



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

Making space for faith

From the Pastor's Pen



The Music of Living

Many of you know that I've been singing this year with the Deer Creek Chorale. We've got a concert coming up on May 6 (tickets available at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3355408>, by the way!), and the music is terrific. One of the pieces is, in my mind, a prayer—and every time we sing it, I think of my prayers for the people of Good Shepherd Presbyterian. The piece is called "The Music of Living," with words and music by Dan Forrest. Here's a link for you to hear it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7mzxmuqEmk>

And here are the words:

Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely,
Teach me to sing the words to Your song.

I want to feel the music of living;
And not fear the sad songs
But from them make new songs
Composed of both laughter and tears.

Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely,
Teach me to dance to the sounds of Your world.

I want to move in rhythm with Your plan.
Help me to follow Your leading,
To risk even falling,
To rise and keep trying,
For You are leading the dance.

Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely,
Teach me to sing the words to Your song.

So that's my prayer for us, that we would sing the words of God's song, God's music of living. That we would not fear sadness and pain but be willing to let God birth in us new songs, of both laughter and tears. That we would move in rhythm with God's plan, even risking falling, for God is leading the dance.

*Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely,
Teach this church to sing the words of Your song.*

Amen



Session Highlights - April 2018

Congregational Meeting, April 29. A special congregational meeting is called to vote for those members who are nominated to be on the Pastor Nominating Committee. These are the people who will solicit applications, review and analyze the applicants' references and documents, set up interviews and make recommendations to the session and congregation.

Rev. Gay's Service. It is hard to believe that Rev. Jeanne Gay will have been our interim pastor for a year in June. Interim pastors are hired under a one year contract and after the initial year, interim contracts are in 3 month increments until a permanent pastor is hired. Session is in the process of renewing Rev. Gay's contract for June to August.

A Safe Church for our Children and Youth. Session is currently reviewing our current policies that are designed to keep our members under the age of 18 safe. If you'd like to read the draft policies or have comments, please drop by the office.

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

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Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews

BIBLE STUDY-LESSON 9 – In Community with all the Saints

Think of a woman (living or dead) who has had a life-changing influence on you. Make a few notes about the kind of person she was or is.

READ THE FOLLOWING: Hebrews 6:9-12; 13:24-25; 12:1-2; 11:35-40

KEY IDEA: Lesson 9 highlights the great cloud of witnesses from the past and present who show us how to live in faith and who support us in faithful living.

PRAYER LEADER: Norma **HOSPITALITY:** Jeanette and Elaine **CLOUD OF WITNESSES:** Delores



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

BRING A LUNCH

Ushers

Ushers:

May 6 Petnic, Workman
May 13 Tich, McKemy, Morgan
May 20 Douglas, Webster, Starke
May 27 Maas, Wronowski

Tellers:

Bohns, Kent
Starke, Webster
Pfoutz, Tich
PreVatte, Workman

Readers:

S. Thompson
D. Barr
S. Baranowski
K. Young

Readers



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

A big Thank You to the many folks who helped on April 14th with the Work Party!!!

The inside work has made a huge difference in how our Church sparkles and shines!!

The outside work also makes the Church property look great!!!

Maybe in the fall when can do another clean up to get us through the fall and winter months.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!!

The Facilities Committee

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Women's Association—May Dates

Thursday, May 10 10:00 AM:

Circle Bible Study Lesson 9 – In Community with All the Saints



Thursday, May 24 10:00 AM (4th Thursday Program)

Extreme Family Outreach Speaker, Marlyn and Steve Gambrell

(This is the mission program that provided the children names for our Christmas Giving Tree.)

Bring your lunch.

Monday, June 11 Annual Women's Picnic 5:30 – 8:30

Need a volunteer to host this event!!

SPRING FLING BAKE TABLE (MAY 12)

The women are having a bake table at the Annual Spring Fling. We need your donations of cookies, brownies, bars, cupcakes, breads, pies, cakes, and other yummy treats for this event!!

PLEASE bring your goodies Friday evening or early on Saturday morning.
THANKS!!!





Shepherd's Kids

It is always a joy to spend time with the children in our community. After missing two of our meetings because of weather events, April provided fun and learning for our children. We made Resurrection Eggs to teach the children about Easter and bird feeders to focus on Earth Day. We are grateful for all those who volunteer to help with this amazing outreach. A special thanks to Jeanette Petnic and the kitchen staff...best quote from one of our children "This penne pasta is gooder than Olive Tree!"

See you for our final two nights this season: May 9 and 16



Deacons

"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May"

Edwin Way Teale

Happy to report another successful Easter Egg Hunt. If you missed the fun, we had about 60 children locate 3200 eggs in record time. Yes! 3200 eggs, this is not a typo. Following the search, refreshments were enjoyed by all. The ladies did a beautiful job setting up the social hall, and we had an abundance of cookies and juice. We were pleased to carry on the tradition of offering a prize of choice to every child who participated. Thank you to everyone who donated eggs, food, drink, and prizes, and who filled and hid eggs.

SPRING FLING AND YARD SALE - May 12th, 8am - 2pm

Please plan to support your church and community outreach. We would like everyone involved. Come to buy or come to sell. We will have a variety of vendors who need your support. There is a Good Shepherd yard sale table, and we are collecting donated items for this, as well as books and baked goods. There will be a food truck and Kona Ice.



Bring the children, to make a corsage for Mothers Day. Game area, and raffle for various baskets filled with gifts for that special person. Join us and support Good Shepherd and our vendors.

If you have any questions or want to rent a space please call Chris 443-286-0655 or email Ashley, ashbarnes3@yahoo.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July Harford Family House - Bed Pillow Drive

September 9th - Church Picnic





Children’s Program Graduation raduated

**GOOD SHEPHERD
CHILDREN’S CENTER**

**Graduation Exercises
Friday, June 1, 2018
6:30 pm**

**Ceremony will take place in the
sanctuary.**

**Food and drink
are not appropriate in the sanctuary**



Sharing Table

The Sharing Table receives bakery donations from BJ's in Tollgate each week. The items must be picked up between the hours of 9 and 12 noon and delivered to the Prince of Peace Catholic Church for distribution the following Saturday. We currently need someone to either join a three person rotation for making the pickup on the third Friday of each month, and/or making the pickup only when there is a fifth Friday in the month, which typically happens twice each year.

Please prayerfully consider taking on this charge. Contact Bill Starke to volunteer or for more information.

Spotlight on Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP - Here we go again. They're asking for money. Nope! This is Stewardship, but it isn't about asking you to give money. In fact, this might even save you a little money.

Sunday, April 22 was Earth Day, so let's think a minute about what we can do to help the earth. One way is to use a mulching blade on your lawn mower and leave the clippings on your lawn. The little pieces of grass decompose right there in place and help to improve your lawn. This assume that you mow your lawn on a regular basis. This won't work if you let your lawn get too high between mowing's. Or, if you insist on bagging your clippings, then put them in a compost pile. This, in time, will give you some nice compost to use in your garden

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, Caroline, Marlene, Beverly Kott, Norita Eleanor Bierman, Roberta Harr, Jane Marble, Ryan

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GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPRING FLING

VENDORS, YARD SALE,
CRAFTS FOR SALE,
CHILDREN'S CRAFTS

MAY 12, 2018

8AM-2PM

GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
622 JOPPA FARM ROAD, JOPPA, MD 21085

Save the date for Good Shepherd's Spring Fling and Yard Sale! There will be craft and direct sales vendors, yard sale shopping, food, children's games and crafts, and fun for all! Come make Mom a corsage for Mother's Day at our kid's craft corner! If you are interested in renting yard sale or vendor space, please contact Ashley or Chris. (Spaces: \$25 10'x 10')

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE A SPACE PLEASE CONTACT:
ASHLEY: ASHBARNES3@YAHOO.COM OR CHRIS: 443-286-0655





MAY 2018

Wednesday, 2 Deacons 6:00
Choir 7:30

Sunday, 6 Adult Sunday School 9:15
Worship 11:00
1st Sunday
Food Closet Donations
Pot Luck Coffee Hour 12:00

Monday, 7 Facilities Committee 6:00
Wednesday, 9 Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00
Choir 7:30

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

Saturday, 12 Spring Fling
Sunday, 13 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
Adult Sunday School 9:15
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

Wednesday, 16 Shepherd's Kids 5:30-3:00
Choir 7:30

Sunday, 20 Adult Sunday School 9:15
Worship 11:00
New Members Received
Coffee Hour 12:00

Monday, 21 Yarn Deadline for JUNE-JULY- AUGUST
Wednesday, 23 Choir 7:30
Thursday, 24 Women's Association 10:00
Sunday, 27 Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

Monday, 28 Memorial Day
Wednesday, 30 Office, Day Care Closed
Choir 7:30



SPRING FLING
MAY 12



New Address

Ed Matthai
Pickersgill Retirement Community
615 Chestnut Ave.
Towson, MD 21204
410-842-0361

Happy & Happy

Happy Anniversary

Mike & Chris Bohns
May 3, 1987

Suzy & Carl Phillips
May 24, 1975

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.

Happy Birthday

- 2 Vickie Maas
- 2 Josh McKemy
- 3 Nancy McCaslin
- 3 Kathy Young
- 7 Winifred Miller
- 11 Jenna Shunk
- 13 Aiden Shunk
- 19 Ed Matthai
- 24 Jon Andrews
- 29 Ruth Wagner
- 31 Alice Ettinger

Next Yarn

3 in one!
JUNE-JULY-AUGUST
Deadline May 21