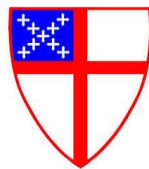
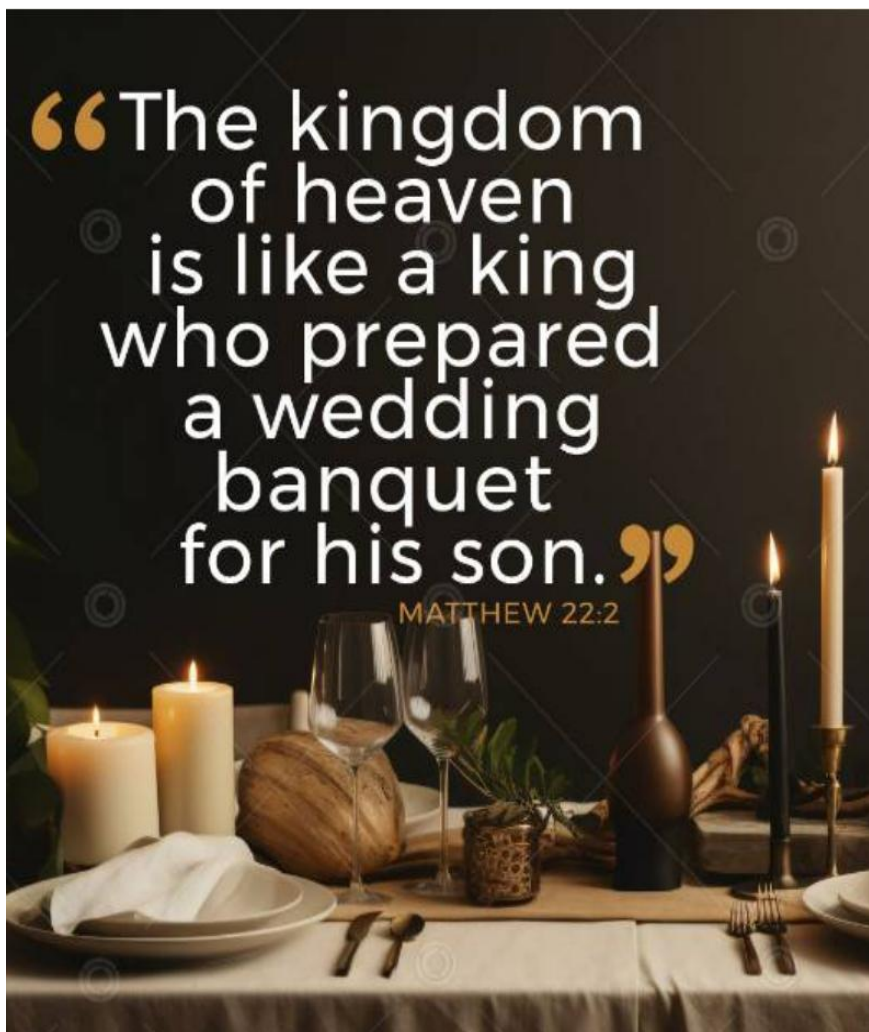


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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 today to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Elizabeth Nelson Tompkins, born October 1, 1897.



CALENDAR

- 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
12-2 p.m. **Harvest Grill @ Blue Ridge Volunteer Fire & Rescue**
(See Notices)
- 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
- SUN Oct 25** **The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Last day for FISH food & funds donations
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Judy Hall
Lay Readers: Janet Locklear & Lee Ruddle
Zoomer: Penni Tidwell | Music Leader: Tim Hall
- TUE Oct 27** **Morning FISH delivery, followed by...**
10:00 a.m. **Preparation of “to-go” meals** (Parish Hall basement)
- WED Oct 28** **Distribute FISH “to-go” meals** (morning)



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

Celebrant: The Rev. Kate Bryant

Lay Reader: Lee Ruddle | LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall

Zoomer: Judy Hall | Music Leader: Janet Locklear

Welcome and Introduction

Opening **Hymn 7** “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

The Celebrant prays

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Praise **Hymn 556** “Rejoice, ye pure in heart”

vv 1-3

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Old Testament: Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.

Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Said responsively by half verse

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

The Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 645** "The King of love my shepherd is"

vv 1-4

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 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who

had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Kate Bryant

The Nicene Creed

The People stand

**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.

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

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The People may be seated or kneel

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For our friends and family: (*see back page of bulletin*). For all people in
their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For the homeless nearby and across our nation. For this
community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For those suffering from climate change and natural disasters. For
migrants and refugees and all who are exploited. For the just and proper
use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all people suffering from conflicts throughout the world. May they find a way to peace. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for St. Stephen's & The Good Shepherd-Rocky Bar, Elkton; and Calvary, Front Royal. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Anglican Church of Burundi. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Mark, Gayle, and Mark, our Bishops; for Debbie, Rob, Kate, and Martha, our Supply Clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. (BCP p. 816)

Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Christ our Lord. (BCP p. 817)

Amen.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Leader continues

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

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 664** "My shepherd will supply my need"

The People stand for the Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, p.367

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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.

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

from Enriching Our Worship, p. 69

God of abundance,

**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may
proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue
for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the People

Closing **Hymn 339** “Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**



NOTICES

THIS AFTERNOON: HARVEST GRILL

The Blue Ridge Volunteer Fire & Rescue Co. will be serving up a Harvest Grill at 131 Retreat Rd, Bluemont **today from 12 to 2 p.m.** The menu includes grilled chicken, Italian sausage, hot dogs, sides, dessert, and drinks. Eat-in or carry-out. Adult meals: \$15.

ANIMAL AWARENESS MONTH – ALL OCTOBER

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 will be collecting items and raising funds for the **Clarke County Animal Shelter**.

Bring wet or dry cat food, wet dog food, old clean towels, and gently used or new pet toys 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



FISH Mission Statement

"Ensure everyone in Clarke County has access to the food, clothing, and support they need."

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**. Tim delivered **84.3 lbs. of donated food**. Peggy and Steve made 42 turkey slider lunches. Christine made 10 vegan quinoa & chickpea bowls with lemon basil dressing. Judy and Christine gave out the to-go meals, which also included applesauce, fruit and fruit cups, trail mix, and chips that were available for all.

Our next "meals to-go" preparation and distribution is Oct. 27 & 28, respectively. Please contact Janet Locklear to help with this important ministry in our community.

Also, 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.*

NO PLASTICS, PLEASE!

Our world is overrun with plastic waste and we at Good Shepherd have committed our church to reducing our plastic usage. We, too, are overrun with plastic containers, cups, and utensils. Please find other ways to deal with your plastic at home (“reduce, reuse, recycle”). And at Good Shepherd, we’ll continue to wash dishes and use compostable bowls, cups, and utensils when necessary. And no single-use water bottles or Styrofoam, please. **Creation thanks you!**

SCHEDULING VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to everyone helping to keep our church running smoothly 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 October and beyond. The sign-up sheet is in the sanctuary on the old pump organ behind the lectern.

FALL EVENTS – NEW LEADERS WANTED

Before the new church year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, we have two traditional events that need new leaders. The first is our **All Saints’ Day service of remembrance**, which this year falls on the actual day, **Sun., Nov 1**. The second is our **Stewardship Ingathering service and Harvest Potluck Luncheon** on Christ the King Sunday, which is **Nov 22** this year. **If these events are important to you, please step up and let someone on the vestry know you’re ready to breathe new life into one of them.** Whatever you choose, ample help will be provided, and you will be blessing our church.

WEBSITE UPGRADE

We are getting closer to bringing the new SquareSpace website live: <https://goodshepherdblueмонт.org/> Email updates, information, and/or photos to **webmaster@goodshepherdblueмонт.org**. Thank you for your input.



PRAYERS

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

Prayers for Friends and Family: David Richardson (Ellen's brother); Caleb (Bethany's friend); Patrick Whitehouse, Airman First Class, USAF (Rick & Ellen's son); 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: Ryan Schaffer (her grandson), 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 Ruddle & Dane Toler; Tim & Cindy Ingram; and 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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