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This Upcoming Sunday

Third Sunday in Lent

12 March 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship (Bulletin)

Service: Holy Eucharist II-A

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Alex Buckley

Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte: Tyrone Carr

Eucharistic Minister: Allyn Reilly

Altar Guild: Sally Spero

Coffee Hour Host: Lynn Graham



LESSONS for the Third Sunday in Lent

Old Testament – Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalm – 95 (Sung)

New Testament – Romans 5: 1-11

Gospel – John 4: 5-42

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

Reflection

Lenten Lunch Compassion Discussion on Compassion and Listening

We had a wonderful discussion on Wednesday! After sharing some excellent examples of where we encountered compassion in our lives, we were introduced to a deeper understanding of listening with compassion.

Compassionate listening isn't just for when we are listening to others. It is also for when we are listening to God. Listening to God is a deeper kind of prayer that like all skills requires practice. Since God longs to be and invites us into relationship with God, and healthy relationships are not one sided, this means God isn't only listening to us when we pray, God responds to our prayers. Learning to recognize and listen to God's response takes some practice, but with practice anyone can do it.

One model of prayer that invites God's response is called the Daily Prayer Examen. On Wednesday we learned about this model of prayer and were invited to try it for ourselves. We were reminded when starting or trying something new, sometimes it works best if we take it a little at a time. One recommendation was to try part of the Daily Examen instead of taking it all on at once.

Even if you didn't join us for the discussion, you are also invited to try this model and see how it feels to listen to God. Want to learn more? Read more on pages 80-81 in the Lenten Devotional and Wednesday's reflection found on page 31. Please join us in trying this type of prayer, even if it is just for a week.

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, March 12, Day of Change -- clocks ahead one hour.

Sunday, March 12, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 14, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting (Nehls Hall)

Wednesday, March 15, 12:30 p.m. -- Lenten Program, Compassion and Prayer (Nehls Hall)

Thursday, March 16, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting

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

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

Wednesday, March 22, 12:30 p.m. -- Lenton Program, Compassion and Mercy (Nehls Hall)

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

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

Sunday, March 26, 3:00 p.m. - - AGO Concert 1st Presbyterian Church

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

Wednesday, March 29, 12:30 p.m. -- Lenton Program, Compassion and Well-Being (Nehls Hall)

Looking Ahead

Sunday, March 26 - - AGO concert for organ and instruments at 1st Presbyterian Church at 3:00 p.m. 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

March 12 Lynn Graham
March 19 Alex Buckley
March 26 Dana Carlson

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



It's Day of Change Time Again and **SPRING FORWARD** Sunday March 12

Daylight Savings begins on Sunday. Remember to set any clock that doesn't change on its own **AHEAD** one hour before going to sleep Saturday night.

AND –

We will continue our tradition of having our **Day of Change bucket** available. Please bring in all your spare loose change (in the spirit of inclusion we welcome the folding as well as the change that jingles) for the Day of Change bucket. All that change goes to support our outreach budget. Every little bit adds up, thanks to you.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Last week we had a lot of high winds in our area. While our individual experiences varied, at the church we had a lovely experience of neighbors helping neighbors.

When the winds blew down our Covid-19 Memorial, unknown neighbors picked it up and put it back in place. They didn't leave a note or ask for recognition, they simply did something good. While we don't know who helped us out after that windstorm, we do know whoever they are, they cared to take the time to do something positive for us.

This is evidence that our neighbors are aware of our presence, they know we care, and they were showing they care back.

Sometimes being a good neighbor means receiving from our neighborhood, like our neighbors helping after the storm.

And if whoever helped is reading this:

Thank you. We are glad to be YOUR neighbor.

Lenten Devotionals

There are only a few book versions of the FREE Lenten Devotional left. If you missed out, visit www.livingcompass.org to download a free copy. You can also follow Living Compass on Facebook. They post the daily devotionals there.

[To more about the Lenten Series.](#)



Julie Nehls turns 102!!

Julie will turn 102 on March 27. On Saturday, March 25, there will be a reception for her in Nehls Hall. It will be a come-and-go affair from 2-4 pm. Cards are most welcome.

If you are not able to attend, you can send Julie a card at The Laurels. Her address is:

Julie Nehls
The Laurels
Room 505
70 Circle Dr.
Athens, OH. 45701

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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blessing of the palms.

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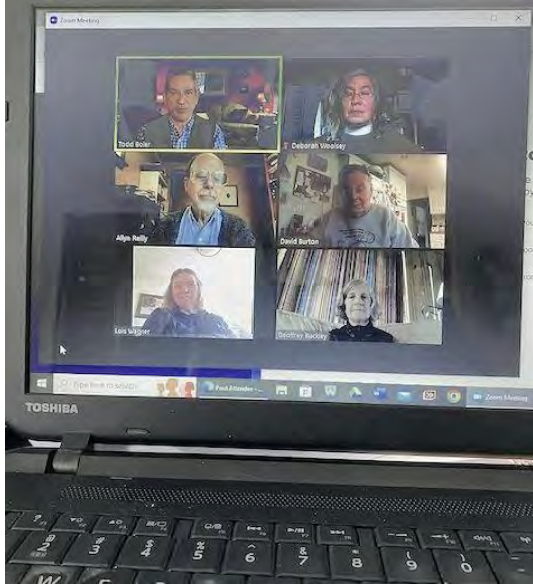
**From the Diocese
In Memoriam:
The Most Rev. Frank Tracy Griswold**

The Most. Rev. Frank Tracy Griswold III, 25th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, died on March 5 in Philadelphia at the age of 85. Episcopal News Service has published an [obituary of Bishop Griswold](#), who was elected presiding bishop in 1997 and served until 2006. That year, the Diocese of Southern Ohio hosted the final General Convention of his term in Columbus.

“News of Bishop Frank Griswold’s death leaves me enormously sad—but I am also deeply grateful for his life and witness,” Bishop Wayne Smith said. “He helped shape the liturgical life of our Church; a fact perhaps not obvious to everyone. In his years as Presiding Bishop he steadied our Church through a difficult season, leadership made possible by a rich spiritual life grounded in the disciplines of the catholic tradition. I remember him as unfailingly kind and thoughtful. God grant him rest and peace, in the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life.”

**Discerning Our Future –
Brief Summary of First**

Meeting



The first meeting of the group who volunteered to be part of the Discerning Our Future discussion took place on Tuesday, March 7 at 10:00 am via zoom. The meeting lasted just under one hour. The purpose of this meeting was for group members to meet Todd Boler and to tell him about the parish's history and how we view our current situation in relation to our history. After listening to what group members had to say, Todd responded Church of the Good Shepherd is not

experiencing anything unique. Every religion and denomination is currently experiencing the same decline, even though there are a few individual parishes or houses of worship that are not. Changes in society and societal perceptions and expectations of religion, work expectations, sports, etc. are contributing to this change. The good news means this is not our fault, we aren't doing anything wrong. We are living in a time of change and like all other institutions we will have to discern how we are going to adapt to this change. After listening to the members of this group, Todd is excited to work with them and believes Church of the Good Shepherd has a lot going for it, and despite recent changes there is still plenty of hope.

What's next: the next steps will be to establish the foundation of the process which is to discern Church of the Good Shepherd's purpose now, not just our past purpose. While it is tempting to jump to solutions, it is essential to the discernment process to create a firm foundation because that is where solutions will be rooted and will help keep us focused on the direction the Holy Spirit is calling us instead of focusing on our fears or sorrows.

Todd will meet with this group every two weeks. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 21. We will again meet by zoom (because Todd lives in Chillicothe).

The members of this group are Alex Buckley, David Burton, Dana Carlson, Allyn Reilly, Lois Wager, and Mother Deborah.

Repeats & More

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.



A couple of evenings ago the weatherperson said to go outside look at an expected spectacular a full moonrise that night and Mother Deborah took the advice and captured this!



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 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.

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This takes you to the Parish Home page where you can donate on line via PayPal. If you have a preference, please indicate on the the "Add special instructions to the seller" section the purpose of the donation—e.g. Covid Memorial, plate collection, etc.

Check out the Church's [YouTube Channel](#).

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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regardless of
vaccination status.**

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