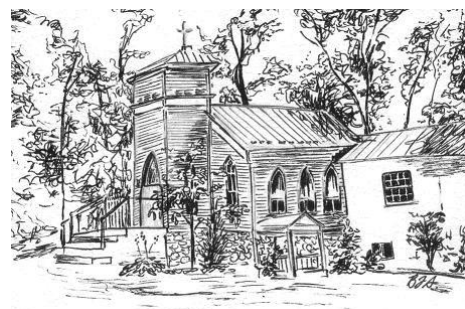


“Follow Christ, Welcome All, Serve Humbly”

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

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2026 STEWARDSHIP LETTER

Dear Friends of Good Shepherd Pine Grove/Bluemont,

This year our Stewardship theme is taken from 2 Corinthians 5:7, *“for we walk by faith, not by sight.”* We are invited to recall and retell the stories of what it has meant to walk by faith together this year, AND as we journey forward to ask “How do we turn our hearts to the voice of the Holy Spirit, ready to live the life that God reveals to us and is leading us into?” Even if we don’t always ‘see’ what lies ahead or know how we get there, we move forward trusting in God’s promise of life for our little mission ‘church in the woods.’

We are a most inviting and welcoming congregation. Our current supply clergy: Deborah Rutter, Martha Clark, Cathy Tibbetts and other guest priests are a complete blessing to our growing congregation and the community.

Despite being a small congregation, we make a significant impact through our outreach efforts to help those in need. So far this year, we have contributed \$2,577 and 663 lbs. of goods to FISH food pantry and prepared and delivered 506 meals to FISH families. We delivered 110 Christmas Cookie Tins throughout Pine Grove and Bluemont last year. We contributed substantial funds to the Good Friday Offering, Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue, the Absalom Jones Fund, and Bishop Stevenson’s Discretionary Fund. We also raised \$6,965 in support of the World Vision 6K Walk for Water!

We have done several Zoom and at-church classes including “Psalm 119,” “The Other Abrahamic Religions” and “Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner’s Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven.” With your support, we hope to do even more next year.

Besides our ongoing facility upkeep, we recently had the roof painted, power washed the steps and the patio, and planted a memorial Dogwood tree as a tribute to Lois Tapscott. We are working on having steps built up the grass incline from the grass parking lot to the pavement before the entrance to the church as well as making other concrete improvements

Please join me and all vestry members at Good Shepherd with your 2026 annual pledge. Your generosity during these transformational days is essential to the ongoing mission and ministry of our congregation. We wish you a good, faithful, creative and personally engaging journey as you prepare for annual giving to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

Please mail your pledge along with the time & talent survey to the church in the envelope provided or place them in the offering plate by November 23. That is **Christ the King Sunday**, the last day of our campaign, when we will gather and bless the pledges for the new year and then celebrate with our traditional Harvest Potluck Luncheon.

With gratitude,
Lee Ruddle, the Vestry
and the Stewardship Team

