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This Upcoming Sunday

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist

15 January 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship (Bulletin)

Service: Holy Eucharist II-B

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Michael Wootton

Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte: Tyrone Carr

Eucharistic Minister/Prayer Leader:
Allyn Reilly

Altar Guild: Sally Spero

Coffee Hour Host: David Burton



LESSONS for Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Old Testament – Isaiah 49: 1-7

Psalm 40: 1-12 (Sung)

New Testament – I Corinthians 1: 1-9

Gospel – John 1: 29-42

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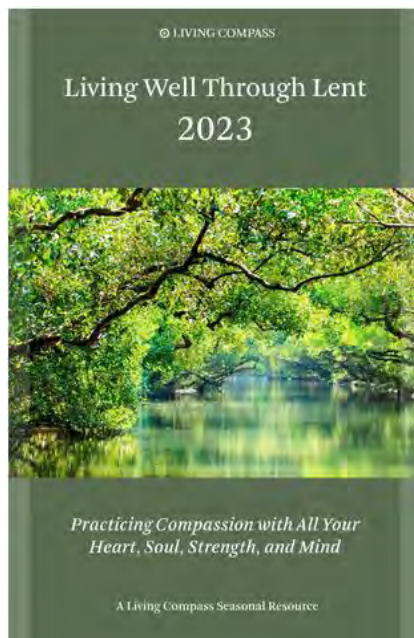
Lenten Program

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*
March 15 *Compassion and Prayer*
March 22 *Compassion and Mercy*
March 29 *Compassion and Well-Being*

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!

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, January 15, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 15, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Discretionary Sunday)

Thursday, January 19, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting (via Zoom)

Sunday, January 22, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 22, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, January 24, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting (Nehls Hall)

Sunday, January 29, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 29, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Looking Ahead

Sunday, February 5, 2:00 p.m. - - Good Shepherd Annual Meeting (via Zoom)

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

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

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

Schedules

Coffee Hour Schedule

Jan. 15 Anne Walker
Jan. 22 Alex Buckley
Jan. 29 Lynn Graham

Open Dates for Altar Flowers

January 15
January 22
January 29

Notes & Announcements

Masks now optional at Church of the Good Shepherd

Dear Parishioners, I have heard your continued fatigue over wearing masks to care for each other. Even though there are a lot of reasons to keep the masks, they are now optional.

Thank you to everyone who supported the decision to wear masks and who did so without complaint.

I apologize for any harm my concern and desire to care for the health of everyone has caused. That was not my intent. My intent was to keep everyone as healthy as possible, for your benefit and the smooth running of worship and ministry. Back in seminary – long before the pandemic – I was taught to take precautions lest I unintentionally spread viruses, disease, or germs to others. My professors cautioned there are places and people that are at higher risk than others that clergy need to be aware of. This training helped me adapt to the changes suggested by health officials when the pandemic started, but I see this is not the case with others. I have been keeping track of the weekly covid updates for Athens County, always hopeful the situation would stabilize with a positivity rate below 5%. Although that has not yet happened, I understand you are all frustrated with continued practices and for that reason I am no longer requiring masks.

For those with health concerns and the immunocompromised and others for whom this change is distressing, you are free to wear masks, and I hope it will not negatively impact your participation. I also hope we will continue our practice to be respectful to those who continue to practice caution and wear masks.

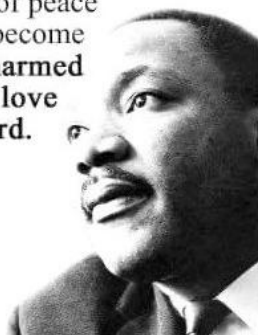
I hope you all can be understanding about my decisions past and present and forgive me.

Many Blessings,

Mother Deborah

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... **I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.**

Martin Luther King, Jr.



This Monday is Martin Luther King Day

If you are planning to visit the office Monday please call first to make sure someone is there.

Reports for Annual Meeting Due Jan. 27

Anyone who oversees a ministry at Church of the Good Shepherd, please write a brief report on the ministry and submit it to Barb in the church office no later than Friday, January 27 so she can put them in the annual report.

Thank you for writing a report and thank you for your ministry.

Annual Meeting Sunday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Please join us for the annual meeting of the parish Sunday, February 5 at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held on **zoom** to make it accessible for those concerned with weather and mobility challenges.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is primarily to vote on new vestry, wardens, treasurer, etc. and be presented with the parish's budget for the year. We also express gratitude for the ministry that has been done over the previous year and learn about upcoming events and programs.

Looking forward to another year of ministry at Church of the Good Shepherd.

Repeats & More

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 climate 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.



Mother Nature apparently has faith that Spring will arrive in a few weeks, let's hope there are not too many weather trials and tribulations before then.



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.

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and other matters, please contact Alex 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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