



OCTOBER 2023

TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Cashiers, North Carolina

OCTOBER TIDINGS: A FOCUS ON PILGRIMAGE

With the Italy Pilgrimage coming this month, we want to connect you prayerfully and virtually with the 14 pilgrims who begin their travels with Fr. Rob on October 20 (pages 4 and 5). Just as importantly, and as you can read below, PILGRIMAGE is something that can happen in the body, in travels, or at home, in the soul. "Pilgrimage is a state of mind and heart or spirit...in which one encounters the holy." Lastly, we hope to peak your interest in the 2024 holy pilgrimage to England/Scotland/Ireland, the place where so much of the Anglican Tradition was born. That information is on pages 6 and 7. As Richard Rohr says, "each step one makes is blessed by the Spirit." May your steps be holy wherever you go.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
Rob+

EVERYDAY PILGRIMS

Father Richard often teaches that God can be sought and known outside of traditional church services and forms of prayer:

Every day, we are given a natural way to reconnect with God that doesn't depend on education. It doesn't depend on getting a degree in philosophy or theology, living in a particular period of history, or believing in a specific religion. It depends on really being present to what is right in front of us. As Paul says, "God has made it plain" (see Romans 1:19-20).

The missing element for many of us in the developed world has been contemplation, which allows us to see things in their wholeness and with respect (re-spect = to see a second time). If we were to spend time in nature, alone like Jesus or the Desert Fathers and Mothers, we would know many of the same things religion has been trying to teach, but we would know them on a cellular level, on a physical and energetic level. That kind of knowing does not contradict the rational; it's much more holistic and heartfelt. There is nothing that is not spiritual for those who have learned how to see. [1]

Pilgrimages, big and small, can allow us to experience God's presence on the "cellular" or energetic level that Father Richard describes. Pastor and author Brett Webb-Mitchell suggests how we might make pilgrimages a regular part of our lives:

A pilgrimage need not take place in an exotic, faraway locale. It need not take a whole week or two. It can take place in our backyards, in our neighborhoods, around our churches and retreat centers. One doesn't need to be wealthy to be a pilgrim. One simply needs to have a purpose and place in mind where one can go in order to experience the Holy....

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 RICHARD COOPER
2 JOSIE AYERS
2 SHARON CRANWELL
3 BEV SEINSHEIMER
3 ANDREW HUDSON
4 DOREEN HASTINGS
4 CHERI ALLEN
10 CLAUDIA NAUGHTON
11 BETTY SPONCLER
11 SUSAN HEATLEY
12 MARY MCCONNELL
12 WIMBERLEY WATTS
13 ALICE SCANLON
14 BARRIE GRIFFIN
14 BROMLEY SHARRETT
14 MARTIN SHOFNER
16 DEBBIE MONTEITH
16 LISA DARGAN
17 MARCIA MCCARLEY
17 JOHN RAGSDALE
18 HOWARD L'ENFANT
18 REBECCA MCKEE
20 MADELINE DAVIS
20 KEITH CROSTHWAITE
20 MARK QUICK
22 JOHN WEAN
22 JOE GHOLSTON
22 ED HOPKINS
23 LAURA CAMP
24 BETH COLE
29 LARRY COLE
29 HENRY COUCH
30 JUDY PAULY
31 SHARON BISSELL
31 BARBARA COLLIE

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

TRANSITIONS

Transfer out

Kip & Martie Kingree
transfer to Holy Cross Valle Crucis

Baptism

Brent Adams Smith III
October 15, 2023

New to Good Shepherd

Megan Harold
Carl & Jean Blom

Bowers & Brook Clement
Terry & Jamie Hawkins

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A pilgrimage is more than *just* a hike, a walk, a run, a bike ride, a vacation, or a journey.... Pilgrimage is the state of mind *and* heart or spirit that changes the vacation, the hike in the woods, the long kayak journey along an intercoastal strip of water, the ride out into the country, the walk to a friend's house, the errand in the middle of the day, the walking of a dog, the 5k run or marathon ... *into a pilgrimage in which one encounters the Holy*. Benedictine monk David Steindl-Rast describes this very sentiment: when the pilgrim sets her foot on the ground, every step is a goal, and the pilgrim says "now, now, now"; she is living in the present and claiming the presence of the Holy God now in her midst,^[2] upon this soil, fully cognizant of the sacred land she walks upon.... Whether we are on an actual pilgrimage or perceive that the road of life we are on is our pilgrimage, each step, each move one makes is blessed by the Spirit. For both an actual pilgrimage and the pilgrimage of everyday life is a journey of faith.^[3]

[1] Adapted from Richard Rohr, *A Spring within Us: A Book of Daily Meditations* (Albuquerque, NM: CAC Publishing, 2016), 63, 64.

[2] David Steindl-Rast, *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer: An Approach to Life in Fullness* (Ramsey, NJ: Paulist Press, 1984), 131, 133.

[3] Brett Webb-Mitchell, *Practicing Pilgrimage: On Being and Becoming God's Pilgrim People* (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2016), xviii, 8.

3 BILL & ELISABETH HOFFMAN
4 PATCH FOSTER & KEVIN ROWLAND
12 BILL & EVELYN CALLAGHAN
15 MIKE & VIRGINIA MONSOUR
15 SCOTT & AMY THOMPSON

16 ROB & LINDA WOOD
19 JOHN & BROOK OWENS
22 ED & ANN HOPKINS
23 DAVID & NORA JONES
26 MIKE & MARY QUILLEN

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



2024 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.
(Revelation 22:13)

Maybe the founders of Good Shepherd wanted us to focus on that truth by placing the Alpha and Omega windows behind the altar. When we come and when we go, when we receive and when we give, we can't miss this truth.

After a successful Bazaar Barn Campaign (for which we give thanks!) it is now time to turn our attention to our ministry and our pledges for 2024. Please let us know your support by filling out a pledge card and returning it to Good Shepherd within the next few weeks.

May our Alpha and Omega windows remind you (whether in person or online!) of our life in Christ, that Christ is all in all. Like we say: "all things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."

As of September 21, 2023: 50 pledges Received for \$201,315

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT FOR 2024

In years past, we have asked people to return time and talent pledge cards. This year, we bring more of a face-to-face approach by highlighting a ministry most Sundays in church or Mondays in the eblast. In the month of October, you will hear about the ministries below: what they do and how you can volunteer your gifts, if so moved. We hope this new approach makes timely connections for people and our ministries.

- Heavenly Foods--cooking for the home-bound or parishioners in need
- Flower Guild--arranging flowers for Sunday worship every 4-5 weeks
- Pastoral Care Home visits--visiting parishioners in need in their homes
- Endowment Committee--communications and organization, not investment management.
- Coffee Hour Host--helping with Sunday coffee hours at 12 noon from late October through May, maybe once a month, or just once.

THE HINES HALL ENDOWMENT FUND

Established in 2013, this important fund was designed to support, maintain and protect Hines Hall, which is a focal point for a myriad of activities in our church community. Hines Hall is in use every day of the week and is a vital and welcoming environment for all aspects of our parish life.

Hines Hall houses our administrative offices, several classrooms, a kitchen, the great hall, library, choir room and two smaller meeting rooms on the main level. Our lower level is the strategic staging area for donations heading to the Bazaar Barn. The great hall can accommodate approximately 200 people depending on its intended configuration and is also used for worship service overflow, our annual meeting, multiple weekly meetings, movie night, Bible and Lectionary studies, parish meal gatherings, Sunday School, the church nursery, and all sorts of special events. Additionally, Hines Hall offers space for many groups in our community including Cashiers Cares, Community Care Clinic as well as our broader educational programs such as English Language Learner classes.

The Hines Hall Endowment currently has a balance of approximately \$214,000. We will need to build up this fund over the next few years as several major expenses are anticipated, including HVAC and roof replacement as well as replacing the acoustical ceiling tiles.



ITALY PILGRIMAGE 2023

October 20 - November 3, 2023

On this pilgrimage, in Rome we will follow the last steps of Saints Peter & Paul. In Assisi, we will learn about the spiritual lives of St. Francis and St. Clare. And in Florence, we will see how Christian expression blossomed during the Renaissance. Follow this pilgrimage day by day beginning October 20 at goodshepherdofcashiers.wordpress.com/blog

ITINERARY



DAY 1 -- Friday, October 20: Day of Travel to Italy

DAY 2 -- Saturday, October 21: Arrival in Rome, afternoon walking tour of ancient sites, group welcome dinner



DAY 3 -- Sunday, October 22: Worship and tour in the Catacombs; visit St Paul's Outside the Walls (where Paul is buried) and St. Clement al Laterano.



DAY 4 -- Monday, October 23: Guided tour of Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, St Peter's Basilica

DAY 5 -- Tuesday, October 24: Depart for Assisi, visit Dionigi Winery, arrive in Assisi in the afternoon, short walking tour with an evening to enjoy the old city.

DAY 6 -- Wednesday, October 25: In Assisi, take a guided tour of the Life of Saint Francis (churches, home, Basilica, frescoes); Visit San Damiano where Francis had the vision to 'rebuild my church,' followed by a visit to the retreat of Eremo delle Carceri in the hills.



DAY 7 -- Thursday, October 26: Guided tour of the Life of St. Clare, also from Assisi, who led women in the same vows of poverty, obedience, and chastity following Francis' rule.





ITALY PILGRIMAGE 2023

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DAY 8 -- Friday, October 27: Depart Assisi by way of the small chapel known as the Porziuncola (now inside the church of Santa Maria degli Angeli). Lunch in Cortona. Arrive in Florence.

DAY 9 -- Saturday, October 28: Guided tour of the Religious center of Florence (the Duomo (cathedral), baptistry, Duomo Museum)

DAY 10 -- Sunday, October 29: Morning worship in Florence followed by a tour of the Uffizi Gallery.

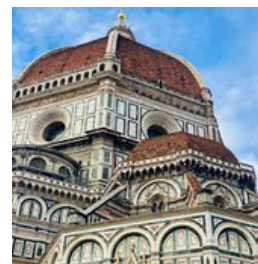
DAY 11 -- Monday, October 30: Guided tour of San Marco Monastery and Accademia Museum (to see the David).

Day 12 -- Tuesday, October 31: DEPARTURE for some while others transfer to Siena by way of a chianti winery and San Gimignano.

DAY 13 -- Wednesday, November 1 (All Saints Day): Morning worship followed by excursions and Tuscan countryside walks. Cathedral visit in the afternoon.

DAY 14 -- Thursday, November 2: Saint Catherine, patron saint of Europe, tour, followed by a closing group banquet.

Day 15 -- Friday, Nov. 3: Departure for home





ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & IRELAND PILGRIMAGE



April 25 – May 10, 2024
England, Scotland, Ireland Itinerary
(11 days / 9 nights (England/Scotland)
6 days / 5 nights (Ireland)



We have traced the steps of Christianity from the Holy Land to Greece and (in October) to Italy. As Christianity spread to the British Isles, what we know as the Anglican tradition was born. In the 2024 pilgrimage, we will journey through parts of our faith tradition in music, art, and architecture. The itinerary is below. Faith Journeys is the group organizing the trip with Fr. Rob. Estimated costs (not including airfare): England/Scotland, \$4,500-\$5,000 per person; Ireland, \$2,200-\$2,600. Four open days for personal touring, golf, rest, and the like included throughout the itinerary. See Good Shepherd's website for more information, or contact Fr. Rob.

Day 1: Thursday, April 25, 2024 - Depart

Depart from the US airport of choice to land at London-Heathrow Airport.

Day 2: Friday, April 26 – Windsor/London

Arrive at London Heathrow. First stop: Windsor Castle and St. George's Chapel. Travel on to London for Evensong. Group welcome dinner and overnight in London.

Day 3: Saturday, April 27 – London

Visit the Tower of London, followed by a cruise on the River Thames, ending at Westminster Abbey. In the late afternoon, visit St. Paul Cathedral to attend a service of Evensong.

Day 4: Sunday, April 28 – London

After morning worship, explore London on your own or take a day trip to Oxford, Salisbury, or Bath. A local golf excursion is also an option.

Day 5: Monday, April 29 – London/Canterbury

Depart for Canterbury for a guided tour of Canterbury Cathedral. Evensong and supper before returning to London.

Day 6: Tuesday, April 30 – London/Edinburgh

Travel from London to Edinburgh by fast train. In the afternoon, a stroll along the Royal Mile, Edinburgh Castle, St. Giles Cathedral. In the evening, gather for a special night of entertainment and food at "The Spirit of Scotland" dinner show.

Day 7: Wednesday May 1 –Edinburgh

Free day to explore sites in Edinburgh. In the afternoon, come together to explore Christian roots and modern worship practices. Dinner will be on your own.



ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & IRELAND PILGRIMAGE

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Day 8: Thursday, May 2 –Edinburgh/St. Andrews

Depart Edinburgh to visit Dunfermline Abby. Transfer to St. Andrews to visit the Cathedral and Priory. Check into hotel. Dinner and overnight in St. Andrews.

Day 9: Friday, May 3 –St. Andrews

Day on your own. This may be a day of golf, a day of rest, or a day to explore on your own. Visit the University of St. Andrews (The Oxford/Cambridge of Scotland), The Castle of St. Andrews, Holy Trinity Church. Overnight in St. Andrews.

Day 10: Saturday, May 4 – St. Andrews/Perth/Sterling Castle/Glasgow

Depart St. Andrews for Perth, the former capital of Scotland. Visit Balhousie Castle, explore North Inch (gardens) and have lunch. Transfer to Stirling Castle for a brief visit, and return to Edinburgh. Closing Eucharist, Dinner, and Overnight in Edinburgh.

Day 11: Sunday, May 5 – Scotland/Ireland Extension

If continuing on the extension, transfer from Edinburgh to Ayrshire, Scotland

- Option 1: Half-Day to enjoy Robert Burn's Birthplace Museum and area around Ayrshire.
- Option 2: Half-Day trip for golfers to Prestwick Golf Club.

Day 12: Monday, May 6 – Pilgrimage Extension to Ireland begins

Transfer to Stranraer to ferry across the Irish Sea to Belfast. Travel Onward to Downpatrick. Visit the St. Patrick Center, Cathedral, and the grave of the saint (also said to be the burial site of St. Brigid and St. Columba). Walk to the Saul Church (the first church founded by Patrick). Overnight in Downpatrick area.

Day 13: Tuesday, May 7 – Downpatrick

Day on your own may include a round of golf at Royal Down Golf Club, or a tour of local castles, or a day of rest and personal excursion. Overnight in Downpatrick area.

Day 14: Wednesday, May 8 – Dublin

Travel to Dublin. Visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral and/or Christ Church Cathedral. Tour Trinity College and the Book of Kells. Dinner, on own, and overnight in Dublin.

Day 15: Thursday, May 9 – Glendalough/Cill Dara

Breakfast followed by a visit to both Glendalough and afterwards, St. Bridgid's Cathedral in Cill Dara – Church of the Oak. Return to Dublin, for a closing dinner at a local restaurant and overnight at the hotel.

Day 16: Friday, May 10 – Flight home or onward travel on your own

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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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**A LEGACY OF COMMUNITY
A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE BAZAAR BARN & OUTREACH**



GOAL: \$2,100,000
PLEGGED: \$1,715,106
RECEIVED: \$1,051,521

Thank you for the response and generosity to the Barn Campaign! We have received 184 pledges for \$1,715,106 so far towards our goal of \$2.1M.

Pledges and gifts are still welcome, and **all funds received before November 1 help us to get a smaller loan** and put more funds into Outreach in 2024 and beyond.

Again, thank you for being part of this great ministry!

GOAL: \$2,100,000

