



April 15, 2026

The Third Sunday of Easter is primarily known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**.

**Good Shepherd Sunday:** Refers to the Gospel reading (John 10) where Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd.

In John 10:11-18, Jesus declares, "I am the good shepherd," contrasting himself with hired hands who abandon the sheep. He emphasizes sacrificing his life for his followers, whom he knows personally, and expresses his commitment to gathering all his sheep into one flock, highlighting his protective and sacrificial love.

**Key Aspects of the "Good Shepherd" Passage (John 10):**

- **Sacrificial Love:** The defining characteristic of the "good shepherd" is laying down his life for the sheep, a recurring theme in this passage.
- **Relationship and Recognition:** Jesus notes that he knows his sheep and they know him, similar to the intimate relationship between him and the Father.
- **Distinction from Hired Hands:** Unlike a hired hand who flees when danger (a wolf) appears, Jesus protects the flock because he cares for them.
- **Voluntary Sacrifice:** Jesus states that he lays down his life voluntarily of his own accord, to take it up again.
- **Unity of the Flock:** Jesus mentions having "other sheep" not of the immediate sheep pen, indicating his mission to unite all believers.

This passage is a major "I Am" statement in the Gospel of John, affirming Jesus's role as the caring, divine leader prophesied in the Old Testament.

**John 10:11-18**

***“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.***

***“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”***



**Worship Calendar**

Apr. 19	From Understanding to Seeing	Luke 24:13-36	Rev. Eric Lee
Apr. 26	The Shepherd We Still Need	John 10: 1-11	Rev. Eric Lee
May 3	Mission Awareness Sunday		Dwan Billings



**NEWS AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Soup by Dave**



Another wonderful lunch was served at Graceview, and Dave Taylor did not disappoint. His banter was full of stories about rolling pins and the Weston family as well as fun facts about different foods (which are following). Those in attendance listened attentively to the demonstration and enjoyed the delicious beef and barley soup which was followed by chocolate cake! Having such a lunch with dear friends was...priceless.

### Fun Food Facts by Dave

1. Coconut water is so pure, it was once used as IV fluid
2. Dark chocolate contains more iron than beef
3. Broccoli has more vitamin C than an orange
4. 1 avocado has more potassium than a banana
5. Egg yolks contain almost every essential vitamin
6. Apples provide longer lasting energy than coffee
7. 5 walnuts a day can support memory and brain function
8. Celery is 95% water, making it a natural zero-calorie hydrator

### Common Scents

Please be advised that our church has a scent-free protocol. It seems that some of our dear parishioners feel unwell due to heavy floral smells. Please be considerate of those in our congregation who are affected by strong smells and odors and refrain from perfumes or colognes when coming to worship on Sunday mornings. Thank you one and all.

### Mission Awareness Sunday

Please be advised that the Mission Awareness Sunday Service run by the Mission Committee will now occur on May 3<sup>rd</sup> (from April 26<sup>th</sup>). Please adjust your calendars accordingly.

### A Spring Devotional Update (March 22)

A **new** edition of **These Days** (April/May/June), as well as the current edition of **Our Daily Bread** (March/April/May) are available on the table in the church vestibule and in the devotional box on the church porch.

### Coffee Sign-Up

It is that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers to serve coffee and tea after worship. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Adamson Lounge.

April – Outreach Team

May 3 - Mission Team with Kathy & Susan

May 10 \_\_\_\_\_

May17 \_\_\_\_\_  
May 24 - Margaret & Robyn  
May 31 \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you to all of you who have given so willingly of your time and efforts. We appreciate you!!



### **PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE**

- \* Pray for the people of war-torn countries (Iran, Ukraine,) who are living in fear and uncertainty. Pray for those close to home who need your special love and guidance during trying times. Pray for our country, Canada.
- \* Pray for Ali Tivosoli's family who resides in Iran.
- \* **Also, please keep these people in your prayers:**

Shirley Pollock's daughter Nancy, Ruth Ann Ross, Bob Woolley, Giulietta Ponzini, Ryan Jory, Harold Hussey, Teresia Njoki, Roman and Adrian P., Ed Lattimore, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Sheila Thomas' grandson, Carter, the Jarvis family (Wayne, Shannon and Dale), Olive S.

Please keep these folks, and indeed, everyone in our church family and people around the world, in your prayers.

**Note from your editor...could you please advise me from time to time on the status of your loved ones so that updates can be recorded and shared to prove that the power of prayer does work miracles.**



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- \* Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome to walk and enjoy Centennial Park
- \* Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- \* Monday, Apr. 20 @ 6:30 PM – Mission Team meeting
- \* Sunday, May 3 @ 10:30 AM – Mission Awareness Sunday (This will be led by our Mission Team)
- \* Tuesday, May 19 @ 6:30 PM – Session Meeting
- \* Friday, Sept. 11 @ 2:00 PM – Music & Worship meeting



**He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters. —Psalm 23:2 NIV**

While caring for others, it's difficult—seemingly impossible, sometimes—to sit down and put our feet up for a bit. What happens, though, if that precious moment of rest does come? Do we take it? Or do we let it slip through our fingers, feeling that “taking a break” isn't something we should do?

Caregiving stresses our physical and emotional well-being. Even when our service is going smoothly, we're always aware of the weight of responsibility we're under. That's why it's so important to stop at those “rest areas” whenever they appear—without feeling guilty.

God understands that we can't just keep going and going. Jesus Himself withdrew for periods of rest and prayer, and He encouraged His disciples to do the same. Stopping to “refuel” is nothing to be ashamed of. Jesus took those opportunities, and we should do the same.

Rather than pushing aside an offered rest, let's accept those pauses that God sends as the blessings they truly are. When He gives you a moment of rest, don't fight Him. Just gratefully say, “Thank you, Lord. This is just what I needed.”

Gracious Father, I thank You for providing times of rest. May I never feel guilty in taking the time to be still.



**Prayer/Reader/Announcements for 2026**

**Prayer Roster**

Apr. 19 Margaret Munene  
Apr. 26 Susan Chopp  
May 3 Mission Team

**Lay Readers**

Anna Cherniak  
Harry Learoyd  
Mission Team

**Welcome and Announcements**

Bob Twynam  
Kathy Twynam  
Mission Team

May 10	Maureen Screen	Chris Parr	Susan Chopp
May 17	Pastor Eric	Susan Chopp	Iris Lee
May 24	Koko Ikele	Chuka Ikele	Bob Twynam



**WEEKLY SMILE**

Thanks to Joan and Peter Kohar

**The Usher**

An elderly woman walked into the local country church.  
 The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps.  
 "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.  
 "The front row, please," she answered.  
 "You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."  
 "Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.  
 "No," he said.  
 "I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.  
 "Do you know who I am?" he asked.  
 "No." she said.  
 "Good." He answered.



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## **April Calendar**



# APRIL

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Stations of the Cross 2:00 – 4:00 PM	3 Good Friday Communion Watching the Tomb Rev. Eric Lee	4
5 Terrified, Yet Filled with Joy Rev. Eric Lee	6	7 Walking Group 11:00	8	9 Service @ CPP 2:00	10	11
12 Resurrection Grace That Holds Us Together Rev. Eric Lee	13	14 Walking Group 11:00 Soup by Dave 11:30 AM	15	16 Service @ CPP 2:00	17	18
19 From Understanding to Seeing Rev. Eric Lee	20 Mission Team Meeting 6:30 PM	21 Walking Group 11:00	22	23 Service @ CPP 2:00	24	25
26	27	28 Walking Group 11:00	29	30 Service @ CPP 2:00		

