

# *The Church of the Good Shepherd*

## *February 2020 ~ Newsletter*

It is my honor to serve as your new Senior Warden. Your Vestry has an ambitious year planned for you: SWEEPS, finalizing the installation of the organ, renovating Whiteside and Nunn Halls, the Sacristy stained glass project, not to mention our many traditions at the Church of the Good Shepherd. We had a great kick off for SWEEPS and will continue to organize our committees to better serve our parish. Your Vestry also wants to hear from you! Please express any concerns or ideas that you may like to contribute to any member of the Vestry.

Sincerely,  
J.R. Naylor

### *St. Valentine's Day*

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, our St. Valentine's Day got its origins from the Roman holiday of fertility known as the *Lupercalia*<sup>1</sup>. The *Lupercalia* was an early celebration of the *lupa* or she-wolf that found Romulus and Remus as babies abandoned by the Tiber River. The *lupa* brought them back to her den on the Palatine hill and suckled them until they were found and raised by a shepherd, Faustulus. According to legend the twin brothers would later found Rome, named for Romulus. The date coincided with the breeding season of sheep and goats in mid-February. The festival began with an animal sacrifice (unfortunately), and patrician young men, in simple loincloth, would run around with Palatine hill lashing strips of the animal pelt. Women believed being touched by the pelts would bring them fertility in the coming year<sup>2</sup>. It was indeed a strange custom but so ancient that the Roman senate never censored its practice and the date of the holiday has been handed down as St. Valentine's.



*Lupa*: Capitoline Museum, Rome by Naylor

In the 5<sup>th</sup> century Pope Gelasius I renamed *Lupercalia* as *St. Valentine* in honor of a 3<sup>rd</sup> century Christian martyred by the Emperor Claudius II Gothicus<sup>3</sup>. Cupid, the Roman god of love, is often associated with Valentine's day, which is appropriate in that Cupid's father was Mars, the god of war and father of Romulus and Remus, and Venus, the goddess of love and mother of Aeneas a Trojan War hero from whom ancient Romans also claimed their lineage. The winged Cupid has always been depicted as a young child or even a babe, deceptively naïve, whose arrows (from his father Mars) were dipped in a potion to make anyone fall in love instantly.

The *lupa* is ubiquitous in Rome today; one can find it on all official seals, public works, and even Italian postage stamps. However, St. Valentine's day is celebrated more today in the USA and UK than in Rome, from whose name we derive the very word *romance*! Whether you spend February 14<sup>th</sup> with friends or loved ones, I hope this factoid will help you better appreciate the day steeped in rich history.

<sup>1</sup> & <sup>3</sup> <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Valentines-Day>

<sup>2</sup> John, Van L, "The Roman Origins of Our Calendar," the American Classical League, 1974

## News and Notes

- Tea Party Planning**      **Sunday February 2 (after the service)**  
Our annual Afternoon Elegant Tea Party will be held on March 21.  
Please plan to support the event by attending or volunteering. Invite your friends!  
Tickets available online through Eventbrite, cash or check.  
See Elise Rocks for more details.
- Parish Workday**      **9 am - Noon on Saturday February 8**  
We will resume our monthly workdays on the second Saturdays of each month.  
This month, in addition to general maintenance, we will be painting Whiteside Hall!  
Contact Tony Chambers for more information.
- SWEEPS Meeting**      **Sunday February 9 (after the service)**  
Join us for a brief meeting to review the SWEEPS categories  
Sign up for the areas of ministry that you would like to help serve and organize in 2020.
- Park View Premiere**      **7 pm on Saturday February 22**  
Join us to learn how Church of the Good Shepherd chose to love their neighbor.  
On the 30th anniversary of the hate crime murder of 32-year-old lesbian Talana Kreeger, we will grieve her loss and tell her story at the Wilmington premiere of the documentary film Park View... illuminating Talana's humanity and celebrating the resilience of her community.
- Oyster Roast**      **6:30 pm on Shrove Tuesday February 25**  
Join us for our annual Oyster Roast and potluck Mardi Gras as we bury the Alleluias in preparation for a solemn and holy Lent.
- Ash Wednesday**      **7 pm Wednesday February 26**
- Ministry Training**      **9 am – Noon on Saturday February 29, 2020**  
Would you like to participate in our worship as an acolyte, reader, chalice bearer, choir member, greeter or altar guild member? Volunteer in our parish life to with grounds maintenance, coffee hour, visiting parishioners or teaching youth Sunday School?  
Sign up at the meeting on February 9 or contact [gs6080@hotmail.com](mailto:gs6080@hotmail.com)  
Join us for ministry training with Jim Papile on Saturday February 29



### February Birthdays & Anniversaries\*

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| 9   | Aimee Parker                  |
| 9*  | Kelsey & Gigi Allen           |
| 15* | Virginia & Peter Perschbacher |
| 18  | Sam Heath                     |
| 28* | Barbara & Richard Banks       |

If we have missed anyone's special day, please let know. Please check the directory to make sure yours are listed! Need a directory?

Email [gs6080@hotmail.com](mailto:gs6080@hotmail.com)

Have questions about the church? Want to be part of our family?  
Ask one of our members, or contact us at [gs6080@hotmail.com](mailto:gs6080@hotmail.com)

We continue to collect dry goods. Our current outreach is with **Nourish NC**. Your donations are appreciated. **Please note that they do not serve junk food (chips, cookies, candy, etc) or expired food.** See complete list of most needed items on the Bulletin Board or <https://nourishnc.org/fooddrive/> as well as opportunities to make donations directly online.

The Church of the Good Shepherd now appears among the Charities participating in the **Amazon.Smile** program. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Amazon users need to log into their accounts at <https://smile.amazon.com> and sign in using their existing username and password. Click on the orange 'Supporting' under the search box and choose Church of the Good Shepherd, Wilmington.

## Ministry Schedule February 2020

Year A	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Service/Activities	4th Sunday after Epiphany Holy Eucharist B Prayers III Tea Party Meeting	5th Sunday after Epiphany Holy Eucharist B Prayers III Sacrament of Healing SWEEPS Meeting	6th Sunday after Epiphany Holy Eucharist B Prayers III	Last Sunday after Epiphany Liturgy of the Word
Celebrant/Officiant	The Rev. Jim Papile	The Rev. Pati Mary Andrews	The Rev. Jim Papile	Elise Rocks
Readings	Micah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12 Psalm 15	Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12] 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16] Matthew 5:13-20 Psalm 112:1-9, (10)	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37 Psalm 119:1-8	Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9 Psalm 99
Lay Reader	Mary Gaylord Chris Carter	Tim Wittig John Evans	JR Naylor Kay Evans	Bonnie Sibbett Aimee Parker
Prayer Leader	David Silvia	Kay Hamilton	Elise Rocks	Alice Evans
Eucharistic Minister	Elise Rocks	David Silvia	Alice Evans	N/A
Acolytes	Eric Korman Zoe Moore	David Silvia Griffin Meyer	Nathan Gaylord Zoe Moore	Chris Carter
Altar Guild	Bonnie Sibbett	JR Naylor	Alice Evans	Bonnie Sibbett
Opening	Alice Evans	JR Naylor	Alice Evans	JR Naylor
Greeters	Elise Rocks	Carl King	Peter Perschbacher	Eric Korman
Children's Sunday School	Bonnie Sibbett John Atwell	JR Naylor Carl King	Dawn Gaylord Eric Korman	Bonnie Sibbett John Atwell
Clean Up/ Closing	Carter/Hamilton	Parker/Sibbett	Silvia	Rocks/Leitch

If you are scheduled for a service ministry that you cannot fill, please arrange for a replacement.

For Pastoral care or to request a Eucharistic Visitor, please contact a member of the Pastoral Care Team

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For emergencies, questions or concerns, to be added to the email list or offer to serve in our ministries please email or call the Parish Administrator, Elise Rocks [gs6080@hotmail.com](mailto:gs6080@hotmail.com) 910.620.9224

2020 Vestry:

Senior Warden: J. R. Naylor; Junior Warden: Tony Chambers; Clerk: Mary Louise Bellamy  
 John Atwell, Chris Carter, John Evans, Tracy Meyer, Bonnie Sibbett

Parish Administrator: Elise Rocks  
 Treasurer: Virginia Perschbacher

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**The Mission of the Church of the Good Shepherd**

...is to live in unity and fellowship with God and each other.

Our vision for the way we believe we are called to live out our mission includes:

\*celebrating the mystery of Christ with a spirit of abundance and gratitude

\*welcoming and honoring all who show up

\*reaching beyond ourselves to serve.

We seek to love God and each other with grateful, gracious, generous hearts.

**The Right Reverend Robert Skirving, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina**  
**The Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal)**

Chris King, Director of Music

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