your friends from Good Shepherd might be an enjoyable pastime. If you are interested, please let Jim Reynolds know (retiredjim@gmail.com or 706-379-6601). The first get together would be at the Chophouse restaurant in Hiawassee at 11:30 am on Friday, July 12. Also, please let him know if you either need a ride or if you can provide a ride to someone. He needs your response by Monday, July 8. Ordering will be from the Chophouse's luncheon menu, which provides very nice, reasonable lunch offerings.

If, after this first luncheon, there is interest, a system can be set up to do this on a monthly basis on dates and times that the majority would like.

How Did Jesus Heal?

When learning about how the healing ministry works, the best place to start is with the Master. A study of the 27 Healing Miracles of Jesus is being led by Anne Mitchell and Bill Rutledge on Mondays at 6:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Hayesville (except for the next two weeks when it will meet in the

community room of Moss Memorial Library because of VBS) and uses study materials from the ecumenical Order of St. Luke and a video teaching featuring Josh Acton and John Rice. Another study group is just now forming in Morganton, GA. Contact Anne Mitchell for more information about either location.

A Day of Prayer for Healing

Do you or someone you know need physical, spiritual, or emotional healing (sometimes called healing of memories)? Teams from the River of Healing Chapter of the Order of St. Luke are offering a Day of Prayer on Saturday, July 27 for anyone who might benefit from more intensive prayer sessions. Lifting one's distress or dis-ease to Jesus in a safe environment can sometimes reveal and heal deep root causes, and some physical ailments may also benefit from more lengthy sessions of prayer.

If an episode or issue has started to resurface when you thought it was buried in the past, it may be the Holy Spirit telling you it is now time to heal the wound for good. The Day of Prayer for Healing will be led by Fr. John Rice and teams from River of Healing OSL. If you prefer to tell your story to someone with whom you don't worship, one team of prayer ministers from the Mountain Chapter in Asheville is available. The event will be held at the new Prayer House on John and Kay Covode's property in Shooting Creek from 9:00 am to approximately 4:00 pm, including a light lunch and Eucharist. There is no charge.

Please communicate your interest as soon as possible to Kay Covode or Rachel Baughn as we are limited to 5-7 teams. We will pray for anyone in need, so you may recommend this opportunity to anyone of your acquaintance. If you prefer complete privacy or you can't make this date, may I remind you that this kind of healing work is always available to you by appointment. Just let someone in OSL know you would like to be contacted.

Rachel Baughn, co-convener,
River of Healing Chapter

Thank you, Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who brought the delicious food and especially to those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make Sunday's reception a success. It would not have happened without the following people: Ruthanne Chesebro, Beth Hancock, Kathryn Hoyt, Pat & Paul Jordan, Fred King, Hattie Sheehy, Karen Sirmans, Sandy Snow, Lois Ann Wentzel, Betsi Wilson, Danny Wilson, Anne Wolf, Kathy Wright, Becky Van Gorder. The beautiful flower arrangements were done by Deanna DuBose and Carolyn Griffiths. If I missed anyone, my apologies. You all are awesome!!!

Mary Stewart King
Chairperson – Welcome Brunch

I would like to send out a huge "THANK YOU!" to Mary Stewart King and her band of angels for putting together a most beautiful reception for Fr. Bill on Sunday. We appreciate all that you did to make this happen. And thanks to all the parishioners who supplied the delicious goodies that people are still commenting about. It was truly a wonderful day, full of joy and anticipation, as we celebrated our new beginnings with this gentle man who God has chosen to shepherd our flock.

Peace and Joy, and thank you again!

Betsi and David
Transition Committee Co-Chairs

I would like to thank everyone who helped make my Cursillo experience so wonderful. The expressions of love and support were surely signs of the Holy Spirit working through his people.

Marilyn Pierce

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the August newsletter is July 21.