



## Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

*Making space for faith*

### Message from the Interim Pastor

Hello! I am delighted to be your interim pastor for the next many months. I've heard wonderful things about Good Shepherd from Daris Bultena, Janna VanderWoude, and Jack Carlson, and my initial meeting with the Session was very encouraging. I think we're going to have a great time together! I'm taking this opportunity to answer some questions that generally come up in congregations at this point.



### What Does an Interim Pastor Do?

In the past, the Interim Pastor was sometimes seen as a kind of babysitter—charged with simply keeping the church's programs and worship going until a new pastor could be found. Now, however, Interim Pastors are understood to be responsible not only for keeping things going but also for helping the congregation take a look at itself and at what members would like its future to look like.

Part of that process involves making changes in the way things are done. Especially when the previous pastor served the church for 10 years or more, as Daris did, it's important that the congregation experience a variety of ways to "be church." That way, members have a better sense of how they really want the church to operate in the future.

I promise not to make changes willy-nilly. I also promise that there will be changes. Some of them you'll decide to keep; others you'll let fall by the way-side.

### Interim Tasks? What Are They?

In addition to doing most of the things any pastor does, Interim Pastors are charged with working on the following five process tasks. I won't always identify what I'm doing as being part of a particular one of these tasks, but they form the basis of most everything we'll do together.

**Coming to terms with history.** This means taking an honest look at the congregation—its strengths and weaknesses, its shortcomings and accomplishments. It means identifying and addressing any problems as well as recognizing and truly appreciating the organization's strengths and accomplishments.

**Exploring identity and direction.** How is God calling the church into its future, and what kind of pastor does the church need in order to grow into that future?



**Making leadership and/or operational changes.** Sometimes a former pastor has operated in a particular way, one that worked for her or him but may not work in that person's absence. Does Session need to be reorganized? Are there responsibilities held by the former pastor that now need to be given to members?

**Renewing denominational linkages.** Sometimes, especially with a long-term pastor, churches stray a bit from "the Presbyterian way." This is an opportunity for the congregational to check its denominational DNA and perhaps to make some changes.

**Committing to new leadership and a new direction.** One of the major strengths of the Presbyterian system of having interim pastors is that members have a chance during the Interim to "get over" the previous pastor. If that person was well-loved, members need time to grieve and prepare to move on. If that person was not so very appreciated, members need time to get over their anger or disappointment. This time (and process) allows the congregation to truly embrace the next called pastor.

**How Long Will The Interim Period Last?**

The short answer? Only God knows.

**Blessings,  
Rev. Jeanne Gay**

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**Deacons**

**SPRING FLING**

Our church Spring Fling is just around the corner. Please come out and join the fun June 10th, 8am-2pm. Continue to spread the word and invite your friends, family and co-workers. Bring your children and grandchildren to enjoy the "GIGANTIC yard games, face painting and prizes. The children activities will be free and start at 10 a.m. We will also have Joppa Magnolia VFD bringing one of their trucks!

A little something for everyone. Food, baked goods, plants, 20 plus craft vendors and yard sale tables. How about a seated massage!? Come out and support the vendors and your church. See you there!

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Our next scheduled event will be our outreach for Harford Family House. This outreach will replace the December drive. We will begin collecting items on July 2nd through July 30th., and delivered on Monday, July 31st. The items will be the same as in the past, and a list will be provided in coming weeks and displayed on the information board in the Narthex. Should you have any questions please see Kathy.





### Women's Association

**All** women are invited to enjoy an evening of fellowship at the **The Annual Potluck Picnic** of the Good Shepherd Women's Association



**When: Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Where: Jeanette Petnic's Home**  
507 Grigsby Court  
410-679-0959

**Food is served throughout the evening. Come at anytime.**

**Directions:** From the church parking lot, turn left onto Towne Center. Turn right at Joppa Farm Rd. Turn left onto Garnett Rd. Turn left onto Gilmor Rd. Turn right on Grigsby Court. Arrive at 507 on right.

**Chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish, salad, appetizer or dessert. Can't make something, bring chips or rolls.**

**FUN ACTIVITIES**  
Chair warming  
Bocce ball  
Relaxing  
Hearty laughing  
Friendly Conversation

### Ushers / Tellers

**Ushers:**

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

**Tellers:**

Bohns, 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, Lynda Bates, Suzy Phillips, Mike Tich, Libby Anderson, John & Yong Pandoliano, Theresa Ridley, Marian Neilson, Dorothy Jones, Dr. Whiteford

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Sunday, 4 Pentecost—Wear **RED**   
 Worship 11:00  
 Coffee 12:00—Thank You Rev. Carlson

Monday, 5 Welcome Rev. Jeanne Gay

Wednesday, 7 Deacons 6:45  
 Choir 7:30

Thursday, 8 Session 7:00

Saturday, 10 Spring Fling 8:00—2:00

Sunday, 11 Worship 11:00  
 Coffee 12:00—Welcome Rev. Gay

Monday, 12 **Women's Picnic**—Jeanette Petnic—Host   
 Wednesday, 14 Choir 7:30

Sunday, 18 **Happy Father's Day**  
 Worship 11:00  
 Coffee 12:00

Wednesday, 21 Choir 7:30

Sunday, 25 Worship 11:00  
 Coffee 12:00

Summer Music



Do you know someone who could add musically to our summer worship? The choir will take July and August off and we are looking for talent! If you know someone who sings, plays an instrument, dances,... If they are inspired by the Holy Spirit, let's invite them to join us and share their gift. See Farrell if you have someone who would be willing to worship with us.

E. Farrell Maddox  
[edwardmaddox1@verizon.net](mailto:edwardmaddox1@verizon.net)

Happy & Happy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Betty and Bob Walko  
**June 14, 1969**  
 Jane and Gary Workman  
**June 18, 1966**  
 Alethia and Bill Starke  
**June 20, 1968**  
 Mike and Becky McKemy  
**June 26, 1976**



HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY

**7** Joan Pugh  
**13** Edwin Whitford  
**17** Farrell Maddox  
**22** Janie Barnes  
**23** Sarah Weich  
**25** Bill Starke

The Deacons would like the church family to know your important day! If we do not have yours in our file, please notify Ellie Pfoutz, 410-679- 4813.



# GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN SPRING FLING

622 JOPPA FARM ROAD, JOPPA, MD 21085

## JUNE 10, 2017

8 am - 2 pm

There will be craft and direct sales vendors, yard sale shopping, food, children's games, bake sale, and plants..... fun for all!

Some vendors include: Joppa Magnolia VFD, Tupperware, US borne, Pink Zebra, Lula roe, Initials, Lipsense, Origami owl, Folds of Honor, Jewelry, and Pure Romance

Food by- Towne Grill & Pub

If you are interested in renting yard sale or vendor space, please contact Ashley or Chris. (Spaces: \$20 yard sale or \$40 vendor) June 5th is the deadline to reserve your space  
Ashley ASHBARNES3@YAHOO.COM  
Chris 443-286-0655



# SEE YOU THERE!