



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

Making space for faith

From the Pastor's Pen



What a wonderful welcome I have received at Good Shepherd! You all have been unfailingly warm and have been more than willing to help me get to know the church and congregation.

I appreciate the folks who are wearing name tags on Sunday mornings. That helps a **lot!** If you don't have a name tag for some reason, please see Ellie Pfoutz or leave a note on the counter outside the sanctuary.

My main role for the first several weeks is to listen. To that end I've asked all of the Session members to meet with me for an hour just to talk about themselves and the church. I've listened ... and I've learned! I'd like to invite anyone else who is in a leadership role in the church—or who just has something to say—to also come spend an hour with me. It can be in the church office, in a public place somewhere, or in your home, if you prefer. You can contact me through Dorothy in the office, by calling my cell (419-707-1562) or emailing me (RevJeanne@holy411.org), or just by grabbing me on a Sunday morning.

I'm sure that there are folks in this congregation who are wondering why the interim process takes so long. I addressed this in my sermon on June 18, which is available on my blog, here: <https://revjeannegay.wordpress.com/2017/06/18/when-the-road-turns/> The upshot is that to rush the process is to risk making a hasty decision. Here's another way to look at it:

When I was leaving a church in which I had been the installed pastor, one member in his 80's was incensed that the church couldn't just go out and find a new pastor. In the congregational meeting, he went into full rant mode: "Why do we have to do what presbytery says, anyway?" I said to him, "Bob, let's imagine that something absolutely horrible happens, and your marriage ends. You decide that you need a new wife as quickly as possible and go out and find one within six months. What are the chances that's going to be a really good marriage?"

Finding a new pastor for a congregation is a little like finding someone to marry. It requires first of all that you know yourself, and not just who you are in relationship to the former spouse, or former pastor. So that's what we'll be doing over the next several months: figuring out who Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church is and who you'd like to be in the future. And **then** we'll be able to think about what kind of pastor will best serve this congregation in the years ahead.

It's going to be a journey, for all of us. God will be with us every step of the way. And I do believe that we will find joy together along the road.

Blessings,
Jeanne



Food Pantry Collection Sunday

The Session voted in June to make the First Sunday of each month **Food Pantry Collection Sunday**. (The first Sunday is also Pot Luck Coffee Hour, so as we bring something to share for coffee hour for ourselves, let us bring something to share with others.)

A basket will be placed in the Upper Room for the collection of food items, money, and other donations for our pantry. Certain items are particularly appreciated because they are not covered by Food Cards, such as paper goods, toiletries, and laundry products.

The purpose of this proposal is to draw attention to the continuing needs of our Food Pantry and to remind people to give throughout the year. The Food Pantry is called upon weekly to supply the needy of our own community.

Joan and Wayne Douglas are in charge of this mission and continue to shop for the resupplying of the closet. Dorothy Burns keeps track of the families involved and the needs of the closet. Dorothy is the one who actually gives out the items and serves as the face of this mission to the public.



Sunday, July 2 will be our first collection Sunday for this project.

Thank you in advance for your support of this mission.

Women's Association

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who donated and bought the baked goods at our Spring Fling!!! The Women's Bake Table made about \$160, which will go to support our yearly mission projects.

Also, we had a grand relaxing evening at our Women's Picnic in June, full of fellowship and fine food offerings. Thank you to the Petnic's for hosting this event!!!

Women Association Board Members – there will be a planning Board Meeting at Jane Workman's home at 10:00 am on Thursday, July 13. Bring any reports and ideas to share as we plan our programs for the coming 2017-2018 year.

2017-2019 Board Members:

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| Co-Moderators | Elaine Tich and Jane Workman |
| Vice-Moderator | Norma Webster |
| Secretary | Mary Kaye Kent |
| Treasurer | Jeanette Petnic |
| Missions | Ellie Pfoutz |
| Bible Study | Joan Pugh and Jane Workman |
| Card Ministry | Joan Douglas and Elaine Tich |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry | Joan Douglas and Elaine Tich |
| (Pillowcase Dresses Project | Joan Pugh, Mary Kaye Kent, Ellyn Hooper) |





Backpacks—Back to School

**THIS YEAR'S
BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT IS**

!!!Backpacks!!!



**Please donate 1, 2, 3, or ?
It's Cool to have a BACKPACK**

Ushers & Tellers

Ushers:

- July 2 Petnic, Workman
- July 9 Tich, McKemy, Morgan
- July 16 Douglas, Webster, Starke
- July 23 Maas, Wronowski
- July 30 Hooper, Young

Tellers:

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

The Sharing Table

The main operation site for The Sharing Table is The Prince of Peace Catholic Church at 2600 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood. Volunteers are asked to arrive at the church by 10 a.m. Food service begins at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m.

Members of the Good Shepherd P.C. Sharing Table Team and anyone who wishes to join us in this community meal service adventure (including children nine and above) are asked to log the following serving date:

August 12, 2017

Our service at The Sharing Table offers one to four ways for individuals to participate:

1. Preparation of the day's casserole (we need at least five cooks)

Recipes are available in the bottom left mail box in the Church Office: this makes two pans.

Pans we use are atop the letter boxes also in the Church Office.

2. Personnel to work in the kitchen preparing all facets of the meal and preparing the plates for service

3. Personnel to prepare the dining hall for service and serving the meal. These persons will then be broken into the following categories:

- One person needed to count the guests (Greeter)
- Ten persons to serve the meals to the guests (Wait Staff)
- Two to four persons to prepare and serve drinks (specialized Wait Staff)

4. Two to four persons to arrive in time to help clean the dining hall and kitchen.

Persons wishing to serve are asked to circle "cook and/or serve" on the roster on the bulletin board between the Pastor's Study and Dorothy's office. If you are new to this activity, simply write your name and number in one of the blank lines and indicate your service preference.

For more information, ask any member of the Church.

May you continue to be blessed for your participation in this ministry.



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Sunday, 2	Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Monday, 3	Office Closed
Tuesday, 4	Office, Day Closed
Wednesday, 5	Deacons 6:45
Sunday, 9	Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Thursday, 13	Session 7:00
Sunday, 16	Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Sunday, 23	Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Sunday, 30	Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00

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Sunday, 6	Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Saturday, 12	Sharing Table 10:00
Sunday, 13	Worship & Picnic 11:00
Sunday, 20	Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Sunday, 27	Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00

Deacons

A big thank you to each and everyone who supported our Spring Fling. It was such a joy to witness the fun, fellowship, and labor of love. We believe the event was a success for so many reasons. We heard good things from the vendors, and the children seemed to have great fun. We will have a post meeting to review suggestions and improvements, should we agree to have again next year. Please pass your comments on. Again, thank you to all who donated their time, talent, gifts, wisdom, and support.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

We are collecting for the Harford Family House July 2nd through July 30th. You may have received an email reminder from Kathy. The items will be posted in the bulletin and on the information board at church. The items are to be new and can consist of twin size sheets, pillows, detergent, cleaning supplies and baby items. All items will be delivered on July 31st. This donation drive will replace the one we normally had in December. We thank you in advance for your donations.



SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar! Our church picnic will be August 13th on the church grounds. More information will be coming your way!





From the Capital Improvement Committee

As you may have noticed, there is a great deal of work going on at Good Shepherd. The temporary playground has been completed (brush cleared, temporary fencing installed, soil prepared, sod laid, concrete pad added, sod watered, etc.) and the Children’s Center kids are happily playing and having a fun time. The old playground has been demolished and work is underway with the renovation. A new fence has been partially erected, the bumper boards have been installed on the bottom of the fence (to hold in the new mulch), and a garden for the children has been created in the playground.

We are awaiting the delivery of the new playground equipment. It was shipped on June 28 and is scheduled to arrive sometime after July 4th. The men of the church will then begin the difficult task of assembling and installing it.

The first week of July an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Compliant access ramp into the playground will be installed. After the playground equipment is completely installed, a drainage system will be put in and 10 inches of mulch added to the playground. When all is accomplished, the remainder of the fencing will be installed.

At completion, The Harford County Children’s Services will be contacted to inspect the new playground and to ensure that we are in compliance. Once approval is granted, the new playground will be open for the children to start having a great and safe area to enjoy.

Our next big project will be the parking lot. The work should begin in late July or early August if all goes according to schedule. The plan is to completely remove and replace the existing parking lot with a brand new ADA compliant parking lot. Both of these projects have long been needed to enhance the look and safety of our Good Shepherd Church and Children’s Center.

I want to express a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the following gentlemen who have put in many hours planning, assembling materials, and working to make this playground transformation happen: Jim Petnic, Mike Bohns, Wayne Douglas, and Mike McKemy.

Gary Workman
Chairperson, Capital Improvement Committee



Prayer List



Philip Pugh, Wayne Weich, Lesley & Mike Pinkosz, Diana Ciccotelli, Rodger & Vyona Bultena, Ed Matthai, Mike McKemy, Lynda Bates, Suzy Phillips, John & Yong Pandoliano, Theresa Ridley, Marian Neilson, Dorothy Jones, Dr. Whiteford, David Burns

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We would like to recognize important dates
in the lives of our members for

July 2017

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Lesley & Michael Pinkosz
July 11, 1970

Delores & Bob Barr
July 15, 1972

Gert & Tony Bruno
July 17, 1953

Ashley & Jon Andrews
July 21, 2012

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS

4 Carla Cathcart
11 Clay Maas
19 Dorothy Burns
21 Mafese Elonge
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Diana Ciccotelli
Allen Wronowski
29 Jim Morgan

August 2017

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Soung Hee & Bud Baranowski
August 30, 2014

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Jane Workman
3 Chris McKemy
4 Cindy PreVatte
10 Edith Burns
16

Winsome LaComb
Michael Pinkosz
22 Sue Maddox
24 Mike McKemy
25 Ashley Andrews
26

James Andrews
Joan Douglas
30 Ellyn Hooper

*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.*

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

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