

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

March 19, 2021

Palm Sunday

Holy Week Begins next Weekend!

An Easter mailing will be mailed next Wednesday with palm crosses and a newsletter outlining special worship and events taking place during this holiest week of the year. Bring your Palm crosses to Worship!

PALM SATURDAY, MARCH 27

4:30 p.m. | Easter Fun for Families

The Easter Fun for Families event starts at 4:30 p.m. in the back parking lot with Resurrection Eggs, crafts, snacks and pony rides!

5:30 p.m. | Palm Saturday Courtyard Worship

A donkey leads the Procession of Palms into Worship. Don't miss special Biblical guest, King David!

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28

8:15 a.m. | Palm Sunday Courtyard Worship

Shout Hosanna! A worship with special music and palm waving.

10:45 a.m. | Livestream Worship

A virtual Procession of Palms begins Livestream worship. Check your mail for palm crosses and palms!

PRAYER WALK

March 19 - April 4 | Begins in Shepherd's Garden

An outdoor prayer walk is available everyday for self-guided meditation and reflection, and begins in the Shepherd's Garden. On Holy Saturday, the prayer walk will be open from 8am-10am.

Worship this Weekend!

Youth Sunday

This last Sunday in Lent is Youth Sunday! Don't miss this special service planned by and presented by the Youth, plus Youth Director Joel Timmons gives the message!

5:30 p.m. Saturday **Outdoor Courtyard Worship***

8:15 a.m. Sunday **Outdoor Courtyard Worship***

10:45 a.m. Sunday Live-stream @ www.shephills.org

*A cancellation notice due to inclement weather will be sent to your inbox at least one hour prior to the start of service, and will include instructions about when to watch online!

Learning Hour

9:30 a.m. ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Zoom for our Lenten Bible Study: *Pain and Suffering-Where Is God When It Hurts?* Our discussion this week will be: Comforted by Others: Four Friends Who Cared (Mark 2:1-12), and Passing on God's Comfort (2 Corinthians 1:1-11)

Contact Ruby Cadenhead (rubies61@gmail.com)

Zoom Meeting ID 882 7978 6819 | Passcode 267585

9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAYS IN LENT RECORDINGS

This week: Liberation from Anger

If you missed it on Wednesday, go to www.shephills.org/messages/ to find the recorded version. Watch it and then join us next Wednesday live on Zoom (see below)!

10:00 a.m. CAMP HOPE (PREK-GRADE 4)

Bible stories and games!

Contact Joel Timmons (joel@shephills.org) for Zoom info.*

****Zoom links can also be found under the name and date of event on realm.org, Community, Events.***

Holy Week Summary

A package with all you need for celebrating Holy Week and Easter at home and in person will be mailed Wednesday, March 24. Here is a summary of what we have planned.

Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing at all outdoor activities

Palm Saturday and Sunday!

Information for Palm Celebrations can be found above.

Maundy Thursday

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

12:00 p.m. | Maundy Thursday Courtyard Worship

This solemn worship ends in silence after the veiling of the Cross and the stripping of the Altar

7:30 p.m. | Maundy Thursday Livestream Worship

This Worship features a dramatization of the Last Supper, and ends in silence after the veiling of the Cross and the stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

11:00 a.m. | Family Journey to the Cross

A worship for the whole family. Follow along with Resurrection Eggs as the Youth reenact scenes from Jesus' last week. Meet in the Courtyard.

7:30 p.m. | Good Friday Livestream Worship

Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross. This powerful service is experienced in diminishing light with moving music.

Prayer Walk

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 - 10:00 a.m. | Campus + Sanctuary

Come to the Courtyard to begin a journey of prayer and reflection at stations on the Campus, ending in the Sanctuary.

Easter

We sing "Alleluia" once again! Plan your Easter today by visiting www.shephills.org and clicking on "Plan Your Easter Visit" for detailed descriptions of each service.

SonRise Easter Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

7:00 a.m. | Outdoor Worship Center

Courtyard Easter Worship |

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 @ 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 @ 8:15 a.m. + 9:30 a.m.

Livestream Easter Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 @ 10:45 a.m. .

Share on Social Media

Be a part of inviting those you know to join us for Easter Worship! Visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/shephillsaustin, go to Events, and select Easter Worship! Indicate your response by clicking interested or attending, and make sure to hit "Share to Newsfeed!"

Calendar

Wednesdays in Lent

"Liberated by Love"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

12:00 p.m. Zoom ID: 850 4850 128 Passcode: 496001

7:00 p.m. Zoom ID: 852 3934 3579 Passcode: 615660

This week's topic is Liberation from Apathy. A video of last week's can be seen at www.shephills.org/messages/

Everyman's Bible Study

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

7:15 a.m. Zoom ID: 898203065748 Passcode: 581490

Every Thursday through March 25.

LIRS UPDATES ON ZOOM!

11:30 a.m. THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Bring a lunch for our time together with Krish Vignarajah of LIRS. Hear updates, ask questions, and learn where your gifts can make the most impact in 2021 and beyond. This meeting will take place on ZOOM.

Zoom Meeting ID: 881 6278 3144 | Passcode: 520172

Things to Know

Diaper and Food Collections

Weekdays from 10:00am-3:00pm

Saturdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Bring diaper donations and food donations to the Courtyard bins ALL WEEK LONG! Cloth diapers are for LWR, and disposable diapers and food are for Bread for All.

Meals on Wheels Needs YOU!

Flexible Commitment

The ShepHills team is gearing back up as Meals on Wheels returns to daily delivery. We need YOU! Please consider spending a lunch hour once a month (or more often!) delivering meals to homebound clients. It's safe, easy, and when you need a substitute we can guarantee you'll be covered.

Contact Weldon Allison, weldon.allison.46@gmail.com

Sign Up for a Garden Plot!

Caring for God's Creation

Soon as it warms up, it will be time to get seeds or plants for spring/summer gardening in the fenced-in area of the Shepherd's Garden at church. The Caring for God's Creation team has available the garden plots. If you are interested in signing up for a square or more, contact Jeri Porter (jeripster@gmail.com) or Anita Knight (dbasknight@aol.com).

Updates since last fall:

- Permanent water will be available again in the garden, thanks to Joe and Bill!
- New soil has been added to some plots at the back of the Shepherd's Garden
- Some pruning of shading limbs was done and more is expected
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Giving

Wednesday Lent and Easter Offering

The Developing Missions Team of Shepherd of the Hills has chosen 100% of our Wednesdays in Lent/Easter thank offering to be evenly divided between two thriving ministries we are privileged to support, **Water to Thrive** and **LIRS**. You can give at www.shephills.org/give, or onrealm.org/ under Community, Giving, or use the QR code below.



Stewardship and Giving

Your continued giving supports the ~~development~~ of our ministry and campus. Please consider pledging by going to www.shephills.org/give and click on the Pledged Support, or use the QR code below.



Prayers

Please pray for Kristen Murray, Walter Buell, Barb Hampton and Nancy Clark

Please pray for John Boatman, brother of Lisa Boatman

Please pray for friends of Shepherd members: Pamela Riva Palacio

We pray for all those affected by COVID-19, and for all those in the medical field caring for the sick. We give God thanks for vaccine development, which brings us all hope for our future health and well-being. We continue to pray for a cure and for an end to the spread of this disease.

Please pray for our global ministries: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala; Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti

Please pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All Food Pantry and Upbring Ministries

Please pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

*Prayers for family members are listed for 2 weeks unless we are notified otherwise.

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