



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

Making space for faith

From the Pastor's Pen

Joining the Church

I once asked a woman who had been attending the church I served for a few months if she wanted to join the church. "Why would I do that?" she asked me. "What would be the benefit for me?"

Good questions. The easy answers are that only church members can vote during congregational meetings, and only church members can become Deacons and Elders. But some people, those aren't good enough reasons—they'd just as soon not serve on Session anyway, thank you very much.

But as I thought about this woman's question, I realized that joining a church is an act of commitment, a public act of commitment. Becoming a church member is a way of recognizing your desire to really be part of the fabric of a congregation, a spiritual discipline of a sort in which you commit to a particular part of the Body of Christ.

All that said, I would like to invite anyone at Good Shepherd who has attended but never joined to consider becoming a member of the church. I'm hoping to receive new members during our worship on Pentecost Sunday (May 20). If you're interested, please let me know!

Blessings,
Jeanne

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY!

What car did the Apostles drive?

A Honda: They were all in one Accord!

For many centuries in the church, the week following Easter Sunday was observed as "days of joy and laughter," with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Many American churches have begun reviving this tradition with *Bright Sunday* or *Holy Humor Sunday* the week following Easter—to celebrate "the greatest joke of all: the one God played on Death with the resurrection."

On April 8, we will host our own *Holy Humor Sunday*, with laughter, fun songs, a few puns, and profound meaning delivered with joy. Invite your friends!

What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

Ruthless!





Session Highlights - March 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 in the next Yarn. Church members are always welcome at Session meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00.

A 24 Camera Security System to augment the church’s existing security system will be installed in the next month or so. The cost is estimated to be about \$3,000.

Following our three congressional gatherings to discuss our church life, a Ministry Assessment Report was written. The report was reviewed by Session on March 8 and forwarded to the Baltimore Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) for their approval. Meanwhile, GSPC’s Nominating Committee, chaired by Soung Hee Baranowski, is building a slate of nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

Work Party—April 14—9:30am WE NEED YOURHELP!!!

The annual Church Work Party will be held on Saturday, April 14th, beginning at 9:30 AM. After we are finished working, lunch will be provided!

Our goal is to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Sanctuary Cleaning – Window cleaning, pew vacuuming, etc.
2. Mulching the plant beds around the Church Building.
3. Adding mulch to the Children’s Center Playground.
4. Cleaning out the dirt strip between the Church and Library parking lots, adding top soil, and planting grass seed on the dirt strip.

You can see from the list that there are a wide variety of tasks from easy to more difficult. We will need [people to work inside on the Sanctuary tasks](#) and [many people to work on the outdoor tasks](#).

A sign-up sheet and table will be located in the Narthex for your convenience to let us know that you will be there to help spruce up our Church. Many hands make for an easier job for all those involved.

Please bring gloves, shovels, rakes, 5 gallon buckets, and wheel barrows for the outside tasks. Materials will be provided for the inside tasks.

Any questions, ask Gary Workman or Wayne Douglas.

See you at 9:30 AM on April 14th!!!



Ushers	Ushers:	Tellers:	Readers:
	April 1 Petnic, Workman	Bohns, Kent	K. Young
Tellers	April 8 Tich, McKemy, Morgan	Starke, Webster	C. PreVatte
	April 15 Douglas, Webster, Starke	Pfoutz, Tich	V. Maas
Readers	April 22 Maas, Wronowski	PreVatte, Workman	C. PreVatte
	April 29	Baranowski, Maas	E. Burns



Facilities Committee Needs 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 are also mowing and trimming jobs in the Spring and Summer and 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.

Women’s Bible Study—Thursday, April 12, 2018 - 10:00–11:30—Upper Room

Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews

BIBLE STUDY-LESSON 8 - In Community with the Household of Faith

What’s the first thing that come to your mind when you think of the image of a house?

READ THE FOLLOWING: Hebrews 3:1-6; Numbers 12:7; James 2:1-4; Psalm 127:1-2

KEY IDEA: Lesson 8 examines the household of faith that reminds us of our supportive home with each other in God.

PRAYER LEADER: Norma **HOSPITALITY:** Elaine/Winsome

CLOUD OF WITNESSES: Jane



Going Out to Lunch

Women’s Association—April Dates

Thursday, April 12 10:00 AM:

Circle Bible Study Lesson 8 – In Community with the Household of Faith

Thursday, April 26 10:00 AM (4th Thursday Program) Card Making Workshop

Please bring old cards that have appropriate pictures to re-use. Bring your lunch.

In March the women worked on Pillowcase dresses and filled Easter eggs for our annual hunt. Thanks to all who donated to these projects and worked to complete these missions!!



Shepherd's Kids

On March 14, 2018, Shepherd's Kids began looking at Holy Week. After reading the story "The Donkey That No One Could Ride," they began looking at scriptures about the events of Holy Week and made Resurrection Eggs. They learned the song "He Lives" and asked to sing "Jesus Loves Me."



**Next Shepherd's Kids
See you on
April 11 and 18th**



Deacons Happy Spring!?

The deacons would like to thank everyone for the abundance of items collected for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Our congregation is amazingly supportive and giving. I'm certain we brought fun and laughter to many children and adults.

Save The Date - SPRING FLING

We are going to give this a second go! Saturday, May 12th from 8 a.m - 2 p.m. Join us once again for food, fun, gifts for Mothers Day, and much more. We will have both direct sale vendors and yard sale space. The cost is \$25 for a 10x10 space. We will not be renting tables this year, so please plan accordingly.

If you wish to donate, we will be collecting items for the church yard sale table. We will not be accepting clothing, only household treasures! In addition, we will be collecting books for the book table, and the Women's Group will need goodies for their bake table.

Please help us get the word out. Be sure to invite family and friends. Flyers will be circulating. Ask any deacon if you would like a small supply for distribution.

COFFEE HOUR

Please be sure to check the new sign-up sheet and communicate with your team. Thank you Clay and Becky, for organizing the new system.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Remember to contact Elaine Tich if you know of someone in need of a card, a call, or a visit. Elaine will be happy to coordinate.

REMINDER - Redners tapes are always being collected and this helps support the Food Pantry.

How are we doing? Is there something you would like the Deacons to address? Do you have an idea you wish to share? Let us know, we want to hear from you. You may contact any deacon directly, or leave a note in our mailbox, located in Dorothy's office.



Coffee Hours Teams April

1st Sunday
2nd Sunday

POT LUCK

Delores Barr
Mary Kaye Kent
Clay & Vickie Maas
Jerry & Elaine Tich
Lamie Mongola



3rd Sunday

Sounghee & Bud Baranowski
Wayne & Joan Douglas
Winsome LaComb
Jessica Nguyen
Ruth Wagner
Sarah Weich

4th Sunday

Gary & Jane Workman
Hazel & Jim Morgan
Chris Bohns
Berry & Valerie Davis
Ellie Pfoutz
Norma Webster
Kathy Young
Edie & Dave Burns

5th Sunday

DEACONS

Community Palm Sunday



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, Suzy Phillips, Dr. Whiteford, Steve Rapley, Jenna & Seaver Shunk, Anita Barrett, Maureen, JoAnn Hanes, Millie Fike, Rev. Neta Pringle, Malachi Webster, Caroline, Marlene

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April, 1 Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday
Worship 11:00
NO Coffee Hour

Wednesday, 4 Deacons 6:30
Choir 7:30

Thursday, 5 Personnel Committee 6:00
Sunday, 8 Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

Tuesday, 10 Tree Trimming 8:00
Wednesday, 11 Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00
Choir 7:30

Thursday, 12 Women's Bible Study 10:00
Session 7:00

Saturday, 14 Work Party 9:30
Sunday, 15 Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

Wednesday, 18 Shepherd's Kids 5:30- 7:00
Choir 7-30

Sunday, 22 Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

Wednesday, 25 Choir 7:30
Thursday, 26 Women's Association 10:00
Sunday, 29 Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

Happy Birthday

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY

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.

- 9 Robert Walko*
- 10 Tony Bruno*
- 18 Mildred Fike*
- 22 Brittany Frey*
- 26 Ray Benser*
- 30 Sue Thompson*

