

A Willingness to Say "Yes"



Amid the craziness all around us we once again approach Easter. The resurrection reminds you and me that the final word rests with God alone. Were we one-dimensional creatures who believed that the well-being of society solely rested upon our own best efforts, we would certainly, as St. Paul stated, be "... among those most to be pitied." As we view the current state of affairs, we may feel as impotent and powerless as we are in the face of our own ultimate demise. Yet, as people of faith, we can proclaim that life and sanity are God-gifts beyond our current understanding, and they bring a message of hope proclaiming, "All will be well."

The resurrection not only assures us that there is hope for our fractured society, but that each of us can experience transformation, healing, and new life in our own fractured lives. We must risk letting go of those familiar (and sometimes comfortable) thoughts, behaviors, and attitudes that have impeded, held back, and sabotaged the life of abundance we were created to experience. We must learn to view our past as teaching opportunities rather than judgements handed down by an unforgiving judge. We are invited to allow God to have God's way with us, which will open the door to a life far beyond anything we could ask for, or imagine.

So what will you decide for your own life in this coming season of Resurrection? Will you become vulnerable to the possibilities of God? Are you willing to be made new? These are not easy questions to answer. But a willingness to say "Yes" to God is the first crucial step. May God grant you the courage to take a chance, and experience the new, abundant life that can await you. Praise God!

Fr. Bill +

Dearly Beloved Family,

For most people, walking is a simple form of exercise. Weather permitting, walkers can be outside on nature paths, sidewalks, or tracks. They can also be inside malls, large stores or fitness centers. Individuals can choose the length of time and pace of walking.

The health benefits of a brisk walking habit are well known, including:

- ◆ weight loss
- ◆ stress management
- ◆ improved mental health
- ◆ lowered blood pressure
- ◆ restorative sleep
- ◆ cardiovascular health

But what are the spiritual health benefits of walking? Here are a few:

- ◆ time for prayer
- ◆ marveling in the body God created
- ◆ giving thanks for creation
- ◆ sharing with a companion walker
- ◆ sense of stewardship for God's gift of life

Why should congregations get involved with walking programs? Our faith unites the body and spirit in a whole being. A walking program has physical benefits while also drawing us closer to God by adding an intentional reflective or devotional element. Stepping away—literally—from the demands of our daily routines to walk, reflect and pray reminds us that God created us and wants to come near to us.

The Bible is full of stories of journeys, beginning with Abraham and Sarah in the book of Genesis. As God's story of salvation unfolds in the Scriptures, we read of Abraham and Sarah's descendants walking out of Egypt and to the promised land. Spies journeyed through the promised land to bring Joshua a report. Ruth and Naomi walked out of Moab and on to Bethlehem. Israelites journeyed into captivity and then back to Jerusalem to rebuild. Joseph, Mary and Jesus escaped threat by journeying to Egypt. The ministries of Jesus and his disciples took them on foot all over the Judean countryside. Paul journeyed through Gentile regions with the good news of Jesus and then on to Rome.

“Forty days” is a recurring theme for events in the Bible, and from this context we get the 40 days of Lent and other periods of intentional spiritual practice. This season is often used as an intentional time to engage in spiritual practices or establish new spiritual habits. Forty days can change us. Prayer, fasting, and personal goals come into focus during the weeks of remembering Christ’s sacrificial death. After the 40 days of Lent, the joy of the resurrection burst on us, and we carry this joy into our new habits.

Lent is a time to explore walking as a spiritual practice that takes us closer to the heart of God, but certainly walking programs can begin and end at other times of the year as well. Congregational walks take a variety of forms: walks around the community for special purposes, such as praying for the neighborhood; community-centered walks that welcome the wider community into the healthy activity of the congregation; devotional walks that include reflection and prayer while walking; virtual destination walks that challenge a congregation’s members to collectively achieve a joint goal for miles walked.

Congregational walking programs don’t have to be complicated: a few friends, choice of routes, a devotional resource, and a system for keeping track of progress are the basics. Walking as a spiritual practice invites us to enter into the lands of the Bible, bring body and spirit together, and experience greater well-being.

“I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. 2 Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. 5 For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus.” 1 Timothy 2:1-5

If anyone is interested in walking around town to pray for our community, let me know. We’ll go on a “prayer walk”!

Much love,
Lilly Duncan
Your Faith Community Nurse

Community Holy Week Services will be at Good Shepherd

This year the Community Holy Week Services will be held at Noon each day with a light lunch to follow the service. The list of the ministers preaching; the congregation providing lunch; and the congregation providing dessert is as follows:

Monday: Rev. Alvin McLamb of White Hill AME Zion; Divine Savior Catholic; New Home AME Zion & Liberty Hill AME Zion

Tuesday: Rev. Chris Liles of First Baptist; 1st Presbyterian; 1st Baptist

Wednesday: Rev. Emily Sutton of Philadelphia UMC; Trinity UMC; White Hill AME Zion

Thursday: Rev. Charles Aurand of Abiding Presence Lutheran; Abiding Presence; Filbert Presbyterian

Friday: Rev. Dr. Bill Greeley of Good Shepherd; Good Shepherd; Philadelphia UMC



A CLEAN UP DAY IS PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH

PLEASE COME PREPARED TO CLEAN UP THE GROUNDS AND THE CHURCH IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER!!!

Good Shepherd Services in Holy Week

April 9th Palm Sunday: One service, 10:30, begin outside, weather

April 13th Maundy Thursday: 6pm Eucharist & Foot Washing

April 14th Good Friday: 4:30pm Stations of the Cross

6:00pm Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

April 15th Holy Saturday: 7:30pm Easter Vigil

April 16th Easter Sunday: 8:00am Said Eucharist

10:30 Festal Choral Eucharist



**We can share Communion,
even if you can't get to church**

If you or someone you love is ill or unable to attend church, we have Lay Eucharistic Visitors who can bring Communion to them. This is a servant ministry of our church and those who are involved would be pleased to come to you.

Please call the Church Office at 803-684-4021

or talk to Father Bill, 803-818-8257.

APRIL

Birthdays

**4/10 Michael Tiblier
4/11 Glenn Gilbert
4/14 Jim Bradford
4/16 Charlie Nance
4/16 Andy Whitehead
4/16 Kimberly McNeely Moss
4/17 Karen Allen
4/17 Phillip Tiblier
4/17 Luke Tidwell
4/21 Henry Tiblier
4/22 Sue Ellen Lee
4/22 Kelly Tiblier
4/23 Diane Linkous
4/30 James Knubel**

Anniversaries

**4/4/1982 Elaine & John Ness
4/17/2004 Sarah & Nick Tidwell
4/21/1951 Sylvia & Bob Noble**

**(If your birthday or anniversary is not listed,
please call or email the parish office with the
information.)**

BAPTISM AT GOOD SHEPHERD

If you or a family member wishes to be baptized,
please contact Father Bill at:

billgreeley@gmail.com or call 803-818-8257

General Email: thegoodshepherd@comporium.net
or call 803-684-4021.



SUNDAYS IN APRIL

April 2nd, The Fifth Sunday in Lent, Holy Communion Rite One

April 9th, Palm Sunday, Holy Communion Rite Two

April 16th: Easter Sunday, Holy Communion Rite Two

April 23rd: The Second Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion Rite Two

April 30th: The Third Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion Rite Two

SERVICE TIMES:

8:00AM SAID EUCHARIST

10:30AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

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Important Information Regarding Head injury

Dearly beloved family,

Recently, one of our own had a hard fall, went directly to the ER, and was released with instructions to return depending on certain symptoms. After about a week, she did return and was diagnosed with a subdural hematoma, had surgery, and is now recovering.

Accidents happen. The same type thing could happen to any of us. The following information may be helpful.

What are some types of head injuries? Head injuries can be as minor as a bump. Some head injuries can be more severe. More severe head injuries include:

A jarring injury to the brain (concussion)

A bruise of the brain (contusion). Bleeding in the brain that can cause swelling.

A cracked skull (skull fracture).

Bleeding in the brain that collects, clots, and forms a bump (hematoma).

If you fall, seek medical care right away if you experience:

confusion or drowsiness.

nausea or have vomiting.

dizziness or unsteadiness that is worsening

severe, continued headaches not relieved by over-the-counter medicine.

abnormal function of the arms or legs

changes in the black spots in the center of the pupil

clear fluid or bleeds coming from your nose or ears

loss of vision

God bless us as we navigate through life.

Lilly Duncan RN, BSN, Parish Nurse

Psalm 91:11 I pray “the Lord will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.”

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR GOOD SHEPHERD

First Tuesday: ECW

The ECW meets the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm in the Conference Room, unless otherwise notified.

Second Sunday: Finance Committee

The Committee will meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at Noon in the Conference Room, unless otherwise notified.

Third Sunday: Building & Grounds Committee

The Committee will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month, when called.

Fourth Sunday: Vestry Meeting

The Vestry's new meeting times are on the 4th Sunday of each month at Noon in the Conference Room, unless otherwise notified.

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ALTAR GUILD FOR APRIL:

Team #4: Jeanne Ferguson, Tonya Whitehead and others as needed

LENT 5 4/2/2017

8am Randy Neff

10:30 EM Ron Carter

Acolytes: NA

Lector 1: Barbara Wilson

Lector 2: Michael Weinzierl

Ushers: John McNeely & Michael Weinzierl

Greeter: Beatrice w/John

Coffee Hour: S. Dressler & N. Landstreet

Nursery: Renae Waters & Maiah Whitehead

Alms: John Duda & Randy Neff

Vestry Person: Mary McCorkle

PALM SUNDAY 4/9/2017 (ONE SERVICE)

10:30 EM Henry McMaster

Acolytes: Heidi & April Weinzierl

Lectors: Beth Hanson, Ron Carter, John Shiflet, Wood Caldwell, Barbara Wilson

Ushers: Ron Carter & Bob Ballard

Greeter: Ron Carter

Coffee Hour: Libby & Jim Bradford

Nursery: Debbie Shiflet & Maxi Shiflet

Alms: Ron Carter & Jim Knubel

Vestry Person: John Ness

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00PM 4/13/2017

LEM John Duda

LECTOR Tonya Whitehead

USHERS Henry McMaster & Randy Neff

GOOD FRIDAY 6:00PM 4/14/2017

LEM Ike Waters

LECTOR Wood Caldwell

USHERS John McNeely & Meade Wilson

EASTER VIGIL 7:30PM 4/15/2017

LEM Randy Neff

LECTORS Lori Ray, Michael Weinzierl, Barbara Wilson, Beth Hanson, & Tonya Whitehead

USHERS John Duda & Ron Carter

EASTER SUNDAY 4/16/2017

8AM LEM John Ness

EASTER BREAKFAST AT GOOD SHEPHERD

10:30 LEM Glenn Gilbert

Acolytes: Quaid, McKenna & Aydan Lawler

Lector 1: John Shiflet

Lector 2: Lori Ray

Ushers: Debbie & John Shiflet

Greeter: Beatrice w/John

Nursery: Libby Bradford & Maiah Whitehead

Alms: Libby Bradford & Glenn Gilbert

Vestry Person: Mickey Peake

EASTER 1 4/23/2017

8am LEM John Duda

10:30 LEM Ike Waters

Acolytes: NA

Lector 1: Susan Wilkerson

Lector 2: Michael Weinzierl

Ushers: Ron Carter & John McNeely

Greeter: Beatrice w/Henry

Coffee Hour: Mary McCorkle & John Love

Nursery: Renae Waters & Maiah Whitehead

Alms: Henry McMaster & John McNeely

Vestry Person: Kelly Tiblier

EASTER 2 4/30/2017

8am LEM Randy Neff

10:30 LEM Henry McMaster

Acolytes: Heidi & April Weinzierl

Lector 1: Wood Caldwell

Lector 2: Beth Hanson

Ushers: Meade Wilson & Michael Weinzierl

Greeter: Beatrice w/Meade

Coffee Hour: **5th Sunday Lunch**

Nursery: Maiah & Tonya Whitehead

Alms: Ron Carter & Jim Knubel

Vestry Person: Michael Weinzierl