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This Upcoming Sunday

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist D

19 February 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship (Bulletin)

Service: Holy Eucharist D

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: David McCoy

Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte: Lynn
Graham

Eucharistic Minister/Prayer Leader:
Gregory Proctor

Altar Guild: Sally Spero

Coffee Hour Host: David Burton



LESSONS for The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Old Testament – Exodus 24: 12-18

Psalm – 2 (Sung)

New Testament – 2 Peter 1: 16-21

Gospel – Matthew 17: 1-9

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

Reflection



Sharing Love on Valentine's Day and Manifesting the Light of Christ

We had a lot of fun on Valentine's Day decorating the church yard and giving out valentines that said "God Loves You No Exceptions" on them. Each valentine also had a little stone in the shape of a

heart glued onto it that is easily removed and can be kept in a pocket, purse, or backpack. Any time someone touches or sees it, it can be a reminder of God's love for them and a nice day.

It took a little under an hour to give away all the valentines. Unlike past giveaways, more people stopped to take a valentine. Once they saw each one was unique, most took the time to pick the one they liked best. About halfway through, students started commenting they didn't have any money, but once we told them the valentines were free, they stopped and took one.

About three or four people took the time to notice the message and several said, "This means a lot." Everyone said, "Thank You" and many wished us, "Happy Valentine's Day". Even a few passersby who declined a valentine wished us Happy Valentine's Day.

One person noticed all the bright red hearts we put on the church yard that also read, *God Loves You, No Exceptions*, and said seeing the display really made her day a good one and thanked us.

Spreading love has a much different effect than spreading hate or proselytizing. Our yard and valentines really did lighten the mood of many passersby. Once they saw what we were doing, the staff of the Hungry Cat food truck said they were going to play all kinds of love songs, which made it even more fun for us. That is the joy of the love



spreading, making even more people feel good.

It did not cost a lot of money to give out the valentines and decorate the church yard. I spent less than \$50 and was able to use many of my own materials.

One of our volunteers who helped explained the passersby who were declining because they didn't have money were probably assuming we were charging for our valentines because there were other people on other parts of campus selling flowers or collecting money for earthquake victims. By giving away something, we were being countercultural. Our valentines were not something to be purchased, they were simply something to be received. Whether anyone realized it or not, that is how God's grace works. We can't earn it or purchase it; all we have to do is receive it. And it feels good. And that feeling can spread.



Thank you to everyone who helped me spread the message of love and thank you to all of you who have taken the time to tell me you support the endeavor. We didn't have any long conversations, and no one argued with us or tried to "change our mind". Instead, everyone who passed by and our neighbors working at the Hungry Cat really did let the goodness of the love we were sharing wash over them

and brighten up the day. It was simply lovely.

During the season of Epiphany, many of the seasonal prayers in our church service imply the purpose of our lives is to manifest the light of Christ into the world. The way we observed Valentine's Day was that: a manifestation of God's love into the world and we saw how God's love can lighten any day, lifting the stress of life a bit for our neighbors.

It was a very happy Valentine's Day. Remember, that message isn't just for one day. It's true everyday God Loves You, No Exceptions.

Many Blessings,

Mother Deborah

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, February 19, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 19, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Discretionary Sunday)

Sunday, February 19, 3:00 p.m. - - Celebration Concert II featuring our Choral Scholars and other guests.

Tuesday, February 21, 5:30 p.m. - - Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 22, 11:30 p.m. - - Ashes to Go

Wednesday, February 22, 5:30 p.m. - - Service from Book of Common Prayer

Sunday, February 26, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 26, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, February 28, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting (Nehls Hall)

Looking Ahead

March -- Lenten Program 12:30 p.m., Nehls

March 1 Compassion and Faith

March 8 Compassion and Listening

March 15 Compassion and Prayer

March 22 Compassion and Mercy

March 29 Compassion and Well-Being

Sunday, March 26 - - AGO concert for organ and instruments at 1st Presbyterian Church. Marsha Reilly and Kathleen Ristinen Jonas will be participating.

April 2 - Palm Sunday 10:30 am Service will begin on the porch for the blessing of the palms.

April 6 - Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm a simplified service from the Book of Common Prayer commemorating Jesus' last night before his death.

April 7 - Good Friday 12:00 we are holding this Book of Common Prayer service at the traditional time of noon.

April 8 - Great Vigil of Easter 7:30 pm this year's vigil will be an intimate worship service reflecting on the resurrection.

Sunday, April 30, 3:00 p.m. - - Celebration Concert III Dr. Gregory Crowell, guest organist.

Schedules

Coffee Hour Schedule

Feb. 19 David Burton
Feb. 26 Anne Walker

Taken Dates for Altar Flowers

During Lent there are no flowers and for Easter we will have an announcement for lilies.

[To Altar Flower Open Dates and Procedure.](#)

Notes & Announcements

Discerning Our Future at the Church of the Good Shepherd

At the Annual Meeting, Mother Deborah described an opportunity the Diocese is offering for parishes in our area to discern where the Holy Spirit is guiding parishes now. Many parishes are experiencing decline and when that happens it is usually time to evaluate a parish's mission and direction. The Diocese has hired a specialized consultant to guide us through the process. The consultant prefers to work with a small group of people over a three-month period.

The following people have stepped up to serve on this group with Mother Deborah: Alex Buckley, David Burton, Dana Carlson, Lois Wagner, and Allyn Reilly.

Right now the consultant is working to find a time they can all meet. Once they start working, there will be updates on how the process is going.

Lenten Devotionals Now Available at the Church

Starting on Sunday, you can pick up a FREE copy of the Lenten Devotional from Living Compass titled *Practicing Compassion with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. If you prefer to download a copy, visit www.livingcompass.org and go to the Lenten Resource section.

If you plan on joining us Wednesdays in Lent at 12:30, you need to pick up a copy of the Lenten Devotional or download a copy as we will be using it for our Lenten Discussion. Be sure to bring your own lunch. (See "Something to Look Forward to" for more detail.)



Burning of the Palm Branches Sunday February 19

On the last Sunday in the season of Epiphany, it is tradition to burn the palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday service to make the ashes that will be used on Ash Wednesday. Although we purchase ashes for the service, we can still practice the enjoyable tradition of burning palm branches. It's fun for all ages and an ancient practice in the church.

The Sunday service will conclude with the burning of the palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday service. If you still have your palm branches, remember to bring them that morning. If you can't be with us in person that day, feel free to drop last year's branches off at the church and we'll throw them in the fire for you.

Celebration Concert II

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

[FOLLOW HERE FOR THE PROGRAM](#)

CELEBRATION CONCERT

SUNDAY, FEB 19 3:00 PM

Hear the restored 1952 Aeolian-Skinner organ

Marsha Reilly, organist

Maira Urbano Nieto, flute

Choral scholars of the Church of the Good Shepherd



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**"Steve Steward"
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
February 22, 6:30**



Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 21. That's the day the great tradition of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday returns to Good Shepherd!!!

Since we're returning in a smaller version of former years, we'll only serve from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** And our offerings will be a little different. We'll provide regular pancakes, gluten-free pancakes and coffee.

We ask YOU to volunteer to bring butter, syrup, and juice. We also need volunteers to help set up (beginning at 5), to cook, to serve and to help clean up. **Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex and in Hobson.**

(Allyn Reilly and Steve Steward in 2015 we think.)

Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023

Ashes to Go 11:30 – 12:30

Mother Deborah will be distributing ashes on the front porch of the church.



Service from the *Book of Common Prayer* 5:30 pm

Please join us as you are able for this lovely liturgy to begin the season of Lent.



Holy Week Schedule

We will continue to observe the ancient church tradition of holding special liturgies during Holy Week. Please consider joining us in person or online.

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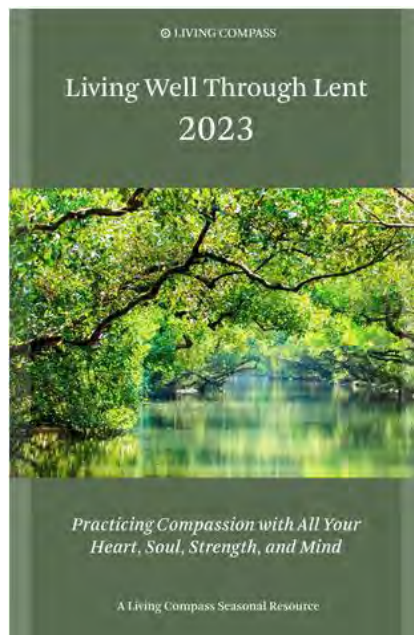
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Something to Look Forward To: Lenten Program Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Practicing Compassion

"In order to prepare for the new life of Easter, we need to be intentional about discerning what it truly means to practice compassion with our whole being." – the Rev. Scott Stoner

Compassion might be one of the expressions of love we could really use and could make an important impact right now. Even if it is something we value and appreciate, the practice of compassion can get lost in the stuff of our lives. This year's Lenten devotional from Living Compass reminds us anything we value needs to be expressed in our lives and sometimes we need to practice these values like a master musician practices music not to master them, but to make them an integral part of our lives. To help us with this practice, we are offering weekly discussions based on the Practicing Compassion with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind devotionals.



If you do not already have a copy, we have a few books at the church to give away or you can download a free PDF version, or order an e-book from Amazon (\$.99) -- see **LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT 2023: Practicing Compassion**

We'll be meeting Wednesdays during Lent in Nehls Hall.

March 1 *Compassion and Faith*
March 8 *Compassion and Listening*
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Please consider joining us. Bring your lunch and

together we'll pray the Noonday prayer in the Book of Common Prayer and discuss the readings and reflections from the Lenten devotional.

We are looking forward to returning to the Lenten Program tradition at Church of the Good Shepherd!

Repeats & More



The Diocese
of Southern Ohio

From the Standing Committee: Profile Released; Nominations for Bishop Open until February 28

"The Standing Committee is pleased to share with you the profile of our diocese prepared by the Bishop Nominating Committee as we search for our 10th Bishop... The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for bishop until midnight on February 28...."

[Read the profile here.](#)

Bishop Transition News/Updates -- [Follow this link](#) --



CrossRoads Café is closed until we find staff. If you know of someone looking for a job, please have them send an email to chogs@chogs.org or revedebwoolsey@gmail.com.

We are still selling Deeper Roots Coffee Beans. \$15 for a 1 pound bag and \$12 for half pound. Please contact Michael Luelloff at michael.luelloff@hotmail.com if you want to purchase a bag.

If you want to help the folks who have been negatively impacted by environmental disaster and war anywhere in the world please consider contributing to [Episcopal Relief and Development \(ERD\)](#) which is the



official ministry of the Episcopal Church. You can select which fund, such as Ukraine Crisis Response.

"It is about love"
back home after a fulfilling morning on the porch!



Contacts & Information

Contact Information

For pastoral needs, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895 (cell) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters, please contact Alex

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Buckley, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5513 or by e-mail at macbuck@yahoo.com.

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Junior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at carlsondana@hotmail.com.

For emergencies, please call The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

NON-emergency messages can be left on the church's answering machine (740-593-6877). The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877) or barbara@chogs.org.

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Office Hours:
10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The Diocese COVID Guidelines request all persons wear masks inside the church building regardless of vaccination status.

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