

MINUTES OF GOOD SHEPHERD ART AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Members present: Mary Lou Bradley, Jim Edwards, Sue Edwards, Judy Miller, Beth Schenk, Ken Schenk and Sally Sternberg

Members absent: Judi Goodge

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Christmas Decorations** – We received several compliments on the Christmas decorations again this year. Notes from this Christmas: We set up three trees on the right side of the stage (trees M, O & S) and placed tree R on the left side of the tabernacle. Tree M was not as dense as the other trees so it should only be used at the back of future displays. We had to string 3 new strands of lights on tree M. Trees O & S are good dense trees with no lighting problems. Tree R had multiple problems with lights and branches, so it was discarded after Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Emptying Storage Trailer** – The construction work in the large back storage area in church was completed so that we could empty the temporary storage trailer in the parking lot. The storage area in the confessional also needed to be emptied to accommodate new office space so we built a shelving unit in the back storage room to place the nativity figures. The Art and Environment committee emptied the trailer and organized the back storage area.
- **Ash Wednesday Decorations** – Setup for Ash Wednesday will happen on Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30 PM following the 6:00 PM Mass. We will put away all the small greenery, leaving the large palms behind the Mary and Joseph statues. We will place the purple cloth on the Ambo. We will use the tin cans, urns, twigs and purple fabric in a display at the front of the stage.
- **Palm Sunday Decorations** – Palm Sunday is targeted as the first weekend back in the church. Spring Break week, which is the week before Palm Sunday, will be used to move everything back into church. Since no Masses will be held that week, we plan to set up for Palm Sunday on Friday, March 27 at 1:00 PM. We have purchased additional artificial palms this year to create some arrangements, so we only ordered palms to be distributed on Palm Sunday. Judy will look into getting some red fabric to drape around the crucifix on the wall. We will try to purchase some tall, narrow vases for the fan palms.
- **Easter Decorations** – We will meet on Friday, April 3 at 8:00 AM to arrange the potted flowers in the planters so that they will be ready to be placed in church on Saturday morning. We will plant the flowers directly in the containers this year to help with the watering and maintenance throughout the Easter season. Judy will order pink, yellow and orange flowers along with ferns. We will also supplement the arrangements with artificial lifelike lilies, hydrangeas and azaleas. We will meet again on Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 AM to decorate for Easter.
- **Pentecost Decorations** – We will set up for Pentecost on Friday, May 22 at 8:00 AM. Only a few committee members are needed.
- **Future Decorations** – We discussed purchasing new large artificial pots of greenery as shown on the new church design. We will also look for a large pot to replace the old pot outside the front entrance to church. We would also like to purchase pots for the Narthex area.
- **2026 Timeline for Lent and Easter Setup** – A timeline for Lent, Holy Week and Easter setup is attached to the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Schenk

2026 TIMELINE LENT, PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, EASTER & PENTECOST SETUP

Below is a timeline for each activity in preparation for Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 6:30 PM (Following 6:00 PM Mass) – (Set up for Ash Wednesday) All Committee Members

- Remove small plants.
- Set up display on stage.
- Hang purple fabric on ambo.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1:00 PM – (Set up for Palm Sunday) All Committee members

- Set up palms in Narthex.
- Set palm arrangements next to ambo and tabernacle.
- Hang red fabric around crucifix.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 6:00 PM – (Set up for Holy Thursday) Judy, Ken and Beth

- Remove palm arrangements; replace with flower arrangements.
- Remove red fabric from crucifix. (TBD)
- Set up bowl, pitcher and towels arrangement at corner of altar platform.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 8:00 AM – (Set up for Good Friday and prepare planters) - All Committee Members

- Get cross out of storage and place in confessional.
- Put purple cloth with small rings sewn to fabric that covers cross in confessional
- Prepare planters with flowers for Easter

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 8:00 AM – (Set up for Easter) All Committee members

- Hang Easter swags in Narthex.
- Set out flower arrangements.
- Set out candles and holders.

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 8:00 AM – (Set up for Pentecost) Some Committee members

- Remove remaining Easter flowers and banner
- Place vases of gladiolas next to tabernacle.