



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

Making space for faith



From the Pastor's Pen

Christian Education: Do I Hafta?

Ministers. They're always pushing people to go to Sunday School. What's wrong with them? Don't they know that we got all that as kids? We went through Confirmation in, like, the seventh grade. We're good, thanks.

If you are one of those folks who haven't been to a Bible Study or other Sunday School class in decades, I'd like to encourage you to give Adult Christian Education a try. It's a way for us to grow in our faith. To learn more about what the Lord wants of us. To grow into our identities as Adult Children of God. To approach the Bible, theology, Christian ethics, or whatever the subject is, not with the mind of a 12-year-old but with our adult minds. To bring God's Word to bear on adult issues. To learn from the insights of other adults. To grow in God's joy and peace.

And if you've been doing this all along, *yay!* Can you imagine your life without all that you've learned and shared in Adult Ed all these years?

We're starting an Adult Sunday School class here at Good Shepherd on **Sunday, October 8** at **9:30 AM**, in the **Upper Room**. It will be taught each week by one of our team of four facilitators: **Bob Barr, Delores Barr, Kathy Young, and me**. We'll start with a curriculum that delves into the scriptures for that Sunday (*Feasting on the Word*), and we'll see where we go from there.

There's nothing you need to prepare. Just come!

Do you have to? No. But you get to!

I'd love to see you there.

Interim Process: Assessing Who We Are

One of the things that has to happen in every church interim process is some kind of ministry assessment. This is a chance for the congregation to take a step back and look at who they are. Not who they'd like to be or who they used to be, but who they are now.

The assessment process we will use at Good Shepherd consists of a series of three congregational gatherings: the first to look at our past, the second at our present, and the third at our future. A team of people—Chris Bohns, Farrell Maddox, Cindy PreVatte, Norma Webster, and Rev. Gay—has begun planning these gatherings, which will allow everyone in the congregation to have a voice in the assessment.

You can put the first of these gatherings on your calendar: It will be on **Sunday, Nov. 12** after worship, and will last an hour and a half, including lunch (fried chicken and sides from Redners). We will ask that you let us know that you're coming so we can have the right amount of food—more on that later.



Session Highlights: September 14, 2017

In an effort to keep the congregation informed of what's going on at Session meetings, we are committing to reporting on each meeting in the next *Yarn*.

Church members are always welcome at Session meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00.

Officers. The following people were elected: Mary Kaye Kent as Clerk of Session, Ellie Pfoutz as Treasurer, and Cindy PreVatte as Commissioner to the Presbytery.

Mission Study As Rev. Gay mentioned in the last newsletter, a ministry assessment will assist Good Shepherd in searching for the pastor with the best fit. Three church-wide gatherings are being planned so that all members can participate in the assessment. Each of the gatherings will focus on one of three topics: the past (who we are, what's our history); now (current demographics, what are our strengths and weaknesses); and the future (who God is calling GSPC to be). Oh, of course there will be food!

Parking Lot Project Ah. There is nothing like shiny, new macadam and bright, white lines. If nothing unforeseen happens, we should be admiring our new parking lot by the middle of October. In addition to the surface scraping and resurfacing of the lot, six new handicapped parking places will be built close to the church. This will give the congregation a total of 8 to 10 handicapped spots. Kudos to Gary Workman, Jim Petnic, Mike McKemy and Mike Bohns for managing the construction details.

Review of Membership Rolls The review of church membership rolls to determine who are active church members is wrapping up. In October, letters will be sent to people who have neither attended nor supported the church in more than two years, asking them if they would like to remain on the rolls and inviting them back into active membership.

The Women's Retreat Just a gentle reminder to mark your calendar. The retreat, to be led by Rev. Gay, will be Saturday, Nov. 4 at Christ Our King Presbyterian in Bel Air. The subject will be *Feeding Our Hungers: Beyond Wine and Chocolate*.

Women's Bible Study

Thursday, October 12, 2017 10:00 – 11:30 Upper Room

Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews



BIBLE STUDY-LESSON 2 – In Community with the LIVING GOD

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 1:1-4; Exodus 3:1-7; 19:16-25; Hebrews 12:18-24; 8:10; Jeremiah 31:31-34

MAIN IDEA: We can find the living God in the "ideal covenant; not a set of rules written on stone, but a life of faith inscribed on the heart—a faith that is alive". (*Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 8:10*)

CONTEMPLATION: What attribute or quality of God's character is most important to you and your community?

Prayer leader: Sarah, Cloud of Witnesses: Dolores

Hospitality: Winsome & Elaine

WE WILL BE GOING OUT FOR LUNCH



TRUNK OR TREAT AT GSPC

Sunday, October 22, 1:00-4:00

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

622 Joppa Farm Road

Please join us for a Trunk or Treat event followed by a not so spooky Halloween party featuring music, snacks, games, facepainting, and lots of fun! All are welcomed!



If you are interested in volunteering to bring your trunk and treats to give out, please email Ashley at ashbarnes3@yahoo.com to reserve your space as spots are limited to the first 20 volunteers.

A prize will be given for the best decorated trunk!





The Yarn

Deacons Happy Fall!



The deacons are excited to be back in session. We had our first meeting and are currently in the process of reorganizing our team and filling positions.

Rev. Jeanne was instrumental in assisting with the Book of Order for Deacons. Our mission will be to address a ministry of Compassion, Witness, and Service. We will have three areas : Hospitality, Outreach, and Caring/Compassion. Hopefully, this will allow us to meet the needs of our church.

Our next planned Outreach for members and community will be a Trunk or Treat.

This will take place October 22nd, from 1-4pm. Please look for more details to come. Ashley Andrews and Chris Bohns are available to answer any questions.

COFFEE HOUR - New sign up sheet is available for your signature. October 1st is Potluck Sunday, please bring a covered dish of your choice, and a Food Pantry item.

REDNERS - Always collecting your receipts!

Shepherd's Kids

We kicked off Shepherd's Kids 2017-18 on September 13th and 20th. Many of our regulars returned and we were also joined by five new friends. Each night we had 25 young people attend. It is truly a joy to watch the children interact with the adults and other children while learning about the grace of God. **Our theme for this year is "God wants us to fill our lives with love"** We can assure this by doing three things: Do what is right, be kind to one another, and make friends with God.

We encourage members of the congregation to spread the word to your neighbors. If they know children, who are potty trained, invite them to join us. We meet the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7:00. Dinner is served and we have an evening of fun activities. We also encourage members of the congregation to join us. We will meet on October 11 and 18 this month.



Women's Association



Our second Bible Study will be on **Thursday, October 12 at 10:00**. See the separate Yarn announcement which explains all about this event. Remember to bring any "stone wall" pictures as we start our collection. We are going out to Richardson's on Ebenezer Road for lunch following the study.

If you missed the first class, no worry, each class is a separate unit. **On Thursday, October 26 at 10:00** we will have our second **4th Thursday Program**.

Valerie Davis will give a talk on Foreign and Local "Community" Outreach. Valerie works for **Catholic Relief Services** and travels all over the world as needed.

The **First Sunday Food Pantry Donation Drive** has been quite successful! It has drawn our attention to the needs of our community and of how many use this needed mission of our church. **THANKS TO EACH OF YOU!!** Our next donation date will be **October 1**.

Ushers

Ushers:

Oct. 1 Petnic, Workman

Oct . 8 Tich, McKemy, Morgan

Oct. 15 Douglas, Webster, Starke

Oct. 22 Maas, Wronowski

Oct. 29 Hooper, Young

Tellers:

M. Bohns, Kent

Starke, Webster

Pfutz, Tich

PreVatte, J. Workman

Hooper, C. Maas

Readers:

S. Thompson

D. Barr

S. Baranowski

K. Young

C. PreVatte

Tellers

Readers



The Yarn

Officers

ELDERS:

Class of 2018

Gary Workman
Mary Kaye Kent
Jerry Tich
Lynn Villa

Class of 2019

Sounghee Baranowski
Hazel Morgan
Gail Wronowski

Class of 2020

Cindy PreVatte
Ellie Pfoutz
Farrell Maddox
Mike Bohns
Valerie Davis

DEACONS:

Class of 2018

Becky McKemy
Norma Webster
Susan Luu

Class of 2019

Clay Maas
Elaine Tich
Chris Bohns

Class of 2020

Redet Fiseha
Ashley Andrews
Allen Wronowski

Prayer List

Philip Pugh, Wayne Weich, Lesley & Mike Pinkosz, Diana Ciccotelli, Rodger & Vyona Bultena, Ed Matthai, Mike McKemy, Darlene Burton, Lynda Bates, Suzy Phillips, John Sapp, Bill Hanna, Steve Morgan, Dr. Whiteford, Steve Rapley, Barbara Shreeive, The Poindexter Family, Mike Carter, Jim Heatwale, The Meute Family, The Vi Smith Family, Rev. Schutz, Gail Wronowski.



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Happy & Happy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 20, 2001
Clay & Vickie Maas

October 22, 1966
Wayne & Joan Douglas

October 30, 1993
Ricky & Di Ciccotelli

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6 Lamie Chiongola

9 Tim Morgan

14 Bob Barr

21 Ricky Ciccotelli

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Becky McKemy

Bev Shear

28 John Pandoliano

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Sunday, 1	Worship 11:00 1st Sunday Pot-Luck Lunch 12:00 1st Sunday Food Closet—Donations
Wednesday, 4	Deacons 6:45 Choir 7:30
Sunday, 8	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Wednesday, 11	Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00 Choir 7:30
Thursday, 12	Women's Bible Study 10:00 Session 7:30
Sunday, 15	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Wednesday, 18	Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00 Choir 7:30
Sunday, 22	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00 Trunk or Treat 1:00-4:00
Wednesday, 25	Choir 7:30
Thursday, 26	Women's Association 10:00
Sunday, 29	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00

First Sunday

Food Pantry Collection Sunday

Please help our food closet by donating non-perishable food items. Cash donations are always welcomed.

Pot Luck Coffee Hour, bring something to share for coffee hour.