



Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

# Weekly News - May 1, 2022

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*Come as you are. All are welcome. No exceptions!*

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RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

## HELPING NEIGHBORS

1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."  
~ Galatians 6:2

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All loose offerings given during the first, weekly services each month are earmarked for the Rector's Discretionary Fund (RDF.) This fund assists individuals and families in the Dunedin and Clearwater area in affording utility costs.

Church of the Good Shepherd helps an average of 15 households each month with a total (average) of \$2,000 paid directly to utility and other service providers. We are incredibly humbled by the generosity our church family. Still, requests for assistance often exceed our available funds. Please do keep this fund in your prayers.

Next Rector's Discretionary Fund collection date:  
**Sunday, May 1, 2022**



We do and will accept free will donations at any time.  
You can [give online](#) or [contact our office](#) for more information.

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**COGS DUNEDIN**  
Is looking for additional  
*Servers and Acolytes*

We would love to add your friendly face to our teams of Ushers, Readers, Acolytes, or other servers. Contact Pat Cates for more info.

### Servers Needed!

We are always on the lookout for new persons to serve on Sundays for both services, particularly during the summer months when folks are on vacation or have returned north.

Positions include:

- Crucifers - carry the cross and help on the Altar during Communion
- Lectors - read from the scripture
- POP persons - lead the Prayers of the People
- Ushers - greet worshippers, hand out bulletins, and assist persons to their seat
- Acolyte (server) opportunities - for children, teens, and adults.

Training is offered for each duty.

Thank you for your interest. Please contact Pat Cates, [cpatcates@gmail.com](mailto:cpatcates@gmail.com), for further information or to volunteer.

### STAMP OUT HUNGER Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, May 14, 2022

After a long, two year pause, the single largest food collection and packing effort in the nation is back! Volunteers are need to help sort and load at local post offices and at [Hope Villages of America](#) Food Bank (formerly RCS Pinellas) on Druid St, Clearwater.

For more information or to sign up for a volunteer



position and time, please visit:  
<https://volunteersignup.org/BKMTJ>



Stamp Out Hunger Signup



### A Note From Our Choirmaster

*"There is a sound of exaltation and victory in the tents of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"*

These are the words of the lectionary Psalm 118 for this past Easter Sunday. The Easter season is here—seven weeks long—and our choirs did an excellent job on Easter Day of helping us be lifted from the somber Lenten time to the time of "Alleluia." Those sounds are unique. Somehow, the old fortissimos are inadequate and we are stretched beyond the usual. Our task as musicians and as parishioners is now to maintain the spirit of that rejoicing in the weeks ahead.

God has blessed this church with talented singers and ringers for which I am truly grateful. It takes commitment and dedication to be in a choir—and up to four hours a week. But each person in the group will likely tell us that the rewards of sharing time and talents keep coming week after week.

May those sounds that lifted us high on Easter Day continue to resonate each Sunday in our hearts. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

--Tom Huffman  
Organist/Choirmaster

The last Sunday School class of the '21-'22 school year will be held  
on  
**Sunday, May 22, 2022.**

All are invited to celebrate the end of the school season with our children after the 10 AM service.

Sunday school classes will then resume in Aug/Sept 2022.





## Supporting Humanitarian Response to the Crisis in Ukraine

Episcopal Relief & Development is mobilizing with Anglican agencies and other partners in order to provide humanitarian assistance to people fleeing the violence in Ukraine.

[Press Release](#)

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[Prayers During Disasters](#)

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



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## Celebrations

Give thanks to those whose lives touch ours!

Let us celebrate with joy and pray for those who have birthdays and anniversaries this week:

### **Birthdays:**

May 3 Carolina Bates  
May 3 Priscilla Bowman  
May 4 Marilyn Stiles  
May 4 Ann Chaplin  
May 4 Estelle Comeau  
May 7 Betty Dieb

### **Anniversaries:**

May 1 Joe & Betty Lombardo  
May 3 Brad & Sarah Guerrie



## PRAYER REQUESTS?

We can help with that.  
Contact the church  
office online with  
prayers to be read  
during the Prayers of  
the People each Sunday.

[cogsdunedin.com/prayer-requests](https://cogsdunedin.com/prayer-requests)

### Prayer Requests *The Week of April 24, 2022*

Lou, Bill G.W., Whitford Family, Joe & Roseanna, Kim L & family, Bridget, John Thomas, Gail-Marie, Joanne Carol, Connor G, Milly & Brian L, Ukraine People & their local families, Tom L, Bonnie L, Colette S, Heather S, Elena G, Joyce C, Ally F, Larry W, Fr. Bob Wagenseil, Cam B, Shirley A, Jolene A, Jay & John, Dick F, Carol B, Lynn H, Elliot T, Juliet, and Lou W.

New requests to be read aloud during Sunday services can now be submitted online. Use the web-form or contact the church office directly.

***Prayers submitted by Thursday at 9:00 a.m. will be included in that Sunday's read list.***

[Prayer Request Form](#)

[Email the Office](#)

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## Masks are Recommended



In accordance with new CDC guidelines, masks are recommended, but not required. However, masks will still be required for those in the Chancel, which includes servers and choir members.



## Opportunities to Worship

Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I  
*In-person worship*

Sunday 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
*Live stream and in-person worship*

Wednesday Worship at 6 PM  
*In-person worship*

[YouTube Live Stream](#)

[Worship Bulletin for Sunday](#)

[Online Book of Common Prayer](#)

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