

The Shepherd's Crook



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The Poetry of Lent

As we turn our calendars to February there's one date that immediately jumped out to me... Ash Wednesday and Valentines Day coincide this year. I've already seen lots of jokes made about taking your loved one out to dinner and then going to church to remember that you're just going to return to dust anyway. I cringe a little because I think there's something poetic about it all. About recognizing that not only to dust that we return, but to the embracing love of the God who created us.

This Lent, we'll explore poetry together. While the sermon series in worship will focus on the life of Jesus, we'll also encounter the poetry found in the conversations and teaching Jesus shares with others. There will be a Lenten devotional available on Sunday the 11th that uses the poetry of Mary Oliver to guide us through this holy season.

To prepare for Lent, here's a poem by Denise Levertov titled "On Belief in the Physical Resurrection of Jesus."

It is for all
 'literalists of the imagination,'
 poets or not,
that miracle
 is possible,
 possible and essential.
Are some intricate minds
 nourished
 on concept,
as epiphytes flourish
 high in the canopy?
 Can they
subsist on the light,
 on the half
 of metaphor that's not

grounded in dust, grit,
 heavy
 carnal clay?
Do signs contain and utter,
 for them
 all the reality
that they need? Resurrection, for them,
 an internal power, but not
 a matter of flesh?
For the others,
 of whom I am one,
 miracles (ultimate need, bread
of life) are miracles just because
 people so tuned
 to the humdrum laws:
gravity, mortality –
 can't open
 to symbol's power
unless convinced of its ground,
 its roots
 in bone and blood.
We must feel
 the pulse in the wound
 to believe
that 'with God
 all things
 are possible,'
taste
 bread at Emmaus
 that warm hands
broke and blessed.

May we enter this season together ready to feel and believe. Ready to practice resurrection as we walk and journey along the way of Jesus.

Lenten Blessings,

Bill

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Flowers

February:

01 Desiree Rouse
 08 Denny O'Malley
 10 Mary Archuleta
 14 Jim McCarron
 15 John Jaramillo
 20 Jean Magee
 Julie Hammack
 22 Phil Jaramillo
 Jolene Krumb
 Suzanne Krumb
 23 Ed Hubner
 28 Art Myers

March:

01 Dora Lee Shay
 02 Marion Hubner
 06 Patrick Kelly
 08 Katie Davis
 Will Jackson
 Barbara Wilkison
 09 Dexter Schneider
 Hannah Bond
 10 William Sheppard
 14 Justin Diehl
 19 Judith Ezzell
 Gloria Robinson
 20 Becky Johnson
 23 Cathy Cronn
 24 Nancy Harris
 25 Barbara Haring
 Tom McConnell
 Dawna Schneider
 27 Jay Abasolo

There are lots of open dates for you to choose a Sunday to honor a special person or a special date. Arrangements of flowers are \$20 each and need to be paid for one week in advance in order for them to be ordered. The flower chart is at the top of the stairs in the Narthex.



To Stephen Chappell on the death of his mother Maxine Chappell on January 21, 2018.

To Paul and Jim Steward on the recent death of their brother-in-law, Gary McCulloch.



David Blount
 Dorothy Blount
 Becky Carlisle
 Sue Coleman
 Conrad F.
 Debby Ghittini
 Wally Hill
 Andy Kennedy
 Linda Kopp
 Rose Larusso
 Tom McConnell
 Norman McCormick
 Marsha Morton
 Rhonda O'Brien

The Presbytery of Zimbabwe
 Our military men & women
 Our first responders
 Clients of our Food Bank
 Heather Chimhoga Orphan
 Care (HCOC) in Zimbabwe

FROM THE OUTREACH/MISSION WORKGROUP

Zimbabwe Mission Partnership (ZMP) Update

Thank you to everyone who responded to the request for donations from GSPC members for the new medical clinic at the Heather Chimhoga Orphan Care Center (HCOC) in Zimbabwe. Together we have added \$1,790 toward the remaining \$9,000 as of January 1!! I will let you all know when the full goal is reached. Thank you so much! --Mary McCarron

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Items Needed for the Food Bank for February/March: Canned soup, peanut butter, and toilet paper. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

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Final Report from the October CROP Walk: The final report, received in December, indicates that \$8,200 was raised by the 2017 West Adams County CROP Walk. Of this, Good Shepherd's Food Bank has received \$680. Well done! Thank you again to those who walked and everyone who supported them!

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School Fees for Orphans and Other Vulnerable children at the Heather Chimhoga Care Center in Zimbabwe

Over several Sundays in February/March we will again be receiving donations to cover required school fees for children at the HCOC. These are children who would not be allowed to attend classes unless their school fees are covered! The cost for one term of school is

\$20.00 per child. \$60.00 covers all 3 terms in one school year. The Zimbabwe Mission Partnership (ZMP) has begun requesting greater accountability from the school staff, showing that regular attendance and academic progress are improving. This assures that our donations are, indeed, well placed! Please prayerfully consider making a donation again this year. Watch for bulletin inserts, which will be available shortly. Thank you all for your faithful support of the ZMP's efforts. And, again, thank you to those who gave extra support to "close the gap" in funding the new medical clinic that will soon be built on HCOC property. I will continue to update you on Clinic progress.

Mary McCarron, and
all 10 churches in the ZMP

FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE WORKGROUP

Pub Theology

Our next gatherings will be held on Monday, February 12th at 5:30 PM at Old Chicago, 102nd and Grant and on Monday, March 12th at 5:30 PM (Location to be decided).

Fellowship Hour After Church Service

We are looking for Volunteers to help with this event to make coffee and bring a snack to share with our Congregation after church service each Sunday.

You will need to be at Church 30 minutes before Church Service to get ready and a few minutes after to clean up, lock doors and turn off all lights.

Please sign up on the paper by the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. Thank You for your help on this.

WOMEN'S RETREAT MAY 4-6



“What NOT to Wear”, A Make-Over Retreat for your Spirit, will be held at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Colorado Springs. Do you have clothes in your closet you haven't worn in years, but just can't let go? Do you have outfits that make you feel spectacular and others that make you feel dumpy? It's the same way with life. The attitude you choose to “wear” every day will affect how you feel, how you interact with others, and how well your day goes. We are going to get busy and clean some closets together with the goal of fully engaging in and appreciating every day. Join us for this wonderful women's weekend led by Rev. Barb Lefevre Lyons. Register early! More information is available at denpres.org/events or Sharon Blackstock at dwrightandsharon@msn.com. You deserve a weekend for you!



THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN IS ORGANIZING THE FARMERS HIGHLINE CANAL AND GREENWAY TRAIL CLEAN UP

on Saturday, March 17, and we are looking for volunteers. Many volunteers of all ages are needed. Registration is through the Northglenn Recreation Center, 303-450-8800, Code #10118001-01. This is definitely a great way to get involved and help care for our environment. We are also soliciting volunteers for crew leaders that would be willing to lead a group of 8-10 volunteers. Crew leaders will receive training at 8:00 a.m. on March 17 at City Hall, Council Chambers. Thank you in advance for your support. We hope to see you on March 17.



Back in mid November we received an updated cost analysis from Aberdeen Construction with an increased estimated total.

What we had been saying in every meeting that our project should be in the 1.2 – 1.4 million dollar range, had more than doubled, to 2.7 million dollars. Obviously we can't afford that costly of a project.

While there's still a number of questions, the following things have happened to get our project back in the right financial ballpark. Aberdeen Construction has been told their assistance is no longer needed and that we will be working with a different contractor.

The full plans that Aberdeen used to price have been sent to two other contractors. One said that based upon current construction costs in Colorado, their price per square foot was accurate. The other is still reviewing the plans and will have an estimate back to us shortly.

We have also been working with WongStraugh architects to scale back the scope of the project. Already we think there's been a number of changes made to the plans that will reduce that cost and get us back on target.

Once we have a new contractor, we'll work further with them and WongStraugh to value engineer the design to continue to reduce price to where we need it to be.

There are some things that will not be cut – we will still have an elevator, the food bank and offices on the main level, and multi use spaces to welcome the community. As soon as we have updated plans, those will be shared.

The intention was not to keep this information hidden, but to wait until there were more concrete next steps in place, and a decision about Aberdeen's role in the project had been made.

As a congregation we have responded with energy and imagination, giving both of our time and treasure as we seek to follow God into the future.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT....

Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2018
Worship & Communion and
Imposition of Ashes - 7:00 p.m.

1st Sunday in Lent - February 18, 2018

Palm/Passion Sunday - Holy Week Begins
March 25, 2018
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Maundy Thursday - March 29, 2018
Worship & Communion 7 p.m.

Good Friday - March 30, 2018

Easter Sunday - April 1, 2018
Worship & Communion 10:00 a.m.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Strasburg Presbyterian Church is holding their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Their address is 56635 Iowa St in Strasburg. Enjoy delicious corned beef and cabbage, homemade soda bread, a baked potato bar and dessert, all for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. All proceeds benefit the Zimbabwe Mission Project. For reservations and tickets, call Strasburg Presbyterian Church at 303-622-4325.

THE PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2017 is \$31 per member. Please consider paying your share of this expense for our congregation. Thank you!

OPENING DOORS & TRAVELING TOGETHER

In 2017 The Presbytery of Denver encouraged us to step out and grow in our life and faith with "Opening Doors and Crossing the Threshold". In 2018 we continue moving forward to "Opening Doors and Traveling Together." The Leadership Workgroup will be offering opportunities for us to explore how we can Travel Together as pastors and congregations and out into the larger community around us. Our first exploration into Traveling Together will be Feb. 10, 2018 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We are excited to present our first Traveling Workshop. So hop aboard the bus and travel with us and find out how some of our pastors, congregations, mission partnerships, and worship are already traveling together. Register at denpres.org, under Events & News – Denpres Events. Registration is \$10 – bring it with you to the workshop. Hop Aboard!

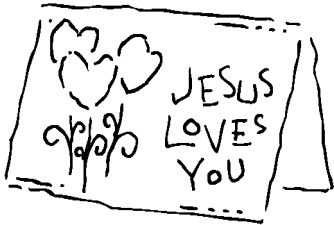




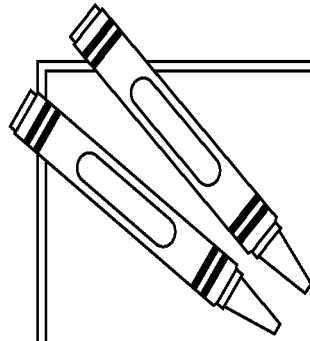
Make tray favors for a local hospital, nursing home, nutrition project or home-delivered meal program.

You will need for each:

- white, unlined index cards (4"x6")
- red & pink construction paper
- markers — green, black
- glue or glue stick



- ♥ Fold card in half
- ♥ Cut 3 hearts from colored paper. Make them about 1 inch high.
- ♥ Glue the hearts on the left side, overlap a little.
- ♥ Use marker to make "stems" from the hearts — they'll look like a bouquet of flowers.
- ♥ On the right side print a message or a verse, such as "Jesus Loves You."



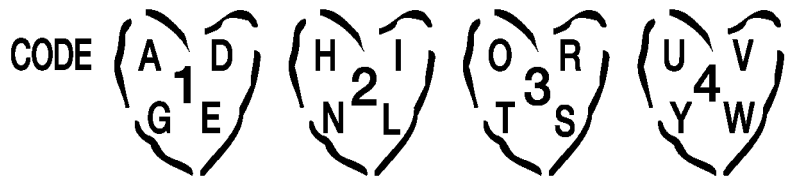
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A Special Message

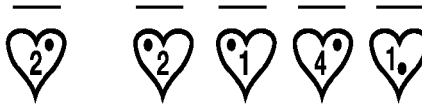
During the month of February we focus on special feelings and people. We see hearts everywhere and send cards and greetings to friends and family. We need to do this every month!



Use the code to find a special message from God. It's good for any day — any month!



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“I have loved you with an everlasting love.”

February 2018



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4 Communion	5 Scouts 6 - 7:30 pm	6	7 Bible Study 3 pm Choir 7 pm	8	9	10
11	12 Scouts 6 - 7:30 pm Pub Theology (Old Chicago) 5:30 pm	13 Outreach/Mission 10:30 a.m.	14  Worship and Communion 7 pm	15 Sometime Circle 1 pm	16	17
18	19 No Scouts Office Closed  PRESIDENTS' DAY	20 Children in Worship Mtg. 10:30 am Session 6:30 pm	21 Bible Study 3 pm Choir 7 pm	22	23	24
25	26 Scouts 6 - 7:30 pm	27	28 No Bible Study Choir 7 pm			

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25  Holy Week begins	26 No Scouts	27 Presbytery Meets	28 NO Bible Study Choir 7 pm	29  Maundy Thursday SERVICE 7 pm	30 Good Friday	31

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Worship 10:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

Nursery provided all morning

February - March 2018

The mission of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church as a Christian community is to grow in faith through worship, fellowship, and service as we share the love of Jesus Christ with all people.



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