



## Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

*Making space for faith*

### From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Members of the Good Shepherd Family,

In just a couple of weeks, we'll celebrate the most important day in the Christian year.

Because Easter is so late in April this year, we have a better than average chance of a beautiful spring day for this wonderful service, not to mention the highly anticipated Easter Egg Hunt.

But before we get to those happy events, let's take a moment now to remind ourselves that Easter is not mainly about spring or flowers or bunnies or colored eggs. It's about the radical action of God entering human life, experiencing the worst that human life and society can dish up, and triumphing. It's about the One who embodied the love of God being raised from the dead, demonstrating that love wins over sin and death. It's about the day that changed human history as it has never been changes before or since.

And, it's the day that gives the church its reason for being: For we are the people who are now entrusted with the message that eternal life has broken into our time-bound, earthbound existence with a message of hope for all who will listen. We are the people who seek to live like the One who was crucified, knowing that the challenges and trials of human life and service are blessed by God, giving meaning to our struggles.

We are the people who go into the world in the name of the Risen Lord to tell his story and call others to follow him. But even more important, we are the people who are now his eyes and ears, hands and feet. We are the Body of Christ in the world today. We are the presence of the Risen Lord.

This is the moment, now, a few weeks before Easter, to remember what we are about on that day, so that the celebration on that Sunday morning will have the substance and meaning it deserves regardless of whether the sun is shining or not. But it should also remind us that we are always Easter People, that each Sunday is the celebration of the Resurrection, and that every day is an opportunity to be the Body of Christ, including the day those kids stream into our parking lot to look for Easter Eggs. Those kids: we reach out to them in the name of our Risen Lord.

I look forward to that, to being the presence of Christ. I know this church does as well.

Happy Easter!

Jack Carlson





Deacons

Food Closet—We are in need of food & funds for the closet. Non-perishable food, laundry supplies, bathroom items and paper products are all needed.

Coffee Hour - Please take a look at the sign up sheet and determine when you might help with light refreshments. This can be shared with another person or persons if you wish. If you have any questions please ask any Deacon.

Redner's Tapes - Remember to bring in any and all tapes. We collect them all year long! If you are not familiar with this outreach please ask a Deacon or Elder.

Shepherd's Kids & Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt

April 16

10:00-12:00

Thousands of Eggs - 45 Seconds of Fun!!



In March Shepherd's Kids learned about things that are always there. We read "The Knowing Book". The children told me that God is always there; that He is always with us and that is something we can count on. The children drew a picture with crayons and then painted a blue "wash" over it. The second week, the children listened to a story about a Leprechaun, Gram, and her granddaughter Ninny Nanny. Together we learned that we must do helping chores to help the people who care for us keep us safe. The children finished their paintings by adding a child playing or running to their painting. Our next Shepherd's Kids is April 12 and 19. Hope to see you there!! Many hands are always needed.

Women's Association

2017 Activity Dates:

Thursday, April 13 10:00 AM

Circle Bible Study Lesson 8 – According to Other Abrahamic faiths

(bring your lunch)

Following lunch – fill the Easter Eggs for the Saturday, April 15 Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday April 27 10:00 AM 4th Thursday

Program: Card Making (bring your lunch and card making supplies – old cards, trims, envelopes)



Humming Bird



PILLOWCASE DRESSES

We would like to thank the members of the GSPC Women's Association and all the members of the GSPC family who, once again, made our Pillowcase Project a success by contributing pillowcases, money and time. Fifteen ladies met on three Thursday mornings and were able to complete the construction of 50 dresses. Over the past 5 years, we have sent approximately 335 dresses to a variety of developing countries, including a Native American reservation in South Dakota. This year, our dresses will be delivered to Honduras by the Mission Team of Towson Presbyterian during the week of April 10th. Like the legend of the hummingbird, we may be small in numbers but we can make a contribution that will bring joy and God's love to others.

God bless, Joan Pugh, Ellyn Hooper, MaryKaye Kent, Project



### Holy Week at Good Shepherd



#### Palm Sunday — April 9

Morning worship on this day will be a royal celebration of the triumphant entry of our Lord into Jerusalem. Join us for praises and palms at our regular worship hour, 11:00am. "Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." This service will also include the parade of palms.

#### Maundy Thursday – April 13

At 7:00 in the evening we will gather to commemorate Jesus’ institution of the Lord’s Supper. We will gather around the Lord’s Table to share the meal, remember the Upper Room, and experience the Garden.

On this night of all nights, Christians should come together and share the sign of the real presence of Christ in our lives. Make plans to attend this worship service.

#### Good Friday – April 14

We will gather for worship at 7:00pm to reflect on the death of our Lord. Come and experience the sorrow of sorrows as the lights are extinguished at the final moments. In order to experience Easter Day in its fullness it is necessary to follow in the Way of Suffering.

#### Holy Saturday – April 15

**Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am.** All children are invited to come for the egg hunt. This is a great experience for children and adults too!

#### Easter Worship – April 16

### HE IS RISEN!!! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!!!

11:00am --- is the time for our regular worship celebration. This morning looks to be a wonderful expression of the truth that we are a resurrection people. In a blossoming burst of music, word, and community we will sing and shout the victory of life over death, and we will celebrate Christ’s resurrection in a Feast of Victory around the Lord’s Table.

### Let us worship God!!

### Ushers / Tellers

**Ushers:**

- April 2 Petnic, Workman
- April 9 Tich, McKemy, Morgan
- April 16 Douglas, Webster, Starke
- April 23 Maas, Wronowski
- April 30 Hooper, Young

**Tellers:**

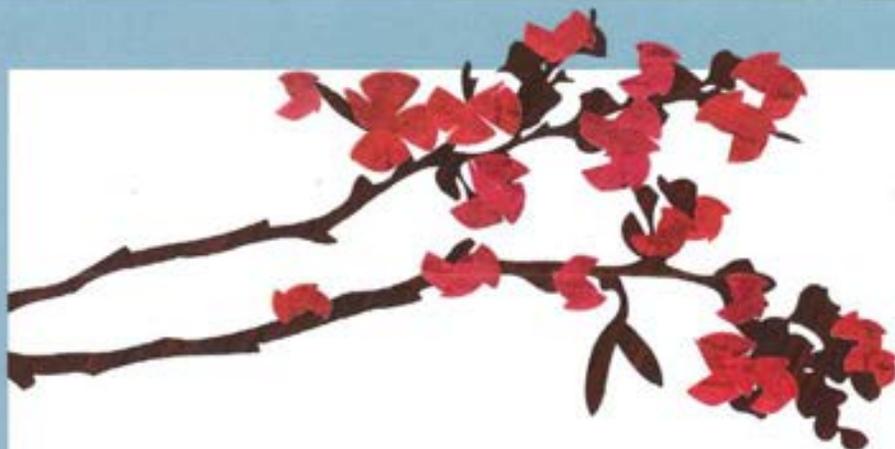
- Terry, Bohns
- Starke, Webster
- Tich, Pfoutz
- Kent, PreVatte
- Hooper, Petnic

### Prayer List



Philip Pugh, Wayne Weich, Lesley & Mike Pinkosz, Diana Ciccotelli, Rodger & Vyona Bultena, Ed Matthai, Mike McKemy, Ron Bartlett, Darlene Burton, Lynda Bates, Nick Jackson, Suzy Phillips, Mike Tich, Martha Soles, Jeff Rubin, Giordano/Medley Family, **Rachel Harmen, Jeff Blanton, Cindy PreVatte’s** stepdaughter, Justin Rawls, Christin & Family

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SAVE THE DATE:  
**GSPC SPRING FLING**  
VENDORS, YARD SALE, CRAFTS  
FOR SALE, CHILDREN'S GAMES

**JUNE 10, 2017**  
**8AM-2PM**

GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
622 JOPPA FARM ROAD, JOPPA, MD 21085

Save the date for Good Shepherd's Spring Fling and Yard Sale! There will be craft and direct sales vendors, yard sale shopping, food, children's games, and fun for all! If you are interested in renting yard sale or vendor space, please contact Ashley or Chris. (Spaces: \$20 yard sale or \$40 vendor)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE A SPACE PLEASE CONTACT:  
ASHLEY: ASHBARNES3@YAHOO.COM OR CHRIS: 443-286-0655

More information to come. A sign up sheet for volunteers will be available after Easter week.

**Come to buy, or come to sell. Vendors, Crafts,  
Yard sales spaces available.  
PASS THE WORD**



## Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 13, 2017

10:00–11:30

Upper Room

*Who is Jesus? – What a Difference a Lens Makes*

### BIBLE STUDY

**LESSON 8 – *Who is Jesus according to Other Abrahamic Faiths***

**KEY SCRIPTURE:** Galatians 4:23-29 (Check Study Guide p. 78 for background scripture readings.)

**KEY IDEA:** The Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) all share the patriarch Abraham in their traditions and comprise the three major monotheistic religions in the world today. While Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, for Christianity alone, it is important to understand how Jesus is viewed in the other two traditions.

**LENS:** Christianity's sister Abrahamic faiths: Judaism and Islam.

Perhaps you have a friend, family member or co-worker of a different faith. (Judaism, Islam, Mormon, Unitarian-Universalist ) How does their faith view Jesus? What is their scripture base? Be prepared to share at our lesson the lens through which they view Jesus.

We will be combining Lesson 7 & 9 at our May gathering.

**PRAYER LEADER:** Sarah

**HOSPITALITY:** Jo White and Norma Webster

**BRING A LUNCH**



April 13, 2017

10:00

## Interim Search Committee

On March 9, 2017, the session asked four members of the congregation to serve on a search committee for our interim pastor. SongHee (Donna) Baranowski, Rita Garrity, Farrell Maddox, and Robert Terry each agreed to serve. On Monday, March 13, 2017, the committee gathered to write a job description. SongHee blessed our meeting with prayer, asking that God might lead us as we prepared for, and carried out our search. By the end of that evening we were able to send Pastor Jack Carlson a job description. He approved as read and suggested that we send it on to Jackie Taylor, General Presbyter, Presbytery of Baltimore. We are now in the process of receiving Personal Information Forms from interested candidates. Next steps will include the drafting of interview questions, interviews, and finally the committee's recommendation. We ask for your continued prayer that God will guide us in the decision making process and Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church will continue to grow and be a strong spiritual resource for our community and world..."Making Space for Faith"



# A P R I L 2 0 1 7

Sunday, 2	The Story Study 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00—Pot Luck Sunday
Wednesday, 5	Deacons 6:45 Choir 7:30
Sunday, 9	<b>Palm Sunday</b> NO Story Study Community Parade of Palms 10:45 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Wednesday, 12	<b>Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:30</b> Choir 7:30
Thursday, 13	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Women's Bible Study 10:00 Worship 7:00
Friday, 14	<b>Good Friday</b> Worship 7:00
Saturday, 15 Sunday, 16	Easter Egg Hunt 10:00-12:00 <b>Resurrection of the Lord</b> Worship 11:00
Wednesday, 19	<b>Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00</b> Choir 9:30
Sunday, 23	The Story Study 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Wednesday, 26 Thursday, 27	Choir 7:30 <b>Women's Association 10:00</b>
Saturday, 29 Sunday, 30	<b>Children's Program Open House 10:00</b> The Story Study 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00



### Story Study

- April 2 9:30**  
Chapter 25
- April 9 & 16**  
NO Story Study
- April 23 9:30**  
Chapter 26
- April 30 9:30**  
Chapter 27

### New Address

Bob & Darlene Barr  
205 Doncaster Road  
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### Happy & Happy

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 9 Robert Walko*
- 10 Tony Bruno*
- 18 Mildred Fike*
- 22 Brittany Brodeen*
- 26 Ray Benser*





**April 30, 2017**  
**Deer Creek Chorale Spring Concert**  
**“Music and Memory”**

Mark your calendars now for this major concert event! *Music and Memory Collaboration Concert* at Kraushaar Auditorium, Goucher College at 4:00 p.m. (1021 Dulaney Valley Rd. Baltimore, MD 21204).

The Deer Creek Chorale, the Goucher Choirs, and guest conductor **Bruce Rogers** will present a collaborative concert on the theme of music and memory. We have each had moments when hearing a particular song brought a strong memory to mind, and seemed to transport us elsewhere. This is more than a simply pleasant phenomenon. Music is increasingly used to help Alzheimer patients, as Oliver Sacks said, “reacquire [their] identity” as “it will call the whole person.” This concert program will feature several pieces that illustrate the power of music to trigger memory and bring hope, including to those who have lost memory.

The program will present the mid-Atlantic premiere of **Robert Cohen’s “Alzheimer’s Stories,”** which dramatically interprets Dr. Alzheimer’s discovery of the disease, shares amusing and moving stories and experiences of patients, and conveys words of comfort and hope for caregivers. Audience members may find some of these experiences to be personally familiar, with a deeper appreciation for the powerful role music plays in summoning memory and connecting patients with their friends and family. Soprano **Carolyn Black-Sotir** and baritone **Thomas Beard** will be featured performers, along with a professional orchestra. Mr. Cohen will be present for the performance.

The concert will also feature the world premiere of a new work commissioned by the Deer Creek Chorale, *“Three Memories,”* composed by Goucher College faculty member and Director of Choral Activities **Daniel McDavitt**, as well as a performance by the Deer Creek Youth Choir. The concert will be held at Goucher College as part of a whole weekend of Alzheimer awareness activities including a pre-concert Alzheimer Awareness Panel Forum from 2:30-3:15 p.m., and a video presentation beginning at 3:45. Don’t miss this extraordinary event!

**Seating Options:**

**Premium Center Seats: \$30 (Adults, Seniors, Students)**

**Side seating \$25 - Back/Front Seating \$20**

**Discount seating also available:**

**Seniors 60+: \$15 (side seating)**

**Students with ID: \$10 (Side seating)**

To purchase tickets, please go to:

<http://deercreekchorale.org/concert-season-and-events/past-concert-seasons/>