

# LET ANYONE WHO HAS AN EAR LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE CHURCHES

**REVELATION 3:22** 

What indeed is the Spirit saying to the church? What do we hear, how shall we listen?

Over these last several weeks we, as a parish, have been practicing our listening to the Spirit of God. This is after all, our part of the parish sabbatical.

Here is just a bit of what I've heard...

- The many voices of ELL students on Monday and Tuesday evenings and the voices of their children as we gather to share a meal and learn more about each other.
- Dr. Tiffany Jackson, along with our choir, at 9:30 am on Sundays using their voices for worship and to the glory of God.
- The musicians of the Lost Chords offering lively and rousing gospel music to enrich our worship at 11:00 am each Sunday.
- Voices of a variety of preachers sharing enthusiastically the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Prayers for healing offered for the parish and those we love each Thursday at noon.
- The desires and wants of those folks coming together to plan events for the next year.
- The sounds of plumbers, landscapers, electricians, fence builders, and stone masons, [to name but a few] all helping create and keep this space usable and beautiful.
- The planning voices of our vestry, the barn board, the finance, stewardship and outreach committees in deliberate and delightful preparation for the months to come.
- Wedding bells rung in joy and tears shed in sadness for the transitions that are all part of our sacred time together.

Each of these I believe, is the voice of God. How is the practice of listening for the voice of God going for you? What have you heard? Beloved, this is only the beginning of our practice of listening to God among us, keep it up.

Amen.

~ Alison +



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 SCOTT SANFORD
2 KATHY MILLER
2 MEG BRADLEY
4 IRV WELLING
6 BILL WESTON
6 CAROL BISHOP
6 LAURA FLAHERTY
11 EMILY MURPHY
12 NEVA THOMPSON
13 BILLY ANDERSON
14 MARY JANE HARVEY
16 BARBARA CUSACHS
16 ALMA O'NEAL

18 BRYAN BURKETT 20 ROB HUNTER 21 IOE WARREN

**18 BECKY GREENE** 

21 MELISSA HUDSON 22 DARRIN DEAN

23 JANIE CREWS

23 PAT MCLENDON-KAYE

23 HENRY PUSCH

23 MAGGIE ACHEY

**25 CONNIE BISCHOFF** 

**25 GREG PORGES** 

**26 JODY BAUKNIGHT** 

26 H.A. MOORE

29 MARIAN POITEVENT

29 RICK DETLEFS

**29 REESE LANIER** 

**30 BETH ARTHUR** 

**30 LAURA LANKFORD** 

**30 DENNY GOODE** 

### **TRANSITIONS**

#### **WEDDING**

**OCTOBER 22, 2022** 

Ann Brock and Harlan Prater IV were married at Good Shepherd.
Congratulations to the happy couple!

#### **BIRTH**

Birth of Palmer Blair Eckman, grandchild of Marsha Goodman! Congratulations!

#### TRANSFER OUT

Mike & Carolyn Franz transferred to St. John in the Wilderness in Flat Rock, NC

### **IN MEMORIAM**

**PHIL TRULUCK** 

Phil Truluck died on October 6, 2022. In sympathy, we send our love and prayers to his family.

#### **JEANNE WRIGHT**

Jeanne Wright died on October 22, 2022. In sympathy, we send our love and prayers to her family.

#### **DICK SHANKLAND**

Dick Shankland died on October 23, 2022. In sympathy, we send our love and prayers to his family.

#### **VISITORS TO GOOD SHEPHERD:**

We love welcoming new people to our church and are so excited that the following people visited us this past month.

If you see these people please introduce yourself!

Daniel & Rebecca Billow (Sky Valley, GA)

Charlotte Cahoon (Atlanta, GA)

A.E. & Linda New (Santa Rosa Beach, FL)

Jeff & Jennifer Russell (Dallas, TX)

Jacqueline Rice (St. Petersburg, FL)



2 WILL & BECKY MCKEE
2 BILL & KATHE CANBY
8 JOHN & LIDA HERRING
10 MARK & DEBBIE LASSITER
15 JIM & BARB RECKTENWALD
19 BRAD & ANN MUNDAY

24 JOE & LEA THOMPSON
25 JOHN & SUSIE WEAN
25 VIC & ANNE BRANDT
30 BILLY & SANDRA ANDERSON

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

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### **NOTE FROM A VISITOR**

I just wanted to drop a note to say how much we enjoyed worshiping at Good Shepherd last Sunday. Your welcoming spirit showed that the Holy Spirit is alive and moving at your church community.

Hearing Father Hoke speak about 9-11 and the refuge of the church in the most horrific times will be words I will always remember.

We can't wait to get back to Cashiers.

God Bless your work in the Kingdom of God

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

**OCTOBER 19, 2022** 











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## REFLECTION UPON "COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME" BY DR. LYN ELLEN BURKETT

"Come ye thankful people, come," our opening hymn on Thanksgiving Day, has a special place in my heart.

Miss Putnam, my second-grade teacher, placed the book on the piano in front of me and opened it to a song I recognized. Our class had been singing this song to prepare for our upcoming Thanksgiving pageant.

"Can you play this music?" I put my hands on the piano keys and played the notes on the page; yes, I could play it! Miss Putnam and our music teacher, Mrs. Williams, decided that I would play for our class while they sang "Come ye thankful people, come," at our Thanksgiving pageant. I was so excited!

God our maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Over the next few weeks, every afternoon, my mother sang while I played the music from the hymnal on the piano in our living room. She patiently helped me practice things like leaving space for breath, to keep going even if I made a mistake, and—the hardest thing for me!—not playing too fast.

First the blade and then the ear...

With my mother's help, I was able to play for my class that Thanksgiving, but there were so many things about playing the piano I had yet to learn. My hands were still too small to reach across more than five keys, my feet didn't quite reach the pedals when I sat at the piano bench, and there were scales and etudes to learn. The piano has a lifetime of exciting and frustrating challenges to be discovered.

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

Henry Alford's words to this hymn remind us that we all bring home harvests to God's temple every day. Some harvests are corn and wheat; other harvests are voices that sing, hands that heal, minds that innovate, and hearts that listen. Most of these harvests were planted many years ago and have been tended by God in ways that we can hardly imagine. All the world truly is God's own field.



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#### YEAR-END GIVING

As we head toward year's end, please remember to fulfill your 2022 pledges...and to make your pledges for 2023. The vestry and finance committee are planning the 2023 budget so please remember that every new pledge will help us reach our ministry goals in 2023.

Do you have an IRA and are required to take a minimum distribution? Having that minimum distribution sent directly to the church could save you some taxes - check with your financial advisor.

Pledge cards are at the church or you can pledge online at http://www.goodshepherdofcashiers.com/stewardship.html



# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCTOBER 1, 2022











Thank you to everyone who came out for the Annual Blessing of the Animals. Despite an approaching hurricane that brought rain & wind we enjoyed music and fellowship with many amazing pets and their wonderful human companions.

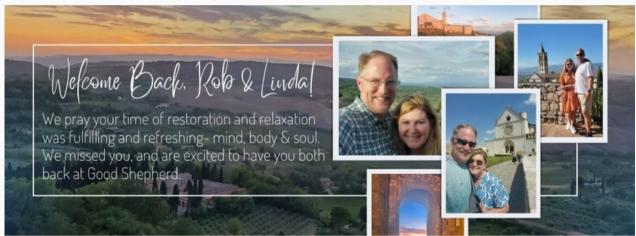
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### **ROB'S SABBATICAL ITINERARY**

#### **NOVEMBER 2022**

- November 1: Rob and Linda R&R (continued)
- November 2 November 6: Explore other NC sites and others uncovered in weeks prior
  - Town Creek Indian Mound, Mt. Gilead, NC
  - Museum of the American Indian, Pembroke, NC
- November 7-9: Clergy Golf Retreat
- November 10: Back at Good Shepherd
- November 11-12: Diocesan Convention
- Sunday, November 13: First Sunday back from Sabbatical.



Stuart Hoke served many years in the Diocese of New York, retiring 2008 as Executive Assistant to the Rector of Trinity Wall Street and Missioner to St. Paul's Chapel at Ground Zero, where he served during and after 9/11. He and Rob were at General Seminary together, and Bob and Cha Cha Brown know him from Arkansas. Stuart is also a national leader in the Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church.





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# YOUTH ACOLYTES OCTOBER 23, 2022



We welcome Will Boeve & Townsend & Samuel Dyer as new acolytes! Rainier Finley helped Alison show them how everything is done. Please encourage them when they serve!















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The Reverend Robert B. Wood, Rector rwood.gs@gmail.com
The Reverend Alison Schultz, Assistant Rector
The Reverend Toby Summerour, Adjunct Priest

The Reverend Steve Hines, Adjunct Priest

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