

# NEWS



## From the Sheep Fold

*Good Shepherd Episcopal Church – 8 August 2020*

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### **Worship at Wickliffe**

*Sunday, August 9th @ 9am*

The people of Good Shepherd are invited to join Grace and St. Mary's, the congregations of Clarke Parish, at Wickliffe Church for the annual Homecoming Service of Morning Prayer, taken from the 1789 Book of Common Prayer.

**A copy of the Service Booklet is attached**

Please bring a lawn chair and, to be in compliance with COVID-19 restrictions, wear a face mask and plan on maintaining physical distancing from your fellow worshipers. And sorry, no potluck luncheon after the service this year.



*For those of you who would prefer to worship online, we will still be hosting our online service of Morning Prayer at 10am. Login information is found at the end of this letter.*

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### **August Birthdays**

Here are Good Shepherd folks that have birthdays this month: Maeva Harris-Bayfield (3 Aug), Cindy Ingram, Tim Hall (11 Aug) Sheila Tapscott (22 Aug).

*O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*If you know of any birthdays we may need to add to our list, please let us know.*

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### **Feeding the Hungry**

We are again gathering donations to support our local outreach food pantry. Please leave your gifts of non-perishable food and paper products in the Narthex and Lois will arrange their delivery to FISH. For July, our donation came to 115 pounds! Thanks so much for your gifts, as we continue to help the **needy in our midst** in Clarke County.



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### **Facility Improvements Continue**

We bought a new refrigerator for the basement. It was delivered and installed on 7 August and is a wonderful upgrade from our old, failing one. Thanks to Lois for finding a great deal.

We are also making plans to clean up some of our failing and/or dead trees in and around the church. More activity soon!

## "A Note from the Mountain"

by Jeanette Carter

We received a lovely letter from Jeanette, who we miss seeing and hearing. But we're so happy to hear from her and long for the day when we'll all be back together again.



7/8/20

Hello Every one at Good Shepherd, I miss seeing all of you!

I can't join you on Sunday morning service. I don't have internet at my home. I enjoy the news letter.

I'm doing okay. I stay at home or with Wendy at Jennifer's home.

I get about 20 phone calls a week from friends + family.

I hope all of you are staying safe!  
Blessings, peace + love to all of you!  
Jeanette



**Thank you** so much to everyone who continues to support the ministry and mission of Good Shepherd by sending in your offerings during these unusual times. Please give, if you are able, by mailing your check to:

*Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 324, Bluemont, VA 20135*

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**Father Ralph** continues to write sermons every Sunday since the pandemic began! They can be found on our website, at [www.goodshepherdblueмонт.com](http://www.goodshepherdblueмонт.com) under News > Sermons.

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### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10am – Virtual Morning Prayer led by Josette
- Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10am – Virtual Morning Prayer led by Tim
- Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – We hope to have our first regathering, celebrating Morning Prayer outside @ 10am on the patio, with facemasks and physical distancing
- Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – online worship led by our bishops in the Diocese of Virginia, available in several formats. Starting time and more details will be available soon.
- Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 11am – Inside Morning Prayer, following all the post-pandemic protocols, at our traditional meeting time.

**Would you like to connect for virtual worship?** Here's the link to join the service:

<https://zoom.us/j/2302684545?pwd=aUIxYW9yZWZhZTUNMQWJDZTFaE85UT09>

Meeting ID: 230 268 4545 | Password: Get2gether

If you'd like to call in, please use any one of these telephone numbers:

+1 646 558 8656	+1 346 248 7799
+1 253 215 8782	+1 669 900 9128

When prompted, enter the following information on your telephone keypad:

Meeting ID: 230 268 4545

Password: 881353

If you need more assistance, please call Judy Hall at 540-454-2148 or email her at [judyrefo@gmail.com](mailto:judyrefo@gmail.com) to talk about how we can help get you connected.

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### **A prayer for the Future of the Human Race (from The Book of Common Prayer)**

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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*May God bless you and keep you!*

