



# THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

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## Being Good Stewards

Along with many other organizations, Good Shepherd continues to raise its awareness of how we can be good stewards of God's resources — both financial and environmental. With this in mind, beginning with the next issue of *The Shepherd's Call*, we will no longer print and mail bulk copies of our newsletter. By doing such, we will save approximately \$6000 in printing and postage. **Ron Britt**, Finance Chair, offers that the "savings" realized from not printing and mailing *The Shepherd's Call* will ultimately be used to offset any deficits we might incur in carrying out Good Shepherd's missions.

Beginning with the April May issue, *The Shepherd's Call* will be available on our website and via email. **We encourage everyone to sign-up for the Mid-Week Announcements so you will continue to receive updates of activities and news, as well as an alert that the newsletter has been posted to the website.** You can sign-up for the Mid-Week Announcements on our website or by calling the church office. If you do not have access to the internet, we will be happy to print and mail a copy of the newsletter to you. Please contact **Karen Albro** at the church office to be added to this list. Our homebound members will continue receiving a mailed copy of the newsletter.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make this transition.

## 2010 Lent and Easter Programs

### Wednesday Lent Dinner

#### Exploring the Way of Spiritual Practices

Each Wednesday beginning February 24 through March 24—Dinner is 5:45-6:15 p.m.; Program from 6:15-7 p.m.

**Cost:** An offering will be taken for the cost of the meal.

**Program:** Children's program is offered for Pk-5th grade. Nursery available for infant through 2-years-old. Youth small groups too!

February 24—Rev. Sara Eddleton  
Menu: Sloppy Joes

March 3—Rev. Pat Watkins  
Menu: Chicken Divan and vegetables

See bulletin and Mid-Week Announcements for additional speakers and menus.

### Pancake Breakfast to Support Guatemala Mission Trip

March 27 from 8:30-10 a.m. in the Celebration Center

Cost: Love Offering

Registration required. Register online or through bulletin tear-off.

### Easter Egg Celebration

March 27 from 10-11 a.m.

Children, *and their friends*, ages 2-10 years-old

Donations of individually wrapped candy can be dropped off in Wistar Hall between March 7, 14 and 21. For more information, contact **Beth Wikingstad** at [wiknet@mac.com](mailto:wiknet@mac.com).

### Lilies/Landscaping

Purchase an Easter Lily or make a donation for "Landscaping" in honor of or memory of friends and loved ones. **Easter Lilies can be purchased for \$10.50 each.** Donations for "Landscaping" can be made in any amount. Complete the form and place it along with your cash or check made payable to Good Shepherd Church in the offering plate. Please indicate on the check "Easter Lily" or Landscaping". **Orders will be taken through March 26.** You can take your lilies home following the 11:00 service Easter morning. For more information, contact **Terri Biggins** at [terri.biggins@verizon.net](mailto:terri.biggins@verizon.net) or call **Karen Albro** in the church office at 270-7613.

### Easter Baskets

Join us as we partner with **Henrico Interfaith Services** to help provide filled Easter Baskets for families in our community who need assistance. Good Shepherd is the distribution Center for other churches and agencies to bring their baskets. Watch for sign-up in Wistar Hall.

**Sunday, March 28**—Receive baskets 12:45-2 p.m.

**Monday, March 29**—Receive baskets 8-9 a.m.; sort baskets 9-11 a.m. and distribute baskets 11-3 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m.

For more information, contact **Ruth Wilkinson** at 747-6493.

# The Shepherd's Call

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Worship  
8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages ~ Nursery 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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## Palm Sunday and Holy Week Schedule

We begin with **Palm Sunday** on March 28 when the children will process with palms and then sing an anthem. This is the day that Jesus begins his deliberate journey toward fulfilling all that he had spoken of during his ministry. And it is the day we begin the journey with him.

On **Maundy Thursday**, April 1, we will gather at the church at 7 p.m. for a Service of Holy Communion remembering the last supper shared with his disciples. Weather permitting, there will be a Labyrinth Walk outside following the service.

On **Good Friday**, April 2,  
Weather permitting, there will be a Labyrinth Walk outside following the service.

On Saturday, April 3, we will have an **Easter Vigil** at 7 p.m. This will be our **confirmation service** again this year as we confirm the many youth who have been in classes since September of last year. The Easter Vigil has a long history, back to the 4th century, and is the pre-cursor of the sunrise service.

**Easter Sunday**, April 4 begins with a **Sunrise Service** on the lawn (weather permitting) at 6:30 a.m. This short, informal service allows us to ring in the resurrection as the sun of the new day arises. We will have our regular Sunday worship services on Easter Day at 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Please bring flowers to help decorate the cross outside on the front lawn.