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*Our Mission: "To Know, Live and Share God's Word"*

## *The Shepherd's Voice*

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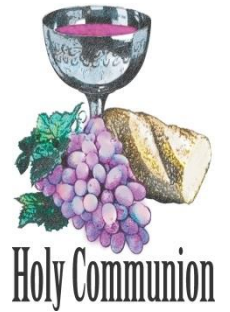
3/01	Deb Cortese	3/11	Betty Holt
3/02	Joseph Atkinson		Karen White
	Natalie Florschutz		Rachel Raytik
	Nicholas Florschutz		Hunter Davidson
	Brynn McWilliams	3/12	Ron Sweigart
3/03	Miatta Gonda		Mark Toth
3/04	J.C. Henry Cooper	3/16	Carole Thomas
	Logan Stofflet		Deanna Reczek
3/05	Nancy Norton		Kenley McManus
	Robert Schini, Jr.	3/17	Terry Simpson
	Tony Scheivert		Pastor Susan Lynch
	John Burt		Joseph Bertoni
	Emma Reilly		Angela Przychodzien
3/06	Phyllis Haines		Sarah Guest
3/08	Maria Varga	3/18	Lois Pry
	Robert Blount	3/22	Lisa Sheetz
3/09	Dawn Ford	3/23	Peg Renz
	Charles Scott	3/24	Ryan McGeehan
	Donald Van Horn	3/25	Haley Watters
	Jon Roth	3/27	Lois McCulley
3/10	Elinore Zaplitny		Joshua Captis
	Julie Regenski	3/28	Adrienne Melendez
		3/30	Sara Kuhn

## Happy Anniversary!

Barb & Timothy Bertoni	3/3	32 years
Bill & Lynn Hornberger	3/15	21 years
Mary Louise & Ira Clavier	3/17	43 years
Erin & Mark Kauppila	3/17	12 years
Mike & Beverly Yost	3/24	43 years
Pete & Aracelis Whiteman	3/25	26 years

## ***This Month on March 15th***

Spoken Communion services at 11:00 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (through May), Pastor Lynch gathers with a small group of members for a service of Holy Communion in the Café. If you are not able to make it on Sundays, please consider attending this service. After the service participants are welcome to stay for lunch and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. While many of the people who attend this service are senior citizens, there is no age requirement. All are welcome. And on the same day, Pastor Lynch goes to Freedom Village at 2:00 p.m. to lead the same service in the Great Room in the Assisted Living facility. All Freedom Village residents are welcome to attend.



## ***Pancake Breakfast!* And Church Work Day**

Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup> 8 -10a.m. This event is open to the public. Tell your friends and neighbors. Join us for pancakes, french toast, bacon, sausage, omelets made to order, hash browns, fruit, coffee. This is also a Church Work Day, so fill your belly and then work it off!

## **Palm Sunday, Breakfast for Lunch**

The confirmation students of Good Shepherd would like to invite you to Breakfast for Lunch on Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> after the late service. Favorites such as egg casseroles, French toast, scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage and much more will make up our Palm Sunday menu. Donations will be graciously accepted and the proceeds will go to the Music and Memory (more info below.) If you have any questions, please feel free contact Barb Bertoni at [610-999-8812](tel:610-999-8812) or [tbbertoni@verizon.net](mailto:tbbertoni@verizon.net)

## **Lenten Outreach Project**

Good Shepherd has teamed up once again with St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Chester Springs in a Lenten Outreach project. The project is a special program for residents of Manatawny Manor, a senior living facility in Pottstown, PA that is owned and operated by Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries. The program, created by Music & Memory <sup>SM</sup>, a nonprofit organization, brings personalized music into the lives of the elderly and infirm. The approach is simple, elegant and effective. Music & Memory <sup>SM</sup> trains professionals in nursing homes and other care settings to set up personalized music playlists on iPod Shuffles for those in their care. These musical favorites tap deep memories not lost to dementia and can reawaken residents, enabling them to feel like themselves again, converse, socialize and stay in the present. Our goal is to raise money to train select Manatawny Manor staff members, to buy a laptop with a CD reader to house the iTunes library, to purchase headsets, to collect gently used iPod shuffles. You can see the transformation that music has on people with dementia by watching a youtube video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TEaBERObUbc>

Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester Counties will hold their annual Garden Luncheon on Saturday, March 19, at The Desmond Great Valley Hotel. Silent auction opens at 10:30am. Luncheon begins at 11:30am. Tickets are \$65 each and benefit Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester Counties work helping single mothers secure permanent housing.



To register, call 610-380-1360 x 106. For more information, visit [www.BridgeofHopeLCC.org](http://www.BridgeofHopeLCC.org).



### **Special Offering to Support Seminarian Evan Albright**

Evan Albright is a member of Good Shepherd who is attending Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. As Evan's home congregation, it has been our tradition to provide financial support each semester to help lower the burden of the cost of his Seminary education. On Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 6, we will take a special offering to raise funds for Evan for the spring semester. To donate, please use either a pew envelope or the blue Benevolence envelope from your packet of envelopes, and write EVAN ALBRIGHT on the envelope, and place the envelope in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity!



### **Vision Celebration Event**

The Congregational Council is encouraging ALL MEMBERS to attend our Vision Celebration Event on Sunday, March 13, 2016.

**Only one worship service on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30.**

The event will begin after the 10:30 a.m. worship service and will be hosted in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served! During this event, Council will share details about the "Under the Roof" Capital Campaign, including why we need to raise funds, how the funds will be used, and additional information about the future of our Congregation.

### **Sound the trumpets!**

Easter will bring a Brass Quintet to help us celebrate the Risen Lord. You can help offset the cost of the Brass Quintet by remembering or honoring someone special as we have done with the Easter flowers that surround the altar on Easter Sunday. If you would like to make a donation, please place your donation in the box marked "Brass" in the Narthex. Your memorial or honorarium will be listed along with the others in the Easter Bulletin. Thank you for your generous contribution.



## SUNDAYS OF EASTER

For the five Sundays of Easter, we will use fluffy yeast bread in place of regular communion bread. Please consider making a loaf to share at Communion. One medium - large loaf is needed for each Service. A sign-up sheet can be found on the welcome table. Questions: Please call Jo McAdoo at 610.942.0153 or email at [mljomcadoo@gmail.com](mailto:mljomcadoo@gmail.com) Thank you



**Easter Plants** order forms and box are in the narthex to order Easter plants in memory of or in honor of loved ones. The cost is \$12 per plant. Please **DO NOT** put the order in the offering. Please put the order in the box on the welcome desk. Deadline to order is March 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming JAM Youth Events Mark your calendars

March 20 – Easter Egg Hunt, following the late service, more details to come

April 23 – JAM and Youth Sunday Rehearsal

- a. Meeting time: 2:00 – 4:30
- b. Dinner (Pizza) from 4:30 – 5:00  
(those not attending the JAM meeting are welcome to have dinner with us)
- c. Rehearsal from 5:00 – 6:00 (Parents are asked to attend)

**April 24 – Youth Sunday**

May 20 – Family Movie Night – final JAM event of the school year, more details to come



## Wednesday Dinner Church

**Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent for DINNER CHURCH!** It's not too late. 3 Services left! For our Wednesday evening Lenten Suppers and Worship Services in 2016, we will be sharing an experience called DINNER CHURCH. DINNER CHURCH is a worship service that takes place **during** a meal. Yes, Dinner and worship are woven together to take place **simultaneously**. The idea comes from the earliest centuries of the Christian church, when we know that Holy Communion and other parts of worship took place during an actual full meal.

Beginning on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, schedule for Dinner and Worship will be:  
5:45 p.m. Gather for Fellowship and Coffee/Tea  
6:00 p.m. DINNER CHURCH begins - BOTH Dinner and Worship will begin.  
6:55 p.m. Time of Blessing and Sending as DINNER CHURCH concludes.

## *Pastor's page*

ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!  
CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

It seems so early to see these words. As I write this it, it is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent. Easter and the celebration of new life still seem far off, and yet... Easter Sunday falls at the end of March this year. And though I am still working my way through Lent and doing the final planning for the last few Sundays of Lent, I know that THIS week I will begin planning for Easter and new life.

It will happen both professionally and personally. In my time off, my thoughts have already begun to turn to spring. I am starting to plan my garden - wondering if I will add new sections again this fall, calculating the cost of fertilizer, seeds, plants and new tomato support towers.

In the office, I will be reviewing and reformatting the Holy Week and Easter services with the staff. Youth Ministry is planning the Egg Hunt. Donation boxes are already out for the Easter brass ensemble and the Easter flowers.

In all the busyness of planning for the next liturgical season, one of great celebration, it is easy to forget that we still need to move through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. In the excitement and anticipation of the resurrection, it is easy to lose focus on Christ's death. I wonder if that is accidental or intentional.

As the season of Lent moves forward, our Sunday Gospel readings show Jesus moving towards Jerusalem – a place where his disciples and many others in the readings know his life will be in danger. In the coming weeks, we will hear stories of God's love intermingled with stories that speak of death. The disciples will become more skittish and try to avoid hearing and comprehending what Jesus is telling them.

If the disciples, those who are closest to Jesus, try to avoid even the discussion or hints of Jesus' upcoming crucifixion, it seems logical that we too might find ourselves avoiding the distressing accounts of Jesus death and consciously or unconsciously steer our focus towards the big celebration of life!

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And yet, without death there is no resurrection. Jesus' suffering and death are important parts of the story. In order for us to really grasp the enormity of God's love, it is important to understand what Jesus experienced and endured to bring the gift of life to us. We cannot fully understand the value of the gift of life without a comprehension of the cost.

In light of this, I encourage you and your families to make time this year to participate in worship on each of the High Holy Days of Holy Week: Passion Sunday (March 20<sup>th</sup>), Maundy Thursday (March 24<sup>th</sup>), Good Friday (March 25<sup>th</sup>), and Easter Sunday (March 27<sup>th</sup>).

Entering into the rhythm of this sacred week and engaging our minds in the accounts of the last week of Jesus' life at the pace with which they occurred is kind of spiritual pilgrimage. The thing about a pilgrimage is that when you start you already have knowledge of where you will end up at the end. You know the destination when you begin the journey. Yet, people of faith throughout the ages proclaim to us that the journey is vitally important, that it is equal in importance to the destination. This year, as you move towards Easter, be sure to include the journey of Holy Week as part of your spiritual path. Don't just "drop in" to the Easter celebration. Take the full journey with Jesus. Stand vigil as he washed the disciples' feet, is arrested, and condemned. Mark his death with a time of observance. Experience the days of grief and waiting. The wake to the new dawn of Easter.

*Pastor Susan*



# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

3/20 Palm/Passion Sunday 8:00 and 10:30

3/24 Maundy Thursday 12:00 and 7:30

3/25 Good Friday 7:30

3/27 Easter Sunday 8:00 and 10:30

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 1:00p Prayer Shawl	<b>2</b> 10:30a Bible Study 11:00a Staff Meeting 5:45p Dinner Church 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 6:45p Stephen Ministry	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:00a Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship	<b>7</b> 6:30p Bridge of Hope 7:00p Confirmation Class 7:00p Handbell Rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:30a Bible Study 5:45p Dinner Church 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 1:00p Mission Quilting 7:15p Property Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Daylight Savings Time 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 12n Vision Celebration Event - Luncheon	<b>14</b> 7:00p Confirmation Class 7:00p Handbell Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 11:00a Spoken Communion 1:00p Prayer Shawl 2:00p Freedom Village Worship 7:00p Council Meeting	<b>16</b> 10:30a Bible Study 11:00a Staff Meeting 5:45p Dinner Church 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:00a Pancake Breakfast
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