

The Shepherd's Staff May 2023



May 6 at 10 am - Men's Group

May 7 at 8 & 10 am - Holy Eucharist
10 am - Church School

May 13 at 10 am - Men's Group

May 14 at 8 & 10 am - Holy Eucharist w/ Older Church
School Class Serving at the 10 am service
9:20 am - Disabilities Group

May 21 at 8 & 10 am - Holy Eucharist with healing
prayers

8:30 am - set up for Rise Against Hunger
10:00 Church School

Noon to 2 pm - Food Packaging for Rise Against Hunger
2:00 - 2:30 pm - Clean up for Rise Against Hunger Event

May 27 at 10 am - Men's Group

May 28 at 8 & 10 am - Pentecost Sunday,
Holy Eucharist
9:20 - Disabilities Group

June 4 at 8 & 10 - Trinity Sunday Holy Eucharist
10 am - Special Communion, Last Day of Church
School, Parish Picnic

Save the Dates:
August 15 - 22 - El Salvador Delegation Trip

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Out of the abundance you have been given, have you done your part to fight world hunger?

Join the solution! Volunteer to pack meals! Contribute! Sunday, May 21, 12-2 pm in the Parish Hall.

Help us to reach our \$4000 minimum.

[Here's the link to donate and volunteer.](#)

See page 11 for more info.



2022 IMPACT REPORT

Rise Against Hunger is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies. Targeting remote, last-mile communities within hunger pockets designated "serious" or higher by the Global Hunger Index, we work with local leaders to harness the strengths of their communities and tackle their own food and nutrition security challenges with agency, dignity and resilience.

4,489,000

lives impacted

7,088

METRIC TONS
FOOD PRODUCED/PROCURED

44.5 million

MEALS PACKAGED

67.6 million

meals distributed

INCLUDING RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEALS AND LOCAL + REGIONAL PROCUREMENT OF FOOD

\$31.42 million

IN DONATED GOODS, PRIMARILY MEDICINES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES

38 COUNTRIES SERVED

WORKING TOGETHER TO END HUNGER 4.58 million Activations

Our global impact includes the activation of millions of volunteers, donors and influencers each year through meal packaging, virtual experiences, and digital and social engagement.

176,600 Volunteers engaged

riseagainsthunger.org

A Word from the Fold



Rev. Ellie Terry's Easter Sermon: For those who missed it and for many who felt it needed repeating.

In the name of our Risen Lord. Alleluia.

Amen.

Early on this first day of the week, Christians all over the world are gathering to celebrate this joyous Easter morning, to hear the famous old sacred story again, of how two women named Mary made their way to a tomb in the darkness, just before dawn. Their journey was a solemn one, as the first visit back to a grave after a death always is.

As the women approach the tomb that first Easter morning, all is as it was, three days earlier. The stone is secure; guards are standing watch out of concern that Jesus' disciples might try to fake the resurrection by stealing his

body away. Their presence is a sinister reminder of the violence, political intrigue, and suspicion that encircled Jesus' death. To the women, it must have appeared that evil had won. That human sin had killed Love. That God had been defeated. Then... just as they arrive, there is a great earthquake and an angel appears and rolls the stone away to reveal the empty tomb...

This is the truth we have come to church to hear this morning. This is what we celebrate on this sacred day. To hear again the words of the angel: "I know that you are looking for Jesus... he is not here. He has been raised."

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! And that makes all the difference!

Or does it? Really?

Do we believe this? That this matters? That this wild, ancient story still has relevance? On a planet with a dangerously changing climate? In a country where children are gunned down at school with alarming regularity? Where racism and antisemitism continue to inflict great harm? Where many people who claim to be Christian cease to follow the actual teachings of Jesus, and promote instead a doctrine of selfishness and hate?

What does this Easter story have to say to Millennials who don't see its point? To Gen Z children, many now the third generation to be raised outside of a faith tradition? What does this mean to busy families, aging elders, a diversifying population? Why should those painfully excluded, including our LGBTQ+ sisters and brothers, bother with any of this? Do we believe that Easter makes a difference? That church has a purpose and a place for us?

Dear God, I hope so.

Because I cannot imagine living in a world without Easter's hope. If there were no resurrection, it would mean God's story ends in death. It would mean evil and sin win out over love and grace. It would mean when bad things happen, we cannot trust that things will ever get better. It would mean that God has given up on us. That in the end, we simply are not worth saving, not worth redeeming, a regret of creation. Without the resurrection, it would mean we are stuck, forever, in the sorrow and loneliness of Mary Magdalen and the other Mary at the tomb, mourning a God whose love was not strong enough to make a difference.

We can choose this. To believe none of what the Church proclaims. To ignore the promise and hope of Easter. To make our own way in the world. God knows, many choose this path.

Or we can believe in Resurrection. We can give Mary Magdalen and the other Mary the benefit of the doubt. We can embrace their fear and great joy—their witness of hope and love—and consider all that resurrection makes possible in Jesus.... The difference it can make in our lives, and in the world.

For if we believe in Resurrection, we believe God's promises are true. That life is more important than death. That love wins. If we believe in Resurrection, we trust that things will get better. That all will be well.

Resurrection means that we are loved. That we matter. That we, as a human race, as individuals, as a world, are worth saving. Worth redeeming. Worth giving a second chance... a third chance! Resurrection means that we are God's beloved. That we are loved no matter our mistakes; no matter our weakness, no matter our doubt.

Resurrection also means that suffering and death are real. It acknowledges that there is, in fact, evil in our world. Resurrection happens whenever God goes where we are most afraid. When God comes to that part of us we don't like to acknowledge or reveal. When God accompanies us in those days when we are terrified, lost, drowning in sorrow, hurting deeply.

I choose to believe in this outrageous, miraculous Easter Gospel because the alternative is simply unacceptable. I would rather orient my life and my values around a message of love and hope than hatred and despair. Jesus' teachings make sense to me. They are life giving. The promises of baptism, through which we enter this faith, provide a template I rely upon to guide my life, and help me reorient my choices when I go astray. Following Jesus...all the way to Resurrection... makes me a better person, and the world (I believe) a better place.

I can believe in this outrageous, miraculous story because I see evidence of resurrection every single day. It's truth is written in creation- in the rising of the sun every morning, in the cycle of rebirth every Springtime as the hard, brown bulbs that we buried in the autumn, and lay dormant during the winter, burst forth into colorful bloom. Birds are singing and nesting again, and people are reconnecting as we continue to emerge from pan-

demia.

Life finds a way, I remember learning in science class. I see signs of resurrection in the resilience of the human spirit, in the witness and voices of those who love, despite being shunned, shamed, harmed by others. I believe in resurrection because I have come to trust in a truth that is bigger than ourselves. Greater than our own making.

Do you believe this too? I hope so. Because God knows the world needs our witness. On this Easter morning, I believe Jesus' challenge to us is to proclaim to our broken and hurting world that we are a people who believe in resurrection, who believe in love. We are a people who believe in forgiveness and God's Good News. Because God so loved the world, and made new life rise again out of hatred and death, we are called to live differently. To strive for justice and peace, to love our neighbor as ourselves, to respect the dignity of every human being, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation.

Whether we are members of this church, or visitors this Easter from another church or faith tradition, or none at all, if we are at all moved by the hope of Easter, let us take this message home with us. Let us go forth like the Marys did, and tell what we have seen, and share this hope:

We are loved. We are saved. We have an awesome God. A God who loves us enough to set us free from all that holds us down. A God who frees us from sin and restores life to the world. A God who does not let suffering or death or evil win. But a God who restores all things to new life in Jesus.

Let us live with confidence in this grace and joy. Let us live in this peace. Lift up your heads. Lift up your hearts. Christ is risen. We are God's beloved. And this makes all the difference. Alleluia. Amen.

+Rev. Ellie

Senior Warden's Message

Church School

The Vestry will make the Good Shepherd Sunday youth education program a primary focus for 2023. In our congregation's past, the Sunday School was robust. There were children attending at every age level, with a director and volunteers from the congregation as our teachers. Ages ranged from pre-school through



grade school and young adults. Fundraisers were held for pilgrimage trips, and mission initiatives. As we are seeing Sunday attendance on the rise, Good Shepherd should prepare to serve these age groups again.

Initially we hope to focus on the physical space in which we hold our classes. The rooms

downstairs need deep cleaning, clearing out of items no longer in use, and a general restructuring to better serve our children. This initiative is vitally important when we consider newcomers who are evaluating our church as a potential place of worship; even more so if the religious education program is of primary concern to potential new fami-

lies. A cleanup day will be scheduled; more to come on this!

For now, we have a great group of children coming up in our church that we want to support. We are small but mighty! Our religious education program depends quite deeply on volunteers from the congregation who serve as teachers, including Mary Bunker who teaches the older class, and Jen Thornton who teaches the younger class. We don't yet have a budget for a paid Director role, so for the near future, this will continue to be a collaborative, volunteer effort.

There is always a need for more church members to assist the church school. The Vestry is looking for suggestions from the congregation on revitalizing this core ministry at Good Shepherd, so please contact any of the vestry members or Rev. Ellie with your ideas and/or an interest in being involved in the Sunday School program.

In Prayer, Wendy Feddersen

Worship

Celebrating the Easter Season

Did you know that Easter doesn't happen just on one Sunday morning? It's part of three days of services called Triduum. And the season of Easter lasts for seven weeks—longer than Lent, a week of weeks—all the way until Pentecost. This season we bask in Easter joy, while searching out and reflecting on the new life God has raised up, and is raising up, in our midst. My heart is full of deep memories from Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday's simple morning prayer and the Great Vigil in the evening, Easter morning, and the outdoor evening service with which we brought Triduum to a close this year. Many graces from those days continue to



unfold for me. It was certainly a communal effort, the offering of the gathered Body of Christ here at Good Shepherd.

At the 10:00 am Eucharist Sunday by Sunday this season there are echoes from Triduum in the service music, the hymns,

and the joyful superabundance of beauty that instrumentalists from our community are offering.

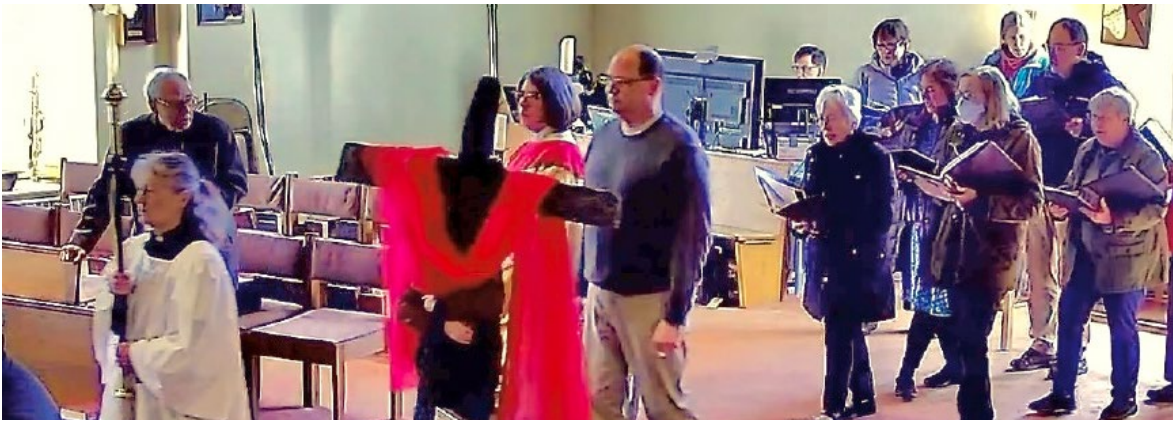
A special shout out to the choir—they gave many extra hours last month to practice, warmups, and service at worship. They did it with fantastic devotion, good cheer, flexibility, skill, artistry, and Spirit. It is a privilege and a joy for me to work with them week by week.

And—the choir will keep at it until June 4, Trinity Sunday. In rehearsal we'll be starting to look at some music for the fall, and this is actually a great time to drop by for a visit and join in. Let the new life in Christ begin!

Ellen Oak



Palm Sunday



Service Schedule

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, also live
streamed on Zoom

Wednesday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by
potluck breakfast

Thursday

8:00 pm Compline via Zoom





Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



Liturgical Arts Ministry

There was a good amount of work needed to get the sanctuary ready for Easter, and we had lots of help. We covered the crown of thorns with flowers, we hung up five banners, and then hung wreaths all around the sanctuary. It was fun, the sanctuary really ended up looking beautiful, and we were done in an hour. I am, as always, so grateful to those who came and gave their time and energy to make it all happen. The altar was also covered with

beautiful live plants, brought and arranged by John Link.

This is one of the really fun and meaningful activities we have here at CGS. If you are interested in helping, I would love to talk to you, especially if you are new and thinking about how you can contribute to the life of the church. You don't have to be artistic, although creativity is always welcome. All you need is a willingness to do fairly easy tasks to beautify our church.

Faithfully, Ellen Harland,



Easter Vigil



Easter Morning



*The children's Easter Egg Hunt photos can be found on page 10 in the Church School section.

Christian Formation



Hallelujah, Anyhow! is the memoir of the Rt. Rev. Barbara Harris, the first woman bishop in the Anglican Communion. Edited by Kelly Brown Douglas, Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School at Union Seminary and an author and noted theologian in her own right, the book offers

previously untold stories and glimpses into Bishop Harris' childhood and young adult years in her native Philadelphia, as well as her experiences as priest and bishop, both active and actively-retired.

A participant in Dr. Martin Luther King's march from Selma to Montgomery and crucifer at the ordination of the "Philadelphia 11," Bishop Harris has been eyewitness to national and church

history. In the book, she reflects on her experiences with the "racism, sexism, and other 'isms' that pervade the life of the church," while still managing to say, "Hallelujah, Anyhow." Photographs accompany the text and round out this portrait of a pioneer, respected outside as well as inside the church for her fierce, outspoken, and life-long advocacy for peace and justice.

<https://www.churchpublishing.org/hallelujahanyhow>

Sunday Adult Formation Classes on Hiatus

Rev. Ellie will be spending the Spring season with all of us at Coffee Hour as we head towards the casual summer church season.

Church School

Special Communion Sunday is June 4 at the 10am service.

We are delighted to celebrate our children and their place at the altar as full members of the Body of Christ on Special Communion Sunday. This year, we will honor all children and youth at this special service, including those who have been in the habit of receiving communion from an early age, and those



who have not. The children will receive age-appropriate communion instruction in their church school classes, and at a special gathering for families on Saturday, June 3 (time to be determined).

Families should expect a letter with further details soon.

+Rev. Ellie

Our Kindergarten through Fourth Grade Class



The K-4 class has had a wonderful full-time return to our Godly Play classrooms this year following COVID. In the fall we learned about God's love through The Creation and other stories from the Old Testament. In November and December we learned that Advent and the color purple is the time to get ready for the mystery of Christmas. We joined the prophets, Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds and the Magi on the road to Bethlehem and learned that we all are on the road to Bethlehem with them. In January and February we learned the Lord's Prayer through colors: Blue- Heaven; White- Hallowed; Purple- Kingdom; Green- Earth; Brown- Bread; Red- Forgiveness; Black- Temptation/Evil; Yellow/Gold- Glory; Dark Green- For Ever and ever (like an evergreen.) We used different colored ribbons and unifix cubes representing the different concepts and then made felt symbols to hold up while reciting the prayer. Our

hope is to recite the Lord's Prayer for the church community on our last day of class in June (though some of the children are hesitant!) Most recently we learned about Lent- the time to get ready for the "even bigger mystery" of Easter. We learned of Jesus spending 40 days in the wilderness and solved a puzzle to discover that the cross represents the true meaning of Easter. We wrapped up our Lenten lessons with an egg hunt where we had to listen closely to discover which eggs matched each other when shaken. We then connected this to having to listen carefully (like Mary Magdalene did) to really hear Jesus/ God speaking to us. We will wrap up the church school year experiencing the parables of the Good Shepherd, The Mustard Seed and The Sower. The children in the Godly Play class are a delightful group and we typically have 5-8 students which has been great! Audrey Conway has been my assistant and I have really appreciated her help.

Jen Thornton

Grade Five through Eight Class

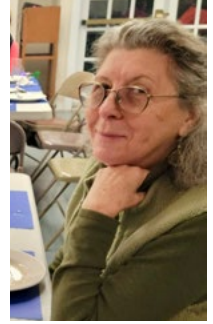
The call to study for the older church school students this year is Psalm 119:105:

"Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

We have considered personal responsibility and Christian talents, compassion and betrayal, symbolism and the characteristics of goats.

As their teacher, I consider it a personal blessing to know our students, and how can one resist working with an interesting syllabus like this? I hope that, next year, some of you will volunteer to be our support staff.

Mary Bunker



Easter Morning Egg Hunt



Church School Calendar

May 7 at 10 am - Church School

May 14 at 10 am - 5- 8th grade Church Class participate in Service

May 21 at 10 am- Church School

Noon - **Rise Against Hunger** Food Packaging for All Ages

June 4 - Trinity Sunday with Special Communion

Last Day of Church School and parish-wide Cookout

Mission Outreach

“We are called to be the change we want to see in the world by honoring human dignity and seeking to improve the rights and conditions of people locally, nationally, and globally.”

IT STARTS WITH A meal

Ready to get started with your group's Rise Against Hunger Experience? It starts with a meal, and it starts with you!

Rise Against Hunger Food & Fund Raising Event

Have you signed up yet to join us on May 21st to be a part of **Rise Against Hunger**? If not, here's the link so you can sign up right now: <https://rah.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/homepage> Please don't delay, we need 40 packers, so far we have 17 members signed up to help pack. **All ages and abilities can participate**, and it can be done standing up or sitting down. Lunch will be provided. Thank you to the setter-uppers and the cleaner-uppers, those spots are filled! Can't be there on this date? There's an opportunity to donate to offset expense cost on the sign-up link.

Currently we have 21 volunteers, and need a total of 40. And, we've raised \$822.50 with \$4,000 needed.

Rise Against Hunger, an international humanitarian organization, is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies. With locations across the U.S. and five international offices, the organization provides immediate nourishment for those facing hunger today and implements sustainable solutions that will lift entire communities for years to come. Rise Against Hunger has facilitated volunteer meal packaging of more than 540 million meals to be distributed to countries around the world.

Barb Magee



Good Shepherd is Returning to El Ocotillo this Summer!

For the first time in five years, Good Shepherd will be sending a delegation to El Salvador. As the public safety situation there has improved dramatically and the pandemic has largely abated, it is time to return. This August 15 –22, you are invited to join us for a profound and joy-filled journey to visit our sister community of El Ocotillo.

This will be our 12th delegation since 2001. We are thrilled to have our rector Ellie Terry and her son Nicholas joining l Salvador “veterans” Rafael Pupo, Barb Magee, and Kevin Gross on this delegation. Total cost, including direct round trip flights, is expected to be under \$1500 per person for the whole week. Minimum age is 14.



We hope that you will prayerfully consider this remarkable opportunity and let us know as soon as possible if you are interested. Please contact Rafael Pupo or Barb Magee with any questions.

Barb Magee & Rafael Pupo

One Year in the United States

April 21 marked the one-year anniversary of the Habibi family’s arrival in the United States. It was the end of a long journey that began six years earlier when they fled Afghanistan and the ruthless Taliban violence that had reached their extended family. They found their way to Turkey after a treacherous trek through the mountains at the Iran border and to the safety of the embassy. Their temporary stop in Turkey stretched to six years as they

awaited refugee status and permission to come to the United States.

This year in the United States has had its ups and downs. The International Institute of New England did the heavy lifting to obtain health care, the first lease, English classes, Mr. Habibi’s first job, and a multitude of other programs and benefits.

The Interfaith Partnership has been supportive through it all, stepping in to fill the gaps, and in the process forming wonderful friendships. We’ve furnished an apartment, provided rent, driven to doctor’s appointments, repaired televisions, given driving instruction, searched for better housing, orchestrated a move and provided a minivan.

At this one-year mark we are delighted to say that Mr. Habibi is in a new first shift full-time job with better pay. Latifa, his wife, is receiving a small stipend from MA Health for the care of her son. Both adults continue to attend English classes several days a week.

Aida, their adult daughter, graduated last week from a 200-hour Certified Nursing Assistant program, designed by IINE and Middlesex Community College specifically for non-native English



speakers. To hear from the nine graduates, including Aida, [click here](#). After she studies for the state test, she will get a CNA job and then hopes to also start the RN program at MCC. And she has her driver’s license!

Mahdi is receiving expert health care from Children’s Hospital and loves being a student at Lowell High School; and Diyanna and Mahsid are thriving at the Pyne Arts Magnet School. The Partnership will be providing partial rental support through December but we mostly feel that the family is launched in their new life in the U.S. It has been an honor to know them and to be part of their story.

Barb Magee

How Our Donated Funds Were Used in Ukraine

Our much-loved, heroic church member, Emmanuel Aronie, is back from Ukraine for a couple of months! He brings with him a wealth of stories, photos, and information. In these pages are names and faces of those whose lives we helped in a time of great need. We are hoping to get one more article from Emmanuel for our June issue before he heads back to Ukraine. Emmanuel has been very careful in spending the money we donated, so there is still a modest amount remaining in the fund for future needs. If you would like to help replenish the fund, please contact Emmanuel or speak to him after the 8 am service.



People from Kharkiv, the company name is Seluji. Tanya and Sasha and 3 other adults and 3 cats left Kharkiv on Feb.24, 2022, bound for Western Ukraine. \$350+ helped them and their workers and now is helping them repair their vehicle and return to Kharkiv.



Elena B. translator from Cherkassy received support, 11/22 - 3/23.

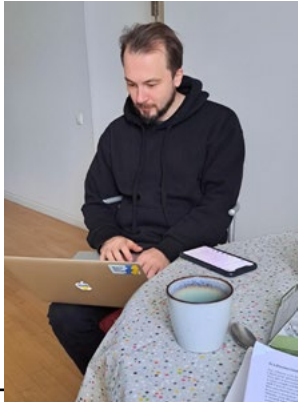
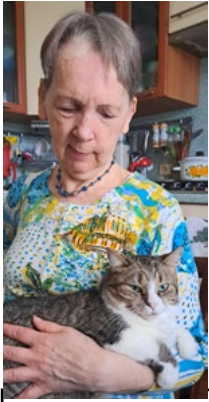


Lidiia from Kyiv and Cherkassy, in ecological and English studies, received support for her academic development. Masha Zolotaryev, from Dnipro, teacher of kids from Donetsk and Lugansk; \$ went toward art supplies.



Oleg from Mikolaiv, head of Civil Defense (700 people) for the city, we got him a printer he needed.





Rebekka and her cat Mikita, Alexei from Cherkassy, Andrei Z. from Kyiv received smaller gifts - \$ 25 - \$ 50



A volunteer group in Dnipro, supporting soldiers at the front, with medicated pads, pillows and mattresses



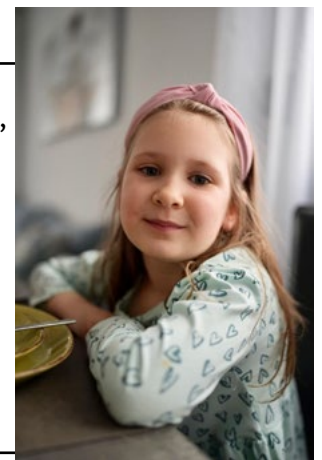
Mrs. G, and her daughter Sophia G... They were in a lot of stress for many months and received \$ 300.

Baristas Katya and Anya, from the Crispy café at the Pioneer Center in Cherkassy, also beneficiaries.



Two photos of the Kornienko's, family who received \$200, to help support mother Tanya, sons Timofey and Anton, plus young daughter Maria.

** Emmanuel was one of our Church School teachers for years and loves kids - and they love him back.*



Events

Jane's Most Excellent Adventure With Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at the Old North Church

On Sunday evening, April 16, My cousin Mary and I attended the Lantern Service at Old North Church, originally Christ Church, celebrating the church's 300th anniversary. As the bulletin pointed out, "Christ Church's cornerstone was laid by the Minister and People of the King's Chapel on the 15th of April 1723." As a longtime fan of his preaching and writing, I was drawn by the opportunity to hear Bishop Curry deliver the keynote address, which did not disappoint. The service also featured boisterous hymn singing, two choral anthems, readings and interpretation of historical documents, and the lantern lighting. Here are a few photos and memories from the evening.

Jane Lothian



Luminaries! The Rev. Dr. Mary Day Miller, the Executive Minister for the American Baptist Church of Massachusetts meets the Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. With the Right Reverend Alan Gates, Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of MA. Must resist the temptation to make this a meme.



Food at the reception was beautiful and tasty. I think this had fontina cheese. I also ate a splendid crab-cake without taking its portrait. Maybe chosen to honor Bishop Curry's time in Baltimore?



My luminous cousin, plus historic organ, angels, and oldest public clock in Boston behind us. <https://www.oldnorth.com/.../the-real-story-behind...>



"Two if by sea..." — at Old North Church & Historic Site.

Some local time travelers?



The Rev Crumley prepares to share the names and stories of enslaved parishioners.



Presiding Bishop Curry gives the keynote address. *



Choral anthems offered by the Old North Chamber Choir included a setting of Longfellow's poem "Paul Revere's Ride," and Peter Aldins's "The Light and Wind," which was commissioned for the 300th anniversary. *



Color Guard from Charlestown Naval Yard.
6A Vicar-in-charge Matthew Cadwell (our former seminarian)*

Bishop Curry brings his message of love. He once served at historic St. James in Baltimore!



Presiding Bishop Curry receives Third Lantern Award from Old North Illuminated. *



Vicar-in-charge at Old North, the Rev Matthew Cadwell, PhD, hands out the two lanterns to be carried to the tower by Vestry members.

Vestrywoman Anne Sheetz.



“Lift Every Voice and Sing...”



Bishop Alan M. Gates gives the benediction.*



Presiding Bishop Curry greets Minutemen reenactors on hand for the celebration.*



Vestrywoman Anne Sheetz and “Paul Revere” watch as Vestrywoman Nyasha Toyloy receives her lantern

Old North vestry members Anne Sheetz and Nyasha Toyloy carry lighted signal lanterns to the steeple tower.*



You can see a bit of lantern light. I climbed to the bell tower for a lecture on change ringing decades ago one July 4th weekend.

* these photos are property of the Massachusettes Episcopal Diocese

Ministry Updates

Kitchen Works Ministry

There is a small group of us who are the “eyes and ears” of the kitchen. We monitor and resupply kitchen basics (coffee, tea, napkins, cups), maintain organization, and periodically conduct an inventory. The kitchen is well stocked with dishes and cookware thanks to thoughtful planning and generous budgets over the years, but some items may need repair, cleaning, or replacement over time. We are also fortunate to have a food service grade stove, and relatively new refrigerator and dish sanitizer (commonly referred to as “the dishwasher” but it’s actually a sanitizer). There is funding in the budget to cover the basic supplies, and we may alert the Wardens and Vestry if there is a need that may require specific funding (major purchases would be handled by Vestry).



We also have a professional cook who rents the kitchen a couple of days a week,

so it is important that we keep the kitchen organized and in good working order.

Why are we writing about this? If you’d like to become familiar with our excellent kitchen and to help in any way toward keeping it in good operating shape, we’d love to hear from you! This is an informal group with NO committee meetings! We just meet, as needed, in the kitchen and coordinate via e-mail or phone. If interested, please reach out to Jessie Panek or Lydia Tolley. Additionally, if you are hosting coffee hour and notice a supply running low, please e-mail Jessie or Lydia so we can resupply promptly.

Lydia Tolley

Pastoral Care Ministry

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I

was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

Matthew 25:35-7

Our marching orders from Jesus. The Pastoral Care Ministry has had a busy month. Four members and one spouse delivered Easter flowers to about 12 parish members needing some TLC. We also have several members who are in need of meals; one only needs one meal a week, another would love two meals a week, but really would like the company, too (could even be taken out for lunch or supper at your house or a restaurant), and a third who will need meals, but is also having meals brought in by neighbors and we’re waiting to coordinate that. Please contact Diane Cooke or Margaret Geanisis for meal dates if you would like to bring a meal to these parishioners. These three people have served the church in many ways through many years, and this is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to show our gratitude for all they have given us.

If you signed up at the Annual Meeting for any Pastoral Actions (Driving, Flower delivery on Sunday, Meals, or Visitations), please email Diane Cooke and let her know. I managed to lose the sign-up sheets before I recorded the names in files for her. Aaaaargh! Thank you. Oh! and if you wanted to sign up but didn’t, email her and sign up now.

As we move beyond the Covid Pandemic, we are beginning to realize just how much it damaged/changed the fabric of our everyday lives. It certainly distanced us from each other’s lives and our shared experiences. On one hand, when we are able to get together we rejoice with a renewed energy. But on the other hand, we seem to have lost the automatic response to reach out to others regularly after our time of isolation. Helping with Pastoral Care (and other ministries at church) can be one way to reconnect with people who have fallen out of the “new” pattern of our lives and reminds us of how much we receive when we give of ourselves. Just a thought.

Margaret Geanisis

With Abundant Gratitude to:

- **John Link** for buying the Easter flowers, and to **Margaret Genisis, Marilyn Fedele, Ellie & Charlie George, and Diane Cooke** for delivering the flowers after the service.



- our fabulous Tech Team: **Jon Panek, Harry Peebles, Tom Hoch, Denise Kelly, Kelly Driscoll, Bev Young and Lydia Tolley**. They ensured everyone could participate in our services of Holy Week and Easter. We are so grateful.

- **Laura Brock** for her hard work and good cheer preparing and printing the many bulletins used during Holy Week and Easter.

- **Ellen Oak** for her creative, imaginative collaboration on the liturgies of the Triduum. For leading the choir and expanding their repertoire as they sang and guided us in song throughout Holy Week and Easter. It was glorious!



- the many musicians, including a number of our youth, who shared their talent with us on Easter morning: **Lily and Nathaniel McDonald, Wallace Dailey, Erin Kim, Alix Pupo, Obi Umeh, Wendy Feddersen, and Chris Tolley**. Additional thanks to **Wallace Dailey** for playing the violin during the Triduum.



- **Deacon Ken**, for his grace-filled presence throughout all of Holy Week.
- **Emily Terry** for hiding the Easter Eggs for the children's egg hunt and for building and supervising the Great Fires at the Easter Vigil and Easter evening services.
- **Pat Kosicki, Joy Hamel**, and the members of

the altar guild for making everything perfect for every service.

- **Sonia Stevenson, Sun Spriggs**, and the other saints who, many years ago, painted and provided the labyrinth that we used during the Triduum.



- **the children who helped decorate our church with their colorful Alleluias** on Easter.

- **Ben Church** who stepped in on short notice to be our Crucifer and LEM on Easter Morning.



- **Jessie Panek, Ellen Harland and Alix Pupo, Karen Wiss Pupo, Joan Faccenda, Diane Cook,**

Beth McKeeman, and her daughters Maeve and Piper who transformed our sacred space from Lent to Palm Sunday to Good Friday to Easter. Additional thanks to **Jessie** for decorating the beautiful flower cross for Easter.



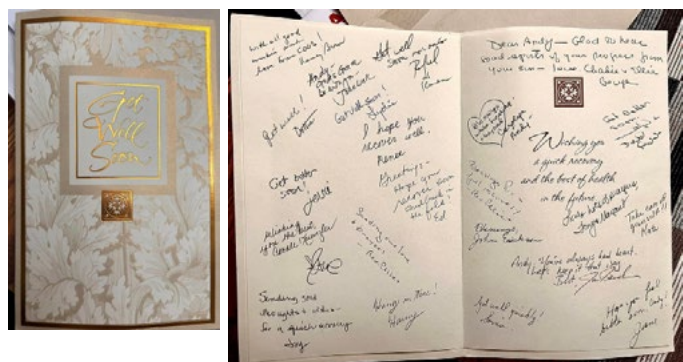
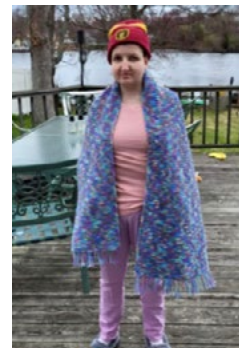
- **Rev. Ellie** for doing Herculean labors not only during Lent and Easter, but for guiding the vestry through an important decision-making time.

- **all who ushered, read, sang, prayed, attended, and celebrated** the Triduum and Easter at Good Shepherd. The tomb may have been empty, but our pews and hearts were full!
- **Rev. Jorge Gutierrez** for being our supply priest on April 23, so our Rector could enjoy a Sunday off for school vacation week with her family.
- **Neal Ogle** for stepping in to LEM at the 8:00 am Eucharist.
- **Emmanuel Aronie & Jane Lothian** for sharing their stories in this issue - watch for part II of Emmanuel's story in the June SS issue.
- our coffee Hour hosts in April: **Jimyung Kim and Jinjoo Lee, Lydia Tolley & Karen Watkins** for a festive Easter Sunday, Kim Jackson, and Andy & Carolyn Platt



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- **Jan Johnson and Blanche Stockbridge** for their many years of service in the altar Guild. They were very much missed but in our thoughts as the Altar was stripped on Maundy Thursday.
- **Jon Panek, Lydia Tolley, Jane Lothian and Tony Geanisis** for helping to provide photos for this issue, and to **Lorraine Summerfelt** for doing additional editing in the April issue.
- **the Prayer Chain and Prayer Shawl Ministry** for the prayers and lovely shawl given to Chris Tolley's cousin for her daughter Shanna, her treatment is shrinking her brain tumor!
- on behalf of **Andy Carpentier** who posted on FB about CGS: *From my former church. Aren't they wonderful?*



Administration

You're Invited!

The Diocesan community is invited to May 27 new ministry celebration with new assistant bishop: A celebration of the new ministry of Bishop Carol J. Gallagher as assistant bishop in the Diocese of Massachusetts is being planned for **Saturday, May 27 at 3 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Mattapan.** All are invited to join the celebration! Save the date and watch for more details soon.



Passages

Funerals



Don Goerschel, a former very active member of Good Shepherd, died on April 9 at the age of 90. He was married to his wife Jane Goerschel for 53 years. He had two sons, David and the late Paul, as well as stepchildren Mark, Kathleen, Gregory, and Patricia. He had 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Don graduated from Bryant & Stratton Business College and served four years in the US Air Force. He worked for 35 years at Raytheon Company where his last position was that of Patriot Missile Business Manager. He retired in May 1992 and eventually moved to the Cape.

He was a member of the Massachusetts Episcopal Cursillo since 1976 and served on numerous occasions as lay rector or team leader. He was a

teacher within the Cursillo Community for over ten years; he even developed and taught Team Preparation Workshops. He was a licensed real estate broker, and a treasurer of Boy Scout Troop 66 and Cub Pack 66. He was a charter member and served as treasurer of the Acton-Boxborough Band Parents Association as well as a charter member and treasurer of the Three Seasons Dinner Assembly during his years in Acton.

Here at Good Shepherd, Don and Jane were wonderful, active members with a ready smile for everyone, and who were always ready to lend a hand wherever needed. They were both on the Prayer Chain and Healing Team, and they attended many Christian Formation offerings. Don served on the Vestry and in other leadership positions. They were regular participants in the Folk Service, then moving to the 10 am service. He was a wonderful example of Stewardship donating Time, Talent, and Treasure to his church. He was just an all-around great guy who helped make Good Shepherd the loving, caring place it is.

Another Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Experience!

Andy and Carolyn Platt spend several months each year in Paris, and Andy was asked to be on the Search Committee for the

American Cathedral in Paris. The last time they visited Paris, guess who was there to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Cathedral, Presiding Bishop Curry!

