



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

Making space for faith

From the Pastor's Pen



This June marks a year that I've been interim pastor here at Good Shepherd, and what a great year it's been. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as pastor here, and I'm looking forward to several more months with you. Several of you have expressed concern about how much longer I'll be with you, and while God is the only one who knows the answer to that question, I'm guessing it will be another five to ten months. The PNC has begun their work together and perhaps by the end of June will be able to complete the church's Ministry Information Form (MIF) and get it posted online so that candidates can see what a great church this is.

There is one thing you can do to move the process along smoothly, and that is to pray for the PNC as they do their work and also for the pastoral candidate whom God is already preparing to be this church's next pastor. Your prayers will make a difference.

Summer Sermon Series

What good sermon ideas you all have! I've been pleased to receive many requests for sermons on particular topics, and I'm looking forward to speaking to your questions and concerns. I won't be able to address all of the topics you suggested, though I'll try to raise them as I can.

Here's the schedule of themes for the summer, with lectionary passages and your requests interspersed:

June 3	lectionary	Sabbath
June 10	lectionary	Garden of Eden
June 17	lectionary	Mustard Seed Faith
June 24	lectionary	Biblical Heroes
July 1	request	Salvation
July 8	request	Called and Sent
July 15	lectionary	<i>Rev. Mary Gaut preaching</i>
July 22	request	Angels
Sat., July 28	lectionary	Feeding the Thousands
August 5	request	Being Born Again/From Above
August 12	request	Forgiveness
August 19	lectionary	Bread of Life
August 26	request	Apostles' Creed
Sept.	lectionary	Doers of the Word

If you requested a topic and now find that I've scheduled it for a Sunday when you can't be here, let me know! I may well be able to change it.



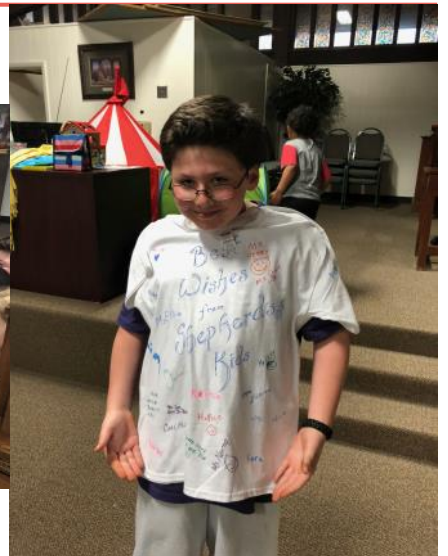
Smaller Session and Deacons

Most of you remember learning at one of our congregational gatherings over the winter that when we went through the church membership rolls, we learned that Good Shepherd is a congregation of 70-some members rather than the over-200 we had been claiming. One result of that change is that Session voted to reduce the size of our leadership boards. Currently, Session has 12 members and the Board of Deacons 9, which means that we have 21 people sitting on boards—well over a quarter of our membership. Starting this fall, Session will consist of 9 members and Deacons 6.

This may mean that no new elders and deacons will be elected this year, depending on whether leaders who have served a single three-year term are willing to serve a second term.

It also means that we may be looking to members not serving on these boards to chair some committees.

Shepherd's Kids



We had another great season with Shepherd's Kids. Many Thanks to the adults who volunteered: Ashley and John Andrews, Chris Bohns, Edie Burns, Millie Fike, Rita Garrity, Jeanne Gay, Winsome Lancomb, Clay Maas, Farrell Maddox, Dave McKim, Hazel Morgan, Jeanette and Jim Petnic, Ellie Pfoutz, Carl Phillips, Cindy PreVatte, Bill Starke, SueThompson, Elaine and Jerry Tich, and Norma Webster

This is a wonderful mission at Good Shepherd, and we give thanks for the parents who entrust us with their children, and for all of God's people who come together to learn about and praise Jesus. Have a wonderful summer, and we will see you at our next Shepherd's Kids:



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 11th

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Delores Barr's Home

205 Doncaster Road

410-679-0419



Food is served throughout the evening. Come at anytime.

Directions: From the church parking lot, turn left onto Towne Center. Turn left at Joppa Farm Rd. Turn left onto Doncaster Rd. Arrive at 205 on left.

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

FUN ACTIVITIES

Women's Association

Summer 2018 Activities Dates:

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

SPRING FLING BAKE TABLE was a great success!!!

Thanks to each of you who brought the delicious goodies as well as to all of you who purchased them! A special "thank you" to Sue Maddox who brought several of her lovely hand-crafted wreathes for us to sell. The women also sold handmade birthday cards for \$1 each. There are still a few left. If anyone is interested, see Jane Workman.

Thursday, 10:00 August 9 - Board Meeting
Jane Workman's home

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



Pastoral Nominating Committee

In an effort to let you know what is happening with the PNC, here are a few facts.

By the time you see this we will have met four times. We met with Rev. Gay to learn about the process, with Karen Gyolai, Presbytery COM, to further obtain information, and we have met twice as a committee to understand our roles and to begin working on the Ministry Information Form. We are still very early in the process but moving forward.

We will provide what information we can periodically, but remember the process is confidential.

Summer Music

Do you, or someone you know, have a special talent in music or dance that you would like to share with our congregation this summer? Our choir will take the months of July and August off, and we are looking for people to share their gift of music or dance. It can be vocal or instrumental. Please see Farrell if you have an idea.



HUMMINGBIRD MINISTRIES



PILLOWCASE DRESSES

Over the past 6 years, the women of GSPC, along with members of the community, have made 300 dresses that have been sent to little girls in Haiti, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Honduras and the Pine Ridge Reservation of South Dakota. Thanks to all who contributed to this ministry through donations of pillowcases, coupons to purchase sewing supplies, money and time.

CLOUD OF WITNESSES: THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST IN HEBREWS (Circle Bible Study)

Random Acts of Kindness and Compassion

The Least Coin offering collected each month at the Circle Bible Study, along with other donations, was used to purchase a new sewing machine for Paula Mank, a Joppatowne resident who helped to sew the pillowcase dresses. Her house was destroyed by fire this past year. The following is a note from Paula: *"You have brought me tears of Joy! I feel SO loved!!!! Thank you, all, so very much. It means tremendous things on*



Deacons

Greetings and a huge thank you to all who participated in our Spring Fling. Once again, we came together as a congregation and had a successful and fun day.

Our mission with this venture is not for profit, but to take our church and our people to our community. Children and their families from our Children's Center joined us. The soccer club that uses our property also joined the festivities. We think this speaks volumes when we have an opportunity to reach the youth.

Please support the local establishments who donated to our raffle baskets. Thank them for their support!

- Sapore di Mare
- Bel Air Massage
- Unforgettable Nails
- Towne Grill and Pub

We hope to set the date for next year well in advance and promote early. Share your ideas.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Christmas in July - Pillow drive for Harford Family House - We will collect standard size pillows throughout the month of July. Please bring new pillows on the 8th, 15th, and the 22nd of July.



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SEPTEMBER 9th - Church Picnic

Plan to join us under the tent at the church. Our church service will be outside weather permitting. Hot dogs will be provided by the deacons. Bring a covered dish of your choice and your favorite chair. Additional information will be provided

Session Highlights—May 2018

- The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been meeting. Gary Workman serves as Chair.
- Re-sizing of Session and Elders: Session decided to decrease the number of Elders serving on Session from 12 to 9. Deacons approved a motion decreasing the number of Deacons from 9 to 6. These changes will be effective in September.

Ushers

- 1st Sun. Petnic, Workman
- 2nd Sun. Tich, McKemy, Morgan
- 3rd Sun. Douglas, Webster, Starke
- 4th Sun. Maas, Wronowski

Tellers

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

Food Closet

The FIRST SUNDAY of each month is Food Closet Sunday. Please help us with this mission project by bring in non-perishable food. Cash donations are always appreciated. See Wayne with questions.

Last month one of our visitors who has been coming for several years called to thank us for the help we gave to their family. They recently found a job and is now able to provide for the family. They are very grateful for our help and for being there when they needed a hand-up.



Happy & Happy

JUNE
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

JULY
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Delores & Bob Barr
July 15, 1972
Gert & Tony Bruno
July 17, 1953
Ashley & Jon Andrews
July 21, 2012

August
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Soung Hee & Bud Baranowski
August 30, 2014



JUNE
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7 Joan Pugh
13 Edwin Whitford
17 Farrell Maddox
3 Sarah Weich
25 Bill Starke

JULY
HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

AUGUST
HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

1 Jane Workman
3 Chris McKemy
4 Cindy PreVatte
Bob Burns
10 Edith Burns
16 Winsome LaComb
22 Sue Maddox

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, Kim Dignan, Harry, Betsy King, Ronnie Hopkins and Family, Pete Pfeiffer, Bill Workman, Leon McKemy, Sandy, Justin, Steven King

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JUNE—2018

Friday, 1
Sunday, 2

Pre—K Graduation 6:30
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00



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Wednesday, 6

Deacons 6:00
Choir 7:30



Sunday, 10

Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

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Monday, 11
Wednesday, 13
Thursday, 14
Sunday, 17

Women's Picnic 5:30-8:30
Choir 7:30
Session 7:00
Happy Father's Day

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Wednesday, 20
Sunday, 24

Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

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Wednesday, 27

Choir 7:30
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00
Choir 7:30



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JULY—2018

Sunday, 1
Wednesday, 4

Worship 11:00
Office, Day Care Closed
Independence Day

Sunday, 8

Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

Sunday 15

Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

Sunday, 22

Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

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Thursday, 26
Sunday, 29

Session 7:00
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

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AUGUST—2018

Wednesday, 1
Sunday, 5

Deacons 6:00
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

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Thursday, 9
Saturday, 11
Sunday, 12

Session 7:00
Sharing Table
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00



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Sunday, 19

Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

Sunday, 26

Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00