



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

*Making space for faith*

## From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

I have been with you just a few brief weeks and yet already I can echo these words of Paul written to the Philippian Church:

"I thank my God every time I remember you." (1:3)

In many ways you have made this "Wisconsin Boy and Pennsylvania Man", feel welcome. With the colorful box presented to me in worship, and its contents of chocolate, guide books and gift cards, you surely surprised me. Thank you to all who contributed to its contents. I am grateful!

On Sundays you have shaken my hand, shared your name, and offered a kind word. I thank God for the welcome you have given me!

Often we clergy-folk take for granted those people who serve so generously in Christ's Church. We just assume people will show up to work on a committee, to make coffee, to shovel the walk, or to offer a prayer in worship. One of my prayers is that I will never take you for granted. Your presence and your service in God's Kingdom is valued. Thank you for being in this church family.

Now Lent is upon us and we recall the journey our Savior took to Jerusalem as he faced his final days with his disciples. Traditionally, this is a time to give up something of value, to deny ourselves a pleasure, as a way to remind us of the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

I hope these will be days in which we can worship our Lord and seek his will in our lives, spending more intentional time in prayer. One of the biggest mistakes we make in our prayer life is to give up on it too soon. Jesus encourages us to be bold in our praying: "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you."

(Luke 10: 9)

A poet I enjoy, encourages praying in a poem with just that title.



# From the Pastor’s Pen continued

## Praying

It doesn’t have to be  
 the blue iris, it could be  
 weeds in a vacant lot, or a few  
 small stones; just  
 pay attention, then patch  
 a few words together and don’t try  
 to make them elaborate, this isn’t  
 a contest but the doorway  
 into thanks, and a silence in which  
 another voice may speak.  
 --Mary Oliver

As we pay attention, may we hear the voice of him who said “Come, and follow me.” And may we continue to worship together, and serve together, and pray together.

Blessings on your journey. I am thanking God for you !

Keith

## EASTER



Help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter by ordering Easter flowers. You can dedicate your flowers to The Glory of God, In Memory of a loved one, or In Honor of someone. The cost this year is \$7.00. After Easter Worship you can take your flowers home and plant them in your garden. There will be an order box with order forms in the narthex.

## SCHEDULES

	<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Tellers:</b>	<b>Lay Readers:</b>	<b>Children’s Time:</b>
Mar. 3	Petnic, Workman	Bohns, Kent	D. Barr	Starke
Mar. 10	Tich, McKemy, Morgan	Starke, Webster	Young	PreVatte
Mar. 17	Douglas, Webster, Starke	Pfutz, Wagener	PreVatte	C. Bohns
Mar. 24	Maas, Wronowski	PreVatte, Workman	S. Baranowski	G. Wronowski
Mar. 31		Baranowski, Maas	V. Maas	A. Wronowski



## Session Highlights—February 2019

CHILDREN'S CENTER/BUILDING RENOVATION - As most of you know, when Rev. Bultena left, we planned to increase the size of our Children's Center. The loan company was not willing to move forward while we were in the interim period, the project was put on hold. As we came closer to calling Rev. Roberts, a task force was assembled to decide how we would move forward. Original plans called for us to build a wing and then do major renovations to the existing building. The task force looked carefully at current Center enrollment numbers as well as projections for community growth and decided we would reverse our plans and start with the existing structure, making some changes that would still allow for program growth. We invited the architects back and shared our ideas. We are now at a point start plans for the renovation. The elders approved spending \$17,800. for Frederick Ward and Associates to assess our proposed ideas and advise on the feasibility of our plans. A few things that will be considered include adding a door beside the folding partition between the sanctuary and classroom, dividing the current classrooms each in half, replacing the HVAC systems, adding water and restroom facilities, adding an elevator. If you have questions, please ask Farrell Maddox, who is the lead on the task force.

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## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION—MARCH ACTIVITIES

### Thursday, March 7 10:00 AM:

Circle Bible Study Lesson 7 – God with Us as Emmanuel  
(bring your lunch)

### Thursday March 28 10:00 AM:

Stuff Easter Eggs for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Those working on Pillowcase Dresses may also be meeting this day.  
(bring your lunch)



### **THANK YOU!!!**

Thanks to all who donated clothing, toiletries, and Valentine snacks for our February Sharing Table! We had more clothing than last year and very little left over at the end. The women filled over 100 Valentine bags and not one was left! A special "thank you" to Brian Gonzales Jr. for handing out the Valentine Bags. We had more toiletries than ever - lotions, toothpaste, shampoos, etc. – big and small – all were grabbed up during our time at Sharing Table.

Please keep this mission in mind during the year so that you can set aside these items for next year.

### **GREAT JOB!!!**

### **EASTER EGG CANDY/TOYS NEEDED!**

On March 28, the Women's Association will be stuffing the Easter Eggs for **Good Shepherd's Annual Easter Egg Hunt.** (Easter is on April 21, 2019) Please help us by donating commercially wrapped candy, mini toys, etc. for these eggs. It has been suggested that we do not use hard candy.

We **DO NOT** need empty eggs! There are over 4500 eggs stored from last year!!! If you want to stuff your own, just ask and we will gladly give you some of the empty eggs. There will be a basket in the narthex for the collection on **March 10,17, and 24.**

### **THANKS!**





DEACONS

WE MARCH  
CAUSE  
SPRING IS "ALMOST" IN THE AIR!

Warm greetings to all! We would like to shout out a "thank you" to all those who participated with Hope for the Homeless Shelter. Norma Webster chaired the event for the second year and many of our members gave of their time. Good Shepherd members set up cots, prepared food, served and socialized with 30 plus guest. This is just one of many missions we support throughout the year. Our church is always willing to answer the call and we welcome all to participate.

SAVE THE DATE:

Movie Night - The rescheduled date is **March 31st at 5:30 pm**

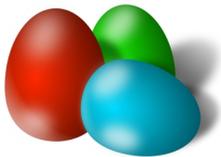
Our feature movie will be, **I Can Only Imagine**. If you have not seen this movie you are in for a treat. If you have, then you know its worth seeing again. The movie is based on the true story about Bart Millard. Bart is the lead singer for the Christian band Mercy Me. Bart suffers physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father Arthur. When Arthur becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovers his love for his son.



Prior to the movie please join us for the best hot dogs, prepared by Clay Maas and Allen Wronowski Popcorn, soft pretzels, dessert, and drinks, will be provided. Invite a friend, it's a relaxed evening and we want you there!

Easter Egg Hunt - April 20th

We "**Do Not**" need eggs! We will be collecting **wrapped candy, and please no hard candy**, to fill the eggs. Each child will choose a prize for their participation in the egg hunt. Any small inexpensive toy item is appreciated. Coloring books, slime, bubbles, matchbox cars, craft supplies, etc.



In addition, refreshments will be provided after the egg hunt. Jeanette Petnic will organize items needed along with the ladies' group. Cookies, brownies, cheese curls, cold drinks, etc. are requested.

This is a church event and all are asked to participate. This is a fun time for all and a great community outreach. Please plan to join us and invite someone!

**SPRING FLING - MAY 11th - Time to Spring into action!**

Calling all volunteers!! Calling all crafters!! Spread the word. If you have ideas or suggestions, please share. More information to follow.

Food Pantry restock is scheduled for the 1st Sunday of each month? We thank you for the continued support with this outreach. Wayne and Joan Douglas are your contacts.

Your Redner's tapes also support the food pantry. If you are not familiar with this, please see Jeanette Petnic.



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**Friday, 1**  
**Sunday, 3** Children’s Center Coffee & Donuts 6:00AM  
Adult Sunday School 9:30  
Worship 11:00  
Coffee 12:00

**Tuesday, 5** 1st Sunday Food Closet Sunday  
Spring Fling Meeting 6:00  
Deacons 6:30

**Wednesday 6** Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00  
Choir Following Worship

**Thursday, 7**  
**Sunday, 10** Women’s Bible Study 10:00  
First Sunday in Lent  
Adult Sunday School 9:30  
Worship 11:00  
Coffee 12:00  
Day Light Saving Time Begins—Spring Forward

**Wednesday, 13** Shepherd Kids 5:30-7:00  
Choir 7:30

**Thursday, 14** Session 7:00  
**Saturday, 16** Men’s Breakfast  
**Sunday, 17** 2nd Sunday in Lent  
Adult Sunday School 9:30  
Worship 11:00  
Coffee 12:00

**Wednesday, 20** Shepherd’s Kids 5:30-7:00  
Choir 7:30

**Sunday, 24** 3rd Sunday in Lent  
Adult Sunday School 9:30  
Worship 11:00  
Coffee 12:00

**Wednesday, 27** Choir 7:30  
**Thursday, 28** Women’s Association 10:00  
**Sunday, 31** **4th Sunday in Lent**  
Adult Sunday School  
Worship 11:00



**GSPC WOMEN’S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY**



Thursday, **March 7, 2019**  
10:00 – 12:00 Upper Room  
GOD’S PROMISE: I AM WITH YOU

**BIBLE STUDY-LESSON 7- GOD WITH US THROUGH AS EMMANUEL**  
**SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25**  
**KEY IDEA:**  
**WHAT ABOUT HER?** Joan Pugh  
**HOSPITALITY:** Jo White and Sarah Weich

**BRING LUNCH**



### SHEPHERD’S KIDS

Thanks to everyone who took part in our February Shepherd's Kids! Sue Thompson planned a valentine lesson where the children could become super heroes. Week two was a snow day. We also invited parents and guardians to join us for dessert at 6:30 to meet our new pastor, Rev. Keith Roberts. On March 13.

We look forward to seeing all of the children on March 13th and 20th. If you know an elementary aged child please encourage them to join us.



### Happy & Happy

*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

#### March

- 7 Gail Wronowski
- 9 Mike Bohns
- 15 Mary Kaye Kent
- 17 Erin Pollard
- 18 Jeanette Petnic
- 31 Cecilia Davis



### Prayer List

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

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