



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

Making space for faith

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

Soon we will be entering Holy Week as we mark the final events of Jesus' earthly life. As I ponder the drama and pain of those days I think of Jesus, his disciple Peter, and a winged animal.

Mark tells us of a rooster that crowed.

"That person is so cocky" we say. This bird is the paragon of conceit. Self-assured, she tolerates no rival. In one way this bird can be admired, he never sleeps late. Muslims believe when the cock ceases to crow the day of judgment is at hand. Shakespeare's Horatio speaks of the cock "as the trumpet to the morn". Admire his confidence, dislike his arrogance, this is bird plays a role in the last days of Jesus.

Mark's gospel reports:

"All of you will desert me" Jesus told them. "For the scriptures say 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'" (Zechariah 13:7)

"But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there. Peter said to him, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will".

"Peter", Jesus replied, "the truth is this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times."

"No". Peter insisted, "Not even if I have to die with you!" And all the others vowed the same. (14: 27-31)

Jesus knew what would actually happen.

Meanwhile, Peter was below in the courtyard. One of the servant girls who worked for the high priest noticed Peter warming himself at the fire. She looked at him closely and then said, "You were one of those with Jesus, the Nazarene."

Peter denied it. "I don't know what you're talking about", he said, and he went out into the entryway. Just then a rooster crowed. (14: 66-68)

Why did Peter deny knowing Jesus? He needed freedom badly as he was implicated with a condemned prisoner, Jesus. To extricate himself, integrity went overboard. And though he had been Jesus right hand man, and showed faith to take great risks, he now swore that he never knew this preacher-healer.

Can you imagine that moment? As Jesus was led past Peter, their eyes met. No words were spoken....and hours later God used the common cockerel to announce Peters betrayal.

And we keep wondering, why did Peter deny knowing Jesus? It wasn't out of hate or revenge that Peter made this denial. Really, Peter loved Jesus. This moment of denial shows us how, those we love the most, we can easily hurt the most.

Strong Peter, bold Peter, denied knowing his friend for his own selfish ends. Peter was scared, and his nature was prone to unreliability and quick temper. Indeed, God created every person with flaws. Peter sure had a way of putting his foot in his mouth.

The young Winton Churchill is said to have made so many outrageous mistakes that the press wrote him off for "his lack of discretion and judgment". Fortunately he did not allow this to undermine his confidence. We know the rest of the story, and how God used Churchill to battle evil.



From the Pastor Pen Con't.

Yes, Peter denied knowing Jesus, but about 5 weeks later Peter preached a powerful sermon, on Pentecost, that rocked the region and birthed the church. (Acts 2)

We all do dumb things, and deny knowing Jesus, with our timid faith. And yet, God does use our strengths and weaknesses to witness to a forgiving Savior. Soon we mark that moment when Jesus suffered on the Cross. May we approach Holy Week with humility and anticipation as that day of Easter joy arrives. But first, we will hear a painful prayer in a garden, then pound the nails in a cross, and hear the crow of a rooster, announcing once again how we let our Savior down.

Come, as we travel now to Jerusalem. Bring a friend, as we walk these final days with our Savior.

Grace and peace to you.

Pastor Keith

PALM Sunday Community Parade of Palms

Please join us Sunday, April 14 at 10:45am

For the Community Parade of Palms
&
Blessing

We will be joined by Holy Spirit Catholic Church. There will be a brief service and then each church will parade to their own church for worship.



Go forth with shouts and singing!

Please be in the parking lot by 10:30.

SCHEDULES

	Ushers:	Tellers:	Lay Readers:	Children's Time:
Apr. 7	Petric, Workman	Bohns, Kent	C. Maas	E. Burns
Apr. 14	Tich, McKemy, Morgan	Starke, Webster	S. Thompson	Keith Roberts
Apr. 18	Maunday Thursday		E. Burns	
Apr. 19	Good Friday		D. Barr	
Apr. 21	Douglas, Webster, Starke	Pfutz, Wagener	K. Young	Keith Roberts
Apr. 28	Maas, Wronowski	PreVatte, Workman	C. PreVatte	



Work Party April 13

The annual Church Work Party will be held on Saturday, April 13th, beginning at 9:30 AM. After we are finished working, lunch will be provided!

Our goal is to accomplish the following tasks:

1. **Sanctuary Cleaning – Window cleaning, pew vacuuming, etc.**
2. **Mulching the plant beds around the Church Building.**
3. **Adding mulch to the Children’s Center Playground.**
4. **Cleaning out the dirt strip between the Church and Library parking lots, adding top soil, and planting grass seed on the dirt strip.**

You can see from the list that there are a wide variety of tasks from easy to more difficult. We will need [people to work inside on the Sanctuary tasks](#) and [many people to work on the outdoor tasks](#).

A sign-up sheet and table will be located in the Narthex for your convenience to let us know that you will be there to help spruce up our Church. Many hands make for an easier job for all those involved.

Please bring gloves, shovels, rakes, 5 gallon buckets, and wheel barrows for the outside tasks. Materials will be provided for the inside tasks.

Any questions, ask Gary Workman or Wayne Douglas.

See you at 9:30 AM on April 13th!!!

LUNCH PROVIDED



WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION—APRIL ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 11 10:00 AM:

Circle Bible Study Lesson 8 – **God with Us as the Holy Spirit**

Focus: God who was incarnate in Jesus Christ is now present as the Holy Spirit.

What About Her? This section on Mary Magdalene will be presented by Winsome LaComb.

We will be going out to eat following the program.

Thursday, April 25 10:00 AM (4th Thursday Program)

Card Making Workshop

We will be making Birthday and Mother’s Day cards to sell at the Spring Fling, as well as our usual “thinking of you” cards. Please bring old cards that have appropriate pictures or words to re-use.

Bring your lunch.



In March the women filled and counted **Easter eggs** for our annual hunt. **Thanks** to all who donated candy and toys as well as filled eggs for this project! Sue Maddox filled 2000 eggs – that must be a record!! **THANK YOU!!!**



DEACONS

There's Always Spring In God's Love

A warm thank you to all who attended our Movie Night. We hope you enjoyed the film and the fellowship. A special thank you to our chef and staff for the best hot dogs in town. An Honorable mention to our technical guy, Farrell Maddox.

SAVE THE DATE

Easter Egg Hunt - April 20th

The eggs are being stuffed! If you wish to help hide the eggs please plan on being at church at 8:30 a.m on, Saturday the 20th.

If you wish to provide refreshments for after the egg hunt please see Jeanette Petnic. 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. We had our first planning meeting and committees our being formed. If you would like to help please let it be known. Check out our flyer for more information. We need everyone to invite friends and family to participate and or shop, and help market this event..

Join Us April 28, 2019

as we say

Thank You

Dorothy

Dorothy Burns is retiring after 32 years of service to Good Shepherd Presbyterian as our Administrative Assistant and friend.

We will celebrate in the Upper Room after worship. The meal will be catered, but we invite you to bring your special desserts.

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SAVE THE DATE:

**GOOD SHEPHERD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SPRING FLING
CRAFTS FOR SALE
MAY 11, 2019
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! 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

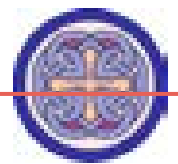




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Wednesday, 3	Deacons 6:30 Choir 7:30
Sunday, 7	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00 1st Sunday Food Closet
Wednesday, 10	Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00 Choir 7:30
Thursday, 11	Women's Bible Study 10:00 Session 7:00
Saturday, 13	Work Party 9:30
Sunday, 14	Palm/Passion Sunday Palm Sunday Community Service 10:45 GSPC Parking Lot Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Wednesday, 17	Shepherd's Kids 5:30-7:00 Choir 7:30
Thursday, 18	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00
Friday, 19	Good Friday Service 7:00
Saturday, 20	Easter Egg Hunt 10:00
Sunday, 21	Easter Sunday Worship 11:00 NO Coffee
Monday, 22	YARN Deadline
Wednesday, 24	Choir 7:00
Thursday, 25	Women's Association 10:00
Saturday, 27	Work Party Rain Date
Sunday, 28	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Retirement Lunch 12:00



GSPC WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, April 11, 2019 10:00–2:00 Upper Room

GOD'S PROMISE: I AM WITH YOU

BIBLE STUDY-LESSON 8- GOD WITH US AS THE HOLY SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE: *John 14: 1-3*

KEY IDEA: God who was incarnate in Jesus Christ is now present as the Holy Spirit.

WHAT ABOUT HER? Winsome

HOSPITALITY: Delores and Jane

GOING OUT TO LUNCH



SHEPHERD’S KIDS

March Shepherd's Kids provided a chance for our children to meet Pastor Keith. The children enjoyed breaking bread with Rev. Keith and were attentive as he read the story "The Voice." The focus was on Jesus calling us to be fishers of men. Children made fish prints as the craft for the evening. We also provided an opportunity for parent to join us to meet our new pastor and share in dessert.

As always, we give thanks for our volunteers! We look forward to our April meetings that will focus on Easter and the events leading to our Savior's Rising from the dead. We will meet on April 10th and 17th. Please spread the word. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about Jesus.



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 APRIL BIRTHDAY

9 Robert Walko

10 Tony Bruno

18 Mildred Fike

22 Brittany Frey

25 Debi Carey

26 Ray Benser

30 Sue Thompson



Prayer List

Philip Pugh, Diana Ciccotelli, Rodger & Vyona Bultena, Ed Matthai, Suzy Phillips, Dr. Whiteford, William Webster, Lynda Bates, Steve Rapley, Paige, Marcia Goldberg, Ginny Howe, Randy Phillips, Damon Webster, Carolyn Bartlett, Rex Howe, Jayden & Family, Cheyenne & Family, Virginia Hulling, Jeanette Ford, Mary Lou Aims, Mboney, Sandy & Robert Bateman, Tracy Webster, Nathan Thomas

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