

The Shepherd's News



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Spring 2022

Brothers and Sisters,

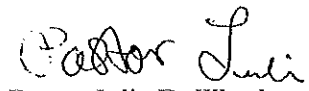
“What are you giving up for Lent?” In our Lutheran circles it isn’t a question we ask each other very often. However, over the years I have found value in the practice of giving something up for Lent. During the 40-day season, we turn away (or give up) a small pleasure or indulgence that distracts us from those things that bring true joy and meaning to our lives. By turning away from those things, we make room for turning back to God.

However, if I am to be honest, this year I do not have a lot of energy for giving something up for Lent. I have given up so much already. This month marks the second year of Covid restrictions. It feels like all we have done over the past two years is give things up. We have given up family gatherings, travel and the joy of seeing smiles. Yes, I have learned to see “smize” (smiles with your eyes), but it just isn’t the same. I also know that others have given up so much more ... spending precious time with elderly parents and grandparents, sitting at the bedside of loved ones who are dying, not to mention holding funerals. We have given up so much. Now, during Lent, we are being invited to give something else up?! It seems like too much, doesn’t it?

However, you choose to mark this Holy Season of Lent, my prayer is that you would spend these 40 days turning back to God, who has never turned away from you. Come and worship at our midweek Lenten services. Come and listen to our guest preachers. Light a candle and be with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

In the next 40 days the earth will come alive again. Covid or no Covid, the grass will begin to green, the crocuses will blanket our lawns with purple and the tulips will bloom. But most important of all, we will celebrate the new life we have in Christ Jesus and once again shout “Al****ia!” AMEN.

Blessed Lent,


Pastor Julie DeWerth

Wednesday March 2, 2022 † Ash Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes: 11:30 am-12:30 pm and 6:00 pm-6:45 pm
In-person Worship and Imposition of Ashes 7:00 pm

Sunday · April 10, 2022 † PALM SUNDAY

Worship 9:30 A.M.

Thursday · April 14, 2022 † MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship 7:00 P.M.

Friday · April 15, 2022 † GOOD FRIDAY

Worship 7:00 P.M.

Sunday · April 17, 2022

† THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD †

Worship 8:30 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

Please note: All services are in person and can be viewed online on the Good Shepherd YouTube channel.



American Red Cross

MARCH OUTREACH—AMERICAN RED CROSS

The March Outreach funds will support the American Red Cross. Did you know that so far in 2022 the Red Cross has responded to over 10,000 home fires? That is just one of the many ways that the American Red Cross is there to help here and across the globe. Following a natural disaster, they are there to provide much needed shelter, food and water. Any crisis also affects the blood supply and they are working to increase the donations to meet the higher demand. You can help with your donation in March through our Outreach Funds. To donate, designate to Outreach funds for March. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and marked "Outreach."*



APRIL OUTREACH—LAUREL HOUSE

The April Outreach funds will support Laurel House. Laurel House is a comprehensive domestic violence agency that provides not just an emergency shelter, but also a 24-hour hotline, a text line, transitional housing, a children's program, individual and group counseling, medical advocacy, legal representation and advocacy, crisis response, law enforcement collaboration, as well as community education and prevention efforts. You can help with your donation in April through our Outreach Funds. To donate, designate to Outreach funds for April. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and marked "Outreach."*



MAY OUTREACH—BABY MANNA

So many families are in great need due to loss of jobs and financial challenges. Families with babies are especially hard hit. Philabundance's BabyFood program (FKA BabyManna) provides families served by our member agency network with access to formula – which might otherwise be too expensive for those in need. In honor of Mother's Day, we have designated Philabundance's BabyFood program as the recipient of our May Outreach funds.. You can help with your donation in May through our Outreach Funds. To donate, designate to Outreach funds for May. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and marked "Outreach."*



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Registration has begun for the 2022-2023 school year. Classes are available for children ages 2 through 5. Contact Diane Smith at 610-265-0733 for more information.



THANK YOU FOR A SUPER SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

The response was fantastic! Good Shepherd raised \$759.00
Your participation in this annual outreach is appreciated!
Proceeds are used to purchase gift cards for people who come to the church office during the week seeking assistance.

Lent at Good Shepherd – 2022

During our Wednesday evenings this year, our preaching theme “All Creatures Great and Small” will explore some of the stories that mention animals which roam the pages of scripture.

Our liturgy for these nights will use new versions of Holden Prayer Around the Cross. **On weeks 1, 3 and 5** the liturgy is titled *A Heart of Flesh* and offers prayers for renewal and mercy based on Ezekiel 36 and Psalm 51.

Then, on weeks 2 and 4 the liturgy is titled, *For the Healing of Creation* in which we'll offer prayers on behalf of the whole creation, and is based on Psalms 104 and 145. During this service we'll all approach a map of the world and will be invited to place tea lights on areas of the world (and creation) that need our prayers.

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, the Chancel Choir will be offering the cantata, “**Worthy is the Lamb**” in segments beginning on Palm Sunday, continuing on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and finishing up on Easter Sunday. This cantata tells the story of God's plan to deliver all people from sin and death. The narrations remind us that He who knew no sin took on the sin and darkness of this world so that we might one day experience eternal life in a “promised land” where there is no pain or sorrow.

It's going to be a beautiful Lenten season.

Yours in Song,

Ross

Begin Your Lenten Observance at Good Shepherd on Shrove Tuesday (March 1) at 7:00pm

Traditionally, on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, Christians eat Fasnachts (donut like pastries). They do this to use up whatever sugar, fat and eggs are left in the kitchen before Lent - a season associated with simplicity and dietary restrictions.

After enjoying a Fasnacht, we will burn the palms from last palm Sunday in preparation for the following evening's Ash Wednesday service. If you have palms at home, we encourage you to bring them along and add them to the Holy Fire.

The event will take place in front of the red church doors (in the narthex, in case of inclement weather) and will last no longer than half an hour.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Please come up to the hill on Ash Wednesday
March 2, 2022

Imposition of Ashes

11:30 am-12:30 pm

6:00 pm-6:45 pm

Pastor Julie will be stationed outside in front of the church doors.

In Person Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
7:00 pm

All services are live streamed on the Good Shepherd YouTube channel.
Look for the link in weekly emails.

Easter Morning – Outdoor Brunch



Please join us for our outdoor Easter brunch. We are looking for bakers, chef's, servers, set up and breakdown helpers. This will be a fluid situation due to covid/weather. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marilyn Anton at anton347@verizon.net or 267-446-3869. Thank you so much! Looking forward to getting back to fun and fellowship.

EASTER EGG HUNT Easter Sunday, April 17th

Immediately following each Worship Service
(approximately 9:30am and 11:45am)

Please bring a basket or bag to collect goodies!
We will gather outside near the red church doors.
(Founders Hall if the weather does not cooperate.)

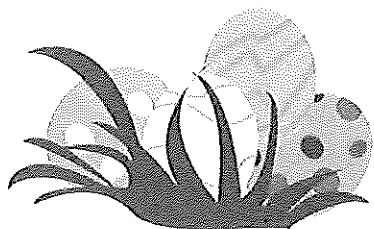
Stay after for outdoor (weather permitting) food and fellowship.



EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations of candy filled plastic eggs are needed.

Please fill the eggs with peanut free candy and tape the seams of the eggs. Candy filled eggs and candy donations can be brought to the church office by Wednesday, April 13th during office hours. Thank you!



EASTER FLOWERS

This is a wonderful way to honor or remember someone at Easter. Please mail or drop off an envelope for Easter flowers to the church office. Include the names of the people you would like to remember or honor on the outside of the envelope. The cost of each plant is \$15.00. Orders should be placed before Monday, April 11th. Flowers may be picked up the week after Easter during office hours Monday –Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Please call 610-265-4545 or email the church office at gskopstaff@verizon.net to make pick-up arrangements.



FIRST COMMUNION Sunday, April 24th

Our second and third graders will receive their first communion during the 9:30am Worship Service.



ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

The annual meeting was held on January 30th in persona and Zoom. The reports of all of the church committees were reviewed. The newly elected council members are Karen Reimet, Jeanette Nazaryk, Monica Loschiavo and Mark Vondra to serve three-year terms on Council.

The 2022 budget was reviewed and approved. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like a copy of the annual report, please contact the church office at gskopstaff@verizon.net. The 2022 Council has met and was organized as follows:

Lisa Hand – President – Personnel

Stephanie Lutz – Vice President – Youth Ministry

Pam Kamat – Secretary – Worship & Music

Karen Lehman – Treasurer

Peter Fleischer – Finance

Dave Forney – Gifts & Memorials

Tim Glickman – Fellowship

Monica Loschiavo – Christian Education

Jeanette Nazaryk – Outreach

Karen Reimet – Evangelism

Andy Restad – Preschool

Dave Satterfield – Stewardship

Mark Vondra – Property



Council members' names appear in bold print and are a liaison to the committee which appears next to their name. The Council will be installed at the 9:30 AM Worship Service on March 13, 2022.

Monday's at Good Shepherd

First Monday of the month is Pub Theology at 6:30 P.M.
March 7th, April 4th and May 2nd.

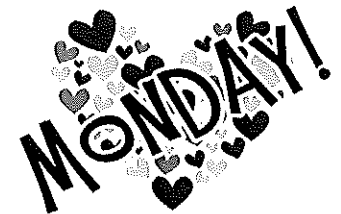
Second Monday of the month are Committee Meetings
March 14th, April 11th and May 9th.

If you serve on a committee please check with your committee chairperson to see if your committee is meeting.

Third Monday of the month is Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
March 21st, April 18th and May 16th via Zoom.

Fourth Monday of the month is Book Club at 7:00 p.m.
March 28th, April 25th and May 23rd via Zoom.
Zoom links are shared through the weekly email blasts.

You may also email the church office at gskopstaff@verizon.net to have the link sent to you.





Pub Theology
Monday, March 7th at 6:30pm
Peppers
175 Town Center Rd. King of Prussia, PA 19406

This month's questions will be: *"If we allow ourselves to become hopeless, we become part of the problem". ~ Brian Stevenson*

Dining: 6:30pm to 7:15pm. Everyone will pay on separate checks.

Discussion: 7:15pm to 8:00pm All ages interested in discussion are invited. Bring a friend.

Future dates are April 4th and May 2nd

To facilitate conversation, we will sit at multiple tables, instead of one giant table.

Attendees who have not been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 will sit together at a table.

For more information about Pub Theology visit Good Shepherd's website

Peppers has requested that we offer a limited menu, which may be changed monthly.

This does not include appetizers or desserts.

Choice of:

Penne & Chicken **\$18**, Penne Primavera **\$18** choice of cream sauce or garlic and oil

Kale & Salmon Salad **\$18** —Meatball Parmigiana Sandwich **\$12**

Roast Pork Sandwich **\$12**, w/ Broccoli Rabe **\$14**

Balsamic Grilled Chicken **\$22** w/Roasted Potatoes & Vegetable Medley

All Sandwiches served with Chips

Spring Meal Ministry



We continue to serve warm meals as take-out to our cousins at the *Cecil and Grace Bean Soup Kitchen*. Although guests are still not permitted to dine in due to Covid restrictions, we serve them a warm meal to go. We follow strict protocols to keep everyone safe. A small group of volunteers meet to make the casseroles at 10:30 am at Good Shepherd and another group of volunteers join us in serving our "cousins" at the soup kitchen at 12:30pm. Upcoming dates are Saturdays 3/19, 4/16 and 5/21
 Call, text, or email Pam Satterfield at 610-804-9325 or email pamsatterfield53@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.



GOOD SHEPHERD BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, March 18, 2022. 2:00–7:00 P.M.

We are in search of some 'new blood!' We ask that you consider becoming a blood donor and if you are not able, perhaps there is another family member, neighbor or friend, who you know that may be a willing donor. Please do not wait to be called to volunteer! *Thank you for considering this vital outreach!* If you are willing and able, contact the church office as soon as possible and we will schedule a time for you to donate. You may also log onto the Red Cross website (redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment to donate.. Kendra Zadrejko Thomas is coordinating this event and can be reached at 484.213.7023 or email kzadrejko@gmail.com. *Thank you for considering this vital outreach!*

**Save the Date for the First
Good Shepherd Camping Weekend!
November 4th–6th, 2022**

Who? Young, old, single, married, children, no children ...
All are welcome!

What? A time for fellowship and enjoying the great outdoors.

When? November 4-6, 2022. We will arrive around 7 (after dinner) on Friday and leave on Sunday around noon.

Where? At Bear Creek Lutheran Camp in the Poconos
(about a 1:45 - 2:00 hour drive from King of Prussia).

Additional information will be available later this summer.



Women's Retreat

Our much-loved annual Good Shepherd Women's Retreat will take place on the beautiful 80 acres of Daylesford Abbey in Paoli. The retreat lasts from **Friday, November 11th 7:00pm to Saturday, November 12th 2:30pm**. Stay overnight or just come for the day on Saturday. Bring a friend! Detailed information available on this sign-up link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949A4AB2DA0F85-20221>

This year's program : *That I Should Still Hope: A Retreat for the Replenishment of the Soul* "What strength do I have, that I should still hope? What prospects, that I should be patient?" Job 6:11

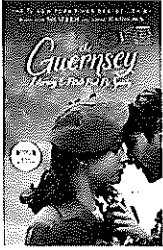
Our program leader the Rev. Leslie M. Richard, MA was ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1989, and has served in a variety of pastoral settings, including solo, team, and transitional pastorates, and has recently served as the Dean of the Delaware Conference of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod. Pastor Richard is a trained Spiritual Director with a specialized Synodical call to Spiritual Direction, as well as a private practice in Spiritual Direction. Pastor Richard earned a Bachelor of Arts in History at Gettysburg College in 1985, and Master of Divinity at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1989. In 2008 she received a Master of Arts in Holistic Spirituality, and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, and in 2014 received a Certificate in Supervision of Spiritual Directors at Chestnut Hill College. Pastor Richard has two grown children and is married to The Rev. Karl M. Richard, Senior Pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Springfield, Delaware County, who is currently serving as Secretary of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA.

Save the Date!

CONFIRMATION
Sunday, October 30th



SPRING BOOK CLUBS AT GOOD SHEPHERD
Via Zoom: Links are sent out in the weekly email blasts.



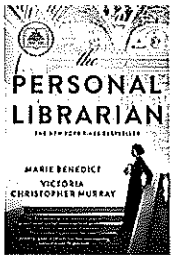
MONDAY, MARCH 28th *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

By Mary Ann Shaffer, Annie Barrows

"I wonder how the book got to Guernsey? Perhaps there is some sort of secret homing instinct in books that brings them to their perfect readers." January 1946: London is emerging from the shadow of the Second World War, and writer Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. Who could imagine that she would find it in a letter from a man she's never met, a native of the island of Guernsey, who has come across her name written inside a book by Charles Lamb. . . .

As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, Juliet is drawn into the world of this man and his friends—and what a wonderfully eccentric world it is. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society—born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi when its members were discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island—boasts a charming, funny, deeply human cast of characters, from pig farmers to phrenologists, literature lovers all.

Juliet begins a remarkable correspondence with the society's members, learning about their island, their taste in books, and the impact the recent German occupation has had on their lives. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds will change her forever.

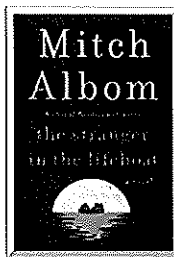


MONDAY, APRIL 25th *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict, Victoria Christopher Murray

In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps create a world-class collection.

But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white—her complexion is dark because she is African American.

The Personal Librarian tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths she must go to—for the protection of her family and her legacy—to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.



MONDAY, MAY 23rd *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom

Adrift in a raft after a deadly ship explosion, ten people struggle for survival at sea. Three days pass. Short on water, food and hope, they spot a man floating in the waves. They pull him in. "Thank the Lord we found you," a passenger says. "I am the Lord," the man whispers.

So begins Mitch Albom's most beguiling and inspiring novel yet. Albom has written of heaven in the celebrated number one bestsellers *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* and *The First Phone Call from Heaven*. Now, for the first time in his fiction, he ponders what we would do if, after crying out for divine help, God actually appeared before us? What might the Lord look, sound and act like?

In *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*, Albom keeps us guessing until the end: Is this strange and quiet man really who he claims to be? What actually happened to cause the explosion? Are the survivors already in heaven, or are they in hell?

The story is narrated by Benji, one of the passengers, who recounts the events in a notebook that is later discovered—a year later—when the empty life raft washes up on the island of Montserrat.

It falls to the island's chief inspector, Jarty LeFleur, a man battling his own demons, to solve the mystery of what really happened.

A fast-paced, compelling novel that makes you ponder your deepest beliefs, *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* suggests that answers to our prayers may be found where we least expect them.



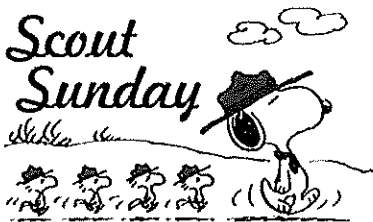
In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life we remember the following Good Shepherd member and past member who recently passed into God's Kingdom:

The Rev. John Jorgenson † Wesley Loos

Mary Hunter Scholarship

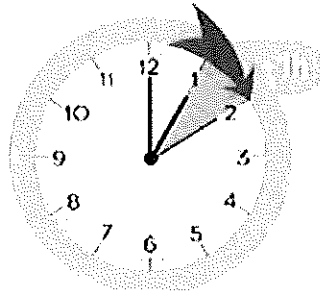
Established to honor her memory, this scholarship will be available to any graduating high school senior and/or Good Shepherd Seminarian that is a confirmed member of our congregation.

Please watch the weekly bulletin in the month of March for eligibility requirements and how to apply! The application deadline is April 1st.



Scout Sunday

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be recognized on Sunday, March 27th at the 9:30 am service. Special patches will be given to the participating Scouts.



SPRING FORWARD
Daylight Saving Time
March 13, 2022

Thank You

Greetings.

My name is Bobby, and I'm the current General Chairperson for the King of Prussia Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. The group would like to extend it's heartfelt thanks for your generosity in allowing us to use the church for our meetings, and most recently, the group's 59th anniversary meeting/gathering. As a gesture to show our gratitude, we are making a donation to the church in the amount equal to one month's rent, which our Treasurer Bill will write a check for.

Additionally, we'd like to thank you for allowing us to continue to hold in-person meetings during a time when so many of our members were finding themselves forced into isolation due to COVID restrictions. Widespread sentiment among our members is that those are the times when fellowship is needed the most, and live meetings, like ours, are very likely to have saved lives during those very difficult times. Thank you for allowing us to be a beacon of hope for those people.

Again, many thanks, and God bless.

SPRING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT GOOD SHEPHERD

MARCH 2022

Tue. March 1st	Shrove Tuesday
Wed. March 2nd	Ash Wednesday
Sun. March 6th	First Sunday in Lent
Wed. March 9th	Midweek Lenten Service
Sun. March 13th	Second Sunday in Lent—Council Installation
Wed. March 16th	Midweek Lenten Service
Sun. March 20th	Third Sunday in Lent
Wed. March 23rd	Midweek Lenten Service
Sun. March 27th	Fourth Sunday in Lent—Scout Sunday
Wed. March 30th	Midweek Lenten Service

APRIL 2022

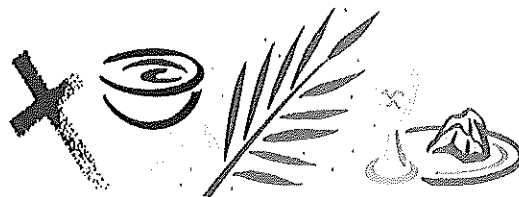
Sun. April 3rd	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Wed. April 6th	Midweek Lenten Service
Sun. April 10th	Palm Sunday
Thu. April 14th	Maundy Thursday
Fri. April 15th	Good Friday
Sun. April 17th	Easter Day—Services at 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM
Sun. April 24th	Second Sunday of Easter—First Communion

MAY 2022

Sun. May 1st	Third Sunday of Easter
Sun. May 8th	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sun. May 15th	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sun. May 22nd	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sun. May 29th	Ascension of Our Lord

All services may be viewed on the Good Shepherd YouTube Channel
 Sunday Services begin at 9:30 am (Except Easter Sunday)
 Evening Services begin at 7:00 pm





Lent at Good Shepherd

Our Lenten season at Good Shepherd

Tuesday, March 1st
Shrove Tuesday
7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 2nd
Ash Wednesday
Imposition of Ashes
11:30 am-12:30 pm
6:00 pm-6:45 pm

Pastor Julie will be stationed outside in front of the church doors.

In-Person Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
7:00 pm

Midweek Lenten Worship:
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

All Creatures Great and Small

Each week we will hear the words of a guest preacher
as they speak of animals through scripture.

March 9th — The Rev. Bryan Penman
March 16th — The Rev. John Berntsen
March 23rd — The Rev. Sarah Aasheim
March 30th — The Rev. Rachel Scheible
April 6th — The Rev. Karyn Wiseman

Look for the Lenten Brochure in the narthex.

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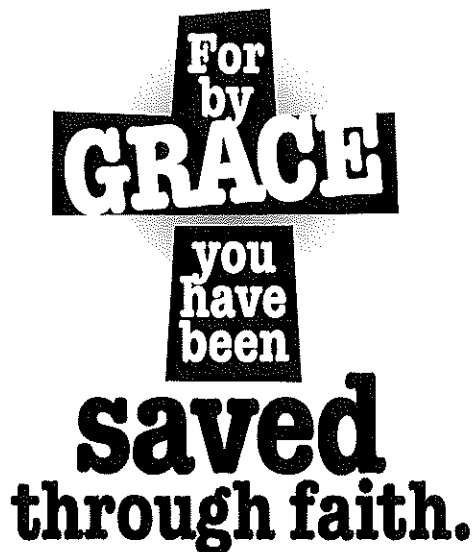
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Thursday
9:00 A.M. — 1:00 pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 A.M. In person with masks and virtual worship
via our YouTube Channel



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