

THE Shepherd's Fold

April 23, 2023

The Third Sunday of Easter

THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER

It seems like Easter Sunday was a long time ago! It seems like Masters Sunday was a long time ago – do you remember who won this year? The truth of the matter is that it has been just a little over two weeks since we were washing feet on Thursday, sobbing at the foot of the cross on Good Friday, and ready to shout Alleluia at the Easter Vigil! A lot of us were gathered together on those days and nights. Easter Sunday sees more people in church than the other significant holy day, Christmas. The energy, joy and fun on Easter brings us incomparable spiritual highs – Alleluia Christ is risen – the Lord is risen indeed Alleluia! But then, in the haunting words of Fats Domino, “Here comes Monday, how I hate blue Monday, got me working like a dog all day.” Yes, it happens to all of us – back to work – time to leave the garden for our individual assembly lines – the enthusiasm of Easter slowly begins to soften and fade. As great and joyful as it was, Easter Sunday was just the beginning! Yes, Easter is the highest point of the year, so it makes perfect sense that the party should go on! Actually, the party (feast) initially goes on for the seven days from Easter Sunday to the following Saturday. Our Prayer Book emphasizes “Easter Week” with proper collects and readings provided (see pages 958 – 959). The celebration doesn’t stop with Easter Week, it goes on for fifty days! The fifty-day feast is known by a variety of names, “Eastertide,” “Easter Season,” or “Paschal Season,” and has its roots in the Hebrew Feast of Weeks, which begins at Passover and ends with Shavuot or Pentecost. It is no wonder that the early Christians kept Easter as a season of fifty days. They knew that this time God had done something that would take humanity a little time to absorb!

Peace,



HARRISBURG FIRE

A family of four adults living in Harrisburg recently suffered a devastating fire and have lost virtually all of their possessions. As neighbors, Good Shepherd wants to help. The family needs clothes: size 12 and 22 pants and X Large and 3X Large tops for the ladies and size 34/32 and 38/32 pants and 2X and 3X Large shirts for the men. Also, financial assistance is needed as they look for a new home. Clothing and financial donations should be brought to the Church Office.

WATER DAMAGE ON CHURCH WALL

Many of you have noticed the water damage on the wall in the south transept. Southern Roofing, who routinely does our repairs, thought they had identified and fixed the leak, which is on the sacristy roof. The fix has not been successful, and we are continuing to fight the water intrusion. As soon as the leak(s) is truly fixed and the wall dried out, the water damage will be repaired. Until then, we will have to be patient with this unsightly problem.



YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP

For Youth Group this Sunday, April 23rd, we will combine all grades (6th-12th) for a movie night from 5-7 pm with a break for dinner. All youth meet in the Youth Lounge (Room 301) at 5pm.

BASKETBALL JERSEY REMINDER

Please remember to drop any basketball jerseys from this past season to the church office. This will help ease registration costs for future seasons. Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP DINNERS

Last call! We have four regular Youth Group evenings (4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14) until the end-of-the-year party on May 21st. We need 3 more volunteers to help provide dinner for these last upcoming dates. To volunteer contact Mary Grace Wynn.





Church of the Good Shepherd

Help us Tell Good Shepherd's Story

The Search Committee has moved forward with HolyCow! Consulting to help us in our pursuit of a Rector for Good Shepherd. We need the congregation to participate in the first step which is to conduct a congregational assessment. Please contact the church office for the link!

We need all church members to participate for the best possible results!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SIGN UP TODAY!

READY, SET,
MOVE!



FOLLOW JESUS HERE,
THERE, AND EVERYWHERE

JUNE 5-9

READY, SET, MOVE!

Good Shepherd Episcopal, Reid Memorial, and Woodlawn United Methodist churches are again collaborating to present an in-person Vacation Bible School experience for children age 4 years through fifth grade. Get ready to follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere with Ready, Set, Move VBS! June 5-9, 9 am - 12 pm. Register at bit.ly/GSVBS. Deadline to register is May 12.

Sunday, April 23, 2023

8:00 AM

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
 PreacherTed Clarkson
 Organist Wayne Lord
 Lay Readers Mitzi McCoy, Bobbie Ingenito

9:00 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
 PreacherTed Clarkson
 Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
 Ushers Matthew Norris, Zim Trulock
 Verger..... Kathleen Bailie
 Lay Readers David Lentz, Kelley Norris
 Acolytes.....Kate Lee Smith, Camille Jones,
 Rob Tracy, Kate Tracy, Liam Selby

11:15 AM

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
 PreacherTed Clarkson
 Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
 UshersLewis Baird, Alex Wier
 Verger..... Jerry Woods
 Lay ReadersGerry Chambers, Lynn Smith
 Acolytes..... Kate Norris, Claire Norris,
 Frank Anderson, Lillian Wilkes, Anabelle Wilkes

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher.....Ted Clarkson
 OrganistNick Lowery
 Lay Readers Faith Moore, Carleton Vaughn

All Services

Altar Guild Team III
 Vestry Person of the Day Amy Sutherland Nesbit

Join us for our **PARISH PICNIC**

May 28, 11:00 am
 1337 Flowing Wells Road



- **Wifesaver Chicken and drinks provided**
- **Bring a dish to share**
- **Kona Ice Sno-Cone truck**
- **Games, Facepainting, Kites, and more!**

