



October 2020

The Shepherd's Staff

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From Your Interim Pastor :

We've managed to healthily get by 3 plus months of being outdoors. I hear the eager hoping for a return to "normal". Let's first be clear that we won't be back to the way things used to be until we have a vaccine that has gotten wide distribution. Nonetheless, your Worship Committee is planning to meet October 10th to talk about our options going into fall and especially the holiday season.

We continue to learn more from schools resuming as well as some churches. Among the challenges are that indoor environments are much more risky than outdoor. We have strong recommendations for no singing indoors in addition to the social distancing and masking. While sanitizing surfaces remains a concern, the bigger threat is the airborne virus. Even tiny aerosol particles present a significant risk.

This, of course, means that those most at risk need to remain very vigilant. But all of us need to fight the lapses that naturally can happen when we're at this for such a long time. But Jesus warned his disciples in Matthew 10:16, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. "Jesus wasn't specifically talking about a pandemic, but evil takes all kinds of forms, and I certainly think of this virus as an enemy of all that is good. We have already had at least one Good Shepherd family deal with Covid-19 and while everyone has come through it, they would tell you that it is nothing to take lightly.

A few of our members can still remember World War II and the Korean War. More remember the racial unrest of the 1960's and even more the attacks of September 11th. In each case, we

Americans rallied together to meet the challenges and find our way through. We will do that again. But it does require that we pull together, draw on our faith and fortitude, and treat one another with grace. This time around we have a common enemy across the whole world. Let's hope looking back that we discovered new ways to be community and this all ended up for good.

In the meantime, we are starting to encourage small groups of people to consider ways they can meet face to face. Our confirmation class has met, socially distanced and masked in the fellowship hall multiple times now. We think other groups could do the same. In late October we're planning a "Trunk or Treat" out in the parking lot. In October I hope to bring some home communions to people's porches. All of this serves as glimmers of hope in what has been a long darkness. Find ways to light your candles and pray for that brighter future.

Pastor Craig

LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT FOR :

Good Shepherd Family

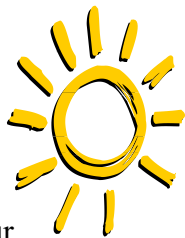
Pat Ostendorf, the Vendricks, Roberta McCullough, Jim Strickland, Buddy and Joyce Carter, Frances Barton, Ted and Sara Avant, Elizabeth Miller, Mary Lommen, Frank Wilson, Margaret Juttner, Gloria Ferris, Gail and Carl Lindstrom, Ron Szymanski, Eleanore Gloeckler

Friends and Family

Mary Wicker, the family of Hara Stamatopoulos (Kevin and Diane Wicker), DeeDee Eason Burns, Rita Banks, Tammy Long, Clyde Frazier, Rebecca Ramsey and family, William Cummings (Kathie Whetsell), Evans Simons (Winfield Simons), Mr. & Mrs. Gary Bunch, Lavern Smoak, Bill Walters, Laura Spivey, Charlotte Wittingham, the family of Lisa O'Quinn, Glenn LaRoche (Janet Szymanski), Bob Michel (Eleanore Gloeckler), Jean Strickland (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Lori Nolte, Kathy Janney, Caroline Werntz, Debra Jones (the Risters), Pamela Holmes (Amy Rusnak), Diann Tuthill (Lisa Mezell), James Casella

Sunshine News :

We will start a **new prayer list** in October. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or continue to have someone on the prayer list, please fill out one of the forms found in your newsletter and give it to Diane Wicker. You can also email your prayer requests: thewickers@lowcountry.com



The **Colleton Medical Center Auxiliary** will have a two-day sale here at Good Shepherd on Monday, October 26, and Tuesday, October 27. Items for sale include jewelry and accessories for men and women for \$5 each. The proceeds from this sale will fund scholarships for students in Colleton County.

Our loose and special designated offerings for October will support NovusWay, formerly known as Lutheridge+Lutherock Ministries. Located across the southeastern United States, these retreat centers offer programmed retreats and camps for all ages, and also provide event and meeting spaces for you to plan your own retreat.

The combination of quality staff, the excellent facilities, the unique 1,900 acres of land, and your participation with NovusWay will lead you to **“Get Inspired”**.

Our sites are located in Asheville, North Carolina (Lutheridge); near Boone, North Carolina (Lutherock); outside Atlanta, Georgia (Lutheranch); and near Gainseville, Florida (Luthersprings).

This is not a budgeted item, but you can help by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for **“NovusWay”** on your offering envelope.

The **Sanctuary Candles for the month of October** are given to the glory of God by Shannon and Billy Guess in honor of Hailey’s birthday.

**** Note:** The cost of Sanctuary Candles is \$20 per month. Please place a check in the offering plate to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church designated **“Sanctuary Candles”**.

SERVING IN OCTOBER

Lay Reader
Communion Assistant
Grounds Care

Rob Rusnak
Amy Rusnak
Bob Ferris \ Charles Rister
Amy Rusnak

Council Devotions

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In September !!!

****Note:** *If you are unable to serve during your month, please be responsible and ask someone to substitute for you.*

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

Food Pantry

Given by:

Gene & Miriam Hiers

In Memory of:

Mr. Beach Padgett

Good Shepherd Women

The **Good Shepherd Women** will be meeting this month on Monday, October 5, at 6:30 pm at the church. This meeting will be BYOM (Bring Your Own Meal). We will have a brief business session followed by Bible study.

Christian Education:

The **Christian Education committee** will be meeting on Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 am via Zoom. We will be discussing plans for a possible “Trunk-or-Treat” event in late October. Please watch the bulletin, the website, and Facebook for further information.

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Financial Report For September 13, 2020

General Fund Weekly Offering Goal	\$ 1,580.00
General Fund Offering received last week	\$ 1,155.00
General Fund Offering received, year to date	\$ 64,844.00
Ministry Spending Plan in 2020; week # 37	\$ 58,472.00
Lutheran Services Carolinas, month-to-date	\$ 35.00



More Holy Humor:

(by: Cal and Rose Samra – Heavenly Humor, pg. 127)

A Prayer for your Pastor

Lord, let me be a pillar of strength to hold him up, and not a thorn in his flesh to sap his strength, nor a burden on his back to pull him down. Let me support him without striving to possess him, Let



me lift his hands without placing shackles around them. Let me give him help that he may devote more time in working for the salvation of others and less time in gratifying my vanity. Let me work for him as the minister of all the members, and not compel him to spend precious time bragging on me. Let me strive to be happy as he serves me less and others more. Amen.

- from *The Anglican Digest*

September Council meeting notes : 09-10-2020

Shannon opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

1. With the cost of the Fellowship Hall roof repaid to the Wallace Fund, Council approved the repayment of the parsonage HVAC and Church ceiling repair to the Wallace Fund. That value is \$12,060.
2. Pastor Craig continued leading our discussion of the call process. The Synod office is sending some work sheets that the Council members will need to complete next month.
3. Worship and Music will meet on October 11 following worship and will return to Council with recommendations for worshipping inside the sanctuary.
4. The roofing materials are on site to re-roof the parsonage. There will be a minor increase in the cost to replace the roof due to escalating material costs.
5. Council approved the Property Committee to do a complete assessment of the parsonage repairs and upgrades and to bring that assessment back to Council for consideration.
6. Council approved the landing of an air-ambulance helicopter in our parking lot for the Marshall Catterton Memorial Blood Drive on September 24.
7. There was a lengthy discussion of the Food Pantry reopening. The Food Pantry Team will consider some of the options and return their ideas to the Council next month.
8. Council approved the use of the Fellowship Hall on October 26 and 27 for the Colleton Medical Center Auxiliary's annual sale with guidance on best practices to avoid spread of the virus.

Your Council members are Angela Crosby, Dean Brinson, Jon Carpenter, Doug Lindstrom, Garrett Brinson, Kathie Whetsell, Amy Rusnak, Shannon Guess and Kevin Wicker.

Financial Corner:

I'm excited to let you know that we have officially paid our Wallace Fund back for the loan to replace the roof on the Fellowship hall in 2018. This is indeed good news. But, that challenge continues. At their September meeting, Council members agreed that they would like for us to strive to repay the Wallace Fund for the church ceiling repairs (2015) and the parsonage Heating and Air Conditioning replacement (2017). The total of those two items that we "borrowed" from the Wallace Fund was \$12,060. So, you'll see those items displayed each month on the chart in the "Financial Corner."

You'll also note that the tornado damaged parsonage roof was replaced in September. The insurance money to cover that claim was set aside in savings, and approved by the congregation, so that money will not have to come from the Wallace Fund.

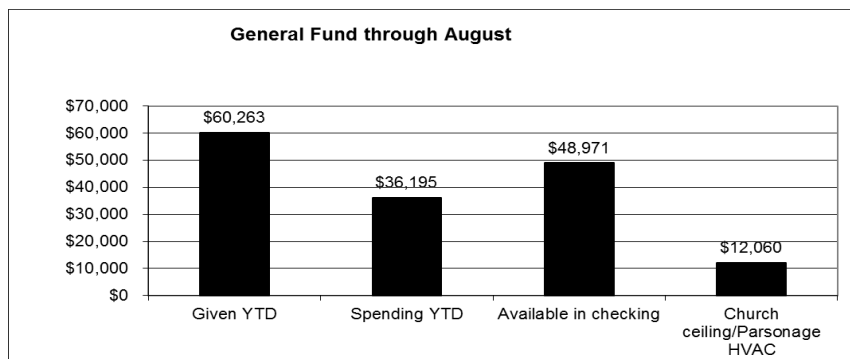
Thank you all so much for your continuing support of the ministry of Good Shepherd. As always, if you have questions concerning the finances of Good Shepherd, please give me a call.

Until next month: peace, joy and good health. And, I hope to see you outdoors or on-line for church.

Kevin

August Offering and Gifts

General Fund	\$ 7,468
Wallace Fund	\$ 1,925
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 200
PeeDee Indians Support	\$ 431



Prayer List October - December, 2020

Each week, Good Shepherd publishes a prayer list in the bulletin.

If you would like to place someone on the prayer list for longer than one Sunday, please fill out this form and drop it in the offering plate or give it to Diane Wicker. If you prefer, you can email your request to thewickers@lowcountry.com

To be prayed for:

Requested by:

Condition:

Please remove:

A new prayer list will be started every three months.

OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
					Anniversary : Donald & Eddie Eason	10:00 AM Christian Education (Zoom) Birthday : Emily Carpenter
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00 AM Worship with Communion Anniversary : David & Tammy Long	6:30 PM Good Shepherd Women (in church) Birthday : Doug Lindstrom			Birthdays: Graham Earl Brinson Caroline Werntz		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship & Music Committee 7:00 PM Church Council (Zoom) Birthday : John Corley	Columbus Day  Anniversary : Ryan & Theresa Barton	Birthdays : Carrie Shaw Gerald Thomas	Birthday : R. J. Riles Elizabeth Miller	Birthday : Brandon Fralix	Birthday : Jessie Rosebrock	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:00 AM Worship Service Birthday : Kylie Hiers			Anniversary : Kathie & Gene Whetsell	10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline Birthday : Marilyn Zielke		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10:00 AM Worship Service (Reformation Sunday) Birthday : Aaron Brinson Anniversary : Ethan & Rebecca Alberts	8 am – 7 pm Colleton Medical Center Auxiliary Sale Birthdays : Hailey Guess Cindy Newman	9 am – 5 pm Colleton Medical Center Auxiliary Sale Birthdays : Pastor Nancy Oliver Donald Eason	Birthdays : Rolfe Martin Sierra Obenaus	Birthday : Gene Whetsell	Birthday : Patricia Riles	Halloween 



Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for
our children when their schools close,
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,
Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically
wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace
of God to our neighbors.

AMEN