

CONNECTION

The longest season of the church year, Pentecost, is here. Arriving on May 28 with the Feast of Pentecost. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the faithful gathered in Jerusalem, 50 days after Easter.

Sent, as Jesus says in John's Gospel, to be our advocate and our comforter. It's the Holy Spirit bringing the love of God home. It's the Holy Spirit creating the church and continually reconnecting us and all creation to God, perhaps not the institution of the church that we know today, but maybe as close as can be some 2000 years later.

Recently you may have read or heard some of the details of the latest church statistics about membership, attendance, and affiliation. The church remains as divided as our nation. Generally, our attachments support what we already believe, and that pattern continues in church. Across the board, trust and faith in the institutions of government, media, banks, and newspapers has dropped. This decline includes the church and our trust in those men and women leading church.

Trust is earned. Connection in the community of the church helps build that trust!

God sent the Holy Spirit to be among us. The Holy Spirit remains so important as we practice *our faith in action** to seek connections that help expand our understandings of God and the world around us.

Connection with God and each other to be the body of Christ in the world means stretching. We make these connections inside the church and with those in the community. We receive those gifts, each of us discern how to employ, how to use the gifts: the gift of connection, the gift of hospitality, the gift of welcome. The community of Christ gathered means our work is multiplied, our efforts more than double, when disciples gather and receive the overflowing gift of peace. They were empowered to live out those gifts wherever they went. Our church in Cashiers, has received those gifts, abundantly!

Throughout this month's Tidings, we are highlighting the connections we have at Church of the Good Shepherd, in our community and for our community and with our community. Hope you find and celebrate ways we connect ...

Alison +

Our Mission:

"To reflect God's love through our Faith in Action"

STATS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 BEE MAYBANK 1 MORGAN BROOKFIELD

2 BETTE CROWDER

2 CHRIS HARMON

3 PATTY THOMAS

3 KATHERINE CROSTHWAITE

4 BARBARA GUILLAUME

6 JANET PORGES

6 RUTH HENDERSON

6 EVANS HUBBARD

7 DEBBIE BRYANT

8 PAT ROWE

8 SALLY RAGSDALE

9 JOHN WARREN

10 OLIVER DYER

12 SCOTT THOMPSON

13 TOWNSEND DYER

15 ROSE MARY ACHEY

16 PEGGY BRYAN

16 BILL DUNCAN

16 PHIL MADDOX

17 RON JOYNER

17 JAMES FARMER

18 GORDON COLEMAN

19 JACK HARVEY

20 ANN AUSTIN

20 DRINA MEYER

21 DOUG BISCHOFF

21 CAYLA ZIMMER

23 EVELYN CALLAGHAN

23 CAROLINE WOOD

23 CAROLINE ANDERSON

24 NAN MAJOR

27 MIKE QUILLEN

29 ED HENSON

29 LEA THOMPSON

29 RICHARD DECKER

30 BETTY TATE

30 PHIL WRANGLE

30 JIM MONTEITH

30 JUDGE ROBERT BROWN



New to Good Shepherd

George & Susan Krisle Carol Feuer Jay, Anne-Marie, Zellie, Locke, & Jett Jolley Emerson, Erin, Grey, & John Douglass

Visitors to Good Shepherd

Molcome

Valerie Cox Francis & Deborah Mertens Brent & Elizabeth Smith Anna Wallace Walter Wilson

2023 SPRING ELL GRADUATING CLASS







6 MICKEY & JANIE CREWS
6 RALPH & BECKY GREENE
6 TK & SUSAN HEATLEY
8 JIM & GLORIA WEIR
9 TOBY & CARROLL SUMMEROUR
10 ED & JUDY HENSON
10 BILL & CAROL NEWBOLD
11 HENRY WASZKOWSKI & PATTY THOMAS
11 ROBERT & LAURA FLAHERTY
11 GEORGE & SUSAN KRISLE
14 RODNEY & BECKY BYARD

15 CHRIS & BRENDA BRACKEN

15 MILES & RUTH RUSS
17 DON & VIRGINIA SINK
18 PETER & GAIL KECK
18 JUDGE ROBERT & CHA CHA BROWN
19 CURTIS & MARY LOFTIN
20 MIKE & FRAN REEVES
23 DENNY & SUSIE GOODE
24 RICK & NAN MAJOR
25 HAPPY & BETSY SHADDEN
26 JIM & CLAUDIA NAUGHTON
26 TOM & CAROL TREICHEL
29 DAWSON & SHEILA SELF

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SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT SERIES



GOOD SHEPHERD
THE JAZZ CATS WILL BE
PERFORMING A VARIETY OF

JAZZ CLASSICS, FEATURING THE SWING ERA OF JAZZ, AND SOME LATIN JAZZ FAVORITES.

SAT 6/17 | 5PM

RECEPTION IN HINES

BONNIE ROSSA- FLUTES BRAD KELLER- KEYBOARDS MICHAEL COLLINGS- BASS JEAN BOLDUC- DRUMS







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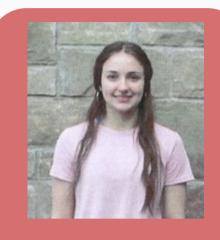


2023 CONKLE-ROWE SCHOLARS



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Attending:
UNC Charlotte



MAHALAH STEWART

Graduating from:
Blue Ridge Early College
Attending:
Truett McConnell University



OLIVIA RICE

Graduating from:
Smoky Mountain High School
Attending:
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Southwestern Community
College



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AWARD CEREMONY TO BLUE RIDGE SCHOLARS:





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AWARD CEREMONY TO SUMMIT CHARTER SCHOLARS:







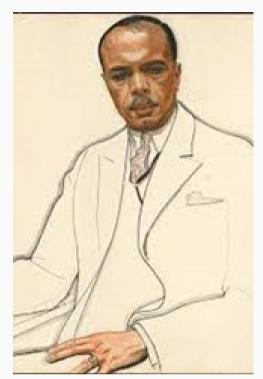
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HOLY MEN OF JUNE

James Weldon Johnson Poet, 1938 June 25



Eternal God, we give thanks for the gifts that you gave your servant James Weldon Johnson: a heart and voice to praise your Name in verse. As he gave us powerful words to glorify you, may we also speak with joy and boldness to banish hatred from your creation, in the Name of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

James Weldon Johnson was born in 1871 in Jacksonville, Florida. His parents stimulated his academic interests and encouraged him to study literature and music. Johnson enrolled at Atlanta University with the expressed intention that the education he received there would be used to further the interests of Black people. In the summer after his freshman year, Johnson taught the children of former slaves. Of that experience he wrote, "In all of my experience there has been no period so brief that has meant so much in my education for life as the three months I spent in the backwoods of Georgia." After graduation, he became the principal of the largest high school in Jacksonville, during which time he was paid half of what his white counterparts were paid even though the school excelled under his leadership.

In 1900, he collaborated with his brother, Rosamond, a composer, to create "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing." Written in celebration of President Lincoln's birthday, the song, still popular today, has become known as the "African American National Anthem." Due to the success of their collaboration, Johnson moved to New York in 1901 to join his brother and together they attained success as lyricist and composer for Broadway.

In 1906, Johnson was invited to work for the diplomatic corps and became U.S. Consul to Venezuela. His ability to bring together people of differing viewpoints toward a common vision served Johnson well in the 1920's when he became an organizer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Johnson was a prolific poet and anthologist. He edited The Book of American Negro Poetry (1922), a major contribution to the history of African-American literature. His book of poetry God's Trombones (1927), seven biblical stories rendered into verse, was influenced by his impressions of the rural South. James Weldon Johnson died in 1938.

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Cornelius Hill Priest and Chief among the Oneida, 1907 June 27



Everliving Lord of the universe, our loving God, you raised up your priest Cornelius Hill, last hereditary chief of the Oneida nation, to shepherd and defend his people against attempts to scatter them in the wilderness: Help us, like him, to be dedicated to truth and honor, that we may come to that blessed state you have prepared for us; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Born in 1834 in Wisconsin,, Cornelius Hill was the first great Oneida chief to be born in Wisconsin, after the United States government forced the Oneida peoples west from New York State.

As a young man, Hill spent several years at Nashotah House, where the Episcopal priests educated him and formed him in the faith, worship, and tradition of the Church. Hill was

greatly respected among his people for his intelligence, courage, and ability to lead, and by his teenage years, he had already been made an Oneida chief, named Onan-gwat-go, or "Big Medicine."

Hill's great mentor was the Reverend Edward A. Goodnough, a missionary and teacher who had worked among the Oneidas from 1853-1890. Hill defended Goodnough when the latter resisted land allotment among the chief families as the solution to their poverty and conflicts. In 1874 he drafted a petition to the legislature of the State of New York calling on them to respect Oneida claims under state treaties, particularly fishing rights which had been revoked and which led to economic hardship for Oneidas remaining in the area.

When land allotment became a legal reality under the Dawes General Act of 1893, Hill turned to the Church, and in 1895 he was ordained an Episcopal deacon. In 1903 he became the first Oneida to be ordained a priest. At the ordination, he repeated his vows in the Oneida language.

Hill saw Christian faith as a way to help his people grapple with the profound and rapid changes which faced them, and the authority of his ordination enhanced his ability to be a bridge between Oneida and white culture. He is to this day revered by his people, and many shrines to him exist in the state of Wisconsin.

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The Reverend Robert B. Wood, Rector rwood.gs@gmail.com
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