



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

Making space for faith

From the Pastor's Pen

Welcoming the New Pastor!

This is it, the time we've all been waiting for for two years! The interim period is almost over, you've elected the Rev. Keith Roberts as your next installed pastor, and he'll be starting the middle of February! Woo-hoo!

So this month's *Yarn* article from me is about welcoming and supporting your new pastor. You've probably heard that the church will be collecting welcome cards and small gifts to put together in a basket for Keith. This is a chance to welcome him to Joppatowne and Harford County, maybe to inundate him with Old Bay Seasoning ... perhaps to invite him to try out your favorite coffee shop or crab place.

But beyond the welcome basket, I hope you'll move into this new relationship with curiosity, trust, patience, and love. Be curious about who Keith Roberts is. Take him out for lunch, invite him to dinner, schedule some time to talk with him. Let him know who you are and that you want to make his years at Good Shepherd good ones.

As you get to know Keith, over the first few months he's here, support him. He'll make mistakes—it's inevitable. He'll accidentally let people down. He'll say something from the pulpit that you don't like. Let him know about your concerns but also that he's got your support.

Trust him. You may have ideas about what GSPC absolutely must do, or you may have ideas about the kind of pastor the congregation absolutely must have ... and he may not seem to be onboard with your ideas. No new pastor can come in and change a church's direction in three months (or even 30 months). Trust him. Give him time.

Care for him. Keith will be moving here alone, without family in the area. Love him and pray for him, both personally and as the church's pastor. Being a pastor is a lonely job; support him in finding a community of support at Good Shepherd and beyond.

Recognize that he is your pastor, as of February 18. You may have really liked Daris; you may have really liked me. But Keith will be the pastor of the church, and neither Daris nor I should be talking with you about pastoral issues or the church in general.

And wear your nametags! There are 80-100 of you and one of him. Help him to know who you are! And when you run into him and aren't wearing your nametag, Introduce yourself!

I have loved being your Interim Pastor for the past 19 months. You are a terrific congregation, with many gifts and skills, ready to listen to God's Spirit and follow Jesus. I have every confidence that you have a wonderful, blessed future ahead of you.

Love,
Jeanne

Rev. Keith Roberts -first day in the Office will be Monday 2/18/2019

Rev. Keith Roberts -first Sunday in the pulpit will be 2/24/2019



The Countdown Is On!



For those who have not had a chance to meet our new pastor, Reverend Keith W. Roberts, we believe you are in for a treat. While our numbers were less than normal (because of snow) on Rev. Keith's candidate Sunday, those in attendance felt the Spirit, and the vote, was without question to make Keith our next pastor. Many thanks to our PNC for their dedicated work as God led them to Pastor Keith.

We look forward to his first day in the office on February 18, 2019 and worshipping together on Sunday, February 24, 2019. We will pray for good weather and hope that everyone will make an extra special effort to attend and support our new pastor through your prayers and presence.

This is an exciting time for Good Shepherd in our mission to do God's work in our community and the world at large.

About Keith:

The Rev. Keith Roberts has been Associate Pastor for Christian Nurture at Doylestown Presbyterian Church for 10 years. Keith is a warm, self-effacing man who exudes compassionate faith. He is our committee's unanimous choice to become Good Shepherd's Pastor.

A native of Appleton, Wisconsin, Keith is the seventh of eight children born to a middle-school math teacher and a homemaker. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy and religion from Coe College in Iowa, and a Master's of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Keith began his ministry in Winnebago Presbyterian Church, a rural, 250-member congregation. After 6 years, Keith moved on to Deep Run Presbyterian Church in Perkasie, Pennsylvania, where he spent 17 years leading a congregation eager to expand church programs and mission outreach.

Concentrating on Pastoral care, Keith joined Doylestown Presbyterian Church as Associate Pastor of Christian Nurture.

Keith was drawn by our Shepherd's Kids program when he researched Good Shepherd on the website. He is mindful that youth also need Pastoral care. In his Personal Information Form (Resume'), Keith wrote, "I seek to serve a bridge-building church where all members are valued. The questions of children and youth are honored, and seasoned adults are respected."

Please welcome and support the Rev. Keith Roberts as he seeks to begin his new ministry here. We praise God for delivering this skilled and caring shepherd into our church family.





Session Highlights—January 2019

This was Pastor Jeanne’s last session meeting and we will miss her guidance. Jeanne’s last day to preach will be Feb 10th. Since Rev. Keith Roberts’ first work day is Monday, Feb 18, Rev. Mary Gaut will preach on Sunday, Feb 17. Pastor Keith’s first time to preach will be on Sunday, Feb 24th.

Every December, GSPC is required to report some member-related statistics through the Baltimore Presbytery to the General Assembly. Here are a few you might find interesting:

- 80 - the number of active members on the rolls as of 31 Dec
- 14 - the number of people not members of GSPC but actively participate in our church life
- 8 - number of new members we received in 2018
- 47 - number of children who attended Shepherd’s Kids during 2018
- 2 and 25 - number of members under 25 and number over the age of 71

WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION—FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Thursday, February 14 10:00 AM:

Circle Bible Study Lesson 6: God with Us Through our Trials

Do you feel like you are in exile?

God says, “I will be with you,” and that promise of presence conveys the depth of God’s love.

Delores Barr will be telling us about the Woman and the lost coin.

We will be going out to lunch following the meeting.

Thursday February 28 10:00 AM:

Our 4th Thursday Program will be Baking Cookies with the Children Center children. Elaine Tich is in charge of this project.

Those participating in the Pillowcase Dress Project will inventory the materials in preparation for this mission.

Bring your lunch and we can sample some of our freshly baked cookies.



Donations for the February Sharing Table (February 9, 2019)

Please continue to bring in new or gently worn clothing such as coats, scarves, winter hats, and gloves to donate. Other adult or children clothing is also appreciated. Toiletries (hotel samples or regular size) are always a big hit too. Last year we noticed a real need for moisturizing lotion.

All items need to be brought to church by February 3.

We need the whole church to help us with this project!!

THANK YOU!!!



DEACONS

Greetings to all. It's hard to believe we are into our second month of 2019. A lot has happened, we completed the Hat and Mitten Drive for Extreme Family Outreach. It warms our hearts knowing we will help the less fortunate. The gloves and hats will be distributed throughout the cold months, to children in all grade levels. We thank you for your continued giving. We are so blessed with your involvement and support.

MOVIE NIGHT

Once again we will have our **February Movie Night on Sunday the 24th at 5:30 p.m.** We will begin the evening with hot dogs and fixings, cooked by none other than Clay Maas and Allan Wronowski. They did a fantastic job last year. We will provide popcorn, soft pretzels, drinks and a light dessert. Our feature this year will be **"I Can Only Imagine"** based the true story of Bart Millard, a singer of the Christian band MercyMe. Bart suffers emotional and physical abuse at the hands of his father. Life takes a turn and his father finds redemption by embracing his faith. Faith and mended relationships, we can all relate. Don't miss this great time of fellowship!



COFFEE HOUR

Please see Clay Maas, if you wish to join one of our refreshment teams. All our welcome to participate in whatever manor works for you. It could be set up, clean up, drinks, food items. Know you are welcome!

REDNERS RECEIPTS

Collecting year round..not sure what this is? Contact Jeanette Petnic

FOOD PANTRY

Remember to help restock our pantry. The 1st Sunday of the month is the designated day, but any day is appreciated.

THE SHARING TABLE

February 9 is our first 2019 date to serve the guests at The Sharing Table, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 2006 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood.

We need your participation to make this ministry a success we really need you to volunteer your time and talents to ensure the success of our service.

Should you be willing to bake a casserole, the pans and recipe are located behind the door in the Secretary's Office. The recipe makes enough to fill two pans. If you do not care to bake, but would be willing to assist in serving the meal, you need to know the following:

Sign up on the schedule sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

The time to arrive at Prince of Peace (use the entrance on the backside of the church) is 10 a.m.

The first items of business will be to set up the dining hall and getting the meal items prepared.

Meal service starts at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m.

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 12:30 p.m.

We do hope you will consider joining us for this very special service for those in our community who benefit from it.



FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday, 3	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00 First Sunday Food Closet Sunday
Tuesday, 5	Hope for the Homeless—Joppatowne Christian
Wednesday, 6	Deacons 6:30 Choir 7:30
Saturday, 9	Sharing Table
Sunday, 10	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00 Rev. Jeanne Gay—Last Day
Monday, 11	Carpet Cleaned in Building
Wednesday, 13	Shepherd Kid’s 5:30-7:00 Choir 7:30
Thursday, 14	Women’s Bible Study 10:00
Sunday, 17	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Monday, 18	Rev. Keith Roberts—First Day in Office
Wednesday, 20	Shepherd’s Kids 5:30—7:00 Choir 7:30
Thursday, 21	Session 7:00
Sunday, 24	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Rev. Robert’s First Sunday in Pulpit Coffee 12:00
Wednesday, 27	Movie Night 5:30—“I Can Only Imagine”
Thursday, 28	Choir 7:30 Women’s Association 10:00

GSPC WOMEN’S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, February 14, 2019—10:00 am – 12:00 pm—Upper Room

GOD’S PROMISE: I AM WITH YOU

BIBLE STUDY-LESSON 6– GOD WITH US THROUGH OUT TRIALS

SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 41:8-13; 43:1-7; Psalm 46:1-11*

KEY IDEA: God says “I will be with you,” and that depth of presence conveys the depth of God’s love.

WHAT ABOUT HER? Dolores Barr

GOING OUT FOR LUNCH



God's People!

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, texts, emails, cards, chicken soup, amazing desserts, chocolate chip cookies, substitute organist, and my private taxi service. I will not try to list names, because I fear I would forget someone. Good Shepherd has amazed me from the day I arrived, and you continue to be the hands and face of God. Thank you for all you do for not only me, but everyone who has a need. It is no wonder that God continues to bless our church.

Sincerely, Farrell



SHEPHERD'S KIDS

January Shepherd's Kids focused on what God can do in our lives, and what we can do when we trust in God.

We focused on Jesus Feeds 5,000 People - Matthew 14:13-21. We chose the story "The Little Engine That Could" to compliment the Bible story. On the second week we read "I Knew You Could" and made cards to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Keith Roberts.

As always, we give thanks for our children and their parents for sharing this time with us. We also give thanks for all of our volunteers and their willingness to work with God's children.

Our next meetings will be on **February 13 and 20 from 5:30-7:00.**



Happy & Happy

February 2019

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 15, 2008

Ann and Jon Bornstein

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

10

David Burns

Linda Link

19

Daris Bultena

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

Prayer List

Philip Pugh, The Family of Wayne Weich, Diana Ciccotelli, Rodger & Vyona Bultena, Ed Matthai, Suzy Phillips, Dr. Whiteford, William Webster, Diane Petty, The Family of Jim Morgan, Lynda Bates, Steve Rapley, Paige, Marion Link, The Family of Gert Bruno, Jeanette Ford, Jim Wills, Sabre Workman, William Partee, John Kling, Dave Burns, Marcia Goldberg, Sandy, Rachael, Ginny Howe, Nancy Schaffer, Randy Phillips, Farrell Maddox, Beth, Kathy Simon, Katie, Walt, Don, Chris Blontz, Damon Webster, Erika Danner

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SCHEDULES

	Ushers:	Tellers:	Lay Readers:	Children's Time:
Feb 3	Petnic, Workman	Bohns, Kent	S. Baranowski	E. Burns
Feb 10	Tich, McKemy, Morgan	Starke, Webster	V. Maas	Rev. Jeanne
Feb. 17	Douglas, Webster, Starke	Pfoutz, Wagener	C. Maas	
Feb. 24	Maas, Wronowski	PreVatte, Workman	Thompson	D. Barr

GOOD SHEPHERD'S GIFTS—FROM WORSHIP JANUARY 20, 2019

Acceptance	Doing food closet	Love and caring	Snow-removers
Accepting	Doing Shepherd's Kids	Loving	Stair glide helpers
Administrators	Dreamers	Loving and being loved	Story telling
Always gives a hug	Driving to church	Loving listeners	Supportive
Always here	Encourage others	Makes everyone feel	Talented
Always thinking of others' needs	Encouragers	ike family	Teachers
Artists	Encouraging in word,	Meeting chairs	Teachers of the word
Attend church	deeds	Model married couples	Teaching
Attentive	and prayer	Money counters	Technology
Bakers	Engineers	Money counters	Those willing to serve
Banner makers	Financial sharing	Motivating	Those with courage
Be admin assistant	Flower arrangers	Music	Thoughtfulness
Building fixers	Following	Music and song	Tongue (language)
Card senders	Food preparers	Music, singing	Treasurer
Caregivers	Forgiveness	Musical	True friendship
Caring	Funny	Musical—contributing to the	Uplifting
Celebrate birthdays	Gardeners	service in voice and instrument	Visionaries
Cheerful	Generosity	Musicians	Volunteering
Cheerleaders	Giving	Organ players	Volunteers
Choir singing	Giving freely	Organizers	Weep with others
Church cleaners	Good and willing listeners	Organizing and administrative	Welcoming
Clerk of Session tasks, reports, etc.	Good eaters	skills	
Coffee making	Goose poop shoveling	Painters	
Communion preparers	Grandparents	Pastoral care	
Compassion	Grass cutting	Personable	
Compassionate	Greet people	Play the piano and organ	
Cooks	Hearing and seeing	Pleasant	
Cooks for Shepherd's Kids	Helpers	Plow the parking lot	
Crafters	Helpful	Prayer	
Creative	Helpfulness	Prayer chain leader	
Creativity	Helping	Prayerful	
Deacons	Hospitality	Praying	
Decorate the church	Huggers	Preaching	
Dedication	Humble mentors	Real caring	
Delegators	Humor	Repairing	
Demonstrates the power	Inclusive of all	Responsibility	
and strength of personal	Laughter	Salt sidewalks	
faith and trust in God	Lead Bible Study	Salt spreaders	
Diversity	Leaders	Sense of humor	
	Leadership	Serving others	