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## *News from the Mountain Top June 2022*

**The 228th annual convention of the Diocese of Virginia will be Nov. 17-19 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, 1700 S. Eads St., Arlington, VA 22202. For more information, visit [thediocese.net](http://thediocese.net)**



### **Parish News**

#### **Off to College**

This week we say goodbye to our pianist, Hailey Outland, who heads to Roanoke College this fall to study neuroscience on a pre-med track.

Not sure yet what career path she'll follow, Hailey said she's interested in being either a fertility doctor or a neonatal surgeon.

Roanoke College is small and quaint, she said, and part of its appeal for her is that no one else she knows is going there.

"I just wanted a new start," she recently said.

It also didn't hurt that almost all her bills will be covered.

"I got a \$15,000 per year merit scholarship, but all my grants and stuff together equal a full ride," she said.

This summer she plans to chill with friends at the beach and visit her family in Tennessee before heading off to school.

Though pursuing a medical degree, she hopes to continue with music and maybe perform

in the community. She also will miss performing at Good Shepherd.

"I really appreciated playing for the church and I've actually had so much fun and I've learned so much," she said. "So, thank you."

Join us for Hailey's goodbye party after the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, June 12.

— *photo courtesy Hailey*

### **Prayer & Meditation Garden**

Our Prayer and Meditation Garden has moved into the next phase: design and project definition. Stakes and green flagging tape in the woods above the church now mark the garden's location. Join us after the service on June 12 to walk the garden space together.

Please contact Cindy Ingram at [CndyIngram@cs.com](mailto:CndyIngram@cs.com) if you would like to help with the planning of the garden.

### **Ice Cream Social**

We are considering holding another Ice Cream Social this summer, possibly in late July. This would be our first community fellowship event this year, so we'll need all hands on deck to make it a great success. Please contact Tim Hall at [timhall0054@gmail.com](mailto:timhall0054@gmail.com) if you can help.

### **The Diocese**

On June 4, more than 450 lay and clerical delegates gathered at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria for a special convention where they elected the 14<sup>th</sup> Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Virginia. They elected the Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson on the second ballot. The other nominees were:

- The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr., Rector, St. George's, Fredericksburg, VA
- The Rev. Canon Alan C. James, Interim Canon Missioner, Diocese of Western Michigan
- The Very Rev. Gideon L. K. Pollach, Rector, St. John's Church, Cold Spring Harbor, NY

Pending the consent of the bishops and dioceses, Canon Stevenson will be ordained and consecrated a bishop in the Episcopal Church on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. at The Saint Paul's Baptist Church at 4247 Creighton Road, Henrico, VA 23223.

For more information, visit [thediocese.net/news/name-elected-14th-bishop-diocesan-of-the-diocese-of-virginia](http://thediocese.net/news/name-elected-14th-bishop-diocesan-of-the-diocese-of-virginia).

### **Our Facility**

If **your small group** would like to meet at Good Shepherd, send an email to [office@goodshepherdblueмонт.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdblueмонт.org) and Lois Tapscott or Judy Hall will be glad to talk to you. We would love to share this space with you for regular meetings or special events.

### **Our Community**

### **Jammin on the Porch**

On June 24, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Bluemont Community Center will host Jammin on the Porch with Julia Kasdorf. Bring a picnic or a snack, a blanket or a chair. This is a free event for all ages. This month the BCC will be providing free pizza.

### **+++ CALENDAR +++**

**SUN June 12, 11 a.m.** -- The first Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday: Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Martha Clark

**SAT June 18, 8:30 p.m.** -- AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom

**SUN June 19, 11 a.m.** -- The second Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Deborah Rutter

**SAT June 25, 8:30 p.m.** -- AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom

**SUN June 26, 11 a.m.** -- The third Sunday after Pentecost: Morning Prayer with Josette Keelor

**SAT July 2, 8:30 p.m.** -- AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom

**SUN July 3, 11 a.m.** -- The fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Morning Prayer with Tim Hall

All are welcome at our services!

To join via Zoom, go to our website at

**[goodshepherdbluemont.thediocese.net/default.asp](http://goodshepherdbluemont.thediocese.net/default.asp)** and click the link on the home page.

For more information about Alcoholics Anonymous, go to **[aa.org](http://aa.org)**.



### **Giving**

#### **FISH**

We continue to collect donations for FISH to help the needy in our midst in Clarke County. They are especially in need of paper products. In May, we donated 42 pounds of canned and dry foods, fresh produce and many paper products.

**Checks** may be dropped in the offering plate or mailed to  
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church  
P.O. Box 324, Bluemont, VA 20135  
Thank you for your generous support.

**Any questions or concerns**

We would love to hear from you.  
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