



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

Making space for faith

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you in 2017!



The Christmas tree is beginning to look a little worse for wear, and the lights have lost their excitement as we have been viewing them now for a number of weeks. Ah, but there is still one last unopened gift....

But, there is still that unopened gift? What is it? It is the start of a whole new year. The gift we are given is time. As I grow older (we all are doing that!) I realize how short the years are quickly becoming. Wow, it seems like only yesterday that 2016 began and here we are at 2017! It seems like just a few days ago we were in shorts and tee shirts; now that would look strange. To top it all off, as nearly as I can tell, the Halloween candy still tastes fresh!

Hey, where does the time go? Time does march on----often too fast and only on occasion does time seem to go too slow (waiting at the doctor's office, the Emissions Test line, standing before the microwave waiting for water to boil). Either way, time does march on. The gift we are given is one of time. This year remains yet "unopened". What we will do with it remains to be seen and experienced.

Time truly is a gift we ought to use wisely and faithfully. Time can be wasted, but the gospel call is to the urgent and right use of time. Let me suggest some good uses of our time in the New Year.

Use 1: Do not be afraid to start all over again. There is no shame in beginning again. Just because something did not work once, does not mean it won't work again. Give it a try---this may be your time.

Use 2: Live joyfully. It says in Isaiah 12:3: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." With joy.... God has made us a people of joy. Now is the time to let that joy come through loud and clear. Laugh. Sing. Dance. Celebrate God in your life!!

Use 3: Make positive choices. Too often we make choices that are of no benefit to anyone---not ourselves or others. We even choose self-destructive ways. Change that---make positive choices for your life. You choose where your life goes from here---the Holy Spirit stands ready, willing, and able to help you make choices.

Use 4: Help others. Do for others and you will realize how good you feel. It's a good use of time. Use 5: Set goals for the month and year. Get busy with attaining them.

Use 6: Love those God has given you. That means family, friends, neighbors, church, community....Love, love, love. Love is never wrong.

Unwrap the gift of time and discover the truth which our Lord shows us---Love is the gift that keeps on giving! Love to one and love to all!

Blessings,

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Deacons

The Deacons would like to thank everyone for the generous donations to the Harford Family House. We had a generous amount of donations, and they were delivered on Monday, December 19th. We are such a giving church and always answer the call. Well done!

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

Costumes, costumes, costumes. Every kid loves to wear a costume. In December we dressed up as shepherds, wise ones, angels, Mary, and Joseph. The kids had so much fun wearing those costumes that even after they wore them in church on Sunday, December 18th, they insisted on wearing them for our second Shepherd's Kid in December on the 21st. The angels sang, "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine," while the shepherds and wise ones said, "Wow!" and "Amazing!"

Our Shepherd's Kids dates for January are the 11th and 18th at 5:30pm.

Join us for the fun!



Women's Association 2017 Dates.....Humming Bird

The Women's groups have many activities planned for the New Year! Please plan to join us for our Bible Studies and for our "Hummingbird" missions.

Thursday, January 12 10:00 AM
Circle Bible Study Lesson 5 – According to Paul

Thursday, January 26 10:00 AM
Make Valentine bags for the Sharing Table

Please bring pre-packaged candies, crackers, snacks, etc. to fill the bags.

Fill the PDA Hygiene Kit bags

Pillowcase Dresses Project : Joan Pugh, Elyn Hooper, Mary Kaye Kent
In February and March we will begin making our pillowcase dresses. Pillowcases, trims, and bindings are needed for this project. Please begin bringing in those supplies now so that we can supplement as needed.

Dates for making dresses:

- Thursday February 23**
- Thursday March 2**
- Thursday March 23**

PILLOWCASE DRESSES



Beginning on February 23, the members of the Women's Association will once again embark on the Pillowcase Dress project. This will be our fifth year. With the contributions of the GSPC family, they have made and donated close to 300 dresses which have gone to Haiti, Zambia, Malawi and the Pine Ridge Reservation of South Dakota. Once again, we are seeking pillowcases for use with this project. Know anyone who is clearing out a home, downsizing? Check out the Thrift Stores. Ask the members of other groups you may belong to.

We will begin collecting the dresses in January & February. Please give them to Elyn Hooper or Mary Kaye Kent or in the basket in the narthex. The pillowcases should be cotton or cotton blend. Plain, trimmed, prints of stripes, flowers are ideal. Horizontal picture designs don't lend themselves to the vertical direction of the dress.



The Sharing Table

Dear Good Shepherd members and friends,

Feb 11, 2017 is our first date to serve the guests at The Sharing Table, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 2600 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood; about a block beyond Edgewood High School.

We need your participation to make this ministry a success. A few of our regular participants will not be available this time; so we really need others to volunteer their time and talents to ensure the success of our service.

Should you be willing to prepare a casserole, the pans and recipe are located behind the door in the Church Office. The recipe is enough to fill two aluminum baking pans. If you do not care to prepare casseroles, but would be willing to assist in serving the meal, you need to know the following:

- ⇒ Sign up on the schedule sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

- ⇒ The time to arrive at Prince of Peace (use the entrance on the backside of the church) is 10 a.m.
- ⇒ The first items of business will be to set up the dining hall and getting the meal items prepared.
- ⇒ Meal service starts at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m.
- ⇒ After serving the meal, we must then clean the dining hall and kitchen

If you feel you would not be able to stay the entire time, but could assist with the cleaning at the end of the day, you should indicate that and your arrival time would be 1:00 p.m.

The Women’s Group will celebrate Valentine’s Day with special gifts for the guests. We do hope you will consider joining us for this very special service for those in our community who benefit from it.

Our next date of service will be August 12, 2017.

Women’s Bible Study

Thursday, January 12—10:00 am – 11:30 am Upper Room

Who is Jesus? – What a Difference a Lens Makes

BIBLE STUDY-LESSON 5 – According to Paul

READ THE FOLLOWING: 1Corinthians 1:118-25; 2:1-2; 2Corinthians 5:17-20; Philippians 2:1-4; Acts 18

KEY IDEA: Paul stresses that the cross of Christ is central to understanding true discipleship.

PRAYER LEADER:

LENS: The cross and the risen Christ Joan Pugh

Please bring a decorative object or a piece of jewelry of a cross to be used as part of our discussion.

BAG LUNCH

Sharing Table-Ladies

Donations for the February Sharing Table

Other than the Valentine Bags that we are filling for the Sharing Table participants, we would also like to donate new or gently used clothing such as coats, scarves, winter hats, and gloves. These items will be taken to Sharing Table on Saturday February 11 when it is our turn to serve.

These items can be brought in starting January 29 through February 5.

We need the whole church to help us in this project!

THANK YOU!!!!

Ushers / Tellers

Ushers:

- Jan. 1 Petnic, Workman
- Jan. 8 Tich, McKemy, Morgan
- Jan. 15 Douglas, Webster, Starke
- Jan. 22 Maas, Wronowski
- Jan. 29 Hooper, Young

Tellers:

- Lawson, Terry
- 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, Joshua Pinkosz, Barb & Jack Baerwald, Jack Sullivan, Cecelia Davis, Valerie, Leighton, June Gnagy, Nick Jackson, Allen Estep, Sherry & Howie Dunn

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JANUARY 2017

Sunday, 1	Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00	
Wed. 4	Deacons 6:45 Choir 7:30	
Sunday, 8	The Story Study 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00	
Tuesday, 10	The Story Study 9:30	
Wed. 11	Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00 Choir 7:30	
Thursday, 12	Women's Bible Study 10:00 Session 7:00	
Sunday, 15	The Story Study 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00	
Tuesday, 17	The Story Study 9:30	
Wed. 18	Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00 Choir 7:30	
Sunday, 22	The Story Study 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00	
Tuesday, 24	The Story Study 9:30	
Wed. 25	Choir 7:30	
Thursday, 26	Women's Association 10:00	
Sunday, 29	The Story Study 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00	
Tuesday, 31	The Story Study 9:30	



Story Study

- January 8-10 9:30**
Chapter 14 A Kingdom Torn in Two
- January 15-17 9:30**
Chapter 15 God's Messengers
- January 22-24 9:30**
Chapter 16 The Beginning of the End
- January 29-31 9:30**
Chapter 17 The Kingdoms' Fall

Happy & Happy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 7, 1967
Hazel and Jim Morgan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 9 Matthew Ciccotelli
- 11 Seaver Shunk
- 14 Jeff Withrow
- 18 Suzanne Phillips
- 20 Helen Cunion
- 21 Norma Webster
- 30 Betty Walko

