



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

Making space for faith



From the Pastor's Pen

Lent: Ash Wednesday

The seasons of Lent and Holy Week are coming soon, and they begin and end a little strangely this year: Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day, and Easter Sunday on April Fools Day! We'll talk more later about the amazing "April Fool joke" God played on Death on that first Easter Sunday, but first there's that Valentine's Day/Ash Wednesday mash-up.

At first glance they seem very different: gray ashes vs. red hearts, penitence vs. passion, romantic gifts vs. "giving something up." But they both come down to love. On Valentine's Day we express our love for each other, and on Ash Wednesday we remember God's amazing love for us.

Our Ash Wednesday service this year—on Wed., Feb. 14 at 7:00—will include some red hearts, some Shepherd's Kids, the burying of the alleluia ... and ashes. Come to remember God's amazing love for you.

Lent: Book Study

After worship on Sundays during Lent we will have to opportunity to explore and examine spiritual disciplines for our lives—practices that help us "break through to the eternal"—using Marjorie Thompson's *Soul Feast: An Invitation to Christian Spiritual Discipline*.

If you ever find yourself wishing for a more intimate, more powerful, more life-giving relationship with God, I invite you to learn more about spiritual disciplines. No one discipline is right for every person, but each of us can benefit from such a spiritual practice.

Spirituality is about being ready. All the spiritual disciplines of your life—prayer, study, meditation or ritual, religious vows—are there so you can break through to the eternal. Spirituality is about awakening the eyes, the ears, the heart so you can see what's always happening right in front of you.

Richard Rohr

We will meet in the sanctuary at 12:20 each Sunday—Feb. 18 through March 25. Both regular print and large print books will be available at our first meeting. If you wish to contribute toward the cost of the books, it's \$13 for regular print and \$13.25 for large print.



From the Pastor's Pen, Continued

Where We Are in the Call Process

It's good to remind ourselves periodically of how we're doing with our interim time. Here's what's next:

Ministry Assessment:

We will complete our third congregational gathering ("the future" on Feb. 11).

The team that's planned these sessions will write a report about what we've learned through our three gatherings.

Session and the presbytery's Committee on Ministry will approve the report.

Form a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

GSPC's Nominating Committee, chaired by Soung Hee Baranowski, will meet within the next couple of weeks to start building a slate of nominees for this group. (Self-nominations are welcomed—please see me, Soung Hee, or Jerry Tish if you think you'd like to serve on the PNC.)

Once the slate is completed, and after the Ministry Assessment Report is approved, the congregation will vote on the PNC.

Set the PNC to Work!

Congregational Gathering February 11, 2018



At our February 11 Congregational Gathering (focusing on our future), we'll be asking you to answer the following questions. Please take some time to consider them before the gathering.

1. Good Shepherd's Mission Statement is "Changing Lives and Growing in God's Love." Is this a good Mission Statement for this church? Would you want to change it in any way?
2. What are Good Shepherd's strengths? What excites you about the church?
3. What realistic goals would you like to see the congregation set for the next five years? Ten years?
4. What characteristics do we want/need in our next pastor?
5. Understanding that the church's future depends not just on the congregation as a whole but on each of us individually: (a) In what ways could you personally be seen as blocking change/growth; and (b) What are you willing to do personally to make growth happen in the church?



Women's Bible Study

Thursday, February 8, 2018 — 10:00 – 11:30-Upper Room

Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews

BIBLE STUDY-LESSON 6– In Community with the Reality of the Present

Do you recognize that cross-bearing is something you share with Jesus, and that Jesus stands with you in your pain?

READ THE FOLLOWING: Hebrews 2:10-18 and 10:34-35; Mark 8:31-38

KEY IDEA: Lesson 6 considers how communities of faith support each other during troubled times. Hebrews was written to a people suffering under persecution.

PRAYER LEADER: Delores **HOSPITALITY:** Elaine and Ellie

CLOUD OF WITNESSES: Mary Kaye



GOING OUT TO LUNCH

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Women's Hummingbird Project—Pillowcase Dressmaking



Thursday, February 22nd–Thursday, March 1st–Thursday, March 22nd

10:00 – 12:00—Upper Room

It's that time of the year again when the ladies of Good Shepherd gather together to construct adorable dresses made from pillowcases to be sent to missions in Haiti and various African countries. **All** are invited to participate. **You don't have to bring anything, just your sense of fun, whimsy, creative spirit and fellowship.** There's something for everyone to do. (iron, pin, decorate, sew, inspect).

This will be our sixth and final year for this ministry. Over the years we have produced approximately 340 dresses which have gone to Haiti, Africa (twice), Honduras and Native American girls of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Let's make this the best year ever!!

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Pugh 679-8458 – jpugh679@aol.com or

Mary Kaye Kent – 410-942-0830 mkayekent@gmail.com



Sharing Table



Dear Good Shepherd members and friends. Feb 10, 2018 is our first date to serve the guests at The Sharing Table (Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 2600 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood; about a block beyond Edgewood High School.)

We need your participation to make this ministry a success. A few of our regular participants we know 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 prepare a casserole, the pans and recipe are located behind the door in the Church Office. If you do not care to prepare casseroles, but would be willing to assist in serving the meal, you need to know the following:

1. Sign up on the schedule sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.
2. The time to arrive at Prince of Peace (using the entrance on the backside of the church via the parking lot) is 10 am.
3. The first items of business will be to set up the dining hall and get the meal items prepared.
4. Meal service starts at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 1 p.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 1:00 p.m.

The Women's Group will again celebrate Valentine's Day with special gifts for the guests.

We do hope you will consider joining us for this very special service for those in our community who benefit from it. Our next date of service will be August 11, 2018.

We still have one more Sunday (February 4) to collect new or gently worn clothing and toiletries for the Sharing Table. Thanks to all who have already brought in donations for this day!!!

Coffee Hour Update

_____ 2nd Sunday EVERY Month

_____ 3rd Sunday EVERY Month

_____ 4th Sunday EVERY Month

_____ Any Team That Needs Help



NAME _____
Please Print

Bring this form to church with you and leave this in your pew on the seat...They will be collected after worship.

Thank You, The Hospitality Committee



Furniture Ministry

Found in Faith Ministries is moving! This furniture ministry, providing furniture, linens, lamps, and so much more to those in need in Harford County, has just signed on for a new warehouse in the old Joppatowne post office. They need to move their current inventory from Bel Air United Methodist Church to their new warehouse.

Calling all pickup trucks, drivers, and folks available to move furniture - please come on Saturday, February 10th, 9:30 am until finished, at Bel Air Methodist Church.

For more information, call Found in Faith at 443-519-2464.

Shepherd's Kids

February 14 & 21

5:30-7:00



Session Highlights: January 2018

In an effort to keep the congregation informed of what's going on at Session meetings, we are committing to reporting on each meeting. Church members are always welcome at Session meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00.

Upcoming church meetings:

FEB 4 - Congregational Meeting: Directly after the service, we will remain in the sanctuary for a 15-20 minute business meeting.

FEB 11- Congregational Gathering. This will be the last gathering and focuses on our future missions, needs and wants. We will have lunch and gather to discuss our future.

Church Budget: The 2017 budget balanced out and the 2018 proposed budget income and expenditures balance. There has been about a 5% increase in pledges for 2018.

Session approved increasing tuition at the Childcare Center by \$5.00. A five dollar increase is normally agreed to annually.

The church rolls were reviewed and culled. Good Shepherd officially has 74 members plus many non-members who attend or participate in activities regularly.

Ushers

Ushers:

Feb. 4 Petnic, Workman

Tellers

Feb. 11 Tich, McKemy, Morgan

Readers

Feb. 18 Douglas, Webster, Starke

Feb. 25 Maas, Wronowski

Tellers:

Bohns, Kent

Starke, Webster

Pfoutz, Tich

PreVatte, Workman

Readers:

D. Barr

S. Baranowski

K. Young

C. PreVatte



Coffee for Our Parents

We continue serving our parents coffee and donuts as they drop off their children for our Children's Center. This is our way of saying: "Thanks for allowing us the opportunity to care for and nurture your children." We are also providing them with information about our church and what we offer our community.

Thanks to Jane and Gary Workman, Elaine Tich, and Norma Webster for taking care of January. A very **special thank you to Jim and Jeanette Petnic, who set everything up. It's an early morning with a 5:30 A.M. start, but you are done by 9:30 and the parents are appreciative as they rush through in an effort to get to work on time.** If you or your committee would like to volunteer for a future month, see Dorothy or Farrell. This is truly an energizing way to meet and share our good work with others.

So Many to Thank

I am still amazed at how God works in our lives. I thank God for that lucky morning that I first attended worship at Good Shepherd and Daris announced the organist position. You have all been a blessing in my life from day one.

So many people said thank you for the Christmas backdrop, but so many more were a part of making it happen. It all started with Wayne Douglas hanging the aluminum cork strips that allowed for the hanging of the lights and fabric. Chris Bohns was at my side when we started installing everything. Jane, Gary, Jim, Wayne, and Joan were there to put up the tree and greens. The women came together to decorate the tree - with Jane and her wonderful eye for matching colors and creating unity in design. **Everyone is always so willing and joyful as we do God's work.**

Our choir works so hard at every rehearsal. They willingly give of their time learning new music to keep worship exciting and meaningful. They make every Wednesday night a joyful celebration. And Edie, how could we do anything without Edie? She looks at each piece of music and says okay, no matter how difficult. She is kind and ever so generous with her time. Pastor Jeanne is such a wonderful addition to our choir and the planning of music. I also give thanks that she went with Edie and me on Christmas Eve to **sing in Piney Grove UMC's choir as we played the music for that late-night service.** The poinsettias given in honor of the choir and me, what a kind gesture, thank you Bill and Gert.

After Christmas, I had hernia surgery, and the outpouring of kindness was amazing, from cards to **texts, to phone calls. The Woman's Group sent me a lovely card created and signed by each.** Dorothy made sure I was okay every day and was ready to bring me food and anything I might need. Dave Burns stopped by with treat, making sure I was doing okay. The love was amazing.

I give thanks for the Good Shepherd Family!

E. Farrell Maddox



Facilities Committee Needs Your Help!!

The Facilities Committee could use some help with the many needs of the Church including the Children's Center! You don't have to join the Committee, unless of course you wish to do so, however we would greatly appreciate your help with putting down ice melt on slick mornings to help keep the Children's Center and the Church Offices open for business, or just stopping by the Church in the evenings or mornings to ensure no one is starting fires or vandalizing the Church property. In the Spring we will be mulching and planting shrubs. There is also mowing and trimming in the Spring and Summer or simple building repairs throughout the year.



There are any number of opportunities to be of assistance. Please think about it and if you are ready, willing, and able to help out, see any of the Committee Members which includes Jim Petnic, Mike McKemy, Mike Bohns, Dorothy Burns, Ellie Pfoutz, Wayne Douglas or Gary Workman.

The Committee thanks you in advance for your consideration.

Blessings,
The Facilities Committee

Deacons

A belated Happy New Year to all! Your Deacons have been planning a few church events. We want you to mark your calendar and save the dates.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, February 25th, Movie Night, featuring, **"The Shack"**

Saturday, March 31st, Annual Easter Egg Hunt
(small prize items and candy will be collected)

Saturday, May 12th, Second Annual Spring Fling



Movie Night, featuring, "The Shack." The movie centers around a grieving man who receives a personal invitation to meet with God at a place called "The Shack." We will gather at 5:00 p.m., upstairs in the social hall. A movie theater setting, with hot dogs, popcorn, soft pretzels, nachos and drinks. If you wish to bring your favorite chair, please do. Note: child care will be provided, and Ashley will be planning a activity for the children. Hope to see you there! Bring a friend too.

Redner's Tapes - For those not aware, this collection of receipts benefits our Food Pantry. In order for the church to receive credit, the tapes must reflect a Redner's card number. If you want your receipts to count, please sign up for a card at the store, and then deposit the tapes in the box outside the sanctuary.

Jeanette Petnic is the person to see if you have any questions. Jeanette introduced this program many years ago, and does a fabulous job!

CARES & CONCERNS

Do you know of anyone needing a call, a card, a visit? Please contact Elaine Tich. Elaine will reach out accordingly.



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, Diana Ciccotelli, Rodger & Vyona Bultena, Ed Matthai, Mike McKemy, Suzy Phillips, Bill Hanna, Lynda Bates, Steve Morgan, Dr. Whiteford, Steve Rapley, Diane Petty, Minnie Hargrove, Jenna & Seaver Shunk

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Sunday, 4

Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 11:00
Congregational Meeting
Coffee 12:00

Monday, 5
Wednesday, 7

Facilities Committee 6:00
Deacons 6:30
Choir 7:30

Thursday, 8

Women's Bible Study 10:00
Session 7:00

Saturday, 10
Sunday, 11

Sharing Table
Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 11:00
Congregation Gathering 12:00
Lunch Provided

Wednesday, 14

Ash Wednesday
Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00
Worship 7:00
Choir Following Worship

Sunday, 18

Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00
Lenten Study 12:20
Soul Feast; An Invitation to the Christian Life

Monday, 19
Wednesday, 21

President's Day: Office Closed
Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00
Choir 7:30

Thursday, 22
Sunday, 25

Women's Association—Dress Making 10:00
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00
Lenten Study 12:20
Movie Night 5:00



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

20 Brianna Luu

22 Valerie Davis

Gary Workman

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.

