

The Shepherd's Call

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Dear Members and Friends of the Good Shepherd,

April is a month of renewal. At Good Shepherd, in the past year, we have faced many of our own endings and will soon be welcoming new beginnings. Our beloved Pastor will be leaving us in May for the new path he has been called to and while our hearts are heavy with the loss of his leadership, we trust in our God's sovereignty, and are assured in the knowledge that He works all things for good for those who love Him.

At the emergency congregational meeting held on Sunday, March 22, the congregation, on the recommendation of the call committee consisting of Carol Woodside, Elinor Leili, Tim Renz, Don Breeger, Elisa Bodnar and chair Linton Hamilton, voted to put out a call to a seminarian. Vice-President Linton Hamilton and I met with New England District President Yeadon and his assistant Vicki Latour, who guided us through the process of completing our call documents. Having completed these and trusting in President Yeadon's understanding of our needs here at Good Shepherd, we have faith that God is guiding our future and will send us the seminarian that will be our best match.

In the interim, we must **all** unite to accomplish the preparations necessary in the parsonage to welcome a new Pastor and ensure a smooth transition. Now more than ever we must rely on our members to accomplish the duties required to manage our church. As managers of our own households, we are all equipped with some essential skill that can be contributed to the functioning of our property and ministry here at Good Shepherd. Let us accept the challenge that has been placed before us, for this is how we grow as Christians. Let us demonstrate what we are made of as we embrace our future **Growing in and Sharing the Love of Christ.**

May the Lord renew and be with you,

Liz

PROPERTY

Please consider this opportunity to serve:

We all value the spiritual nourishment and renewal received from hearing God's word each Sunday, but few of us consider the maintenance required to prepare our church for worship so that we can all enjoy these blessings. Just like our own homes, God's house needs constant attention. The Property Commission is charged with providing that attention, but our members are diminishing and the few we have left struggle to keep up with the increased work load. We therefore ask you to please prayerfully consider joining the Commission or offer a special talent in any way. The specific needs vary from weeding to mowing to plumbing. Basically any normal house repair or maintenance that you can imagine. Your participation will both richly bless you and help provide needed support for your church family. Please contact Brian Tompkins if you decide this would be something that might be of interest to you. God bless you as you make this important decision.



As we all know Pastor will be leaving us in the coming months and with GOD's help we hope to install a candidate from seminary around the time Pastor moves on. The timing for this transition is expected to be close, but we are hoping to take advantage of a small window of opportunity to tidy up the Parsonage for the new Pastor. There are surprisingly few things that require attention as Pastor has done a great job maintaining the area. However, there is general spackling, painting, caulking, repair work required and we need help to get it all done in time. At this point we are looking to complete the task during a Saturday (or two) late June or early July. More details will be available as we get closer, but for now please consider welcoming our new Pastor with a bright clean home by devoting time to the cleaning effort. Please see Brian Tompkins if you think you may be available or to discuss this further. Thank You in advance for your service.

Your Property Commissioner,

Brian Tompkins

P.S.— The property commissioner has a huge job—there is always a list of things needing to be done. Now this additional task is placed on the commission so please volunteer and help out with sprucing up the parsonage before a new pastor comes to us.

Thank You

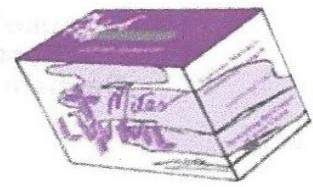
To the Dube family for the Lenten coffee hour on Palm Sunday. Many items were on display to remind us of what happened on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

To Tara Booth for planning and arranging the Journey to the Cross that the Sunday School children took on Palm Sunday. Stations were set up which the children visited to show them what Lent and Easter is about. They also enjoyed an indoor Easter egg hunt.

WOMEN' SERVICE LEAGUE

We ask everyone to remember our congregation in your prayers as we enter a vacancy and call a new pastor. We need everyone to remain faithful and helpful to our church at this time.

On April 19 our LWML zone will hold its spring gathering at Christ the King in Newtown. The speaker is Pastor Walt Harper, whose topic is What a Christian Should Know About Islam—a very timely topic. Men are invited to attend. A light supper will be served. 2:00 pm—5:00 pm



Just a reminder that our large mite box is always out on Sundays so you can put your loose change in it. So far \$30,130.55 of the mission goal of \$57,000 has been received from our mite boxes. Mission grant #6 was just completed.

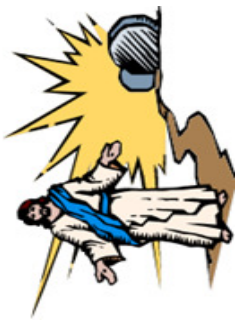
SYNOD

A conference on Cultivating Lifestyles of Reconciliation will be held in St. Louis on April 16—18. Anyone is invited to attend.

In July a conference will be held for youth workers to prepare for the National Youth Gathering which will be on July 16—20 2016 in New Orleans. Anyone interested in attending the workshops and dialogue on how to build up a youth ministry—which we need— can make reservations at the Astor Crown Plaza Hotel in New Orleans, La.

MISSIONS

Thank you to all who contributed items for our college students -- 6 packages were made and will be shipped this week. I know all will be most thankful to Good Shepherd for keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5- EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 am DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:30am DIVINE SERVICE with Communion</p>	<p>6 6:30pm— Knitting</p>	<p>7 7:30pm— Stewardship</p>	<p>1 11am - Bible Study 8:00 pm—AA</p>	<p>2-10:00am—WSL 12:00pm-Weight Watchers MAUNDY Thursday 7:00 pm service</p>	<p>3 6:30 am- Men's Breakfast GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 pm-service</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12- 9:00am Sunday School Conf. class 9:15am –Adult Bible Class 10:30am DIVINE SERVICE with Communion</p>	<p>13 6:30pm— Knitting</p>	<p>14 7:45pm— Board</p>	<p>8 11am - Bible Study 8:00pm—AA</p>	<p>9 12:00pm-Weight Watchers 8:00pm—Choir</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>19- 9:00am-Sunday School & Conf. class 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am DIVINE SERVICE with Communion LWML Rally Newtown 2-5</p>	<p>20 6:30pm— Knitting</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>15 11am - Bible Study 8:00pm—AA</p>	<p>16 10:00am—WSL 12:00pm-Weight Watchers 8:00pm—Choir</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>26-9:00am-Sunday School & Conf. class 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am DIVINE SERVICE with Communion</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 7:30pm - Discipleship</p>	<p>22 11am- Bible Study 8:00pm—AA</p>	<p>23 12:00pm-Weight Watchers 8:00pm—Choir</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
			<p>29 11 am—Bible Study 8:00pm—AA</p>	<p>30 12:00pm-Weight Watchers 8:00pm—Choir</p>		

Serving Page for APRIL

	4/5	4/12	4/19	4/26	5/3
Ushers:	D. Kish C. Kish F. Bok J. Bok	L. Hamilton C. Hamilton B. Tompkins P. Tompkins	E. Davis E. Davis A. Golino C. Woodside	B. Dice C. Dice J. Kloos	T. Renz E. Davis E. Davis C. Woodside
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Comm. Asst.:	L. Hamilton	T. Renz	L. Smith	R. Smith	L. Hamilton
Altar Guild:	8-McGowan/Scully 10:30Tompkins /Thomson	E. Leili L. White	H. Abrantes L. Seder	L. Smith B. Breeger	J. McGowan H. Scully
Acolyte:	E. Bodnar	S. Zustovich	A. Golino	A. Renz	C. Follen
Crucifer:	C. Follen	R. Rojas	K. Wismar	E. Bodnar	S. Zustovich

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Andrew Davis	04 / 01	Kathy Hamilton	04 / 16
Thomas Egan	04 / 03	Charlotte Durr	04 / 21
Bill Scully	04 / 10	Jorge Wismar	04 / 21
Erich Bachman	04 / 08	Taylor Dice	04 / 21
Joshua Tuffy	04 / 09	Brian Crosby	04 / 22
Diane Dube	04 / 09	Jacob Wixted	04 / 26
Kelly Lowry	04 / 10	Barbara Szaley	04 / 27
Pauline Schneider	04 / 10	Beverly Breeger	04 / 27
Gregory White	04 / 11		
Lore White	04 / 11		
James McGowan	04 / 12		



Thomas & Diane Miller
04/19

Thomas & Diane Dube
04/19

