

Greetings and Happy New Year!

For every beginning there is an ending; and for every ending, there is a beginning. Five weeks into our new church year, we are poised to begin a new calendar year. It seems that life is full of beginnings, new opportunities, new challenges. Into these possibilities each of us carries a unique set of endings which can filter and color how we view the unknowns yet to be revealed.

We at Good Shepherd stand poised and ready to explore many new possibilities for ministry that will cross our path in 2018. Knowing we cannot be all things to all needs, we will prayerfully discern how our unique resources and gifts can produce fruit that can make a difference. This discernment will require an openness that has no room for sacred cows, the belief that “we have never done it that way,” or for hidden personal agendas.

We must heed the wise words of Herbert Spencer when he stated, *“There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a person in everlasting ignorance – that principle is ‘contempt prior to investigation.’”* I believe that such ‘contempt’ is often our knee-jerk reaction to negative experiences of the past that prevent us from considering a fresh look at new opportunities. It can often be that toxic elixir which leads us to say an immediate “No” to the possible “Yes” of God. With this thought in mind, may we always seek to be *on* the way with God rather than standing *in* the way of God!

I have a firm belief that God speaks to each of us, not just as a corporate body, but by name. But without opportunities to share what the Voice may be saying, its blessings and challenges will go unnoticed. So, between now and our Annual Parish Meeting on January 21st, I am asking each of you to prayerfully discern two things:

What ministry might God be calling you to undertake in the name of Good Shepherd for 2018?

What one significant ministry might God be calling our congregation to undertake in 2018? Name three specific things might be done to address this call.

At the Annual Meeting you will be asked to submit responses to these questions for Vestry review and discussion. For as we share our lives and ideas with one another, I believe God will share God's life and will with us. This is truly an exciting time to be in this place. In this upcoming year of 2018, may we seek to be a daringly different kind of community, so we can make a difference in the lives of persons both within and outside our family of faith.

Blessings!

Fr. Bill+

Vestry Election

I am pleased to present the following three persons who have allowed their names to be placed in nomination as Vestry members: Sudy Dressler, Susan Ferguson, and Randy Neff. You can read a brief statement of ministry from each nominee in this newsletter. Since we must elect three new Vestry members at the annual meeting, I ask that these individuals be elected by acclamation should there be no nominations from the floor. Each nominee brings an unwavering commitment to our Lord's work through Good Shepherd, and each possesses the heart of a servant, a necessary quality, for the work and ministry of an effective Vestry. I am also asking that I be notified prior to the annual meeting of anyone planning to be nominated from the floor. We will need time to have the necessary ballots printed and an election process organized.

I also wish to extend my profound gratitude to Diane Linkous, John Ness, and Kelly Tiblier for their ministry as outgoing Vestry members. Each has served in this capacity with unwavering commitment and devotion to our Lord and this parish. My thanks are also extended to those members whose terms have not yet expired: Libby Bradford, Ron Carter, Mary McCorkle, Mickey Peake, Michael Weinzierl, and Meade Wilson. I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to work along side each of these persons for God's glory, and the well-being of this very special congregation.

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Sudy Dressler: Raised a Presbyterian in Roanoke, VA, I began attending the Episcopal Church when I was in college at Randolph Macon Women's College in Lynchburg because it was the closest church to campus and I could walk there. My husband Sam and I moved to York with our two sons, Sam Jr. and Philip, in 1974, when the then Duke Power Co. was building the Catawba Plant and Sam was engineer for the project. I had previously been active at Holy Trinity in Clemson where we were living the construction of the Oconee Plant. When we moved here we took an active part in Good Shepherd. Some of activities were teaching Sunday School; painting Sunday School rooms; volunteering on a work trip to coal mining country, ECW, Vestry member, Vestry Clerk, mopping floors in the parish hall flood of 1982, coffee hour hostess, and art show worker. I am so happy for our church to have new vision from a man, Bill Greeley, who is creative but also realistic about what our future can hold and who is willing to give it a try. I would like to support him and his vision and see what we can do.

Susan McDaniel Ferguson: I grew up here in York and was a member of Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church. I moved to Alabama in 1994 and began attending the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Leeds, Alabama. During my time there, I was an active church member, serving several years as Vestry Clerk and usher. I also participated on a church garden committee that provided vegetables for low income families. Professionally, I worked in social services and administration in retirement and skilled nursing facilities, so I often assisted elderly church members with long term care planning. I returned to York in 2014 to marry Tracy Ferguson III and joined the Good Shepherd in 2015.

Randy Neff: As I prepared to write this short bio, I referred back to the bio I wrote for election to the vestry in 2006. Much has changed since that time and one has to ask, where has the time gone? This will be my third vestry term, having served three year terms beginning in 1996 and 2006. During part of each of those terms I served as the Senior Warden. Many of you know me as the church treasurer, a position I have served since arriving at Good Shepherd in late 1993. I have served as a Lay Eucharistic minister for the past several years, a position I cherish as I feel it is an honor to serve at the altar.

The year 2018 will soon be upon us. It will be an anticipated year for Jill and me as we both will retire (45 years of accounting for me and 38 years of teaching for Jill). For Good Shepherd, we are poised to embark on some new ministries to increase the utilization of our facilities. I trust my experience and background will aid in guiding us in the next three years to accomplish our goals.



Annual Parish Meeting and Lunch

The Annual Parish Meeting and Lunch
will follow the 11am service
on **Sunday January 21st.**

*The church will provide the meal, you are only asked to attend and lend your ear
and vote as needed and to listen to the information and plans
regarding Good Shepherd for the coming year.*

(PSSST: Don't worry, the Superbowl isn't until February 4th this year!)

CARDS FOR A CAUSE

Come, have fun and support a child. Delicious snacks will be served!

When: Saturday, January 27, 2018, 1pm to 4pm

What: Card Party and Silent Auction to benefit Education=Hope

Where: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 108 E. Liberty Street, York

Cost: \$25 per person

Bring your friends and card club and play Bridge, Euchre, Canasta, Uno, Mahjong, etc. and help deal a child a better hand in the game of life with education. Education Equals Hope is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide for the education of children in desperate and difficult places. During the 2016-2017 school year, our donors gave hope to more than 3,000 children. Your \$25 can send a child to school for a month in Ecuador, Haiti, Rwanda or Kenya.

Your support is greatly appreciated! Let's give them HOPE!

**Register by calling: Joyce Sanders: 803-984-0319
or register online at our website.**

Website: educationequalshope.org

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Did you ever wonder about the lyrics of “A Partridge in a Pear Tree”? Here’s some interesting insight.

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.



- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit -- Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
- The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief outlined in the Apostles' Creed.



TAIZÉ SERVICE

February 6th — There will be a Taizé service at 6pm followed by a light supper and a speaker.

The Taizé service is the **FIRST TUESDAY** of each month .

A **sign-up sheet** will be available in the parish hall, so we can prepare enough food for everyone.

BAPTISM AT GOOD SHEPHERD

If you or a family member wishes to be baptized, please contact Father Bill at:

billgreeley@gmail.com or call 803-818-8257

Email: thegoodshepherd@comporium.net or call 684-4021.



We can share Communion with you even if you can't get to church



If you or someone you love is ill or unable to attend church, we have Lay Eucharistic Visitors who can bring Communion to them. This is a servant ministry of our church and those who are involved would be pleased to come to you.

Please call the Church Office at 803-684-4021 or talk to Father Bill, 803-818-8257.

JANUARY**Birthdays**

1/1 Cathy Griffin
1/8 Tammy McNeely
1/8 Forrest Wilkerson
1/21 Becky Kidwell
1/21 John McNeely
1/25 Lillian Wilkerson
1/26 Leighton Moss
1/27 Susan Mason

Anniversaries

1/19/1951 Sue & Charlie Nance
1/23/1970 Kaye & Henry McMaster

(If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, call or email the parish office with the information.)

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MEETING SCHEDULE FOR GOOD SHEPHERD

ECW

The ECW meets as called on Tuesdays at 5:30pm in the Conference Room.

Second Sunday: Finance Committee

The Committee will meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at Noon in the Conference Room, unless otherwise notified.

Third Sunday: Building & Grounds Committee

The Committee will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month, when called.

Fourth Sunday: Vestry Meeting

The Vestry's new meeting times are on the 4th Sunday of each month at Noon in the Conference Room, unless otherwise notified.

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ALTAR GUILD FOR JANUARY:

Team #1: Libby Bradford & Barbara Wilson

SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 1/7**8:30am** LEM Shay Wilkerson**9:30-10:30 BISCUIT BREAKFAST**
Host: John Love**11:00am** LEM Ron Carter

Acolytes:

Lector for Lessons & POP: Lori Ray

Ushers: John Duda & Randy Neff

Greeter: Beatrice w/John

Nursery: Sara Whitehead & Libby Bradford

Alms: John Duda & Randy Neff

Vestry Person: Mary McCorkle**EPIPHANY 2 1/14****8:30am** LEM John Duda**9:30-10:30 BISCUIT BREAKFAST**
Host: Wendy Beers**11:00am** LEM Randy Neff

Acolytes:

Lector for Lessons & POP: John Shiflet

Ushers: Debbie & John Shiflet

Greeter: Beatrice w/John

Nursery: Sara Whitehead & Susan Mason

Alms: Libby Bradford & Glenn Gilbert

Vestry Person: Mickey Peake**NA HOSTS****1/1 NO MEETING****1/8 KEVIN DUNCAN****1/15 MEADE WILSON****1/22 RANDY NEFF****1/29 KEVIN DUNCAN****EPIPHANY 3 1/21****8:30am** **NO 8:30 SERVICE TODAY**
NO BISCUIT BREAKFAST**11:00am** LEM Henry McMaster

Acolytes:

Lector for Lessons & POP: Lilly Duncan

Ushers: Gail & Ron Carter

Greeters: Beatrice w/Ron

Nursery: Sara Whitehead & Debbie Shiflet

Alms: Ron Carter & Jim Knubel

Vestry Person: Michael Weinzierl**LUNCH AND THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TO FOLLOW 11AM SERVICE****EPIPHANY 4 1/28****8:30am** LEM John Ness**9:30-10:30 BISCUIT BREAKFAST**
Host: Thressa & Scott Elam**11:00am** LEM Glenn Gilbert

Acolytes: April & Heidi Weinzierl

Lector for Lessons & POP: Barbara Wilson

Ushers: John McNeely & Michael Weinzierl

Greeter: Beatrice w/John

Nursery: Sara & Tonya Whitehead

Alms: Henry McMaster & John McNeely

Vestry Person: Meade Wilson