

APRIL 2024

TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Cashiers, North Carolina



GIVING THANKS FOR YOUR VESTRY

A big thanks goes out to our Good Shepherd Vestry—for all their energy and faith month-to-month and especially for their time on our team-building and planning retreat March 12-14, 2024 at Lake Logan Conference Center.

In attendance was Peter Keck, our Sr. Warden, and Fred Halback, our Jr. Warden. Irv continues as our faithful and experienced Treasurer. The whole vestry is pictured below with Rob, Alison, and Ellen—except for Carol Triechel, who Zoomed into our meetings.

Each retreat includes prayer, Bible Study and devotionals—which are shared among clergy and vestry members. This focus keeps us grounded on God's love and God's call. Team-building this year took the form of building a house of cards twice—which no team mastered but all stayed engaged. Fellowship, as you can imagine because we are Episcopalians, also gave us time to visit, hike, explore and rest. We also worked on our vestry covenant—our agreement on how we go about our work together as people of faith—which we summarize and pledge in each meeting as follows:

We acknowledge our undertaking as Vestry members to love one another as Christ loves us, to treat each other with respect, to constantly seek God's wisdom through prayer and discernment, and to be servant leaders of our congregation.

Some components of our planning were the Endowments, our yearly report to the Episcopal Church, our ministry to Visitors and Newcomers, and our plans for Stewardship in 2024 (for 2025).

As always, we are thankful for our visitors and newcomers, and as we start the next 'newcomers' class on April 7, we feel including and welcoming with intention is always important for all parishioners—not just those on the committee. This year's Newcomers and Visitors group will be led by Lynn Jones. She will work closely with Nancy Watson, Tylor Field, Sharon Stricker, as well as Rob, Alison and Ellen.

The Diocese and National Church asks questions of churches each year. Among them was this one: What opportunities and challenges did the congregation face in 2023? Here is part of our list:

- still transitioning parishioners back into church from COVID
- our (successful) Bazaar Barn Capital Campaign
- Attracting younger generations
- Staffing: changes in employees: (Lyn to Michael; Christy to Janet to Michelle) and finding a sexton and teachers for ELL
- Pastoral care ministry
- Landscaping and Building improvements
- Growth in music program, new members, concerts

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The 2024 Vestry

Back (left to right): Rev. Rob Wood, Peter Keck, Tylor Field, Ruth Russ, Sharon Stricker, Rose Mary Achey, Kevin Rowland, Vic Brandt, Fred Halback, Irv Welling, Ed Henson. Front (left to right): Rev. Alison Schultz, Ellen Albright, Nancy Watson, Lynn Jones. (not pictured: Carol Treichel who joined us virtually)





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 JIM ARTHUR
- 3 ANN WROBLESKI
- 3 MARE ARENAS
- 4 RAINIER FINLEY
- 5 CHRIS BRACKEN
- 5 RUTH RUSS
- 5 ANN MUNDAY
- 5 TODD BROADBRIDGE
- 7 CURTIS LOFTIN
- 7 HELEN BERTLES
- 7 CARROLL SUMMEROUR
- 7 BROOK OWENS
- 9 THOMAS ADAMS
- 12 CAROLINE YOUNG
- 12 KEVIN YOUNG
- 14 SANDRA ANDERSON
- 14 PARKER ANDERSON
- 15 MARTY WHITE
- 15 DOROTHY ADAMS
- 15 CLAY JONES
- 16 JULIANNE HART
- 16 SUSAN WARREN
- 18 JOHN BOATWRIGHT
- 18 ANNA ROBBINS
- 19 PERRIN DARGAN
- 20 JEAN ANN L'ENFANT
- 20 FRED HALBACK
- 22 KAREN DEAKIN
- 22 SHARON STRICKER
- 26 MARY PALMER DARGAN
- 27 NED TURNBULL
- 27 RYAN MCKIBBEN
- 28 ROB LATHAN
- 28 DON STONE
- 29 NATHAN TURNER

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

TRANSITIONS

<p><i>New to Good Shepherd</i></p> <p>Keith Gilbert</p>	<p><i>Deaths</i></p> <p>Bob Merriman Wyatt Theus Wyatt Stinson</p>
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CURRENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Founded in 1884, The Church of the Good Shepherd is a historic gem within the verdant sanctuary of the Highlands-Cashiers plateau. We are all appreciative of the simple, historic beauty of the campus and its surroundings and are thankful for the past stewardship shown by previous vestry leaders. This special stewardship continues with the on-going improvements listed below.

Roofing Projects – A new architectural asphalt shingle roof replacement has been installed during the winter on Hines Hall. Furthermore, the installation of a new simulated slate roof on the sanctuary and bell tower was completed by Easter. The project includes replacing any damaged underlayment, and the addition of a new insulation panels and plywood underlayment. The project also includes the addition of a small gable extension over the front door landing.

HVAC System Upgrade – The new HVAC system for Hines Hall has been completed. The new heat pump systems will create a more comfortable environment and yield numerous efficiencies and energy cost savings.

Landscape Upgrades – Started last fall, numerous landscape improvements have been completed throughout our historic campus. With an emphasis on right plant in the right place, these improvements will provide seasonal color and interest throughout the year. Also, the historic stone walkway and stairs that leads from the sanctuary entrance terrace to the street has been reconstructed. To assure proper care of our grounds, an Integrated Landscape Maintenance Specification has been adopted to guide our new maintenance contractor.

Additional projects being considered this year include a new water filtration system and replacement of the rotting bell tower posts.

These projects are possible because of the generous endowments started by past and current members. The **Second Century Endowment Fund** was established in 1995 on the 100th anniversary of our historic church building. This fund is designed to care for our historic property. *“Celebrating Our Past; Preparing for Our Future”*. The **Hines Hall Endowment Fund** was established in 2013 to support, maintain, and protect Hines Hall. It is the focal point for a myriad of activities in our church community. If you are interested in making a gift or bequest to either of these endowments, please contact Ellen Albright or any of our endowment board members.

- 5 CHIPPER & CHERI ALLEN
- 5 JACK & MARCIA STIBBS
- 8 RICHARD & VIRGINIA DECKER
- 17 BOB & PAM ANDERSON
- 23 RICHARD & IVY COOPER

- 27 JOHN & SUSAN LEACH
- 28 ROBERT & SUZIE SINCLAIR
- 29 NEELY & KATHY YOUNG
- 30 CHRIS & HELEN HARMON

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY IS MISSING PLEASE CONTACT ELLEN AT 828-743-2359 OR GOODSHEPADMIN@FRONTIER.COM



SCENES FROM HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY



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SEDER SUPPER



EASTER SUNDAY

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With Stewardship, Rose Mary Achey agreed to chair the team of Vic Brandt, Tylor Field, Ed Henson and Fr. Rob. We will look at resources from The Episcopal Network of Stewardship as we plan for our 2024 efforts. All-in-all, we are all thankful for the generosity of people at Good Shepherd. We all noted with joy how contributions have nearly doubled since 2016 and how that allows our ministry to thrive and grow. So, thank you!

Part and parcel with Stewardship stands the ministry of our four Endowment Funds, totaling nearly \$3 million dollars. Those funds have helped us very recently with new roofs on Hines Hall and the Church (see the back page for pictures), new HVAC units for Hines Hall, and the parking lot and columbarium projects a couple years ago. Again, we are thankful to all who made gifts to the Hines Hall Fund and the Second Century Fund, which made these upgrades possible. The Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Endowment is poised to help 16-18 new scholars in the Fall of 2024.

Future legacy or estate gifts to Good Shepherd will help with our ministry and infrastructure well into the future. As one vestry person pointed out, "We are not necessarily looking for the \$100,000 gift, but for the \$5,000 gift, that, added to others, builds a solid endowment."

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The Reverend Alison Schultz, Assistant Rector
The Reverend Toby Summerour, Adjunct Priest
The Reverend Steve Hines, Adjunct Priest

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ROOF UPDATE ON CHURCH



After several weeks of work we have a new roof on the church!! Thanks to Peter Keck for leading this project and to Rolader Construction for completing the job!