

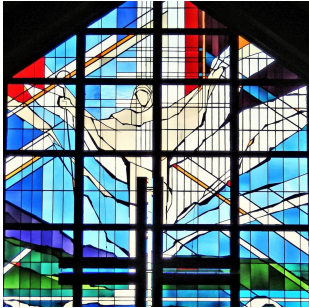


# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## Shepherd's Staff

January 30, 2025

*Celebrating Community and Serving Others!*



### **Sunday Schedule for February 2**

**Candlemas: The Presentation of Our Lord**

**8:00a Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

9:00a Formation:

- Children's Formation (Rooms 2,4)
- Parenting in the Pews (Shepherd's Nook)
- EYC Youth Group (LL Conference Room)

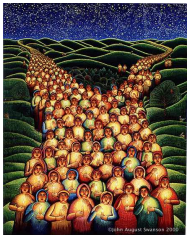
9:00a Youth Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall, Sanctuary)

9:15a Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall, Sanctuary)

**10:15a Holy Eucharist Worship Service** (Sanctuary & [Livestream](#))

**11:30a Parish Breakfast (Parish Hall)**

**Weekday Worship Wednesdays at 5:30p** - Contemplative Service (Parlor)



### **Candlemas - The Feast of the Presentation**

**This Sunday, February 2**

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation, also known as Candlemas, in which 40 days after his birth, the infant Jesus was presented in the Temple and the prophets Simeon and Anna recognized him as the Messiah and the Light to the Nations. Candlemas is one of the oldest feasts of the Christian church, celebrated since the early 4th century, and it became a tradition to bless the church's candles on this day, as well as any candles to be used at home for prayer or devotion.

**If you have candles you use for personal prayer and devotion, you are invited to bring them to worship next Sunday to be blessed!**

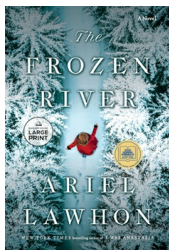


### **Come to the Parish Breakfast**

**This Sunday! February 2, 11:30a (Parish Hall)**

Join us following the 10:15a worship service for a hot, delicious breakfast prepared by our very own Bigfoot Gourmet. It's a great opportunity to meet and greet old friends and new. To those who attend the 8:00a service, we hope you'll come back and join us!

**Please remember to bring a donation for the Foyer food basket!** Most needed items: Tuna, Peanut Butter, Rice, Soup, Cereal, Pasta & Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese.



### **Text in Community**

**Tuesday, February 11. 7:30p (Zoom)**

Join us for a discussion of "The Frozen River", a 2023 historical fiction thriller by Ariel Lawhon following Martha Ballard, an 18th-century midwife in Maine, as she leverages her standing as a medical professional to investigate two crimes: a murder and a rape. Lawhon explores themes of Puritan shame culture and gender oppression, the courtroom as a theatrical spectacle, and familial loyalty in the face of suspicion. Contact: [Rich Leland](#).



### **Annual Parish Meeting**

**Reports due Friday, February 14, 12:00p**

**Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, February 23, 9:00a (Parish Hall)**

Join us for our Annual Parish Meeting. We will recap the year past and look forward into 2025. **Ministry and Committee Reports are due to [Darlene Lane](#) no later than Friday, February 14.**



## Outreach Have a Heart Food and Book Drive

**Friday, February 14 - Monday, February 24 (Narthex)**

Beginning Valentine's Day, February 14, Outreach will be collecting food and gently used children's books for [Food for Others](#), our local food pantry in Merrifield. Considering our severe winter weather and the many days children have missed school, it is especially urgent that families have sufficient food at home. The Food Pantry lets children choose books to take home from their "library" of donated books when their family comes to pick up food. Most needed items are: peanut butter, canned tuna, cereal, rice, canned or dried beans, pasta & sauce, canned tomato products, canned fruit in fruit juice. Thank you for your generous donations of food and books for families in need in our area.



## Join Us for Summer Camp Fun at Good Shepherd!

This summer, Good Shepherd will host three exciting musical theater camps for youth of all ages! From storytelling and imagination in Imagination Station for our youngest stars, to a production of "Finding Nemo Jr." for elementary and middle schoolers, and our high school two-week intensive, "Mean Girls High School Version". There's something for everyone! Each camp combines creativity, performance, and fun while fostering a love for the arts. Don't miss these incredible opportunities to learn, grow, and shine on stage! For more details, [click here](#) or contact [Elle Ames](#).



## Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles

**Thursdays, 2:00p (Parish Hall)**

Join us as we continue our exploration of scripture with the Acts of the Apostles. We'll discuss the theological significance of the growth of the early Church and how Acts continues to resonate with us in our discipleship today. We will continue our use of N.T. Wright's "For Everyone" series with ["Acts for Everyone"](#). This helpful and accessible text is suggested but certainly not a requirement for our discussion of Acts!



## Stronger Memory

**Thursdays, 11:00a-12:00p (Parlor)**

[Goodwin Living](#) offers a Stronger Memory program for all interested in learning how to support brain health and cognitive change. Sessions meet Thursdays from 11:00a-12:00p in the Parlor. No registration required and you do not need to attend every session. [Click here](#) for further information.



## Parish Ministry Calendar

**Thursday, January 30**

11:00a Stronger Memory Program (Parlor)  
2:00p Bible Study: The Book of Acts (Parish Hall)

**Friday, January 31**

Office closed  
9:00a AA (Room 6)  
7:00p AA (Room 6)

**Saturday, February 1**

7:30a Men's Fellowship (Zoom)  
8:30a Flower Guild (Kitchen)  
9:00a Altar Guild (Sanctuary)

**Sunday, February 2 - Candlemas: The Presentation of Our Lord**

See Sunday Schedule at top of email

**Monday, February 3**

9:00a AA (Room 6)  
2:00p Knit and Purl for Love (Parlor)  
7:00p Ring and Rejoice Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)

**Tuesday, February 4**

1:00p Flower Ministry (Kitchen)

**Wednesday, February 5**

1:00p Staff Meeting (Sheads Hall)  
5:30p Ames Performing Arts (Sheads Hall)  
5:30p Contemplative Eucharist (Parlor)

## Be the Prayers of the People

**For the special concerns of:** Lee McKenna, Anne Gavin Ritchie, Kathryn Libby, Fred Gibson, Joe and BJ Herzog, Mary Helman, Peter Marshall, Fran Samuelson, Judy and Ray Caddell, Sam Conner, Renee Torres, Anne Jackson, Doug Smith, Helen Demestihias, Cindy, Betty, David Chamberlain, Rachel Garff Burkett, Dick Jansson, Don Brown, Calvin Kraft, Nancy Biele, Dick Nugent, Maureen Murray, Ivan, Joseph Nolan, Linda W., Max Dube, Carol and George Brock, Barton Fox, Elizabeth Ames, David Jones, Carol, Bill, Manuel Vega, Sharon Jones, Eileen Miller, Betty Laine, Ted Stevens, Keith Cronyn, Vic Saltsman, Josh R., Steve Goldman, Mark, Rich Allen, Elva Crawford, Roy Jones, Elizabeth Helman, Monte Montgomery, Ann Johnston, Joe St. Germain, Catherine Mitchell, Jana Allen, Christine Jouannet, Heather, Michael, Stacey Jolly, Rita Farris, Toddy Fox, Scott Allen, Shannon Allen, Emily Leanne Bucur.



**For the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** Christ Church, Brandy Station; Emmanuel, Greenwood.

**For the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia.

**For our service men and women serving their country both at home and abroad,** especially Brad Nye, William Edward Gabriel Cassell, Scott Brock, Adam, Brendan Cantwell, Luke Scruby, Kyle Hamrock, Mark Bartee, Grace Hall Vlach, Mhairi Terra, Matthew Allen, Michelle Miller, Kristine and Matt Hime, John Wildt, Christian Peter Grey, Connor Miller.

Email [Darlene Lane](#) to add a name or request a change to the parish prayer list.

*Prayer requests will remain on the Prayer List for four Sundays, unless specifically requested as a long-term need.*

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The flowers in the Sanctuary Sunday are given to the Glory of God.

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## THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

### Our Parish Mission and Vision

The Church of the Good Shepherd is a Christ-centered Episcopal community sharing God's love. We strive to Strengthen Faith, Build Community, and Serve Others.



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