

The Church of the Good Shepherd *January 2020 ~ Newsletter*

Share the Light

OUR CHURCH

*Our church
is not just a building
and people.*

*It is
a school,
a workshop,
and a safe place
to bring forth new life.*

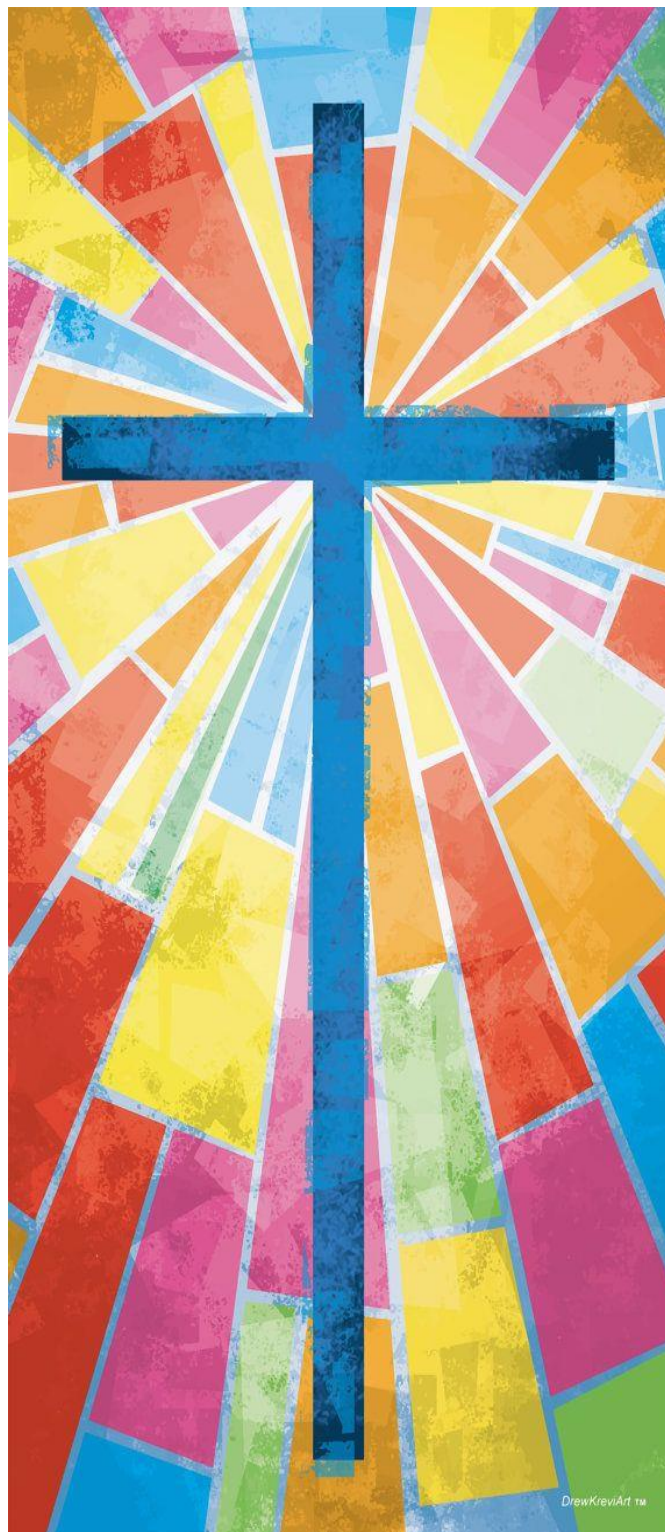
*Here, we are restored
into a diversity of human altars.*

*Here, we place the brittle shells of our false pride.
Here, we crush our constraints
with the weight of Truth
or
dissolve them
with that irresistible softener,
Love*

*Now free to flow,
the sweet juices of Life
nourish those who venture near,
and feed a flame that warms and brightens
our small corner
of this vast galaxy.*

*This is what we do
in our little brick building
with the pretty colored windows.*

By John Evans



News and Notes

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Senior Warden in 2019. The Vestry will elect a new Senior Warden at their retreat on January 18. I am grateful to be turning over the reins! I am also honored to continue to serve the Vestry and congregation through a part-time, volunteer position as Parish Administrator, with the continued dedicated and faithful service of Virginia Perschbacher and Kay Hamilton. We will continue to define our various roles over the coming weeks, and will keep you updated.

It has been a busy year for the church, physically and spiritually. Each of you inspires me through your unique gifts and talents. I am so thankful for your love and support as we "brighten our small corner of this vast galaxy."

With gratitude,
Elise Rocks

On January 26, we will be organizing our life and ministry through the SWEEPS model. **SWEEPS, which stands for Service, Worship, Education, Evangelism, Pastoral care/parish life, and Stewardship**, is a model used by many congregations to organize the work of the various committees of the church and to facilitate communication among those groups which are seeking to discern God's will and carry out His work.

Some things to consider in preparation for the meeting:

- Everyone in the congregation participates in many aspects of our life and ministry.
- Bring your list of items that are important to you, with an idea of which SWEEPS category it represents.
- The list may include things we currently do, and things you think it would be good for us to consider adding.
- Prayerfully consider the area of ministry you are specifically called to support the Vestry and congregation.

Nourish NC

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.

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January Birthdays & Anniversaries*

2	Mary Louise Bellamy
4	Carl King
19	Rocket Heath
19	Tracy Meyer
21	Kitt Luna Allen
28	Will Parker
28	Scott Williams



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

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Ministry Schedule January 2020

Year A	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Service/Activities	Celebration of Epiphany Holy Eucharist B Prayers III Christian Ed Lunch	1st Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of our Lord Holy Eucharist B Prayers III	2nd Sunday after Epiphany Holy Eucharist B Prayers III	3rd Sunday after Epiphany Liturgy of the Word SWEEPS Meeting Lunch Provided
Celebrant/Officiant	The Rev. Ed Dunlap	The Rev. Pati Mary Andrews	The Rev. Jim Papile	David Silvia
Readings	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12 Psalm 72:1-7,10-14	Isaiah 42:1-9 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17 Psalm 29	Isaiah 49:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42 Psalm 40:1-12	Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23 Psalm 27:1, 5-13
Lay Reader	Mary Gaylord Chris Carter	Tim Wittig Peter Perschbacher	JR Naylor Kay Evans	Virginia Perschbacher Alice Evans
Prayer Leader	Bonnie Sibbett	Kay Hamilton	Aimee Parker	John Evans
Eucharistic Minister	Elise Rocks	David Silvia	Alice Evans	N/A
Acolytes	Nathan Gaylord Zoe Moore	Eric Korman Griffin Meyer	Chris Carter Zoe Moore	Griffin Meyer
Altar Guild	Alice Evans	JR Naylor	Bonnie Sibbett	JR Naylor
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	Parker/Sibbett	Carter/Hamilton	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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 Elise Rocks 910.620.9224 eliserocks36@gmail.com

For emergencies, questions or concerns, please call the Parish Administrator, Elise Rocks at 910.620.9224

2020 Vestry:

John Atwell, Mary Louise Bellamy, Chris Carter, Tony Chambers, John Evans; Tracy Meyer, J. R. Naylor, 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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