**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, March 8**
- 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist Rite I, Church
- 9:15 am: Lectionary Study, Library
- 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church
- 5:05 pm: Holy Eucharist Rite II, Chapel (informal, come as you are)

**Monday, March 9**
- 10:00 am: Intercessory Prayer Group, Chapel
- 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist and Healing Rite II, Chapel
- 11:15 am: Centering Prayer, Library

**Tuesday, March 10**
- 10:00 am: Men's Bible Study, Talbird Hall
- 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church
- 5:05 pm: Holy Eucharist Rite II, Chapel (informal, come as you are)

**Wednesday, March 11**
- 7:00 am: Men's Bible Study, Tallbird Hall
- 4:30 pm: Centering Prayer, Youth Bldg.
- 4:30 - 5:00 pm: Cherub Choir
- 5:00 - 6:00 pm: Junior Choir begins
- 5:30 pm: Holy Eucharist, Alternate Liturgy
- 6:00 pm: Shepherds Night Out with Eucharist
- 6:45 - 8:15 pm: Adult Choir

**Thursday, March 12**
- 10:30 am: Bible Study, Library
- 3:00-4:00 pm: Dr. Rebecca Wright, Library
- 5:00 pm: Holy Eucharist Rite I, Chapel

**Friday, March 13**
- 10:00 am: Intercessory Prayer Group, Chapel
- 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist and Healing Rite II, Chapel
- 11:15 am: Centering Prayer, Library

**A Fundraiser for Outreach Haiti**
A benefit concert in support of Outreach Haiti will be held on March 14 at Barking Legs Theater, 1307 Dodds Avenue in Chattanooga. A silent auction will begin at www.chattartiststforhaiti.com on March 1 and continue through the night of the concert at 7:00 pm, with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The concert will begin at 8:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased for $35.00 at barkinglegs.com or chattartiststforhaiti.com. Limited seating. Hope to see everyone there!

**A Way Out of the Darkness**

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I am writing about this, not because I have any answer or any solution. I am trying to make sense out of something that can’t be explained, something I can’t wrap my heart and mind around. When someone commits suicide, we have so many questions. Why? What could we/I have done? Why didn’t we see it? Many of these questions simply can’t be answered because the one with an answer is no longer with us.

And so we are left with grief, sadness and a great deal of wondering. Amidst the wondering and unanswered questions, here is what I believe. For the one we miss and grieve for, he/she is no longer in darkness. In our Burial Office, we pray:

> Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant N. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayers, p. 499)

Jesus tells us “everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away…” John 6:37 (NRSV) He also tells us that “… when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.” John 12:32 (NRSV) There are so many things I don’t understand. When I spend too much time worrying about those things, I neglect what I do know. This is what I do know: God loves us. In fact, God loves us in spite of ourselves. God’s love is eternally constant, even as we flip and flutter about, chasing other gods and idols. Even when we are “not ourselves”—and I believe our friend was not herself at the time she took her life—God’s love is there to redeem and draw us into His light.

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Worship
Sunday, March 8, 2015, The Third Sunday in Lent
Today’s readings are: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
The Rev. Robert Childers will preach.
Ushers: Patten Smith, Chris Crevasse  
Chalice Bearer: Wendy Taliaferro
Lay Reader: Jo Ann Yates  
Vestry Greeter: George Chamberlain

9:15 Christian Formation
Lectionary Study, Library
Inquirer’s Class, Lupton Reading Room
Shepherd’s Study, Youth Building

10:30 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Rev. Robert Childers will preach.
Ushers: David White, Donny Armstrong, Tommy Dickinson, Wejun Robinson
Lay Readers: Terry Childers, Gordon Davenport, Krista Stein
Chalice Bearers: Shelley Henson, Parrish Pettway, Jo Colmore, Dawn Pettway
Verger: Maddin Corey  
Acolyte Master: Thompson Pettway
Acolytes: Reed & Wes Carroll, Carter & Myers Dickinson, Murfee & Lucy Jones, Clayton & Parrish Pettway
Hospitality Greeter: Nancy Driver
Vestry Greeter: Carol Martin
Children’s Church: Stella Pritchard
Children’s Liturgy of the Word: Karen Long
Eucharistic Visitors: Karen Wise, Tina Currin

Flower Guild
No Flowers during Lent

Linen Guild
Kristen Davenport, Hazel Bell

Altar Guild
Hazel Bell, Kathy Campbell, Melissa Campbell, Nanette Brown, Kristen Davenport, Catherine Townsend

Flower Delivery
No Flower delivery during Lent

Chapel Flower Guild
No Flowers during Lent

Meals on Wheels
Charles Wise

Protestant Episcopal Church
March VIP Event: Saturday, March 28.
Broadway’s Golden Age & Beyond:
You are cordially invited to dinner and a CSO pops performance. We will meet at the Walden Club at 5:30 pm for dinner and then walk to the Tivoli Theatre to see the concert beginning at 7:30 pm. The theme for the evening will be Broadway’s Golden Age & Beyond with conductor Bob Bernhardt. Selections will include the
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Shepherd’s Night Out
Wednesday, March 11th
Sign up by Tuesday at 8am!

Schedule:
4:30 pm Cherub Choir
5:00 pm Junior Choir
5:30 pm Eucharist in the Nave
6:00 pm Dinner and Eucharist in Talbird Hall - Family max. for dinner, $25; Adult $8, Kids $5.

Please make reservations or add yourself to the permanent list by calling Becki at 821-1583
6:40 pm Father Robert and Father Mac’s series; Piling Back the Layers: Getting to the Heart of the Gospel; and programs for all ages
6:45 to 8:15 pm Adult Choir (Nursery available)

Menu: Tomato Basil Soup, Grilled Brie & Turkey Sandwich, Salad, Dessert  Option: Pizza & Fruit
Captain: The Couchers

SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY PROMISE MARCH 22-29
See the sign up board in the narthex to sign up to volunteer.
Or, contact Susan and the Rev. Childers

Help us solve the mystery and get them back home. We are missing:

- 8 Black folding chairs
- 4 Long White Round Tablecloths
- 1 big white cooler that belongs to Good Shepherd School

Protocol for Icy/Snowy Weather:
Neither rain nor snow nor heat will keep... Good Shepherd from having 8 and 10:30 a.m. services. Father Mac can walk to the church and is willing to celebrate with the faithful who are able to get here safely. Nursery will be available as Kathleen can walk to church. Sunday school for all ages, Children’s Church and Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be cancelled when conditions are poor. We will note cancellation of these events on the church phone message (if there’s power) and on the website www.gslookout.com. In all situations, regardless of commitments, A-HEARTY FIRST!

Good Shepherd School
March Flowers Deadline, Friday, March 27th
This year we are asking for your assistance as we decorate Good Shepherd for Easter, April 5th. We encourage you to make a donation of $25.00 or more towards our Easter flowers in memory, in honor of, or in thanksgiving of a loved one. Simply complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. The names of all those being honored or memorialized will be included in our Easter bulletin.

I would like to give a gift towards the Easter Flowers.

___ I would like to give in Memory/Thanksgiving/Honor of.

Please provide flowers:

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR/THANKSGIVING OF:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER: email: