



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

Making space for faith

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church,

“Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!”



If those words sound familiar to you, they should. They are the words used by the Apostle Paul somewhere in the greeting of virtually every letter he wrote. They seem especially appropriate just now.

First of all, these words serve as a reminder to me of the source of my calling, my strength, and my authority as a Minister of the Gospel of Christ, and as the one who has agreed to provide pastor services during these first few weeks and months of the Interim Period here at Good Shepherd. They are words that sustained and inspired me for over 42 years of active ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and its two parent denominations, the UPCUSA and the PCUS, and they will be my source of guidance and direction in the next few months. The grace of God and peace of Christ have always been cornerstones for Christian ministry, and so they now will be for me.

Second, these words testify to the Spirit that is already at work among you. I have literally spent only a few hours on the job, but the grace of God and the peace of Christ are evident in abundance. From the inspiration of Sunday morning music to the example of adults engaged in Bible study together, from the leadership of Session and Deacons and church staff to the enthusiasm of members who love this church and want to see it succeed, God's Holy Spirit is bringing energy, intelligence, enthusiasm and love. Even as this church has had acknowledge that you will miss a beloved and long-serving pastor, nearly everyone I have spoken with knows that each person must now step forward according to their God-given gifts and help to share the load. This enthusiasm can come only from the selfless power of God's grace and the hope that issues from knowing Christ's peace.

And finally, these words from the Apostle ground us in a tradition that is centuries old, and a reality that is present now. Think of it: the earliest Christians—those at Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Phillipi, all read these words from Paul. And when you think about it, some of them had much greater and more threatening problems than the ones which now face Good Shepherd. Some of those congregations had engaged in reprehensible behavior, some were suffering from terrible divisions, some were neophytes in faith and were without any true sense of direction for the future. And yet Paul's word to all of them is, “Grace and peace.”

I think it would be his greeting to the church at Joppatowne known as Good Shepherd; he would see the wonderful things already under way, he would sense the spirit and enthusiasm of your leadership and the loyalty of your membership. He would know grace and peace already abound in this place. And so do I.

Grace and peace to you!

Jack Carlson



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SAVE THE DATE- June 10th

Good Shepherd's

Spring Fling It / Yard Sale/ Vendors

Church and Community Yard Sale 8am to 2pm. Spaces for rent, food, bake table, book table, etc.

We are in the early planning stages and will be pulling from all Committees to make this a fun and successful event.

Start gathering your household items, toys, and clothing. Spread the word!

Have a question or an idea to share, would love to hear it.

Chairperson-Ashley Andrews
Co-chair- Chris Bohns

Shepherd's Kids



Shepherd's Kids for the month of February was all about love. Our first book was entitled, "I Love You as Big as the World" by Van Buren. We discussed the fact that our parents love us more than we can imagine! We memorized the bible verse—"We love because He first loved us!" I John 4:19. Family valentines were made to give to those we love for Valentine's Day.

"Families, Families, Families!" by the Langs was read during our second session. We learned that every family is different but the same, if you love each other. Crafts surrounding our home and families were completed by each child.

Shepherd's Kids will meet on Wednesday, March 8 and 15, 2017. We hope to see each of you there. The attendance has been fantastic!!

March 8 & 19

5:30-7:00

Women's Association Dates

Good Shepherd Women's Association

2017 Activity Dates:

Thursday, March 2 10:00 AM (rescheduled)

Circle Bible Study Lesson 6 – According to Hebrews

(Lunch at Dunkin Donuts)

Pillowcase Dresses Project:

Joan Pugh, Ellyn Hooper, Mary Kaye Kent
In March we will be continuing our pillowcase dress project. Please join us! You don't need sewing talent to come and help! We meet at 10:00 and bring our own lunch.

Dates for making dresses:

Thursday March 9 and Thursday, March 23

Women Association Board will meet on March 16 at 10:00 at Jane Workman's home. If you are on the Board, please plan to attend. We will be finalizing our plans for the remainder of the year.



This & That

- ⇒ **Remember our Food Closet - food & money donation are always needed.**
- ⇒ **The first Sunday of the month Coffee Hour is a POT LUCK LUNCH.**
- ⇒ **Ash Wednesday is March 1. Worship 7:00.**
- ⇒ **Daylight Saving time is March 12 Spring Forward.**
- ⇒ **A New Picture Directory is in the works.**
- ⇒ **Begin collecting eggs & candy for the Easter Egg Hunt 4/15/17**
- ⇒ **New playground construction to begin soon.**



Women’s Bible Study

Thursday, MARCH 2, 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

Thank You!!!

A big thanks to all who donated clothing and Valentine goodies that went to Sharing Table on February 11. We made 100 Valentine Bags filled with candy and crackers and there was such a large crowd that only 4 bags were left! They always seem to appreciate the clothing and love the toiletries as well.

Please keep this mission project in mind throughout the year so you can set aside appropriate clothing and toiletries to donate for next year.

On February 15, Gary and Jane Workman delivered the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Hygiene Kits to the Warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland. There were 67 bags plus some extra contents. That translates into over \$1000 of giving!!

Thanks to all who brought hand towels, wash clothes, combs, nail clippers, soap, band aids, and tooth brushes. Their next delivery is going to Cuba.

Mission

Mission: “Between Meetings” We are in contact with a few area churches and will include Mission opportunities events in the Yarn and Sunday Bulletin. We are building a binder in which you can find detailed information about these events. Also included will be any mission information from within our Presbytery. The binder will be in the Narthex on the counter. Please let us know if this is useful. Cindy PreVatte, Kathy Young, Norma Webster.

Ushers / Tellers

Ushers:

- Mar. 5 Petnic, Workman
- Mar. 12 Tich, McKemy, Morgan
- Mar. 19 Douglas, Webster, Starke
- Mar. 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, Suzy Phillips, Joshua Pinkosz, Susan Luu, The Tich Family, The Starke Family, Helen Lazar, Amanda Hoffner Fischer & Family, Linda Bates, The Tich Family

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Wednesday, 1	Ash Wednesday  Worship 7:00 Choir Following Worship
Thursday, 2	Women's Bible Study 10:00 (Lesson 6)
Sunday, 5	The Story Study 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00 (Pot Luck Lunch)
Wednesday, 8	Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00  Choir 7:30
Thursday, 9	Pillowcase Dress Day 10:00  Session 7:00
Sunday, 12	Daylight Saving Time Begins (Spring Forward)  The Story Study 9:30 Worship 11:00  Coffee 12:00
Wednesday, 15	Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00  Choir 7:30
Thursday, 16	Women's Association Board Meeting 10:00 (Workman's)
Sunday, 19	The Story Study 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Wednesday, 22	Choir 7:30
Thursday, 23	Pillowcase Dress Day 10:00 
Sunday, 26	The Story Study 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00 
Wednesday, 29	Choir 7:30




Story Study

- March 5—9:30 Chapter 21
- March 12—9:30 Chapter 22
- March 19—9:30 Chapter 23
- March 26—9:30 Chapter 24



Eggs & Candy

Holy Week is just around the corner. Please remember we will need donations of plastic eggs and candy for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This is such a wonderful community outreach. We will have a short program in the sanctuary before the egg hunt and end with refreshments. Thank you. 

Happy Birthday

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- 7 Gail Wronowski
- 9 Mike Bohns
- 15 Mary Kaye Kent
- 17 Steve Morgan
- 17 Erin Pollard
- 18 Jeanette Petnic
- 25 Lesley Pinkosz
- 31 Cecilia Davis