



# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter February 2020

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### YOUTH SUNDAY

On **February 2** at a combined worship service held at **10:45 a.m.**, **Youth Sunday** will be observed. This is a time when youth of this church will lead our community in worship. Join us at **one service time** as we are energized by our youth and children's ministry. The Youth will be greeting, ushering, singing, serving communion, reading the lessons and prayers and leading the children's sermon. This is a time to be reminded that the story of God is being passed to the next generation and God's movement in the world is not confined within our four walls and stained glass windows. Our youth are active in the life of our congregation and have served others through visitations, Christmas Caroling, spring yard clean up, wheel chair ramp ministry, food pantry volunteers, serving meals at the Transitions homeless shelter, participating in Grace Works in Columbia and "WOW" Urban Ministry in Knoxville, TN, and every 3 years participating in the ELCA National Youth Gathering with over 30,000 other Lutherans from around the country.



Immediately following "Youth Sunday" our youth will provide a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon in the FAB in partnership with the "Souper Bowl of Caring" fight against hunger campaign. A love offering will be collected after worship and in the FAB with 100% of the proceeds going towards GSLC's food pantry. Come support and embrace Youth Ministry to see how God has gifted them to lead worship.



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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



I have always been fascinated by the Ash Wednesday liturgy. My mother can attest to this, as she sometimes shares the story of one memorable bath time after Ash Wednesday worship when I was a toddler. In imitation of the pastor, I apparently lined up my bathtub toys and marked each one with soap, proclaiming, “you are dust, you are dust.” I guess you could say my being a pastor was destiny in some sense. Even as a pastor, I get chills each time I mark the shape of the cross in ashes on the foreheads of all who come forward for that solemn reminder, “Remember, O mortal, that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Many of the foreheads I have marked that cross on have, indeed, returned to dust over the years. And nothing could prepare my heart for the strange sorrow of marking that cross on the foreheads of my own children and reminding them (and myself) of their eventual mortality.

Throughout scripture, the wearing of ashes symbolized two interrelated actions. First, mourning, such as in Jeremiah 6:26:

*O my poor people, put on sackcloth,  
and roll in ashes;  
make mourning as for an only child,  
most bitter lamentation:  
for suddenly the destroyer  
will come upon us.*

Second, repentance, such as in Jonah 3:6:

*When the news [of Nineveh's coming destruction] reached the king of  
Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with  
sackcloth, and sat in ashes.*

As God's people did then, we on Ash Wednesday come before God with smudged and imperfect faces, symbolizing our smudged and imperfect lives. We are stripped bare of our pretenses and our showy displays of competence and beauty and we mourn the pain we have caused others and ourselves. At the same time, we repent, acknowledging before God that we realize our need to turn around, change our ways, and follow him.

The ashes are a sobering symbol of death and mortality—we will all return to the dust from whence we came. But never forget that the ashes are marked upon our heads in the shape of the Cross of Christ. He died to conquer death once for all. Therefore, we know that death is not the last word. Mortality is not the last word. Those ashes do not get the last word. God, who formed us from the dust, loves us too much to leave us as dust forever. In great love for us, God gives us abundant and eternal life through Jesus Christ.


A friend of mine once wore his ashes to a restaurant after worship on Ash Wednesday. The server, unfamiliar with this tradition of the church, politely pointed out, “you have a smudge on your forehead.” That gave my friend an opportunity to explain about the tradition of Ash Wednesday and to witness to Jesus' love for us. May all of us who receive the ashes not only bear witness to the obvious truth that we have fallen short and need to repent, but also to the deeper truth that we bear on our brows the sign of Christ, who loves us to death and into new and abundant life.

Remember, O mortal, that you are loved.

*Pastor Andrew*

Save  
the  
Date

COME JOIN OUR  
**BIBLE**  
Study



**Bible Study** will continue to meet on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. in Classroom 2. The Bible Study is being led by Pastor Andrew Isenhower. **Coffee will be served.**

**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**  
Easter Story, Crafts and Egg Hunt  
Saturday, April 11, at 10:00 a.m. in FAB



**2020 Congregational Retreat**  
at Lutheridge  
April 24-26, 2020

**LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**

The Lutheran Men in Mission invite the church to a get-together at the Hunter-Gatherer Brewery Hangar, 1402 Jim Hamilton Blvd, Columbia at the Owens-Hamilton Airport, Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex after church. For more information, check [www.huntergathererbrewery.com/hangar](http://www.huntergathererbrewery.com/hangar) or contact Peter Zornow at [zornowpd@juno.com](mailto:zornowpd@juno.com) or (803) 542-7071



**Mother/Daughter/Friend Event**  
May 9 at 12 noon in the FAB  
Will include a short Spring Unit meeting.

**WELCA Prayer Breakfast**  
August 8 at 9:30 a.m.  
at Lizard's Thicket  
402 Beltline Blvd

**WELCA Retreat**  
October 2-4, 2020  
at the Coastal Retreat Center  
Isle of Palms

Will include the Fall Unit meeting and election of officers. Cost is \$170.00 payable in installments, see Laura Leigh Smith. All money due by August 30.



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 23**

The 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting to conduct the church's business will be held at each worship service on Sunday, February 23. We will vote on the 2019 Annual Report for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.





## 2020 TRANSITIONS SERVICE DATES

March 29	Cook on Saturday 28
May 31	Cook on Saturday 30
August 30	Cook on Saturday 29
For more information, contact Susan Weaver at 803-600-1936	



## TRANSITIONS MEAL PROJECT IS MONTHLY EMPHASIS

Good Shepherd's Transitions Meal Project is the monthly social ministry emphasis for February. For the past six years, Good Shepherd has provided a chili meal each quarter to around 200 persons at the Transitions Homeless Shelter in downtown Columbia. The activity began as a project of the Parlor Sunday School class and now includes anyone at Good Shepherd who would like to be involved.

Normally the meals are served on fifth Sundays of a month. Preparation for the meal is done the day before. Six volunteers are needed to help with the preparation on Saturdays, and 12-20 volunteers are needed to help serve on Sundays.

Project coordinator Susan Weaver, who has mastered the art of cooking a chili supper for a very large group of people, notes that Good Shepherd "is the only church that makes and serves a hot home-cooked meal" for Transitions residents.

If you'd like to volunteer to help prepare or serve the meal, contact Susan at 803-600-1936. The next scheduled date for providing a meal is March 29. Preparation will be in the FAB on March 28.

To donate money to support this ongoing project, you may put your offering in a pink "Special Offering" envelope and place it in the offering plate any Sunday in February.....or at any time during the year for that matter. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd and designate the offering for "Transitions Meal Project." You may also send donations to the church office.

## YOUTH & CHILDREN EVENTS

### *God's Young Followers (GYF)*

**Sunday, February 23** - God's Young Follower's in FAB, 12-2pm

### *Youth of Good Shepherd (YOGS)*

**Monday, February 10** at 6:30 p.m. – Youth Committee Meeting

**Sunday, February 16** - Food Pantry Sunday Volunteers: Jake Lalumondier & Anna Ross

**Friday-Sunday, February 21-23** - 11th & 12th Grade Winter Retreat, Coastal Retreat Center

**Tuesday, February 25** - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show - Talented acts are needed and all ages and members of GSLC are encouraged to participate and share their talent!! Contact Jennifer Ross or Mitch Uehling if you are interested in sharing a gift or talent!



## SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, March 8** - ALL YOGS - Spring Ahead, Spring Clean-up 12-3pm for GSLC members

## CALLING ALL TALENTED GOOD SHEPHERD MEMBERS!



Do you sing, dance, or play an instrument? Perhaps you are a storyteller or know how to deliver a great punchline. Maybe you have a special skill or talent you can share like knitting, or painting, or magic. Your youth need you! On **Tuesday, February 25**, the YOGS will host their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and we need everyone to share their talent with us and the congregation! This is always a fun night and we hope to have as much congregational participation as possible. Please contact Jennifer Ross at [ketojenn71@gmail.com](mailto:ketojenn71@gmail.com) or 803-237-6551 for more information. Let's make this the best talent show yet!



## CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

We had great participation in our Christmas projects. We filled 84 stockings for children served by the Salvation Army. The Angel Tree provided gifts for 29 children at The Boy's Farm in Newberry, Bradley Elementary School, and Forest Lake Elementary School. Fourteen residents of the Women's Shelter and forty residents of the Providence Men's Home received \$25 gift cards. We also used Social Ministry funds to purchase pajamas and athletic shoes for the Women's Shelter residents. Thank you notes from Angel Tree gift recipients are posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.

Good Shepherd members rang the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign on Thursday, December 12, at the WalMart on Forest Drive. Our bell ringing raised \$315.96—pretty good for one day. We were also signed up to ring the bell on Saturday, December 14, but cancelled because a scheduling mix-up had another group assigned to the same location.

Social Ministry Committee thanks all who helped with these projects.

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## FUN FRIDAYS - FEBRUARY 14

Fun Fridays participants will visit Good Shepherd again on Friday, February 14, from 6-9 p.m. in the FAB for their bi-monthly event. This event will feature activities with a Valentine's Day theme. All members of Good Shepherd are welcomed to be helpers at this event designed to give a night out to caregivers of individuals with lifelong disabilities. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Susan Sturkie at 788-6807 or [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) or just come to the FAB on February 14 any time from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



## LIVE WIRE

Live Wire will meet again February 21 at noon in the FAB. We will enjoy a covered dish luncheon. Please bring your favorite dish or two. We will be playing Bingo, so gather up your unwanted items around the house or if you got something for Christmas that is a good way to get rid of it. Those are our bingo prizes so wrap them up or put them in a bag. This is always a fun time. I would like to welcome Billie Jones as our new Treasurer. Thank you Billie for taking this position. If you are not a member of Live Wire please come out and join us.

Enjoy the fun, food and fellowship.

Betty Cox



## GSLC DAY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year from everyone here at the Day School. We are excited about everything that the upcoming year has to bring. We ended our year with our annual Christmas Program and classroom parties which everyone enjoyed. We would like to thank our parents and the Tamar Group for your kind gifts for all of the staff. It is greatly appreciated.

This year we look forward to many more celebrations and learning experiences. With the cold weather, we have been able to experience a lot of great indoor activities to get our wiggles out. This month, the staff did our training on Health and Safety, Curriculum, Growth and Development and Blood borne Pathogens. We are all geared up and ready for a wonderful year.

Jessica Burton, Day School Director

## THANK YOU



*Dear Good Shepherd Members,*

*The entire staff at Good Shepherd would like to thank each of you for all the cards, gifts, and remembrances during this special season. You truly make this season sacred by your kind witness and expressions of love. Thank you and God bless you.*

*Pastor Andrew, Jim, Michael, Susan, Joey, Deborah*

*Parish Life would like to thank everyone who donated warm clothing at the Chili Cook-off. We were able to take "tons" of items to the men's and women's shelters here in Columbia.*

*Karen Lucas and Parish Life Committee*

*To the Youth of Good Shepherd,*

*I want to thank you for your sweet card wishing me a Happy Thanksgiving. Also, thank you Don (Caughman) for your nice message on the card. All of you are so caring and thoughtful. It really fills my heart with joy. May God continue to bless you with your caring attitude to others. I thank God for the wonderful things that you do to bring lots of happiness to others.*

*Gigi Middlebrooks*

*Dear Church Family,*

*I would like to thank my Good Shepherd family for all the cards, texts, calls, and prayers during my knee surgery in December. And a special thanks to Rod Kent for getting me to and from surgery, pharmacy runs, and getting ice those first few weeks of healing.*

*Thanks,  
Mike Weaver*

*Dear GSLC family,*

*I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support you gave me during this challenge I am going through. I am very blessed to have this church family.*

*Blessings to all,  
Lisa Lehman*

*Dear Church Family,*

*2019 was a really good year serving both evangelism and Church Council. What an honor to be a vital member of this distinguished group! My term has been cut shorter than planned by my decision to run for the SC House of Representatives again in 2020 (D. 52). However, I'll lead evangelism as long as possible. We have new committee members and a slew of fresh goals. My first experience with council was a positive one, and I pray others will see the benefit of this calling. Many feel council is "for someone else," but council needs servants like you and me to help the church run efficiently. Don't think that you need a special resume or be a lifelong member----all you need is the willingness to serve and love in your heart--God will take care of the rest!*

*With fondness and love,  
Penry Gustafson, 2020 Evangelism Chair*



**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

- 8:30—9:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE (SANCTUARY)
- 9:30—10:00 AM CHILDREN'S MUSIC (CHILDREN'S MUSIC ROOM)
- 9:30—9:45 AM FELLOWSHIP
- 9:45—10:35 AM ADULT, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 10:00—10:35 AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 10:45 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE (SANCTUARY)

*Please see an updated church calendar and the calendar for other months at <http://www.gslc.com/>.  
Click "See the Current Calendar" at the bottom of the page.*



**February 2020**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>
<b>2</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> <b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b> <i>10:45 am Blended Worship Service (Sanctuary)</i>  <i>12:00 pm Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon (FAB)</i>	<b>3</b>   <i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i>	<b>4</b>  <i>11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2)</i>  <i>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)</i> <i>6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</i> <i>6:00 pm Learning Committee Meeting (CI-5)</i>
<b>9</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE  <b>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b>	<b>10</b> <i>6:00 pm Worship Life Committee Meeting (CI-2)</i> <i>6:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting (Youth Room)</i> <i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i>	<b>11</b> <i>11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2)</i>  <i>4:30 pm Executive Committee Mtg (Pastor's Office)</i> <i>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)</i> <i>6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</i>
<b>16</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE <b>SIX SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</b>  <i>6:30 pm Council Meeting (Conference Room)</i>	<b>17</b>  <b>MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  <i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i>	<b>18</b>  <i>11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2)</i>  <i>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)</i> <i>6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</i>
<b>23</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE <i>YOGS 11th &amp; 12th Graders Winter Retreat (Isle of Palms)</i> <b>TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</b> <b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b> <i>12:00 pm GYF Event</i> <i>5:00 pm Tamar Group (offsite)</i>	<b>24</b>   <i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i>	<b>25</b> <i>11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2)</i>  <i>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)</i> <i>6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</i> <b>6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner &amp; Talent Show (FAB)</b>



**NOTE:****Church Office Hours:****Monday-Thursday 9:00 am—4:30 pm****Friday 9:00 am—2:00 pm****In the event of an emergency call the church office at  
803-787-4413 or call Pastor Andrew at 803-409-8270.**

<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
			<b>1</b> <i>FAB floors being stripped and waxed</i>
<b>5</b>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b>  10:00 am Mary Group (FAB)  6:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	<b>7</b>  6:00 pm Council Retreat	<b>8</b>  8:30 am Council Retreat
<b>12</b>  5:15 pm Grace Groups Planning Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:30 pm Property Comm. Mtg (CI-4) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	<b>13</b>  <i>Fun Fridays Set-up</i>  6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	<b>14</b>  6:00 pm Fun Fridays	<b>15</b>
<b>19</b>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b>  2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors (Conference Room)  6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar Group (offsite)	<b>21</b>  YOGS 11th & 12th Graders Winter Retreat (Isle of Palms)  12:00 pm Live Wire	<b>22</b>  YOGS 11th & 12th Graders Winter Retreat (Isle of Palms)  10:00 am Tanzania Team Meeting (FAB)  1:00 pm Lutheran Men in Mission Event (offsite)
<b>26</b>  12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	<b>27</b>  6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

## 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	2/2/20	2/9/20	2/16/20	2/23/20	3/1/20
<b>GRUSHERS</b>	Youth Sunday 10:45 a.m. Service only	Steve Hanayik, Chris Herrmann	David & Karen Lucas	Jim Donovan, Steve Fink	Michael Brown, Susan Burch
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	Youth Sunday 10:45 a.m. Service only	Charlene Fink (L) Barbara Nagy (C)	Penry Gustafson (L) Cheryl Christian (C)	Mary Claire McAbee (L) Connie Donovan (C)	Suzanne Sanders (L) Joann Nagy (C)
<b>NURSERY</b>	Youth Sunday 10:45 a.m. Service only	Alexis Boyles, Anna-Marie Plyler	Alexis Boyles, Mitch Uehling	Alexis Boyles, Donna Foster	Anna-Marie Plyler, Carole & Lennae Sox
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	Youth Sunday 10:45 a.m.	Steve Hanayik	Karen Lucas	Connie Donovan	Susan Weaver

**COUNCIL PERSONS OF THE MONTH: Anna-Marie Plyler      OPENING BUILDINGS: Don Caughman**  
**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16: Jake Lalumondier, Anna Ross**

## 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	2/2/20 YOUTH SUNDAY	2/9/20	2/16/20	2/23/20	3/1/20
<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>Youth Sunday</b>	Lavina Chandler	Penry Gustafson	Celeste Heisel	Rod Kent
<b>USHERS</b>	<b>Youth Sunday</b>	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Mary Aitchison	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Mary Aitchison	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Mary Aitchison	<b>Team #3 Lula Camp</b>
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Chloe Porter	Evelyn Ortiz	Matthew Herrmann	Chloe Porter	Sienna Fettig
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	—	Noah Adams	Brock Tollison	Eden Rowell	Isabella Fettig
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	<b>Youth Sunday</b>	Don Caughman (L & C)	Stacy Gross (L) Penry Gustafson (C)	Penry Gustafson (L) Becky Shealy (C)	Pat Roche (L) Bruce Shealy (C)
<b>NURSERY</b>	Alexis Boyles, Leigh Ford	Alexis Boyles, Deborah Whitlow	Alexis Boyles, Nancy Hyatt	Alexis Boyles, Deb Embrey	Susan Uehling, Leigh Ford
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Neal Inman, Becky Shealy	Neal Inman, Becky Shealy	Neal Inman, Becky Shealy	Neal Inman, Becky Shealy	<b>TBD</b>
<b>TABULATORS</b>	David Lucas, Mary Stallings	Jerry Vaughn, Terri Tokaz	Karen Lucas, Penry Gustafson	Lavina Chandler, Steve Steck	Mary Margaret Hoy, Mary Stallings

## FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL



### New Fellowship Time Location

Come join us downstairs in the Parlor before Sunday School starts. There are always coffee, a sweet treat, and an opportunity to get to know one another better. There will be brief announcements at 9:40. We would love for you to stick around and check out one of the Sunday school classes. All are welcome!

### GRACE GROUPS

**2020 Grace Groups:** Our Lenten Journey small group ministry will kick off on Ash Wednesday (2/26). Registration information will be coming soon.

### COME & SEE CLASS—CLASSROOM 1

This class is continuing to study the Gospel for the succeeding Sunday. This study allows participants the opportunity to discuss and to study the upcoming Gospel lesson with a focus on what the Gospel says relative to one's daily living and with regard to our life within this congregation. The intent is that this study will help prepare participants to hear and to receive the Gospel message in a new light and perhaps with new revelation.

### AROUND THE CORNER CLASS—CLASSROOM 2

This class will carry on discussing the topic of "Self-care", and what the Bible says about it. We will discuss ways to take care of our minds and bodies, and how it relates to scripture.

### FELLOWSHIP CLASS—CLASSROOM 5

This class is studying the Augsburg Adult Bible Study. This series provides great insight into scripture through questions, prayer, and daily readings. The theme is "Sustaining Hope".

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Bob Fortner	7	Sienna Fettig	12	Al Kahrs	19	Ed Woodward
	Sandra Lybrand	8	Connie Donovan	13	Lillian Ford	21	Trace Cannon
	Kaitlyn McFarland		Jade Shelton	14	Harrison Seay	22	Evan Stallings
	Ephraim Ulmer		Marcia Woodward	15	Shawn Holt	23	Melissa Ellington
3	Phill Netzel	9	Leigh Ford	16	Judy Hoy	24	Becky Shealy
5	Corley Frierson		Micki Morris	17	Kathy Ferry	26	Jason Ortiz
	Jennifer Watkins	12	Trisha Benson	18	Katie Green		Jim Johnson
6	Terri Tokaz		Sara Burrows	19	Jerri McGuire		Joann Nagy
	Gus Inabinet	12	Deb Embrey		Adam Ortiz	28	Violet Fetner

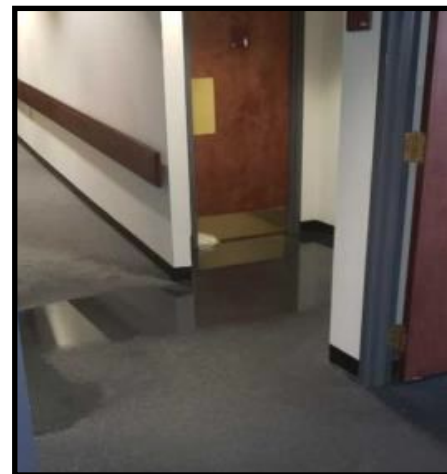
## FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE



“Water, water everywhere...” comes to mind. As most of you know, there was significant flooding of the lower level of the Sanctuary, around December 25, 2019. The cause of the flooding was a broken water pipe outside of the foundation of the Sanctuary. Water was being forced into the lower level at the floor of the Women’s restroom and at several seams in the concrete slab floor. The broken water line goes to the Education Building and is not part of the plumbing in either level of the Sanctuary. When the Sanctuary was built about 30 years ago, part of this old line was rerouted through the ceiling of the lower level men’s restroom to bypass the new foundation and walls. Since the existing water line is over 65 years old, we took action to replace it as part of the repair process. The plumber has completed the replacement of the old water line from the meter to its interior route above the men’s restroom to the copper pipe connection above classroom 4. This takes care of the needed repairs that couldn’t be reasonably done on the old, deteriorating water line, as future breaks were a given.

Carpet removal and replacement, wall and ceiling repairs will be done as soon as possible. The lower area should be usable as soon as the old carpet is removed. There may be some time before the carpet is replaced, as wall and ceiling repairs need to be completed first. A claim has been filed with our insurance carrier and is in the final phase of loss identification and coverage determination. Most of the interior damage should be covered, but the water line replacement is not. Insurance does not normally cover the cost of fixing the cause of a damage event, such as a broken water heater or pipe. Our policy carries a \$2,500 deductible.

The Property Committee wishes to again thank the congregation for its continued patience in dealing with the flooding and its aftermath.



*December 26, 2019*

*Choir Room, Women’s Restroom and Hallway outside Women’s Restroom*



## GOOD SHEPHERD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



**Brian and Stacey Cohl**  
212 Barton Bend Lane  
Columbia, SC 29206  
843-822-7522 Brian's cell  
843-557-2660 Stacey's cell

**Michelle Isenhower  
James and Amelia**  
2500 Stratford Road  
Columbia, SC 29204

**Trey and Kim McLeod  
Eve**  
213 Arbor Drive  
Columbia SC 29206  
803-665-0425



### FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

All baptized Christians are welcome at Christ's table. We often do not commune infants or young children for practical reasons—either a lack of teeth, a lack of hand/eye coordination, or a lack of ability to kneel, reach, or consume the bread and wine reliably. Many times, as children grow in their understanding of the communion meal, they begin to wonder why this meal is not for them. As this happens, little hands begin to reach for bread and wine. Sometimes little eyes look up at parents or guardians as if to say, “I want what you are having.” When this begins to happen regularly, it can be a good indicator that God is working in the life of that child to bring about a deeper understanding and appreciation of the communion meal. The pastor, parents or guardians of a child, and the child herself or himself work in partnership to discern when a child may be ready to receive communion for the first time. If you wonder if God may be leading your child or children toward beginning to receive communion, please contact Pastor Andrew. During Lent, we will schedule an information session for parents as well as instruction for children who are ready to begin communing. Our new communicants will receive the sacrament of the altar for the first time on Maundy Thursday.

## LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY 2020

### **FEBRUARY 2 – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

#### **FIRST READING – Micah 6:1-8**

*With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearied” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 15**

*LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)*

#### **SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

*According to the world’s standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.*

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 5:1-12**

*Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.*

### **FEBRUARY 9 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]**

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 112:1-9 [10]**

*Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)*

#### **SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]**

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God’s hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God’s revelation in the cross.*

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 5:13-20**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God’s commandments.*

### **FEBRUARY 16 – SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

In today’s reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today’s gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus’ instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

#### **FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

*The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God’s presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 119:1-8**

*Happy are they who follow the teaching of the LORD. (Ps. 119:1)*

#### **SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 5:21-37**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

### **FEBRUARY 23 – TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD /**

Today’s festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God’s beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today’s liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

#### **FIRST READING – Exodus 24:12-18**

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 2**

*You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)*

#### **SECOND READING – 2 Peter 1:16-20**

*At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 17:1-9**

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

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- Feb. 2 Youth Sunday  
Souper Bowl of Caring
- Feb. 14 Fun Fridays
- Feb. 16 Food Pantry Sunday  
Council Meeting
- Feb. 25 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show
- Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday Service

- March 4, 11, 18, 25  
Lenten Services (12 noon & 6:30 p.m.)
- March 15 Food Pantry Sunday  
Council Meeting
- March 20 Live Wire Luncheon
- March 28 & 29 Transitions Service Project



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