

The Shepherd's Voice

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Guest Preacher on February 12

The Rev. Coke McClure, Priest in Charge at St. Mark's Church, Hazard and Christ Church, Harlan, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, February 12. Fr. Dominic Moore will take services for Fr. McClure in this exchange with our partners in mission in Eastern Kentucky.

Father Coke McClure and his wife, Tamara, moved to the Kentucky hills 18 months ago from Berkeley, California, where they lived for one year as Coke completed his Certificate of Anglican Studies at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP). Along with Tamara, Coke was confirmed as a new member of the Episcopal Church in January 2009 in Pocatello, Idaho, where he had served as a bi-vocational Presbyterian minister, preaching on the weekends at small and large Presbyterian churches in Eastern Idaho. Coke is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Princeton Theological Seminary. The McClures live in Harlan. Each Sunday, Coke drives 110 miles round-trip, leading worship at St. Mark's Church at 8:30 a.m. and then returning to Harlan for Christ Church's 11:00 a.m. service. Working with Deacon Jeff Howe at St. Mark's Church, Father McClure is delighted that Good Shepherd Church now shares Deacon Jeff in this exciting partnership between a "bluegrass church" and a "mountain parish."

Wednesday Evening Lenten Study

On Wednesday, February 29, we will begin a study that addresses fundamental questions that adults struggle with as faith matures. *Embracing an Adult Faith: Marcus Borg on What it Means to Be Christian* is a five-session DVD and discussion-based resource that will be used for this study. The sessions continue on Wednesdays through March 28. A light soup supper will be served each week from 5:30 to 6:00 followed by the class from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the Loggia on Sunday or contact the church office if you plan to attend.

About the study

Author and Bible scholar Marcus Borg invites us to join him in revisiting Christianity's most fundamental questions: Who is God? What does salvation mean? What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith? In this five-session, faith-formation resource, participants enjoy the rare privilege of witnessing Marcus in dialogue with a small, diverse group of adults as they honestly—and sometimes painfully—confront the big questions and work together toward authentic answers. Each session includes a 10-minute DVD presentation by Marcus Borg followed by interaction with the group.

The study addresses fundamental questions that adults struggle with as faith matures. It can be used as a resource for personal reflection as well as small group experience. The five sessions include God, Jesus, Salvation, Community and Practice.

The participant workbook contains all the material needed for use by class participants as well as notes for the class leader to facilitate each session. Those attending the class are **not** required to have the workbook, but one can be purchased at Cokebury Bookstore at Woodhill Center or from www.amazon.com.

Our mission at the Church of the Good Shepherd is to worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to honor our Episcopal tradition, to care for one another within our parish family, and to reach out in loving service to our community and the world.

Reception to Honor the Pogues

Fr. Ron Pogue's last day at Good Shepherd is Sunday, February 19. A reception to honor him and Gay will be held in the Undercroft immediately following the 11:15 service that day. Pat and Jim Johnson are coordinating this special event and they need your help. Contact them at 859-278-2009 or patandjimjohnson@yahoo.com if you can help provide food for the reception.

Nice to Meet You!

With all these wonderful new faces around the parish, wouldn't it be nice to know their names? Remember to wear your name tag during worship services. If you are new to Good Shepherd and need a name tag or have misplaced yours, sign up for one in the Loggia or at the back table.

February 5:

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist at 7:45, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
Christian Formation classes at 10:15 a.m.

Isaiah 40:21-31 / Psalm 147:1-12, 21c /
1 Corinthians 9:16-23 / Mark 1:29-39

Lector/Intercessor: 7:45 Wilson Eastland

9:00 Kim Edwards, Abigail Clayton

11:15 Kevin and Christy Ellis

Acolytes: 9:00 Taylor Beegle, Thomas Priest, Alina Snowden, Naomi Clayton, Philip Priest, Sarah Elliott, Jackson Young

11:15 Meredith Aker, Jackson Campbell, Claire Campbell, Mason Deep

Eucharistic Ministers: 7:45 Scott Drexler

9:00 Jim Arnold, Tony Baxter, Elizabeth Leppman, Jim Willard* 11:15 Buzz Carmichael, Judy Endicott, Guy Graves, Dorothy Van Meter*

Ushers: 7:45 Wilson Eastland 9:00 Ken Miller, Mark Plummer, David Thompson, George VanMeter, Andrew Burton 11:15 Jim Carroll, Bill Cox, Dan Primm

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Kim Scott

Altar Guild: Martha Tarrant

Vestry on Duty: Jack Brown, Anne Helmers

Children's Chapel: 9:00 Whit Whitaker, Brenda Goodpaster 11:15 Johnathon Watson, Amerah Rayyan

Greeters: 9:00 Main St.: Steve and Renee Branham
West Door: Robert and Margaret Foster

11:15 Main St.: John and Alicia Landon

West Door: Herb and Cyndy Miller

Altar Flowers: Sarah Leer

Altar Flower Delivery: Barbara and Paul Mostert, Judy Endicott, Jane Ann and Dick Forston, Pam and Mike Noyes, Lucy Jones

Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King will meet on Sunday, February 12, at 4:00 p.m. in the Library. February's sandwich team members are Sue Cole, Joyce Roth, Laura Lipka, Jan Hellebusch, Joyce Leverett and Ann Miller.

Bishop's Ball and Youth Lock-In

When: February 17, 7:00 p.m. to February 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Victorian Square, Christ Church Cathedral, and the Hyatt Regency

Cost: \$15

Contact: Cindy Sigmon, 859.252.6527, to register by February 12.

Boy Scout Sunday

Boy Scouts of any age in the congregation are invited to wear their uniforms at the 9:00 a.m. service this Sunday, February 5.

February 12:

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist at 7:45, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
Christian Formation classes at 10:15 a.m.

2 Kings 5:1-14 / Psalm 30 /

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 / Mark 1:40-45

Lector/Intercessor: 7:45 Terri Koontz 9:00 Dianne Griffith, Cynthia Matthews 11:15 Isaac Sefa, Lucy Cox

Acolytes: 9:00 Liz Samuel, Kate Samuel, Stacy Wilk, Olivia Fishback, Olivia Brewer, Annie Griffith, Evelyn Hinz 11:15 Grace Campbell, Isabelle Kluesner, Lillie Kluesner, Sophie Kluesner

Eucharistic Ministers: 7:45 Tom Grunwald

9:00 Dee Beegle, Katherine Bihl, Kathy Gross, Laura Greenfield, Hans Flueck* 11:15 Allissa Ferguson, Juanita Peterson, Keila Thomas, Lee Jenkins, January Haile*

Ushers: 7:45 John Kingsley 9:00 Stephen Crutcher, Bob Gibson, Phil Roeder, Forrest Hellebusch
11:15 Charley and Nancy Davis, Hoppy Hopkins, Jim Martin

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Bob Gibson

Altar Guild: Dorothea Tate

Vestry on Duty: Lucy Cox, Elizabeth Leppman

Children's Chapel: 9:00 Lauren Goodpaster, Stella Goren 11:15 Whit Whitaker, Deacon Jeff Howe

Greeters: 9:00 Main St.: Bob Gibson

West Door: Jim and Pat Johnson

11:15 Main St.: Litsa Prather

West Door: Patrick and Lori Eidson

Altar Flowers and Delivery: same as February 1

Room in the Inn



Looking for a night watchman for the side door for one or two evenings, the 2:00 to 6:00 a.m. shift, during February and March. Reading and computer work permitted! Call or email Anne Peschke, 268-1618 or abp43@me.com.

Ash Wednesday is February 22

Please return your palm crosses from last year to the church office by February 15 so they can be used for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

30 Hours Can Change the World

Students around the world loving God and fighting hunger. It's that simple. Every year, thousands of students unite to do the 30 Hour Famine. They learn about hunger--and then they do something about it. They raise funds. They experience hunger for themselves. Best of all? They help save lives. You can help banish hunger to the history books. Do the Famine.

Another child dies from hunger-related causes every 10 seconds. That's 11,000 kids dying every day. Even those lucky enough to survive hunger will feel its effects for a lifetime. Hunger stunts a child's growth. It leaves kids more vulnerable to disease and steals the energy they need for school. We can't just sit here and let it keep happening. Children around the world and in our community need your help!

Our youth group is doing World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. They don't think it's right that thousands of kids are dying from hunger every day. So they're doing something about it. They're going without food for 30 hours to raise money so others can eat. **Here's how you can help:**

- 1. Pray.** Ask God to bless our students as they overcome hunger.
- 2. Volunteer.** Come join us during our Famine weekend.
- 3. Give.** Just \$30 can help feed and care for a child for a month.

Adults are needed to do the 30 Hour Famine as chaperones, Saturday morning drivers and Saturday afternoon drivers. Cannot participate on Friday or Saturday or cannot give the 30 Hours? Then give money. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd with 30 Hours on the memo line. Help us change the world. See or call Deacon Lauren or sign up in the Loggia.

New Adult Classes

You are encouraged to attend one of the following adult Christian Formation classes on Sunday.

Holy Women and Holy Men

Led by Joseph Jacobs

February 5, 12, 19 Location: Undercroft

Explore saints from Lesser Feasts and Fasts. Learn about these interesting people who gave their lives for the faith we have today.

Relationships and Family

February 5, 12, 19 and March 4

Location: Library

Guest speakers will help us take a look at issues in our lives--marriage, elderly parents, young families and more.

February 5: Marriage and communication.

February 12: Good Shepherd member and UK staff member Nancy Stephens will talk about "helicopter parenting."

February 19: The Rev. Deacon Lois Howard will talk about elderly parents and issues on aging.

March 4: Boundaries and work and friend relationships.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, February 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong for Black History Month featuring the combined Choirs of Good Shepherd and the University of Kentucky Spiritual Ensemble.

Friday, February 17

Outreach Ministry Mardi Gras

Social hour at 6:00, dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hyatt Regency, 401 W. High Street

Tickets on sale now! Contact the church office to make your reservation.

Sunday, February 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Redemption: A Journey from Slavery to Freedom featuring Whit Whitaker and the First UMC Choir with piano accompaniment by Diana Hallman.

Location: First United Methodist Church, 200 W. High St.

Tuesday, February 21 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, \$2 per person.

Sign up in the Loggia or call the church office.

Location: Undercroft

Ash Wednesday, February 22

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 7:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

From the Interim Rector

On a cold, windy day, Gay and I drove to the supermarket to shop and had to park about as far away from the store's entrance as one can park. When we returned to our car, we loaded our purchases into the trunk and I started looking around for the nearest shopping cart return rack. It was halfway back to the store and I shivered when I thought about having to stay out in the cold wind any longer.

Just then, I heard a voice behind me say, "Here, I'll take that." I turned and saw a man who had just alighted from his pickup and was walking toward me. He smiled and said, "I saw you looking for a place to put that cart and I'm headed that way. Let me return it for you." I barely managed to say "thank you" before he was briskly pushing the cart toward the store entrance. He returned the cart to the rack and continued toward the entrance in pursuit of whatever mission was on his mind.

In that moment, the Kingdom of God came near to both of us. Something changed in my universe and, perhaps, in his. I have no idea who he is or what motivated his good deed. I'd like to think it had something to do with his faith, but there is no way to know that. What I do know is that it had something to do with my faith. My faith prompts me to see God's hand at work in that moment in the lives of two of God's children—one of us in need and the other with a meaningful response to that need. That empty cart was full of grace.

We often focus on big goals in mission and ministry: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, rebuilding storm-ravaged communities, teaching at-risk children to read. But let us not neglect to do good in those smaller, simpler ways. There must be thousands of opportunities to do those good works that God "has prepared for us to walk in" every day. May God open our eyes to see them and move our hands and feet to respond. In the intersection of another's need and our response, no matter how simple, the universe is changed. And because God is at the center of those intersections, the change is for the better.

I'll see you in Church!



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