



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

Making space for faith

From the Pastor's Pen

Holy Week Is Coming

Passion Sunday (March 25). You've heard it called Palm Sunday all your life, so why are we calling it Passion Sunday this year?



Palm Sunday tends to be all about the “parade”—when Jesus entered Jerusalem to the adulation of the crowds. *Hurray, Jesus! Hosanna to the King!* That, of course, is a wonderful thing to celebrate. And then the next Sunday we have Easter, also known as the “party”—when we celebrate Jesus’ rising from the dead. But if we haven’t been diligent about marking the week in between—the last supper, when Jesus washed the disciples’ feet; his betrayal and trial before both civic and religious authorities; his punishment and condemnation and the long walk to Calvary; his gruesome death—when we’ve gone directly from the “parade” to the “party” and haven’t paid a whole lot of attention to what happened between Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and his resurrection, we miss a whole lot.

I recently read a blog post with the title, “Don’t Easter on my Lent.” I like that. Don’t try to say that everything is just hunky-dory, the author was saying, because there’s a lot of suffering and pain in our lives as well, and the introspection and penitence of Lent and Holy Week help us acknowledge and make sense of the miseries of our lives.

So on March 25, we will mark Passion Sunday, which will take us from the parade of palms all through the scriptures that tell of the events of the week. It’s a powerful service, one that will remain in your memory for a long time. Don’t miss it.

Maundy Thursday (March 29) and Good Friday (March 30). Very honestly, I don’t have these services completely planned yet, but I can tell you that they will both be at 7:00 p.m. and will be meaningful and powerful. More information will be out within the next couple of weeks—in the meantime, mark your calendars.

Easter (April 1). How perfect is it that Easter is on April Fool’s Day? On a day when we try to convince each other that the untrue is true, that the impossible is actually possible, we have the story of the death that was a death but then wasn’t. I’m planning on lots of music and lots of joy, and I’m hoping for lots of people! Invite your friends and neighbors for the greatest joke ever—the one God played on Death in the resurrection.



And Beyond Holy Week!

Holy Humor Sunday (April 8). Stay tuned, and prepare for one of the most joy-filled worship services ever!

Guest Preacher Jack Hodges (April 22). While I'm in Ohio for my daughter's bridal shower, the Rev. Jack Hodges, a former presbytery exec from Oregon and now a Baltimore resident, will lead Good Shepherd in worship.

Evening with Nadia Bolz-Weber (Saturday, April 28). I've mentioned Rev. Bolz-Weber before. She is the founder of a Lutheran church called House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver. The write-up for this event (sponsored by the Parish Resource Center in Lancaster, PA) says:

Heavily tattooed and often profane, Bolz-Weber takes an unusual approach to church. ... A recovering addict, [she] has created a congregation that is open to those struggling with addiction, as well as persons who are uncomfortable in traditional churches.

In other words, she represents the antithesis of who we are at Good Shepherd, and that's why I love reading her books and am looking forward to hearing her speak about her faith journey and her vision for the church of the future.

If you're interested in attending this event in Lancaster, you'll need to purchase your tickets ahead of time. You can call go online to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-nadia-bolz-weber-tickets-37852912079 or call the Parish Resource Center at (717) 299-1113. Because we are PRC members, through the Susquehanna Parish Ministry Group, tickets for us are \$29 rather than \$35. Once we know who all is going from Good Shepherd, we can arrange to carpool.

Ushers	Ushers:	Tellers:	Readers:
	Mar. 4 Petnic, Workman	Bohns, Kent	V. Maas
	Mar. 11 Tich, McKemy, Morgan	Starke, Webster	C. Maas
Tellers	Mar. 18 Douglas, Webster, Starke	Pfoutz, Tich	E. Burns
	Mar. 25 Maas, Wronowski	PreVatte, Workman	S. Thompson
	Mar. 29 Maundy Thursday		D. Barr
Readers	Mar. 30 Good Friday		S. Baranowski



The Sharing Table

Thanks to all who donated clothing, toiletries, and Valentine snacks for our February Sharing Table!

We had more clothing than last year and very little left over at the end.

The women filled 100 Valentine bags and not one was left!

We had more toiletries than ever - lotions, toothpaste, shampoos, etc. – big and small – all were grabbed up during our time at Sharing Table.

Please keep this mission in mind during the year so that you can set aside these items for next year.

GREAT JOB!!!



All,
I sincerely cannot thank you enough for your steadfast loyalty to our service dates at The Sharing Table. The tabulation for the day showed 97 guests were served! I'm sure you felt the push, but all in all it was a good day!

A special thanks to the Women of the Church who made the day very special with the out pouring of clothing items, toiletries and the very special Valentine's Day Gift Bags! I noticed one man who was at the rack for the better part of 30 minutes making his selections. When I last saw him, he was trying on a jacket to which, I assumed, was one of Gary's suits.

A special thank you to Little Luke Hamlet as well who, like most youngsters his age, was a very enthusiastic helper!

You made a lot of people happy today and I hope all of you could feel it in your heart of hearts!

Thank you, Bill

Women's Bible Study—Thursday, March 8, 2018 - 10:00–11:30—Upper Room

Cloud of Witnesses: *The Community of Christ in Hebrews*

BIBLE STUDY-LESSON 7— In Community with the Hope of the Future

What does the term Sabbath mean to you?

READ THE FOLLOWING: Hebrews 11:1-3; 3:1-19; Psalm 95;

Hebrews 4:1-11 and 6:9-12

KEY IDEA: Lesson 7 centers our attention on God's Sabbath rest, where we find hope and support for the future, as well as our current situation.

PRAYER LEADER: Delores **HOSPITALITY:** Jo White and Sarah Weich

CLOUD OF WITNESSES: Joan Pugh



BRING A LUNCH

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Women's Association

March 2018 Activities Dates:

Thursday, March 8 10:00 AM: **Circle Bible Study** Lesson 7 – In Community with the Hope of the Future

Thursday March 1 and 22 10:00 AM:

Pillowcase Dresses - (bring your lunch)



Facilities Committee needs help!!

The Facilities Committee could use some help with the many needs of the Church including the Children's Center! You don't have to join the Committee, unless of course you wish to do so, however we would greatly appreciate your help with putting down ice melt on slick mornings to help keep the Children's Center and the Church Offices open for business, or just stopping by the Church in the evenings or mornings to ensure no one is starting fires or vandalizing the Church property. In the Spring we will be mulching and planting shrubs. There is also mowing and trimming in the

Spring and Summer or simple building repairs throughout the year.

There are any number of opportunities to be of assistance. Please think about it and if you are ready, willing, and able to help out, see any of the Committee Members which includes Jim Petnic, Mike McKemy, Mike Bohns, Dorothy Burns, Ellie Pfoutz, Wayne Douglas or Gary Workman.

The Committee thanks you in advance for your consideration.

**Blessings,
The Facilities Committee**

Shepherd's Kids

The month of February found Shepherd's Kids experiencing the theme of love. Children made pipe cleaner hearts and pledged to walk in love during Lent. Our older kids burned last year's palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. We talked about pretzels of all things—folding our hands in prayer (in the shape of a pretzel).

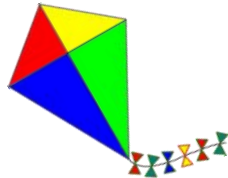
March 14 and 21 we will center on Holy Week. We will read a story about a special donkey and begin making Resurrection Eggs.

**See you!!!!
MARCH 14 and 21.**



Deacons

Winds of March, we welcome you,
There is work for you to do,
Work and play and blow all day,
Blow the winter cold away.



Good Shepherd is always busy with work and play. We ended a busy February with a successful Movie Night. Thank you to everyone who participated. We had approximately 38 in attendance. The popcorn was popped, the hot dogs hot, and the fellowship could not be topped.

Next up - Saturday, March 31st. 10:00 a.m. ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Women's Group and friends will be filling the eggs this month. We are asking for the following, if you wish to contribute:

- Wrapped candy for the eggs
- Refreshments for the reception, cookies, brownies, drinks
- Small prizes, bubbles, craft items, play dough, etc.

(Deacons will assist with prizes)



As you know this event is well attended by the community and the children are eagerly awaiting the egg hunt! All are invited to participate. Should you have any questions please see Jane Workman or Chris Bohns

SAVE THE DATE - SPRING FLING MAY 12TH



Inside Story Headline



CONGREGATION GATHERING FOR NEW MINISTER GOING STRONG

Thank You

Thanks to Delores Barr for coving at the organ when I am away. Delores brings a wonderful spirit and is always willing to jump in and help.

Farrell

Prayer List

Philip Pugh, Wayne Weich, Diana Ciccotelli, Rodger & Vyona Bultena, Ed Matthai, Suzy Phillips, Dr. Whiteford, Steve Rapley, Jenna & Seaver Shunk, Kim Blossie, Jeanette & Frank Ford, Jack Flick, Beckie Penn, Anita Barrett, Paul Neal, Kathy, Charles Simon, April, Charlie Poss, Joe Marsheck, Frances Kowalski, Aisha Ramirez, Erica, Jennifer Rakas



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Officers

ELDERS:

Class of 2018

Gary Workman
Mary Kaye Kent
Jerry Tich
Lynn Villa

Class of 2019

Sounghee Baranowski
Hazel Morgan
Gail Wronowski

Class of 2020

Cindy PreVatte
Ellie Pfoutz
Farrell Maddox
Mike Bohns
Valerie Davis

DEACONS:

Class of 2018

Becky McKemy
Norma Webster
Susan Luu

Class of 2019

Clay Maas
Elaine Tich
Chris Bohns

Class of 2020

Redet Fiseha
Ashley Andrews
Allen Wronowski

Coffee Hours

- 04 Mar...coffee hour as usual
11 Mar...coffee hour as usual
18 Mar...coffee hour as usual
25 Mar...NO COFFEE HOUR Palm Sunday
01 Apr...NO COFFEE HOUR Easter





MARCH 2018

Thursday, 1	Dress Making 10:00
Sunday, 4	Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00 Advertising Committee 12:15 Lenten Study 12:20
Monday, 5	Facilities Committee 6:00 Personnel Committee 7:15 Pastors Office
Wednesday, 7	Deacons 6:30 Choir 7:30
Thursday, 8	Women's Bible Study 10:00
Sunday, 11	Session 7:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00 Lenten Study 12:20
Wednesday, 14	Shepherd's Kids 5:30—7:00 Choir 7:30
Sunday, 18	Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Wednesday, 21	Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00
Thursday, 22	Dress Making 10:00
Friday, 23	Children's Program Coffee Morning
Sunday, 25	Parade of Palms 10:45 Worship 11:00 NO Coffee
Wednesday, 28	Choir 7:30
Thursday, 29	Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00
Friday, 30	Office/Day Care Closed Good Friday Worship 7:00
Saturday, 31	Easter Egg Hunt 10:00-12:00
April, 1	Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday Worship 11:00



Happy Birthday

The Deacons would like the church family to know your important day! If we do not have yours in our file, please notify Ellie Pfoutz, 410-679-4813.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March

- 7 Gail Wronowski
- 9 Mike Bohns
- 15 Mary Kaye Kent
- 17 Erin Pollard
- 18 Jeanette Petnic
- 25 Lesley Pinkosz
- 31 Cecilia Davis