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IN THE MIDST OF LENT

The Easter triumph of course is not earned, but in some sense we have the privileged opportunity to prepare ourselves for it. Lent is that opportunity: do not let it escape you. Take time to take prayer and study seriously. Take time to make time for the things that last this Lent. Take the time to take the worship of the church seriously, daring to commit yourselves to all the Sundays of Lent, the services of Holy Week, and the joy of Easter Day. Take on the Lenten regimen as engagement, not deprivation, the athlete's training, the musician's rehearsal, the farmer's planting, so that when you get to where you are going, you will know you have arrived and will rejoice in the destination while fortified in the journey.

~ *The Rev. Peter J. Gomes, in "Lent in The Memorial Church, 1987"*

Holy Week at Good Shepherd

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday – March 20

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms, Procession and Sung Eucharist

Maundy Thursday – March 24

7:30 p.m. Sung Eucharist of the Lord's Supper

Solemn Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Stripping of the Altar

9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Watch Before the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday – March 25

10:00 a.m. – Good Friday Observance for Children in K-5th Grade

12:00 Noon – Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy

and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

Easter Eve – March 26

7:30 p.m. Lighting of the Paschal Candle,

Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day – March 27

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Solemn High Eucharist

After the 10:00 a.m. service,

all are invited to a gala coffee hour, with an Easter egg hunt for children

Parish News - March 2, 2016

Forum on Aging

We all have concerns about aging, whether for ourselves or our loved ones. This four-week series on aging (which began on February 28) will focus on turning aging into a time of learning and growth, of gaining wisdom and support as we face our futures, and of growing in strength, comfort, and connection with God. Join us on the following Sundays at 11:30 a.m.: March 6, 13, and 20. ~ *Charles Foster*

One More Guided Tour of the Church on Sunday, March 6

Join Kourtnei Brown, John Burruss, and Sarah Conner for a guided tour of the church this Sunday, March 6, after the organ postlude – children are welcome!

Sign Up for the Watch Before the Blessed Sacrament

On Maundy Thursday, March 24, we will hold vigil before the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 p.m. to midnight. Our confirmation class will join the adults who sign up for the first two half-hour shifts. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. ~ *Sarah*

Easter Flower Donations

A donation for Easter flowers may be given in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones. On the envelope you received with this newsletter, print names clearly and include a check in any amount made out to Parish of the Good Shepherd with “Easter flowers” written in the memo area. The envelope can be put in the offering plate on Sundays or mailed to the church office by March 20. Envelopes are also available at the back of the church.

2016 Parish Directories Now Available

Copies of the 2016 parish directory are available in the back of the church; you may also call the church office to have one mailed.

Cooks Needed for Easter Coffee Hour

There will be a special coffee hour on Easter Sunday (March 27), and many cooks and bakers are needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs if you can help out.

~ *Karen Hamilton*

Christian Education News

Confirmation Retreat is This Weekend!

Our annual confirmation retreat will be held this Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5 at the Barbara C. Harris Camp. Confirmands will meet at Good Shepherd at 3:30 p.m. on Friday and will return at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Snacks for St. Stephen's

On Sunday, March 6, we are having a second round of snack making for St. Stephen's After School Program. Contact either Pia Bertelli p.bertelli@comcast.net or Christin Gillooly cwgillooly6@gmail.com for more information.

The Saturday before Palm Sunday

On Saturday, March 19 in the afternoon, we are inviting all of the children and youth to come to the church. We will be looking at the Passion narrative as a whole – Holy Week tends to break the story up. The highlight of the event will be making the Communion bread for Maundy Thursday.

Easter Egg Hunt

After the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday we will be having an Easter egg hunt! There will be two different hunts, one for the older children and one for the younger children.

Next Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is **Monday, March 14**. Please email your items to our Parish Administrator, Margaret Harrison, at office@goodshepherdnewton.org. Thank you!