



The Shepherd's Crook

The Church of the Good Shepherd
315 Highland Terrace, Pitman, New Jersey 08071



"We Love Our Church"

The Rev. Dr. David L. Snyder - *Interim Rector*

Easter 2021

CHURCH MINISTRY Leaders

These are some of their names and liaisons for contact

Interim Rector - The Rev. Dr. David L. Snyder

Deacon - The Rev. Carl Dunn

VESTRY

Sr. Warden - Beth Portocalis

Jr. Warden - Bill Nelson

Vestry Clerk - Chuck Lezenby

Asst. Treasurer (Acting Treas.) - George Funk

Asst. Treasurer - Patti Fortney

Asst. Treasurer - Len Fedullo

Class of 2021

Diane Wall, Len Fedullo, Aimee Burgin

Class of 2022

Jeff Bathurst, Brad Davies, Dana Szilier

Class of 2023

Mel Caron, Cheryl Burness, Bill Beard

2021 Vestry Liaisons

Rector's Report - Father Dave

Deacon's Report & Camden Christmas/

Camden Clothing Drives - Deacon Carl

Sr. Warden, Finance & Stewardship - Beth Portocalis

Jr. Warden & Property - Bill Nelson

Personnel - Aimee Burgin

Endowment, Columbarium &

Women at the Well - Diane Wall

Youth Activities & Sunday School - Brad Davies

Outreach - Dana Szilier (Family Promise, Holly Fair, Crop Walk, Pitman Food Pantry, Caring Hands, Quilters & local clothing drives)

Internal Ministries - Bill Beard (LEMs, Acolytes, Ushers, Altar Guild and Brotherhood of St. Andrew)

Music Ministry - Jeff Bathurst

Newcomers/Greeters & Website/Social Media - Len Fedullo

Adult Christian Education & Nominations - Mel Caron

Creation Care Ministry - Cheryl Burness

Easter Reflection -

The Rev. Dr. David L. Snyder, Interim Rector

Practice Resurrection!!

Wendell E. Berry is a novelist, poet, environmental activist and farmer from Kentucky. He has also become one of my "Heroes of the Faith". Back in 1991 Wendell Berry wrote a remarkable poem with an outrageous title: *Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front*. It isn't the title but the final two words of the poem that have captured my attention and imagination...the final two words are **PRACTICE RESURRECTION**. That is something we all can do (whether we believe or don't believe or would like to believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus). Wendell Berry says we *Practice Resurrection* when we "love the world and love someone who doesn't deserve to be loved". I say we *Practice Resurrection* when we notice and care for the lost/lonely/forgotten people; folks who have given up hope. I say we Practice Resurrection when we do what we can to repair the damage of broken relationships. I say we *Practice Resurrection* whenever we do what we can to dismantle the artificial walls that divide and separate us from each other. I say we *Practice Resurrection* when we are kinder/gentler/more compassionate/ more generous and less judgmental toward our fellow human beings than we have to be or than anyone expects us to be! And, friends, here is the great Good News for those who have the courage to live this way (not just during the 50 days of Easter, but everyday of our lives): When we *Practice Resurrection*, we act our way into a new way of thinking; an exciting new way of being! When we *Practice Resurrection* we discover that our frail and fragile faith is fortified; our hope is restored, and our relationship with the God who saves, through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit is transformed! When we *Practice Resurrection*, we proclaim to a skeptical and unbelieving world; a world that can never seem to advance beyond Good Friday, the truth that **Christ is Risen...HE IS RISEN INDEED!** Have a blessed Easter...and don't forget to **PRACTICE RESURRECTION!**

Faithfully,

Fr. Dave Snyder, Interim Rector

The mission of the Church of the Good Shepherd is:

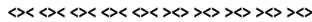
To know and embrace Jesus Christ and to share God's love with our neighbors as a welcoming community.

Events and Preparations for Holy Week & Easter

Spring Clean-Up Day...

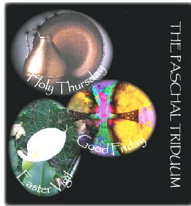


...will be **Saturday, April 3rd from 9 am till about noon.** We are encouraging parish families to come out and help beautify the grounds right before Easter. (There is enough property between the Church & the Rectory for all to be socially distanced!) We plan to rake up any left over leaves & twigs, weed the flower beds and lay down fresh mulch. Many hands make light work. **Please contact the Church Office to volunteer...856-589-8209.**



***Holy Week:**

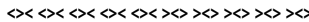
“The very heart of who we are as Christians”



MAUNDY THURSDAY,
April 1st, 2021-7:00PM:
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

SOLEMN LITURGY for GOOD FRIDAY,
April 2nd, 2021-7:00PM

THE GREAT VIGIL of EASTER,
April 3rd, 2021- 7:00PM
The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

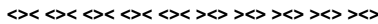


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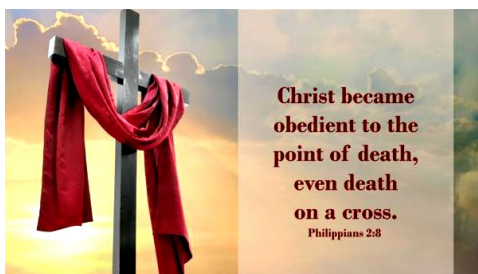
The Sunday of the Resurrection



EASTER DAY Services:
8:00 AM
11:00 AM

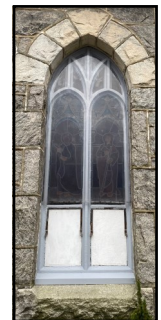


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The Stained Glass Window Restoration Has Begun!!

A team from **Epiphany Studios** of Middletown, VA arrived early Wednesday, March 3rd to begin work on the stained glass window rehabilitation project. The team (headed by Project Director, Ron Easter) removed 28 “ventilator windows” which will be taken to VA for restoration. They also removed one “clerestory window” which will be taken to the studio and replicated. According to Mr. Easter, restoration of the window above the Altar will begin after Easter, and the entire project completed later this spring!



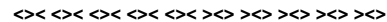
Vent Window “Before”



Altar Window “Before”



Altar Window “After”



PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

If a Pastoral Emergency should come up for you, hospitalization, death in the family, please call the Church Office 856-589-8209 or **after office hours** please call Father Dave at **609-444-6706** or Deacon Carl at **609-868-7102.**