



SEPTEMBER 2022

# TIDINGS

The Church of the Good Shepherd  
Cashiers, North Carolina

## SEEING GOD IN ALL THINGS

As Rob+ journeys forth toward a time of rest and renewal we also as a parish participate in a time of sabbatical.

In a time together of rest and renewal.

In a time together of worship and fellowship.

In a time of learning.

As Christian people we are forever following the Way. The way of a disciple. It is the way of discipleship allowing for times of rest and renewal, of learning and fellowship. One of the practices we might use together, in this time of sabbatical, is in seeing God in all things.

Fine tuning our God awareness along the way. With intention noticing our seeing of God in all things!



Living in the mountains, (to echo the words of the hymn, Come Thou Font) calls for songs of strongest praise.

Here is my noticing of God in all things:

Each morning the dawn comes, the same, but so incredibly different. The sun comes up, that is the same, but the play of the light among the clouds or the mist in the trees is always changing, the colors never quite the same. My life with God is so much like the mornings. The same and always different.

So it will be for us as we pray and worship and serve together in these next few months of sabbatical, the same but always different.

I'll be keeping a list - to share with Rob+ upon his return; but also as a way for me to measure the time knowing God shows up in ways I least expect it!

*Alison +*



# STATS

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 MARK LASSITER  
2 BUD MURPHY  
3 RODNEY BYARD  
3 CARI SANDERS  
4 DEBBIE LASSITER  
5 JAIRO ARENAS  
8 JIM RECKTENWALD  
9 BEVERLY FOWLER  
9 SIMMONS TATE  
9 BILL HOFFMAN  
9 HENRY WASZKOWSKI  
11 ANNE DEWEES HART  
11 ALISON LEE  
11 SYDNEY SINCLAIR  
13 LOIS WRANGLE  
13 FRANK KELLY  
13 MARK WILLIAMS  
14 HELEN FORTSON  
15 VIRGINIA SINK  
15 SUSAN STINSON  
15 PETER KECK  
15 RANDY SCHULER  
15 MCKINLEY PUSCH  
16 MARY COUNCIL  
16 DAVID YOUNG  
16 BETSY SHADDEN  
16 DICK CASSIDY  
17 HAYDEN TURNER  
18 LEE GRIFFIN  
18 SUZY DAVIS  
18 MIKE GLENN  
21 BOB CROWDER  
21 STEVE HINES  
22 ANN HOPKINS  
23 BOB FEAGIN  
23 TAYLOR STINSON  
27 KATHE CANBY  
27 BOB COLLIE  
28 FRED ROBBINS  
28 PEG KIRCHNER  
28 SUSIE GOODE  
29 LYNN MEYERS  
29 ANDREA HAMILTON  
30 THOMAS STIRES  
30 NANCY DUNCAN



July 25-29, 2022  
15 children  
6 youth leaders  
30 adult volunteers!



## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 RICK & DONNA BARRS  
6 BILL PRESLEY & JANET MCCLORY  
7 JOE & SUSAN WARREN  
10 JACK & MARY JANE HARVEY  
12 FRED & MEG BRADLEY

24 DICK & MISSY CASSIDY  
20 JERRY & ISABELLA REEVES  
21 WALLY & BEV SEINSHEIMER  
29 KEITH & KATHERINE CROSTHWAITE  
29 RON & CAREY JOYNER  
30 SCOTT & SUTTON TURNER

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



## ROB'S SABBATICAL ITINERARY

### SEPTEMBER 2022

#### **September 5 to October 5 (Journey in Italy with Linda)**

- September 5, Depart for Italy
- September 6, Arrive at Rome Airport, transfer to Assisi
- September 7: Footsteps of St. Francis walking tour of Assisi, including visits to Basilicas of Santa Chiara and St. Francis.
- September 8: Full day excursion around Assisi, including San Damiano, Porziuncola, Eremo delle Carceri, 2 hr walk to Spello, and the church of Santa Maria Maggiore.
- September 9: Walking tour in Assisi, with a focus on St. Clare.
- September 10: Excursion to Bevagna and Montefalco, visiting the Church Museum of Saint Francis with Benozzo Gozzoli and Perugino's frescoes.
- September 11: attend worship in Assisi and transfer to Montepulciano.
- September 12: In Tuscany, 9.6 mile walking trek from Montepulciano to Pienza
- September 13: In Tuscany, 9.5 mile trek from Pienza to Bagno Vignoni
- September 14: In Tuscany, 9 mile trek from Bagno Vignoni to Sant' Antimo
- September 15: In Tuscany, 10.5 mile trek from Montalcino to Buonconvento
- September 16: transfer from Buonconvento to Siena
- September 17: transfer from Siena to Florence
- September 18: Highlights of Florence Walking tour, including the Accademia; Admire the Cathedral (Il Duomo) and the Baptistery, with its famous doors. We will finish in the Piazza della Signoria, with Palazzo Vecchio, Galleria degli Uffizi, and Ponte Vecchio.
- September 19: Day trip to Venice
- September 20: Religious walking tour of Florence, with its famous Cathedral (Duomo), Baptistery, and Belltower. We will enter into the Baptistery, one of the oldest buildings in Florence and full of mosaics from the 13th century and the recently remodeled Duomo Museum which houses many treasures which were once in the Cathedral, including works by Donatello, Ghiberti and Michelangelo.
- September 21: Day trip to Pisa and Lucca
- September 22: Back in Florence, we will spend an afternoon at the Uffizi Gallery
- September 23: Garden and Palace Walk-- explore the first formal Renaissance garden, Boboli, located on 111 acres behind Palazzo Pitti, the home of the Medici Grand Dukes.
- September 24: transfer from Florence to Rome (with a winery stop in between!)
- September 25: worship at St. Paul's Within the Walls, visit the Colosseum, Ancient Rome
- September 26: Visit religious sites in Rome, including the Catacombs, Appian Way, St Paul Outside the Walls, St Mary Magdalen, St. Clement, St John Latern.
- September 27: Early morning tour of the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum
- September 28: Transfer from Rome to Positano on the Amalfi Coast, stop at Pompei
- September 29 – October 2: In Positano
- October 2-October 5: in Sorrento, with a visit to Capri
- October 5: return to the States





The 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, often referred to as GC80, met from July 8 - 11, 2022 at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland. Originally scheduled for July of 2021, the 80th General Convention was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and later shortened from 10 legislative days to four and modifications to the number of attendees and legislative process.

The business of The Episcopal Church is conducted during triennial General Conventions. The Convention is a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies, which has more than 800 members, and the House of Bishops, which is comprised of nearly 300 active and retired bishops. Each diocese elects, at one of its

annual meetings, up to four clergy and four lay deputies to attend the General Convention, take part in its deliberations and vote on resolutions.

The Convention has the authority to amend the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church; adopt the budget for the church for the next three years; authorize liturgical texts and amend the Book of Common Prayer; adopt communions and covenants with other churches; set qualifications for orders of ministry and office-holders; elect officers of the General Convention, the Executive Council and members of boards; and delegate responsibilities to the committees, commissions, agencies and boards of the Episcopal Church.

This General Convention dealt with approximately 430 resolutions in four days over about 25 hours of legislative work. Most resolutions were passed via a consent calendar, which honors the committee recommendation that reviews the resolution to recommend passing, deferring or discharging. Here are some highlights!

- +passed a \$100.5 million budget for the next biennium (the 81st General Convention is scheduled for the summer of 2024 in Kentucky)
- +approved the first reading of a constitutional change to clearly define the Book of Common Prayer
- +continued the church's commitment to reckoning with its history of racism
- +elected Julia Ayala Harris to succeed the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings as House of Deputies president and the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton as vice president
- +agreed to the reunification of two dioceses in Texas
- +considered Resolution A125 to establish a voluntary Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice among dioceses and congregations, and a resolution to pledge more than \$2.5 million over the next biennium to further the Episcopal Church's commitment to investigating its role in Indigenous boarding schools
- +passed Resolution D083 "affirming that all Episcopalians should be able to access abortion services and birth control with no restriction on movement, autonomy, type, or timing."
- +after impassioned debate, deputies rejected Resolution D054, which asked church leaders to consider committing to "equitable access to women's health care, including women's reproductive health care"
- +adopted resolutions to offer paid family leave and health insurance to lay and clergy church employees through the Denominational Health Plan. Resolution A003 urges but does not require, dioceses to adopt uniform paid family leave policies for all employees
- +spoke out against gun violence, passing resolutions B003 on ghost guns, B006 urging advocacy for state legislation against gun violence and B007 commending investment in community violence intervention to prevent gun violence
- +passed the Navajoland resolution which seeks to address promises the Episcopal Church made as far back as the 1980s for self-identification and the calling of a bishop



Bishops from across the country marched in Baltimore during General Convention.



The delegation from the Diocese of Western North Carolina traveled to Baltimore for the 80th Triennial convention of the Episcopal Church in America.



Meeting around every ten years since 1867, the Lambeth Conference is one of the four Instruments of Unity in the Anglican Communion. The 2022 meeting was the 15th Lambeth Conference. Convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference is an international meeting of Anglican bishops. The conference discusses church and world affairs and the global mission of the Anglican Communion for the decade ahead.

The conference theme was 'God's Church for God's World - walking, listening and witnessing together.' The conference explored what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st Century world.

These remarks are from Bishop Jose' via Facebook ...  
We wrapped up the official program today by discussing the environment, sustainable development and science. Another day of great speakers and conversations. I was privileged to have been asked to be a part of a panel to discuss with the Archbishop our learnings at Lambeth and what we will take back to our dioceses. I will say and write more in the coming weeks, but my friends I am indeed optimistic and hopeful. We are connected to millions of fellow Anglicans who face many challenges, but are deeply rooted in Jesus and in some cases, risking their lives. We are a part of a large family of brothers and sisters who work tirelessly to make God's love known. Tonight I give thanks for the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church, and the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

<https://www.facebook.com/746980389/videos/pcb.10159873073300390/432787365549374>



Bishop Jose' and 3 other Bishops on Abbey Road using a bit of humor to break the tension at the recent Lambeth Conference, in London.

Many Episcopal bishops arrived at the conference expressing trepidation over conservative attempts to reaffirm past Anglican statements against same-sex marriage. Though stark divisions remain over issues of human sexuality across the communion, which covers 165 countries, Episcopal bishops said they are concluding their time in Canterbury on a more hopeful note. Despite their differences, the more than 650 participating bishops examined some of the most pressing issues in the world today, including climate change, interfaith relations, care for refugees and the threat of anti-democratic movements.

Bishops from across the Anglican Communion, looked to the future as they emphasized the conference's theme of Anglicans engaging with the wider world.

The bishops adopted 14 statements of support, each proposed by a sponsoring bishop, highlighting a range of issues that included peace in the Middle East, the war in Ukraine and gun violence in the United States.

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, who convened the typically once-a-decade Lambeth Conference, asked several conference participants to share their experiences and what they will bring back to their home provinces and dioceses. "I have hope in the communion," Western North Carolina Bishop José McLoughlin said from the main venue stage. "There's a recognition that we are really here grounded in Jesus, that we really do have a desire to make Jesus' love known to all people."





## Episcopal Relief & Development

Working Together for Lasting Change

July 13, 2022

The Reverend Robert B. Wood  
Church of the Good Shepherd  
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Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you the Church of the Good Shepherd's gift of \$50,000.00 to Episcopal Relief & Development to our Ukraine Crisis Response Fund.

As you are seeing in the news daily the situation in Ukraine and along the border is fluid and increasingly difficult for the many people who are fleeing for their safety. In a recent call with Nagulan Nesiah, International Senior Program Officer for Disaster Response, he noted that just in the second week of this conflict there have been 12 million people displaced which is 30% of the population.

Episcopal Relief & Development is supporting Action by Churches Together (ACT Alliance) as it provides critical assistance to support people affected by violence in Ukraine. Working through ACT member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) and other local organizations, your gift helps us to provide emergency assistance such as food, shelter, water and basic supplies to the people displaced by the conflict. We are also working with The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, the Diocese of Europe, the Anglican Alliance and United Society Partners in the Gospel as the churches working on immediate and long-term responses to assist Ukrainian people who have fled to Poland, Romania, Hungary and other parts of Europe.

Thanks to your generosity, we are providing immediate relief to these displaced people and preparing to address their longer-term needs.

Faithfully,

Betsy Deisroth  
Vice President, Advancement



## STEWARDSHIP



Pledging and giving my financial treasure to Good Shepherd is important to me because Good Shepherd is my spiritual home. It feeds my soul and makes my life more meaningful.

Laura Lankford

Pledging and giving my financial treasure to Good Shepherd is important to me because it is a statement of faith—faith in God, the Episcopal Church and Church of the Good Shepherd.

I trust Good Shepherd to be good stewards of my financial donations. I like knowing that the effect of my donations will be combined with others' and amplified in doing God's work in our parish, the Cashiers community and the world. Plus, as a member of the church, my pledge helps in budgeting and setting plans for the year.

Ruth Russ



As of 8/16/2022 we have received 124 pledges for a total of \$497,200. Thank you for your generosity! If you have not turned in a pledge card please prayerfully consider doing so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available at the church office or you can make your pledge online at [www.goodshepherdofcashiers.com/stewardship](http://www.goodshepherdofcashiers.com/stewardship)

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SENIOR WARDEN

Father Rob's sabbatical leave is not a vacation, nor is it only continuing education; it is to promote spiritual, intellectual, and emotional renewal and growth. Sabbaticals are also a time to reflect on one's life, ministry, mission, call and goals for the future, in order to be a more effective minister of the Gospel and shepherd God's people. Rob has prepared for his sabbatical prayerfully and thoughtfully. We are truly blessed to have Rev. Alison Schultz as our full-time assistant rector.

The senior and junior wardens work alongside the parish rector and assistant rector. Together, they share with their congregation the mission and vision of the parish and manage its operations as well, according to guidelines of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. During his sabbatical, Rob will certainly be missed, but the Church of the Good Shepherd will continue to do God's work through our faith in action. Rob's sabbatical is an opportunity for our parish to be strengthened also. There are lay leadership roles in our many ministries available. Consider making a commitment to increase your involvement in this vital and wonderful parish through community life, commitment to social justice, worship, and religious education opportunities.

Laura Lankford, Senior Warden

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The Reverend Toby Summerour, Adjunct Priest  
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Stock your freezer on September 9th!



A big thank you to Carol Treichel and all the angels that helped cook all these delicious dishes.  
The last sale raised \$6,000 for Outreach!