

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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WELCOME PASTOR JOHN!

We welcome Pastor John Stoudemayer to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! Please introduce yourselves and show him a warm congregational welcome! We appreciate Pastor John leaving retirement to guide us through this time of transition and look forward to seeing him and Mrs. Stephanie Stoudemayer at some of our church activities.



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Getting to Know You

Well, here I am – bright and shiny and new—or as bright and shiny and new as a recently retired pastor can be. So, just who am I?

So, who is this new, old guy who has come to Good Shepherd? I've spent the last 30 years as an ordained pastor in the ELCA, the last 18 of those at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, Little Mountain, in the heart of the Dutch Fork.

I'm a 1972 graduate of Furman University, BA in History, and a 1985 graduate of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary here in Columbia. And, yes, that's a bigger gap between the two than we once thought was normal. However, as much as 2/3 of my class at seminary was what we call "second career."

Most of my career has been spent at moderately sized rural or small town churches. So coming to a larger, in-town church is exciting and a little scary. I am looking forward to being with you. It may take me a little while to get everyone's name down, but if you keep introducing yourself to me every time we meet, I'll catch up to you – after all, I've got a lot more names to learn.

About that name, John Stoudemayer. Most people's eyes tend to cross and their tongues get tangled when confronted with that name. So, how about we all settle on Pastor John – that makes things much easier for us all.

Normally, I'll be in the office on Tuesdays through Thursdays, primarily in the mornings. However, that doesn't mean I won't be available at other times. When there is a need, I will be glad to be available at other times. Also, I want the congregation to feel free to call me (803.924.0016) at any time anyone feels the need – in any sort of emergency and just to chat. I'm here to be Pastor to all.

I look forward to seeing you on Sundays and through the summer on Wednesday evenings. God Bless You All,

Pastor John

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach the summer months at Good Shepherd, we will begin our new summer schedule with **one unified worship service at 9:30 a.m**. Please take this opportunity to meet and visit with people that you normally don't see at the service you regularly attend.

I would also like to say welcome to our new Interim Pastor, Pastor John Stoudemayer. He comes to us after retiring from Mt. Tabor in Little Mountain. As he told the Council, he has generally been called Pastor John by adults and PJ by youth and children. He is married to Stephanie and they have one son.

A Transition Team has been selected by the Council and Pastor Bill Mitcham will be contacting them to invite them to be a member of this team. Once we have the seven members in place, we will publish the team members names.

The Call Committee will be working with this Transition Team to begin the search for our new pastor. They will have their first meeting in June to elect a chairperson to lead the Call Process. Please keep both the Call Committee and the Transition Team in your prayers.

There will be two Adult Sunday School classes offered this summer. It is with regret that we have to announce that there will be no Summer Sunday School for youth and children this year. There is a severe lack of participation in children's Sunday School and we did not have curriculum or staff to offer any programs this summer. Please look to the fall and plan to make attending Sunday School a priority in the future. Small children and youth cannot drive themselves to church so it is incumbent on the parents to be involved and make sure their children are offered the opportunity to participate. Look forward to seeing everyone in Sunday School on Rally Day in August.

As I close, I would like to remind everyone to remember to try and stay current with their offerings to the church. Just because we are fortunate enough to go on vacation does not mean that the bills and expenses to run the church stop. A big thanks goes out to all who give of their time, talents and treasure.

Look forward to seeing you at Vacation Bible School this year.

Peace be with you,

Becky Shealy

President

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 3rd

Again this year we will observe a summer worship schedule. Beginning June 3rd thru August 19th, one unified worship service will be held in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Sunday School will follow for adults.

Unifying our two styles of worship services during the summer months into one service gives us opportunity to appreciate elements from both styles. The bulletin format for the summer will be simplified with more use of the ELW hymnal. Setting One (ELW, p. 94) will be used, along with some liturgy material from the early service. This will certainly save on paper/printing costs. "Singers" from both services (and anyone interested in joining the group) will form the choir for these summer services. The service choir will not robe and individuals may sit in the congregation and join the choir for the anthem if they desire to do so. Rehearsal, led by Susan Sturkie and Justin Rimbo, for special music will be practiced each Sunday prior to the service in the Adult Choir Room at 8:45 a.m., beginning June 3rd.

Several special events will be happening during the month of June. On June 3rd, we will have the honor of having as our guest Bishop Mbwilo of the Tanzania SW Diocese. And, on June 24th, we will hold a special "Blessing/Sending Service" for those of our congregation who will be participating in mission service opportunities this summer. They are:

National Youth Gathering – June 26-July 1, 2018

Tanzania Mission Trip - June 26-July 14, 2018

GraceWorks - July 16-20, 2018.

We will also have another worship opportunity on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, beginning June 6th thru August 15th. These will include a variety of reflective, prayerful services such as:

A Service of Healing is not necessarily a service of curing, but it provides an atmosphere in which healing can happen. When this happens, physical healing sometimes occurs, mental and emotional balance is often restored, spiritual health is enhanced and relationships are healed. For the Christian the basic purpose of spiritual healing is to renew and strengthen one's relationship with the living Christ. Many find not only prayer but also Holy Communion, laying on of hands, and anointing with oil to be healing. Look for the Healing Service in our ELW, page 276.

A Taize Service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, and liturgical readings. This style of Christian worship is practiced by the ecumenical Taizé community in France. It is composed of more than one hundred brothers, from Catholic and Protestant traditions, who originate from about thirty countries across the world and is characterized by the repetitive singing of simple harmonized tunes, often in various languages, interspersed with readings, prayers, and periods of silence. Look for Taize' hymns in our ELW.

A Compline Service, also known as Complin, Night Prayer, or the Prayers at the End of the Day, is the final church service of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, Lutheran and certain other Christian denominations with liturgical traditions hold Compline services. They tend to be contemplative services that emphasize spiritual peace. Look for the Order for Compline in our ELW, page 320.

An Intercessory Prayer Service is committed to fostering a greater emphasis on personal and corporate prayer in the life of a believer and the church. It is prayer that pleads with God for your needs and the needs of others. An intercessor takes the place of another, pleading another's case. Intercessory prayer has been defined as "holy, believing, persevering praying."

So we say AGAIN -- Enjoy your summer vacation! But, ALSO ENJOY and JOIN TOGETHER FOR OUR UNIFYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP!!

Do you like to sing? If you do, see page 4.

GSLC Foundation June 2018

The Good Shepherd Foundation recently received a cash gift of \$598,534.85 from the estate of Emilie Lowman Carter who passed away in June 2015. Emilie had been a member of Good Shepherd since February 28, 1988. She faithfully attended worship service and participated in various congregational programs as long as her health permitted. Additional funds will be received upon sale of real estate and final settlement of the estate.

The Good Shepherd Foundation began operation January 2008. This exceptionally gracious gift brings the total Foundation assets to \$797,923.01 – about \$200,000 short of our goal of \$1,000,000 in assets by the end of 2020.

The Foundation Board may authorize total annual grants of up to five percent of the fund value provided distributable funds are available. With this new gift, the Foundation is in position to make a much greater impact in providing financial assistance in support of the purposes of the Foundation.

According to the By-laws, the Foundation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, specifically to support and benefit the Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, the community, the ELCA and other institutions and agencies as defined in the Foundation Operating Guidelines.

Gifts of \$10,000 or more may be named with the option of restricting gifts within the parameters defined by the Bylaws and Operating Guidelines. In addition to the Emilie Lowman Carter Memorial Fund, the Foundation has five other named funds: the Sarah Kathryn Stitt Memorial Fund established by Leonard and Jewell Price in 1987, the Massey-Collins Memorial Fund established by Gaye Massey Collins in 2008, the Dr. Louise Odor Memorial Fund (2013), the Colonel Edna M. Swartzbeck Memorial Fund (2017), and the Sara Faulkes Memorial Fund (2017.)

We praise God for the faith, life, and generosity of Emilie Carter and of all the other faithful servants herein named. Indeed, their legacy of faith and goodwill will live on in perpetuity through the grants of the Good Shepherd Foundation.

Information concerning gifts to the Foundation is available through the church office or by contacting one of the Foundation Board members: Teri Holmes (President), Janet Lockhart, Mark Lovern, Neal Inman, and Bruce Shealy.

JUNE IS JOINT SUPPER CLUB GET-TOGETHER MONTH



Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 24, 2018, for

the joint gathering of Good Shepherd's Supper Club! We will be meeting at the home of Neal and Richard Inman (620 Southlake Road – in Spring Valley). The festivities will begin with a social hour at 5:00 pm, followed by the meal at 6:00 pm. Join us for a delicious meal of fried fish, fried shrimp and fried chicken, catered by **Parklane Seafood**. And... don't forget...**free child care will be provided**.

Supper Club is open to <u>all</u> adult members and friends of Good Shepherd. It is the perfect opportunity to meet and get to better know your fellow members and friends of the church. *WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON JUNE 24TH!!*

Look for further details and sign-up sheets in the May and June weekly bulletins or call the church office (787-4413) or Lavina Chandler (787-4197) to reserve your spot.

Healing Prayer-All Are Welcome!

A group of GSLC members who feel a call to pray for healing has formed and is calling itself 20*20*20 Healing Prayer. We will be meeting on Mondays in the church parlor



at 6:30 p.m. Our first official meeting will be June 4, 2018. No long term commitment is required, but all are invited to join us as you are able, especially whenever you feel the call to pray for others or have a need for healing prayer. We will be praying for those individuals on our congregational prayer list, but will also include additional requests that are brought to the group. Part of our group name comes from a desire to limit the length of our meetings to one hour to make it easier for busy people to participate. There will be 20 minutes to share particular concerns, 20 minutes of meditation and quiet personal prayer, and 20 minutes of group prayer. In addition to healing prayer, we will be praying for our congregation during this time of transition. If you have any questions, please call Anne Mueller at (803) 673-5450, or email her at *volfanne80@gmail.com.*



FIREFLIES BASEBALL GAME

⁷ The Lutheran Men invite all family members and friends of Good Shepherd Church to come watch the Columbia Fireflies play the Asheville Tourists, Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. Pre-paid tickets will be \$10.00, and the deadline to purchase will be Sunday, June 3,



2018. Make checks out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Men in Mission. Contact: Peter Zornow, email zornowpd@juno.com cell (803-730-7570) or in the church narthex between services or Classoom 2 during Sunday School.

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NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Sunday, June 3rd - NYG participants will meet during Sunday School in Youth room for ELCA Gathering Bible Study

CALLING ALL YOGS!

Sunday, June 3rd - All YOGS Event - Kickoff to Summer Event at Sesqui Park immediately following church and Sunday School. An email will be sent with details.

Sunday, June 10-NYG participants and parents need to attend planning meeting to discuss transportation and travel arrangements, packing instructions, and issue t-shirts. Informational meeting immediately following church in Youth Room.

June 15th-17th - LCY Convention, Newberry College, Elizabeth Whitlow and Brock Tollison will represent Good Shepherd.

Sunday, June 24th - Youth gathering participants encouraged to attend church for a blessing and sendoff during the service. A meeting will be held in the Youth Room after worship to wrap up any Gathering details.

GOD'S YOUNG FOLLOWERS

God's Young Followers will meet for fellowship and fun on Sunday, June 24th after the church service and Sunday School. Bring your own lunch, and join us for a devotion, fun and fellowship. We will participate in indoor and outdoor activities, weather permitting. Our event will end around 1:30. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Sanchez at mikelisasanchez@gmail.com.



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Make a Joyful Noise Make a Joyful Noise INTERESTED IN SINGING IN THE CHOIR FOR SUMMER WORSHIP? The one unifying worship service for the summer offers opportunity for different styles of worship to be brought together. The 8:30 a.m. worship team and the 10:30 a.m. service choir will come together to lead and provide special choir will come together to lead and provide special music for the services. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this musical element of our summer worship is invited to join them. Please contact Susan Sturkie (sloopystur@aol.com) to receive more information and so materials will be prepared for you. Remember adult or youth - female or male - all are welcome to be a part of the summer choir.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 23-26, 2018. We will study God's Good Creation and learn about ways we can all VaCATION BIBLE SCHOOL help put an end to world hunger. We will



have classes and activities planned for both children and adults. Please plan to participate! Please contact Kathy Ferry (kathy ferry@yahoo.com) if you are willing to volunteer.

★ Congratulations to all the Good Shepherd Luther-★ an Graduates! We wish you well and can't wait to see what God has in store for you!



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TANZANIAN BISHOP TO VISIT

Bishop Job Mbwilo from the South Western Diocese of Tanzania will be visiting the South Carolina Synod this Summer. He will attend the South Carolina Synod Assembly and the WELCA Convention. The South Carolina Synod and The Southwestern Diocese are celebrating 15 years as companion partners. Bishop Mbwilo and his wife, Ala, will be visiting Good Shepherd on June 3. They are very excited about the opportunity to be with GSLC again. Everyone is invited to come and meet the Bishop and his wife.

> You are invited to be a helper at **Fun Fridays** Friday, June 8, 2018 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

WHAT IS FUN FRIDAYS?

"Fun Fridays" is a recreational program for individuals with lifelong developmental disabilities. Its purpose is to provide those individuals living with parents and caregivers an evening of fun and fellowship and also to provide their caregivers a night out (although they are welcomed to join in the fun.)

For more information, contact Susan Sturkie (788-6807, sloopystur@aol.com.)



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WOMEN'S RETREAT

September 21 - September 23, 2018

Join the women of Good Shepherd for a weekend in the mountains! Gather with us at Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center outside Asheville to relax and recharge. Women of all ages – Good Shepherd members, friends, and relatives – are invited. There are plans for worship, learning and reflection, free time for area activities, and lots of laughter.

Cost for the retreat is \$160/person. You can pay now with your registration, part now and part later, or pay it all this summer. The balance of your cost is due August 12, 2018. The cost covers your lodging, 3 meals Saturday, and 1 meal Sunday. Please note below if you would like to have dinner at Lutheridge on Friday night the 21st (probably 6 pm). If we have enough people participating they can provide it at no additional charge.

To reserve your space, place this form in the offering plate or give it to Laura Leigh Smith. Questions? Call, text or email Jennifer Ross at 237-6551, jross@trumc.org. or Barbara Rowell at 348-4897, bhrowell@gmail.com.

Name:

Deposit: _____

Roommate: _____

Do you wish to have supper Friday, 9/21 @Lutheridge? Yes / No



Note: The church office is closed on Sundays. In the event of an emergency call the church office at 803-787-4413 or call Pastor John at 803-924-0016.

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Service during worship is crucial to the functioning of our church services, so it is important to be present on the date assigned.

If you cannot be here, get a replacement and notify the church office (787-4413) **by 9 a.m. on the Wednesday morning before** your assignment.

If you can't trade with someone and need assistance, please contact the following:

SERVICE AREA CONTACT PERSON

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Greg Black	9	Logan Richardson	17	Steve Fink	21	Evelyn Ortiz	26	Lavina Chandler
2	London Clow	9	Wyatt Roof		Lakyn Haigh		Hannah Barnhill		Dena Phillips
3	Jennifer Christiansen	11	Helen Derrick		Kelly Lovern		Joyce Upright	28	Lizabeth Boozer
4	Ursula Weeks	12	Cathy Milejczak	18	Lisa Lehman	22	Kathlyn Holt	29	Breanna Lindler
5	Ty Boheler	13	Michael Brown		Meg Roof	23	Nadine Cantey		Marissa Lindler
6	Kate Ferlauto		Vic Milejczak		Jaden Porter		Barbara Slice		Jerry Vaughn
7	John Keim	14	Pat Flora	19	Ben Haigh	24	Joyce Mobley	30	Aubrey Grosh
	Earline Suydam	15	Carole Sox		Matthew Traufler		Justine Parker		Renee Henderson
8	Nell Reynolds	16	Laura Smith	20	Stanley Robinson	25	Janette Robinson		Emily McFarland
	Happy Birthday!	17	Scottie Dye	21	Anna Lawson		Millie Sox		Mike Weaver

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:30 am Fellowship (Downstairs)

11:00 am Adult Sunday School

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 6:30 pm Worship Service

	Sun	Mon	Tue
COC Monthly Mo	3 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM Fellowship NYG Participants meet at 10:30 All YOGS Summer Kickoff 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School	4 6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)	5 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:30 PM Learning Comm. Mtg. (CI-2
le 20	10 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM Fellowship NYG meeting with Parents in Youth Room 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School	11 6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Youth Committee Meeting	12 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4)
Jur	17 Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School LCY Convention Happy Father's Day	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)	19 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4)
	 24 Blessing for those going on Mission trips 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School GYF 2:00 PM -4:00PM The Parlor Class (FAB) 5:00 PM Supper Club-Home of Neal and Richard Inman 	25 6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room	26 <i>National Youth Gathering</i> Tanzania Mission Trip Begins 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4)

FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE CALENDAR EVENTS, GO TO <u>https://tinyurl.com/y8gee5hp</u> Or link from the church homepage <u>http://www.gslc.com/</u>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		Synod Assembly	Synod Assembly
6	7	8	9
6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Worship Service	5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room	6:00 PM Fun Fridays (FAB)	
13	14	15	16
 6:00 PM Property Comm. Mtg. (Cl-4) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Worship Service 	 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting CI-2 	LCY Convention	10:30 AM - 2:30 pm -Tanzania Mission 2018 Team Meeting (FAB) LCY Convention
20 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)	21 6:00 PM Mentoring Program	22	23
6:30 PM Worship Service	(Youth Room) 6:30 PM Tamar Group		
27	28	29	30
National Youth Gathering 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Worship Service	National Youth Gathering 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room	National Youth Gathering	National Youth Gathering

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. SERVICE STEWARDSHIP FOR JUNE

DATE	06/03/18	06/10/18	06/17/18	06/24/18	07/01/18
GREETERS	Jerry & Judy Rogers	Greg & Carole Sox	Earline Suydam Jean Cockrell	Mitch & Stephany Uehling	Marcia Woodward
USHERS	Richard Inman Lauren Chandler Zak Taylor Perry Shuping	Jeff Inabinet Greg Sox	Richard Inman Bruce Shealy Zak Taylor Perry Shuping	Jeff Inabinet Jim Lalumondier Greg Sox Jerry Rogers	Team 2 Chris Herrmann
ACOLYTE	Anna Ross	Matthew Herrmann	Lennae Sox	Noah Adams	Grayce Boozer
CRUCIFER	Brock Tollison	Forrest Havird	Millie Sox	Jake Lalumondier	Maddie Boozer
Worship Assistants	Elaine Zornow (L) Gaye Collins (C)	Alice Buckner (L) Bruce Shealy (C)	Tim Mueller (L) Kerry Stubbs (C)	Don Caughman (L & C)	Lula Camp (L) Emily Whitlow (C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail Donna Foster	Kimi Dail Laura Smith	Stacy Gross Anna Ross	Amanda Snodgrass	Kimi Dail
ALTAR CARE	Janet Lockhart	Janet Lockhart	Janet Lockhart	Janet Lockhart	Anna-Marie Plyler
TABULATOR	Lisa Boozer Dave Lucas	Leigh Ford Mike Brown	Betty Cox Karen Lucas	Steve Steck Mary Stallings	Mary Margaret Hoy Mitch Uehling

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Tim Mueller OPENING BUILDINGS: Joey Allison FOOD PANTRY: TBA

PRAYER LIST TO BE UPDATED - We ask that those who have requested friends and loved ones to be included on the prayer list, contact Elaine in the office either by email at <u>barbara@gslc.com</u> or by phone at (803) 787-4413 by the newsletter deadline of each month to <u>renew your request or ad</u>d prayer concerns. Call or email anytime to remove a name. Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.

Fish and Hymns a Huge Success

Thanks to everyone who came out to support the Lutheran Men Fish and Hymns event and those who donated and cooked and cleaned up. We are happy to report that through your generosity GSLM raised over \$1250 dollars for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry. Hopefully this will provide a lot of food for those in need. Also, thanks to Justin Rimbo for coordinating the entertainment and to Thrivent Financial for the grant to purchase the meal. We hope you enjoyed it.



LECTIONARY FOR JUNE 2018

<u>Sunday, June 3, 2018</u> Second Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should not ever work anyone else seven days a week. Even slaves should be able to rest; even resident aliens. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Part of the Ten Commandments, these verses instruct the Israelites to keep the Sabbath. The Israelites are to rest and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.

Psalm: Psalm 81:1-10

Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. (Ps. 81:1)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.

Gospel: Mark 2:23--3:6

Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

Sunday, June 10, 2018 Third Sunday after Pentecost

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are sisters and brothers of the Lord. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

Psalm: Psalm 130

Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out

demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ.

Sunday, June 17, 2018 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (Ps. 92:12)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

Sunday, June 24, 2018 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation..

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

WITH PRAYER

	Mary Allen	Rev. Russ Anderson	Loujean Baker	Gwen Barnes
Trisha Benson	Grace Boozer	Rosemarie Brown	Earl Butler	Monica Camp
Joanna Carpenter	Ginna Caughman	Betty Cox	Mary Dent	Helen Derrick
Sylvia Anne Derrick	Larry & Sarah Evans	Betty Fowler	Dot George	Dot Gibert
The Gilbert Family	Martha Haigler	Louise Hayes	Kitty Howard	Judy Hoy
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Dot Sterling	Jean Sundlie	Barbara Sutton	Nancy Taylor	Luvelle Terrio
Darlene Whipple	Melvin Wicker			

Friends and Relatives

Erna Allison—mother of Joey Allison Jonathan Baker—son of Loujean Baker Tara Baker—daughter-in-law of Loujean Baker Raynette Kempf—sister of Loujean Baker Adam Silvernail—friend of Rosemary Nance Tena Vinson—friend of Betty Fellers

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With Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the families of: Margie Slice Ray Adams



To Our Friends at Good Shepherd,

Thank you so much for your hospitality to our Meals on Wheels Program over the past several months. We appreciate your partnership in delivering meals to our elderly neighbors in need.

Sincerely,

The Senior Resources Board

Dear Good Shepherd friends,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, messages, and kindness during my father's illness and passing. Your support was such a blessing!

A special thank you to Becky Shealy, Cheryl Beaman, Deb Embrey, Wilbur Smith, Anna-Marie Plyer, Sid Havird, David Hill, Joey Allison and Susan Sturkie for their assistance with my treasury and council duties.

In Christ,

Rebecca and Ethan Richardson

Dear Good Shepherd Staff,

On behalf of the Landscape Committee and residents of The Madison Condos (across the street) we all thank you for your kind generosity in allowing us to borrow your parking area at the corner of Hanson and Madison for our fundraiser used to beautify Madison grounds.

So far, we are making progress to enhance the looks of our small community! With our sincere thanks,

Madison Condos Landscape Committee.

Cards and Letters for Monica Camp

Monica remains in the hospital and will be for some time. Cards and notes would help her to know we're praying for her.

Continued CARE Hospital at Palmetto Health Baptist Taylor at Marion Street Columbia, SC 29220 She is in Room 709.

Monica Camp, Room 709 (Highlight this on the lower left corner of the envelope.) $% \left({{\rm{C}}_{{\rm{C}}}} \right)$

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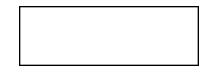
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June 3 — One-service Sundays begin
June 6 — Wednesday evening services begin
June 8 — Fun Fridays
June 17—Food Pantry Sunday
June 26-July 1—National Youth Gathering
June 28—Fireflies Game



July 4 — Independence Day/Church Office closed July 16-20— GraceWorks July 23-26—Vacation Bible School