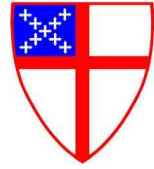


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

Follow Christ. Welcome All. Serve Humbly.

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church



Our Vision:

Good Shepherd strives to be a welcoming and nurturing congregation, rooted in the knowledge and love of Christ, and committed to growing spiritually and serving our neighbors.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Martha Clark in loving memory of her mother, Priscilla H. Clark, on the second anniversary of her death, and in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi.



CALENDAR

- SUN Oct 4** **The 19th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 a.m. **“Modern Parables”** Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist with Blessing of the Animals**
with the Rev. Martha Clark
- SUN Oct 11** **The 20th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 a.m. **“Modern Parables”** Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Kate Bryant
Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle | LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall
Zoomer: Judy Hall | Music Leader: Janet Locklear
12-2 p.m. **Harvest Grill @ Blue Ridge Vol. Fire & Rescue**
131 Retreat Road, Bluemont, VA
Grilled chicken, Italian sausage, hot dogs, sides & desserts
- SUN Oct 18** **The 21st Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 a.m. **“Modern Parables”** Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Rob Banse
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle
LEM/Prayers: Janet Locklear
Zoomer: Rick Whitehouse | Music Leader: Tim Hall



The Pine Grove AA meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in person or by Zoom.



Women's Al-Anon meetings at Good Shepherd every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Ladies, feel free to join in.

We do not pass the plate to collect the offering. You may leave your gifts in the offering plate on the table in the Narthex.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Celebrant: The Rev. Martha Clark

Lay Reader: Rick Whitehouse | LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall

Music Leader: Eileen Cawood | Guitar: Rose Holden

Zoomer: Tim Hall

Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “Blackbird”

Paul McCartney

The people standing, the Officiant leads the call to worship

Officiant Blessed be the God of all creation.

People **Who brings all things into being and calls them good.**

Officiant Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.

People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Officiant Bless your Creator, all birds of the air.

People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Officiant Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea.

People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Officiant Bless your Creator, all children of God.

People **With all of creation, we praise your name.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant says

O God, you have done all things wisely; in your goodness you have made us in your image and given us care over other living things.

Grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may delight in your whole creation with perfect joy.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Opening **Hymn 400** “All Creatures of our God and King” *vv. 1-4, 7*

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Old Testament: Genesis 1:20-27, 31

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148: 1-13

Said responsively by whole verse

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

2 **Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**

3 Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

4 **Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

6 **He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

8 **fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

10 **Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

12 **Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
**his glory is above earth and heaven.
Praise the Lord!**

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual hymn **WLP 885** "A Song of Creation"

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass

of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Martha Clark

The Nicene Creed

The Officiant and People together, all standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Litany for All Creation

The Officiant says

Call out the names of those animals for whom we care.

Call out the names of those animals who are no longer with us.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Prayers may be led by a Deacon or other Leader.

Deacon Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Grant that all your creatures may serve you with
thanksgiving;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful
seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Open our eyes to the wonder of creation, that we may see
you in all your works;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Stir in us the desire to care for your creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Make us wise and faithful stewards of creation, caring for
the earth, the waters, the air, and all that live therein;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Forgive us who waste and pollute your creation and
strengthen us to restore what we have disregarded;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Look with compassion on those that are abused and
mistreated, show us their dignity in your creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Remember those creatures that have died yet remain dear
to us that, that they may rejoice in your new creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Officiant

Holy Immortal One: No sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see. Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior.

Amen.

Confession of Sin *(Please be seated or kneel)*

The Deacon or Officiant says

Let us confess to God our sins against creation.

Officiant and People together

God of compassion, we confess that we have squandered your creation, and mistreated those you give into our care. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for all that you have made, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Standing, the Officiant says the following

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Animals

The Officiant says the following

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis' love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

Those who bring animals for blessing hold or place their hands on their animals in blessing. They are blessed by name by the Presider, using these or other words. If animals are not present, the Presider joins in prays with those remembering them.

Officiant

N., may God who created and preserves you bless, defend, heal, and keep you, this day and always. **Amen.**

When all have been blessed the Presider prays:

Officiant

Let us pray.

God of all creation: we give you thanks and praise. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in all creation. May your bountiful blessing be upon us all, God our Redeemer, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace (*the People stand*)

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

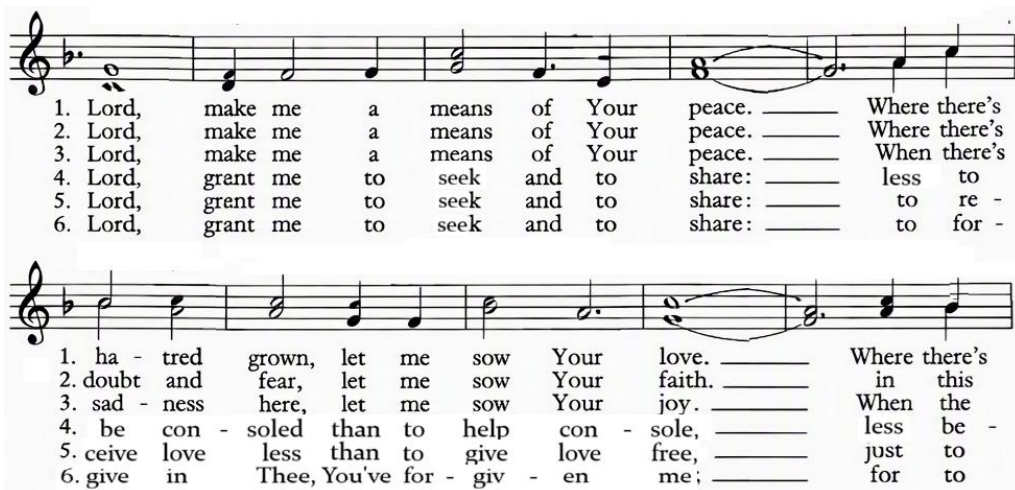
Birthdays & Anniversaries

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory Hymn "Peace Prayer"



1. Lord, make me a means of Your peace. _____ Where there's
2. Lord, make me a means of Your peace. _____ Where there's
3. Lord, make me a means of Your peace. _____ When there's
4. Lord, grant me to seek and to share: _____ less to
5. Lord, grant me to seek and to share: _____ to re -
6. Lord, grant me to seek and to share: _____ to for -

1. ha - tred grown, let me sow Your love. _____ Where there's
2. doubt and fear, let me sow Your faith. _____ in this
3. sad - ness here, let me sow Your joy. _____ When the
4. be con - soled than to help con - sole, _____ less be -
5. ceive love less than to give love free, _____ just to
6. give in Thee, You've for - giv - en me; _____ for to

1. in - jury, Lord, let for - give - ness be my sword.
 2. world's des - pair, give me hope in You to share.
 3. dark - ness nears. may Your light dis - pel our fears.
 4. un - der - stand than to un - der - stand Your good.
 5. give in Thee, just re - ceiv - ing - from Your tree.
 6. die in Thee, is e - ter - nal life to me.

1. - 6. Lord, make me a means of Your peace. _____

The People stand for the Doxology

Hymn 380 v.3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus **WLP 785** “Santo, Santo, Santo”

Traditional

[Spanish] ***Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora!***

Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

[English] ***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!***

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

The people may stand, be seated, or kneel.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,

as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand

at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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People and Celebrant

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Act of Reception for Spiritual Communion

The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all virtual participants.

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament.

And, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Celebrant says the following

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people and ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

Communion **Hymn 405** “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

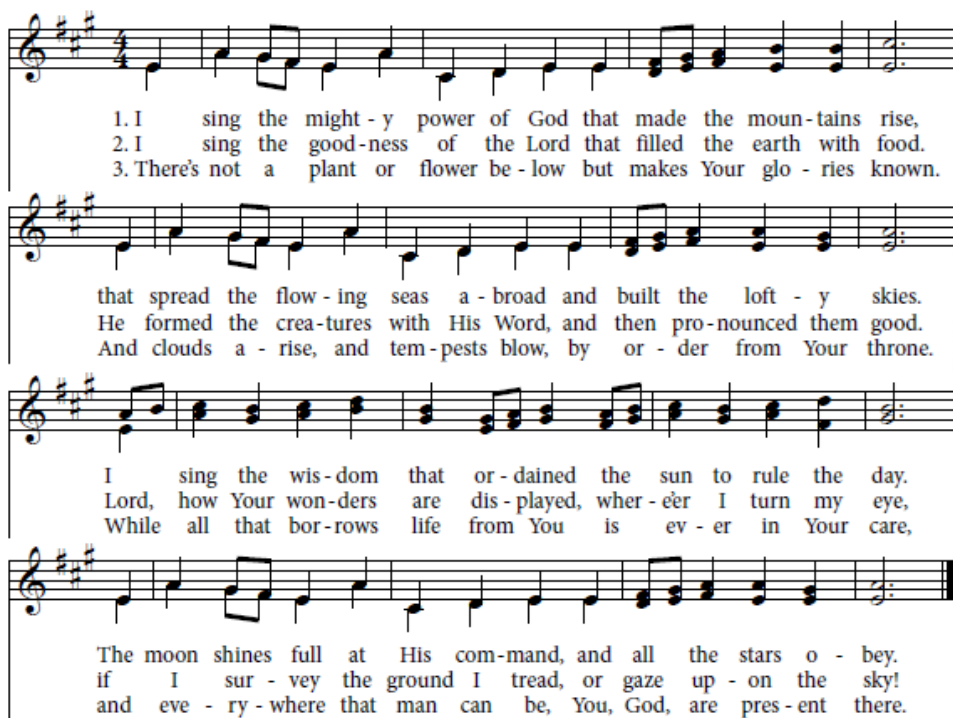
After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn "I Sing the Almighty Power of God!"



1. I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food.
 3. There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes Your glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
 He formed the crea-tures with His Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from Your throne.

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 Lord, how Your won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 While all that bor-rows life from You is ev-er in Your care,

The moon shines full at His com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and eve-ry-where that man can be, You, God, are pres-ent there.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



NOTICES

ANIMAL AWARENESS MONTH

St. Francis of Assisi's feast day is celebrated each year in the church's liturgical calendar on Oct. 4. This year is also the 800th anniversary of his passing. In honor of St. Francis' life and love for animals and continuing with our call to Creation Care, we at Good Shepherd Church have designated October as **Animal Awareness Month**, when we will be collecting donations and raising funds to purchase items for the **Clarke County Animal Shelter**.

Bring your donations of wet or dry cat food, wet dog food, old clean towels, gently used or new pet toys, and/or a check for our collection box throughout October. Our vestry is offering a **match of up to \$500** for monetary donations, all of which will be used to buy supplies for the animal shelter. Checks may be made payable to "Good Shepherd" with "Animal Awareness Month" in the memo line. Or you may give cash in a well-marked envelope.

OUR COMMUNITY



Thank you to everyone who makes donations to FISH. Your gifts of food, funds, and time are critical to this ministry. In September, Good Shepherd collected **\$240 for FISH**. Judy & Tim delivered **84.3 lbs. of donated food**. Peggy and Steve made 42 turkey slider lunches. Christine made 10 vegan quinoa & chickpea bowls. Judy and Christine gave out the to-go meals, which also included apple sauce, fruit and fruit cups, trail mix, and chips that were available for all. Please **remember FISH** when doing your grocery shopping and **consider buying a little extra** to give to those in need. ***Weekly donations of a few items by everyone will really add up!***

WEBSITE UPGRADE

We are getting close to bringing the new SquareSpace website live: <https://goodshepherdblueмонт.org/> Please email any updates, information, and/or photos to Christine. Thank you for your help.

SCHEDULING VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to everyone helping to keep our church running by taking part in the worship services and helping with the altar, teller duties,

after church refreshments and cleanup, and so much more. Please be sure to sign up for the fall.



PRAYERS

Please pray for our neighbors and ways to serve the community.

Prayers for Friends and Family: Ryan Schaffer (Darlene's grandson); Patrick Whitehouse, Airman First Class, USAF (Rick & Ellen's son); Kelly Macoy as she attends the Diocesan discernment weekend; Katie & Craig Eney (Andrea's sister and brother-in-law); Bethany Whitehouse; Suffragan Bishop Michael Sie of Liberia; The Aguilar family (Christine's family); Carol Newman (Pine Grove neighbor); Sam Wiggington (Judi Floyd's neighbor); Bob Zidek (Bryan's dad); Judy Anderson (Bluemont neighbor); Brian Sweeney (Natalie's brother); Amie Comer (friend at Rose Hill); Donna Sowder and Terri Huff (Rose's friends); Darlene Schaffer and her friends & family: Sam Myers, John West, and Kenny Lucas; Eileen Cawood; Nancy Kelley, Tammy (Nancy's daughter), and Jennifer (Nancy's granddaughter); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Lee Ruddell & Dane Toler; Tim & Cindy Ingram; Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother).

To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list, send an email to prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org



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