



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

*Making space for faith*

## From the Pastor's Pen



Dear Members and Friends of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church,

I am writing this during my final moments in the office at Good Shepherd. Here I have studied the Word of God, prepared sermons and lessons, and met with you in order to both talk and share life together. I am thankful for the many years of ministry that has taken place. It is almost hard for me to believe that I will no longer be at my desk with Dorothy in the other room and us talking back and forth about which communion hymn we will use for Sunday.

Yet, I am so very thankful for all those times and memories.

I am also deeply grateful for the incredible day I experienced on January 29, 2017. Our final worship celebration together will always be for me a highlight and joy of my life. The words of Rita, Bill, and Donna touched my heart. The song of the choir, and the prayer Cindy offered, along with the joyous singing of the whole congregation has all made a lasting impression on me. Singing with the choir, "In His Love" -- thank you for that!

Thank you for being you! You are this beautiful church that I have loved in these years of my life. You are an incredible collage of God's creation and I celebrate you!

I wish you love. I pray you love. I pray the blessing of God upon you.

Keep "changing lives and growing in God's love."

Love,  
Daris



### Deacons

The Deacons had a successful planning meeting in January. We plan to have some new, fun church family and community events in 2017. The details are being worked out and more information will follow.

To begin our new year we will continue with an old favorite, and that is movie night. Please mark your calendar to join us on **February 12th**. We will begin the night with a **potluck dinner at 6 pm**. Our movie is **God's Not Dead**. The movie is a Drama/Comedy where a college freshman and devout Christian is challenged by his Philosophy Professor to prove God's existence.

Join us, bring a neighbor, a relative. It is most important we come together as a strong church family. See you there!

### Shepherd's Kids

**Shepherd's Kids**  
**February 8 & 15**  
**5:30-7:00**

### Women's Association

#### 2017 Activity Dates:

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, February 9 10:00 AM

Circle Bible Study Lesson 6 – According to Hebrews

#### Pillowcase Dresses Project : Joan Pugh, Ellyn 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



The GSPC Women are getting ready to embark on their Pillowcase Dress Ministry. This will be their 6<sup>th</sup> year of transforming everyday pillowcases into adorable dresses for young girls living in developing areas of the world. They have constructed and donated approximately 350 dresses. Ellyn Hooper has donated at least 240 of these dresses. They've gone to Haiti, Zambia, and the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. This year they will be taken by the mission group of Towson Presbyterian Church to Honduras – April 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### HOW CAN YOU BE A PART OF THIS MINISTRY

**Donate pillowcases** – They don't have to be new. Should be cotton blend. Can be plain or have colorful designs. Can be found in thrift stores, Walmart, or in the back of your linen closet.

**Ask your friends** to ask their friends for pillowcases or a financial donation.

**Donate coupons** for JoAnn Fabrics, Michaels

**Join the women** for fellowship in a simple project no sewing skill required.

**Volunteer to sew.**

**PROJECT DATES:** Feb. 23, March 2, March 16 - 10:00 - Upper Room



### The Sharing Table

Feb 11 is our first date to serve the guests at The Sharing Table, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 2006 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood.

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

1. Sign up sheet bulletin board by office
2. The time to arrive at Prince of Peace (use the entrance on the backside of the church) 10 am

3. The first items of business will be to set up the dining hall & getting the meal items prepared.
4. Meal served 11:30-1:00P.M.
5. 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 12:30 p.m.

Remember, the Women of the Church are collecting gently used clothing; shoes, belts, etc. to distribute to our guests who can use them. Bring your items to the Church on Sunday, Feb 5, or bring them with you to Prince of Peace on Feb 11. We hope you can join us for this special event.

### Women’s Bible Study



Thursday, February 9, 2017 10:00 – 11:30 Upper Room

Who is Jesus? – What a Difference a Lens Makes

BIBLE STUDY-LESSON 5 – Who is Jesus according to Hebrews

READ THE FOLLOWING: Book of Hebrews 1-6; 12-13

KEY SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 12:1-2

KEY IDEA: The Book of Hebrews encourages believers to hold fast to their faith in times of adversity, to remain firm in their commitment to Jesus who has run this race before us and now reigns in glory with God.

LENS: We are called to be strong in the faith and through this lens, we are able to see the person and work of Jesus, the one who makes that faith possible.

PRAYER LEADER: Ellie

WE WILL BE GOING OUT FOR LUNCH-DUNKIN’ DONUTS

### 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:

- Feb. 5 Petnic, Workman
- Feb. 12 Tich, McKemy, Morgan
- Feb 19 Douglas, Webster, Starke
- Feb. 26 Maas, Wronowski

#### Tellers:

- Lawson, Terry
- Starke, Webster
- Tich, Pfoutz
- Kent, PreVatte

### 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, Valerie, Leighton, June Gnagy, Nick Jackson, Allen Estep, Sherry & Howie Dunn, Susan Luu, Corey Costley, Jenson Carter, Sally Butler

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FEBRUARY 2017

Wednesday, 1 Deacons 6:45  
Choir 7:30

Sunday, 5 The Story Study 9:30  
Worship 11:00   
Coffee 12:00

Wednesday, 8 **Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00**  
Choir 7:30

Thursday, 9 **Women's Bible Study 10:00**  
Session 7:00

Saturday, 11 Sharing Table

Sunday, 12 Story Study 9:30  
Worship 11:00  
Coffee 12:00  
Pot Luck & Movie Night 6:00

Wednesday, 15 **Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00**  
Choir 7:30

Sunday, 19 The Story Study 9:30  
Worship 11:00  
Coffee 12:00

Monday, 20 Office Closed

Wednesday, 22 Choir 7:30

Thursday, 23 **Women's Association**

Sunday, 26 The Story Study 9:30  
Worship 11:00  
Coffee 12:00



**Found in Faith Ministries**

**MISSION?????**

What does that word mean at Good Shepherd? Right now it means the Food Closet, Sharing Table, Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Harford House and even Shepherd's Kids.

And it will mean more each month as we share Mission opportunities and information for all of us at Good Shepherd.

**GOT STUFF?**

Fresh Start Furniture Ministry, part of Found in Faith Ministries, provides furniture and household goods to those in transition. As you downsize, there may be someone who can use your old "Stuff". Contact Alicia Hamilton at 443-307-9942 or alicia@foundinfaithMD.org

**Story Study**



February 5  
Chapter 17 9:30

February 12  
Chapter 18 9:30

February 19  
Chapter 19 9:30

February 26  
Chapter 20 9:30

**Happy & Happy**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**February 14, 1983**

Ellyn and Ed Hooper

**February 15, 2008**

Ann and Jon Bornstein



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**10** David Burns

Linda Link

**19** Daris Bultena

**20** Brianna Luu

**22** Valerie David

Gary Workman