



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

*Making space for faith*

## From the Pastor's Pen

### Advent Credo

As we move into Advent this year, I want to share with you this "Advent Credo," written by South African theologian Allan Boesak. It brings out so well the hope that is in our scriptures—a good reminder for all of us in a world where what is "true" is sometimes so hard to discern. It was originally published in Boesak's 2004 *Walking on Thorns*.

Blessings,  
Jeanne

*It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—*

This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;

*It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction—*

This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.

*It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever—*

This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful councilor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

*It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—*

This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.

*It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers—*

This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.

*It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity, of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history—*

This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope.

Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.

Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage:

Jesus Christ—the life of the world.



## Session Highlights—November 2018

Session is purchasing an automated external defibrillator (AED). The Personnel Committee is currently determine who should be trained to use the AED.

A sanctuary safety task force was formed to develop policies for safety within the building. In the near future, session will inform the congregation of any changes to current building operations.

## Prayer List

Philip Pugh, The Family of Wayne Weich, Diana Ciccotelli, Rodger & Vyona Bultena, Ed Matthai, Suzy Phillips, Dr. Whiteford, Haley H, William Webster, Cortney & Michael, Diane Petty, Jim & Hazel Morgan, Tim Villa’s Mom, Alan Watson Jr, Lynda Bates, Steve Rapley, George Zepp, Paige, Dan Schultz, Marion Link, Irma Drucker, Charles Simon, Peggy & Bob Sklar, Dixon Gourley, Trish Breschi, Madison & Jessica Cook, The Kady Howe Family, Fred Mullis, Rob Hale, Vickie Rhoe, Jenny Stowell, Baltimore City Firefighter Shane



## WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION—DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

### December 2018 Activities Dates:

**Thursday, December 6. 10:00** Decorating the tree and Sanctuary

**Monday, December 10, 6:00-8:30 Women’s Annual Christmas Party**  
(see flyer for details)

**Thursday, December 13 10:00 AM:**



## SCHEDULES

	<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Tellers:</b>	<b>Lay Readers:</b>	<b>Children’s Time:</b>
Dec. 2	Petnic, Workman	Bohns, Kent	Young	Bohns
Dec. 9	Tich, McKemy, Morgan	Starke, Webster	PreVatte	Starke
Dec. 16	Douglas, Webster, Starke	Pfoutz, Wagener	Cantata	Burns
Dec. 23	Maas, Wronowski	PreVatte, Workman	Baranowski	Barr
Dec. 24			V. Maas	
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Dec. 30		Maas, Baranowski	Thompson	



## DEACONS



This year, if your budget allows, we are also collecting for **Warm Hands, Warm Hearts**. Hats, scarves and or gloves will be given to elementary, middle, and high school children during the winter months. We will be collecting until December 16.

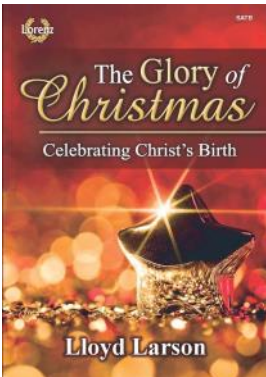
**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY** As always, the 1st Sunday of the month we collect items for the food pantry. See Wayne and Joan Douglas, or Dorothy to determine what needs restocking.

Turn in your Redner's receipts!!

## Merry Christmas

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### Cantata December 16



The choir would like to invite you to a special worship service at Good Shepherd Presbyterian on December 16, when we will present our cantata, "The Glory of Christmas." We have once again combined with Cowenton and Piney Grove churches for this year's musical. We will also present the cantata on December 9, 2018 at 1:00 pm at Piney Grove United Methodist Church. 201 Bowleys Quarters Road, Baltimore 21220

### Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Program

Thank you to all who donated food and helped with our Thanksgiving Dinner Program it was a huge success. Thanks you.





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**Sunday, 2**      **Adult Sunday School 9:30**  
**Worship 11:00**  
**Coffee 12:00**

**Wednesday, 5**      **Tree & Garland 2:00**  
**Deacons 6:30**  
**Choir 7:30**

**Thursday, 6**      **Ladies Decorate Tree 10:00**  
**Sunday, 9**      **Adult Sunday School 9:30**  
**Worship 11:00**  
**Coffee 12:00**

**Monday, 10**      **Ladies Christmas Party 6:00-8:30**

**Wednesday, 12**      **Shepherd’s Kids 5:30—7:30**  
**Choir 7:30**

**Thursday, 13**      **Bible Study 10:00**  
**Session 7:00**

**Sunday, 16**      **Adult Sunday School 9:30**  
**Cantata Sunday 11:00**  
**Coffee 12:00**

**Wednesday, 19**      **Shepherd’s Kids 5:30—7:00**  
**Choir 7:30**

**Friday, 21**      **Service of the Longest Night 7:00**

**Sunday, 23**      **Adult Sunday School 9:30**  
**Worship 11:00**  
**Coffee 12:00**

**Monday, 24**      **Christmas Eve**  
**Family Service 4:00**

**GSPC WOMEN’S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY**



**Thursday, December 13, 2018**

**10:00– 12:00 Upper Room**

**GOD’S PROMISE: I AM WITH YOU**

**BIBLE STUDY-LESSON 4 – GOD WITH US WHEN WE SEEK GOD**

**SCRIPTURE:** *1 Chronicles 28:1-21; 1 Kings 11:1-13; 29-39*

**KEY IDEA:** God summons God’s people and especially God’s leaders, to walk in God’s ways and to seek God.

**WHAT ABOUT HER? Naomi (Cindy) and Ruth (Winsome)**



### SHEPHERD'S KIDS



We look forward to seeing our Shepherd's Kids in December. It is always such a fun month with Christmas just around the corner. We will meet on December 12th and 19th. Ms. Jeanette will have a wonderful meal ready and we will have activities...and you know outfits out and tell the story of Jesus.

great stories and we will get the story of the birth



### Happy & Happy

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*December 18, 1960*

*Elaine and Jerry Fich*

*December 19, 2004*

*Edith and David Burns*

*December 21, 2013*

*Valerie & Barry Davis*

*8 Eleanor Williams*

*10 Elaine Fich*

*11 Lou Cosner*

*13 Jim Petnic*



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*8 Eleanor Williams*

*10 Elaine Fich*

*11 Lou Cosner*

*13 Jim Petnic*

*14 Carl Phillips*

*15 Gert Bruno*

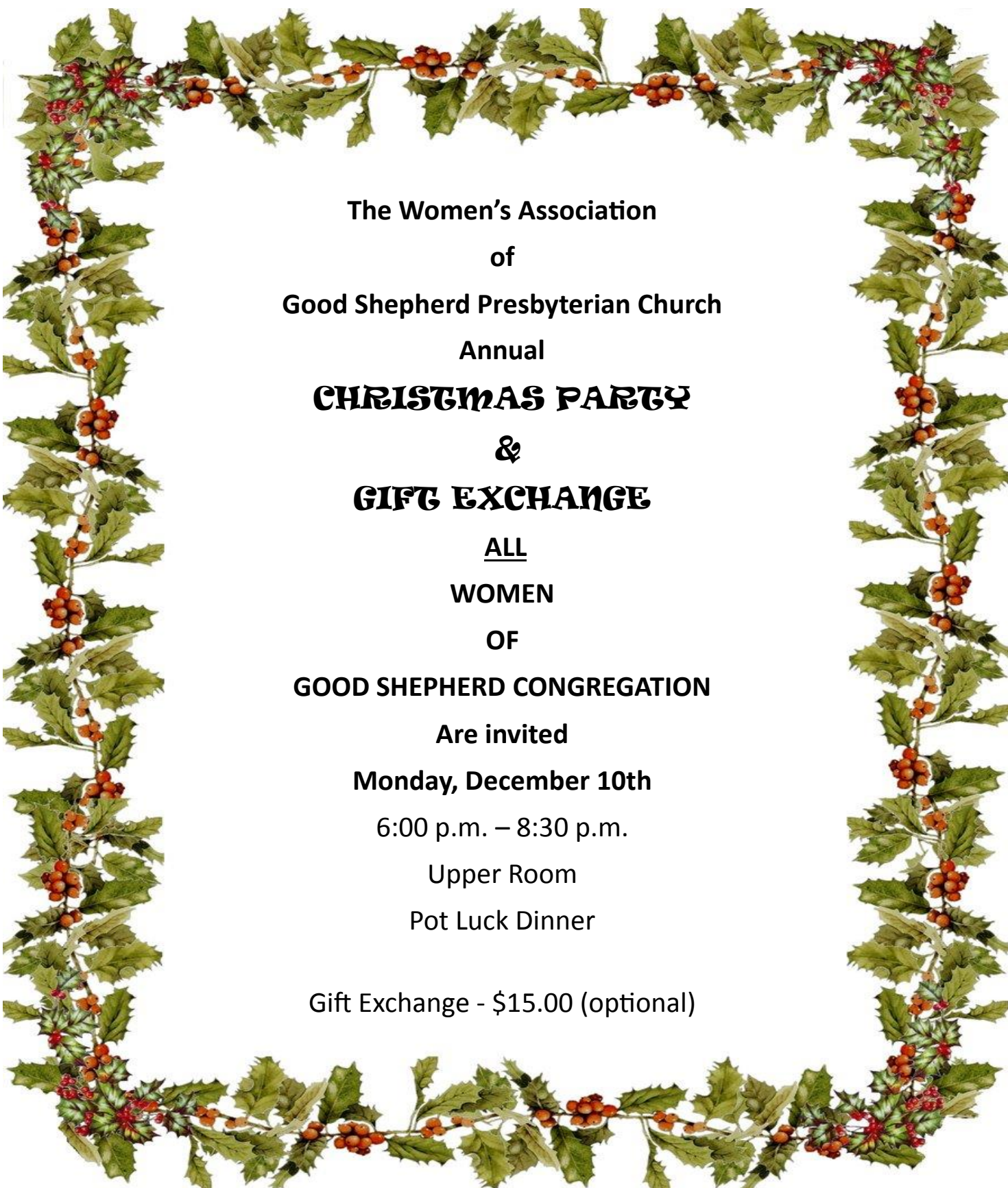
*16 Ellie Pfoutz*

*18 Wayne Douglas*

*20 Nancy Byrne*

*24 Jerry Fich*

*30 Christene Bohns*



The Women's Association  
of  
Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church  
Annual  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
&  
**GIFT EXCHANGE**

ALL  
WOMEN  
OF  
GOOD SHEPHERD CONGREGATION

Are invited

Monday, December 10th

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Upper Room

Pot Luck Dinner

Gift Exchange - \$15.00 (optional)