



Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

Newsletter 3.13.23

Holy Week Services:



Palm Sunday	April 2	10:00 A.M.
Maundy Thursday	April 6	5:00 P.M.
Good Friday	April 7	12:00 Noon & 5:00 P.M.
Easter	April 9	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Family Service Children and Youth Ministry

Easter Egg Hunt following the 10 am Service

Bishop Visit!



We were so blessed to have The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, as our Celebrant last month! The Children's Choir had a special performance during the service to play the Choir Chimes and sing Jesus Loves Me! You can still watch the service on our YouTube Channel if you missed it.



Lenten Study!

We have had a great turnout with lots of great discussion at the Wednesday Lenten Study. If you are interested in joining us there is still time! Contact the office or Father Jackson to get on the email distribution list.



WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDY – 2023

Each Wednesday, Beginning March 1, 2023, 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. in Maitland Hall for Lenten Study and Reflections.



- March 1 – Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread
- March 8 – Who Is Our Neighbor- Reflections On Luke 10:25-37
- March 15 – Judas
- March 22 – Handling Temptation
- March 29 – Struggles & Our Christian Journey: Using God's Guidance During and After Lent

Please let Fr. Jackson know if you are planning to participate in the Lenten Wednesday Studies. He is preparing a weekly curriculum, and needs to know how many copies to make. You may send your plan to be there with your name and email address to Fr. Jackson.

Sack Lunch Ministry

The Sack Lunch Ministry has been busy making an average of 120-140 sack lunches each month! These lunches are delivered to St. Vincent de Paul's kitchen at 10th Ave and Hatcher to help feed the homeless.

If you are interested in participating, they meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 9:30am in Maitland Hall! They have all that is needed for the lunches but need some people to help put the sacks together and make the PB & J sandwiches.

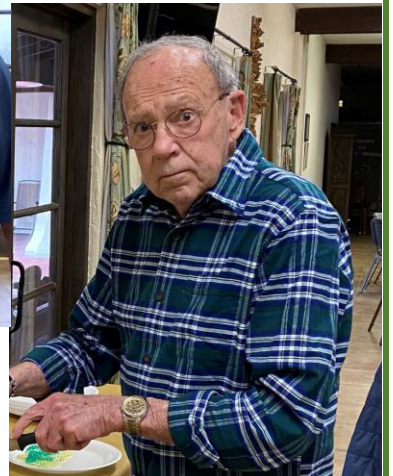
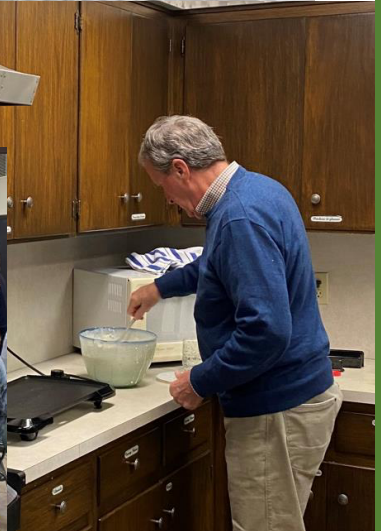
You can also make the sack lunches at home and drop them off in Maitland Hall that morning. Be sure to check the Sunday bulletin for updates as the next meal making day gets closer!



Shrove Tuesday



We had a great turn out for Shrove Tuesday! So many came together to share in great food and fellowship! Thanks to all the volunteers that helped with the set-up, cooking and cleaning up!



Youth and Children's Ministry Update!



Hello and happy spring everyone!

It is hard to believe that just one short month ago I stood before you all asking for support to begin a youth group following the Thursday tutoring group. Not only did constant words of encouragement come from so many of you- but the financial backing fell into place as well. The graciousness of everyone offering to cover dinners and prizes for these kids was amazing. I want to begin by thanking you all for offering to sacrifice on your end for such a meaningful opportunity.

When I started working with this group of kids, we began with reading in Romans 12 about spiritual gifts and what they mean to us. The kids range in ages from 7-14; some of them attend Good Shepherd each Sunday while others have been active in the tutoring group for years. Each week we have dug in a little deeper into one of the gifts. We have practiced encouraging by doing a blind kindness challenge. We walked around with paper plates on our backs and wrote kind messages to one another. We didn't know who wrote what- but as each kid took their plate off and read the words on it- they were beaming. They realized the power of a kind word in a small gesture. We moved onto prophecy and talked about our dreams and visions and how some people have this gift in different ways. We started talking about service and how it means you better someone's life in some way. It doesn't have to be a grand, expensive gesture- it can be something small and sweet. The kids brainstormed things they could do as a service project and came up with making Blessing Bags to hand out to the homeless.

Sometimes when you are planning a new group like this, you hope you see an impact. I want to share with you a few things we have seen that speak volumes into what is happening within these kids. The first is that after the kids decided to do Blessing Bags we realized the next two Thursdays were not tutoring days due to short days at school and Spring Break. However, the kids committed to finding rides and getting themselves to the church in the evening for youth group alone. While I had my doubts- they all showed up. They arranged rides and sacrificed the Holy Grail of school- short days- to come to church. We didn't play games, we didn't have a loud discussion, there were no prizes. Instead, we set up a table with non-perishables, socks, chapsticks, and wet wipes.

These kids came with granola bars and crackers to add to the bags. They went around the table and constructed bags; finishing each bag with a small card they decorated with an inspirational message. Then they washed hands, prepared a spaghetti dinner for everyone with just some overseeing by adults, and set the table. One of the younger students smiled and said, "Can we please come to church tomorrow?" before we ended for the night.

Another huge thing is Chapel Rock. I will be holding an informational pizza dinner night on Thursday 3/23 so the parents can come and hear about Chapel Rock and start registering their students. While we have had a great turnout previously of high school students- this is our first group of middle/junior high school students that are buzzing with excitement about the prospect of going to camp.

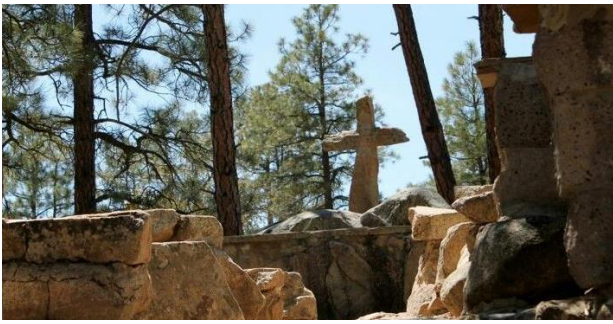
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I ask that you pray for the parents to place their trust with us and allow their students the opportunity to attend camp. Please pray for our Chapel Rock fund- that it can move mountains. I can't wait to see how many kids make it up there this June.

I look forward to keeping you all updated on our group's progress. It has been amazing to see these kids bring new friends with them, to be so excited about what the Bible holds for them, and to feel loved and poured into.

With much love and appreciation- Ashley





**SPONSOR
A CAMPER!**



Hi everyone! In just a few weeks our Good Shepherd youth group kids will be heading back to Chapel Rock to make more memories and grow in their faith. If you would like to sponsor a camper-, the total cost per student is \$425. Most of our students are only able to attend Chapel Rock due to the generous support of our members and outreach committee. If you would like to donate any amount in support-, please send checks with 2023 Good Shepherd Chapel Rock in the notes or ask the church office.

We appreciate your support!

-Thank you. Ashley

CHAPEL ROCK NIGHT

**COME FOR PIZZA AND TO HEAR ABOUT
CAMP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHAPEL
ROCK. SCHOLARSHIP MONEY IS
AVAILABLE!**

WHEN

**Thursday, March 23rd
5-5:45 pm**

WHERE

**Good Shepherd of the Hills
6502 E. Cave Creek Road
Cave Creek, AZ 85331**

MORE INFORMATION? ASHLEY

**ALL AGES ARE
WELCOME**

**PIZZA DINNER
PROVIDED**

**CHAPEL ROCK IS
LOCATED IN
PRESCOTT AZ**

**CAMP DATES:
GRADES 3-6
JUNE 4-10**

**GRADES 6-12
JUNE 11-17**

**GRADES 3-12
JUNE 18-24**



Appreciation Baskets!

Our Children's Ministry was out and about this past month delivering Appreciation Baskets to the first responders in our community. These baskets were stuffed full of snacks and treats and all the recipients were so grateful!



- Cave Creek Sherriff's Dept.
- Cave Creek Fire Dept.
- Carefree Rural Metro Fire Dept.
- Daisy Mountain Fire Dept.
- Phoenix Police Dept. Black Mtn. Precinct
- Foothills Caring Corps

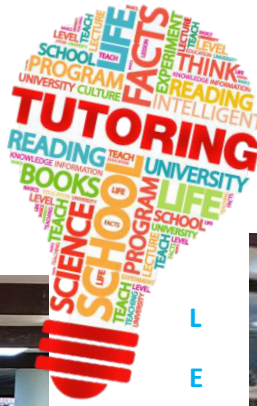
Easter Sunday Egg Hunt Supplies Needed!

Our Children's Ministry is collecting wrapped candies (nothing with peanuts please!), small trinkets like hair ties, party favor toys, mini bubbles, mini cars, etc. for the Easter Egg Hunt following the 10 A.M. Service on Easter Morning. Bags with empty plastic eggs can be picked up in the Narthex for you to fill at home. Once filled please return to the Narthex, Maitland Hall or the office! Thank you in advance!

- Ashley Phillips

Tutoring Ministry

Our Tutoring Ministry has been going strong and has seen an increase in the number of kids coming each week!



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READING

WRITING



MATH SCIENCE

A BIG THANKS to everyone who has been able to help with providing school supplies for our School Drive. This week we took the first batch (of many we hope) to the Cave Creek Unified School District to be distributed to kids and classrooms in need!

School Supply Drive!

Back to school but also school throughout the year: Kids need supplies – pens, pencils, paper, notebooks, back packs, and so on – and Good Shepherd wants to help provide supplies throughout the school year, especially after winter break, when kids are in need of replenishing their supplies. Please bring donations of any or all of the above with you Sunday mornings before Church and place them in the collection box in the Narthex. Working with the Cave Creek Unified School District, we will make sure your donations are distributed to kids in need within the district.

- Church and Community Events Ministry





Autism Society
of Greater Phoenix

Caregiver Support Group

In Person Meeting in Cave Creek

3rd Monday of each month

Time: 6:30 - 7:45 PM

Where: Good Shepherd of the Hills

6502 E. Cave Creek Rd, Cave Creek, AZ 85331

The connection is you. Join us as we connect with other caregivers on this Autism journey! Share your challenges, successes and gain support. Register today at www.PHXautism.org



The Autism/Caregiver Support Group meetings will be starting March 20th in Maitland Hall! If you or someone you know would benefit please join us, all are welcome. You can register in advance on their website at www.PHX.autism.org.

**AL-ANON
-A COMMUNITY
RESOURCE FOR FAMILY
RECOVERY FROM
ALCOHOLISM"**

You are invited to an Open Al-Anon meeting

DATE: THURSDAYS

TIME: 6-7PM

**LOCATION: GOOD SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH-MAITLAND HALL
6502 E CAVE CREEK ROAD CAVE CREEK AZ**

For further information, contact: Kimberly B.

Al-Anon meetings are in Maitland Hall every Thursday from 6-7pm.

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics.

Centering Prayer

Join us for Centering Prayer Wednesdays at 10:00am via Zoom!

Centering Prayer is a receptive method of Christian silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself.

Our prayer session will consist of an opening reading, a 20-minute silent meditation, a spiritual video, and a brief closing discussion.

Centering Prayer



Join Zoom Meeting

Please contact the office @488-488-3283 for meeting information!

If you do not have a computer, you can still join by phone

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March 2023

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