



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

Making space for faith

A Thank You and Love Note from Dorothy!



Sunday's service and Retirement Party were amazing. It was more than I could ever have imagined. Thank you everyone for the best day. The food, cookie table, and decorations were perfect. I didn't even mind wearing purple. Your generous gifts were so thoughtful and appreciated. A special thank you to my Roasters - Gary, Big Mike, Rita, Farrell, and Gail. You know that you are truly loved when people laugh with you and not at you. I can't tell you all how much my special guest Daris meant to me. Thank you is not enough to Vickie, Clay, Gail, and Farrell, you all are amazing. Thank you Keith for allowing all this to happen.

Thank you to my husband, sons, and daughters-in-law for sharing this day with me and especially to my Good Shepherd Family for allowing me to be a part of your lives for 32 years.

Love you all,
Dorothy Burns



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear New Friends,

If you are like me maybe you are still thinking about worship and our fellowship together as we said goodbye to Dorothy Burns on the last Sunday of April. For me it was a delight to watch:



- The Queen of the Day smile, laugh and share hugs with longtime friends.
- Members of this church offer words expressing gratitude to the Lady who steered this ship for nearly 32 years.
- Former Pastor Daris as he prayed and met old friends.
- Our worship as we thought about the ways God is preparing us for tomorrow (the Joppa story is in Acts 9:36-43).
- Dorothy's family. I first met Bob and Dorothy on a cold January Saturday, in a reception to welcome me. What a joy for me, and all of us, to watch their sons and daughters-in-law, enjoy the celebration. Many of you recall when Rob and Nick were little boys. They have sure grown up, and soon grandsons will arrive.
- The joy of shared fellowship as we broke bread, enjoyed a yummy meal, dived into Pittsburgh-tradition-cookies (along with cake)..and shared the bonds of friendship as brothers and sisters in Christ.

I thank all of you who worked so hard to make this event happen. For fear of forgetting one person, I won't list all of you involved in that work. I know you were tired by Sunday night, but it really was a work of love, for a person and family you love.



From the Pastor Pen Con't.

Now a new chapter begins for our church. Please notice the introduction of our new assistant in the office, Trista Canary. The Personnel Committee reviewed over 60 applicants for this position and we are confident we have called a very bright, gifted woman who will help lead us forward. I am excited she has come aboard!

The time for "goodbyes" took place for Jesus and his followers in the days after Easter. He left the tomb empty, and then he visited others to offer his encouragement, and to charge them to continue the work he began. In John 21: 15-19 we catch one encounter between Jesus and Peter. Three times Jesus asks the bold, bumbling, leader Peter: "Do you love me". Three times Peter responds: "Yes Lord, you know that I love you". Then Jesus said: "Tend my sheep". Peter reacts strongly to the three questions from Jesus. "Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time—"Do you love me?" And he said to him: "Lord you know everything. You know that I love you."

Peter is correct, Jesus does know everything. Don't you suppose Jesus was asking these questions of Peter, prodding him to ponder just how much he was willing to do, in caring for the people of God?

We know that it is easy to journey through life and seldom stop to consider our level of commitment to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We can admire, and respect the Healer, Teacher and Savior. But to have a heart to walk as he did, to live as he did, is another matter entirely. There is no clear proof that Saint Francis said these words, but we may still hear this challenge: "Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary use words." Do other people see in our lives, a glimpse of Jesus? That's a humbling question, for sure. Some days we can set aside our egos, our desires to get ahead, and we act selflessly. Other days or moments, we stumble in our walk and Jesus is nowhere to be seen in how we live.

My prayer is that others will see in us, something of the risen Jesus who loved unconditionally, and who made sacrifices to touch the lives of all he met. In a culture saturated with messages of self-improvement and the dream of success at all costs, how can I, with the Spirits help, show others the love of Jesus? "Tend my sheep", said our Lord to Peter. His voice still calls us to follow him, as we serve others, giving time, talent and treasure to His church we love!

Are there new ways you can serve in this community? Pray about that. I do fear the possibility of burnout for those of you who have been working long and hard in this church. We need more people, on the sideline of this church, to step forward and join us as we roll up our sleeves to serve. Can you help with a Sunday meal? Can you assist during the "Time for Children" in worship? Could you help with our building or outside grounds; or with one event in our church life? Can you step forward in a new way to serve in this church? Tell me, or a Deacon or Elder, if this is possible.

Jesus asked Peter: "Do you love me?" And then he charged Peter, and each of us: "Feed my sheep". Hunger and thirst abound. How desperately our broken world needs to hear the voice of Jesus. "Little children, let us love, not in word and speech, but in truth and action." (1 John 3:18)

Grace and Peace,
Keith



SPRING FLING - May 11, 2019 CHURCH YARD SALE & BAKE TABLES

Time to clean out your closets and gather your treasures to donate to the Church Yard Sale Table! All items are to be placed in the back of the sanctuary (no clothes or exercise equipment, only clean sellable items please). Donation dates: Monday April 22 through Sunday May 5. Pricing will be done the week of the event, so we need your treasures before then. Questions – ask Jane Workman.

BAKE TABLE - We need your donations of cookies, brownies, bars, cupcakes, breads, pies, cakes, and other yummy treats for this event!! PLEASE bring your goodies Friday evening or early on Saturday morning. Questions – ask Elaine Tich. THANKS!!!

Thank you to the Choir

How can Edie and I say thank you to our choir? This team of true believers is so dedicated to serving God and our church. They give their time each week to learn new music to enhance our worship experience. The Easter music provided additional challenges in difficulty, but they never give up. God has truly blessed Good Shepherd with an amazing choir. We give thanks!

Also, thanks to Isis Wright and Kimberly Peary, who were our Easter dancers. They attend Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts. We also give thanks for their teacher, Claire Sweet, for supporting them and working with them to design the choreography.

Farrell



SCHEDULES

	Ushers:	Tellers:	Lay Readers:	Children's Time:
May 5	Petnic, Workman	Bohns, Kent	C. Maas	Keith Roberts
May 12	Tich, McKemy, Morgan	Starke, Webster	Vickie	Delores Barr
May 19	Douglas, Webster, Shuttlesworth	Pfoutz, Wagener	Sounghee	Gail Wronowski
May 26	Maas, Wronowski	PreVatte, Workman	Sue	Chris Bohn



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION—MAY ACTIVITIES

- **Thursday, May 9, 10:00 AM: Woman's Association Meeting and Bible Study**

GOD'S PROMISE: I AM WITH YOU

Lesson Nine: God with Us

Focus: Jesus extends the promise of presence to his followers, whom he sends into the world.

What About Her? Lydia - Marilyn Rudolph

Breakfast/Lunch Hosts: Joan Pugh and Delores Barr

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THANKS!!!

- **4th Thursday Program – May 23, 10:00 –** (meet at church parking lot)

Program at Harford Family House

53 E. Bel Air Ave. #3

Aberdeen, Md 21001

We will meet at our parking at and carpool to Harford Family House. We will be given a tour and information about their activities and how we can help.

HELLO COOKS and BAKERS

We are blessed by the four teams of folk who feed us after worship each Sunday. Would you consider signing up to assist with food in one of two ways?

FIRST

Join Pastor Keith's FIFTH-SUNDAY-of-the-MONTH TEAM

(This team will serve us five times a year) Its first opportunity will be June 30th.

SECOND

Join the substitution list. When people are away on a regular team, you might be called to assist.

Many of our members can not cook/bake once a month for this fellowship ministry....but are willing to help out just a few times each year. Could you join this team of volunteers?

Please speak to our leader of yummy meals: Clay Maas. Clay can be reached at clayton.maas@yahoo.com





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

WELCOME TRISTA CANARY!

Greetings! Trista Canary here, and I am honored to have the opportunity of introducing myself. I will be filling the massive shoes of Dorothy Burns moving forward as the Administrative Assistant at Good Shepherd in Joppa, MD. I hope to have the chance to meet each of you and share a few stories so that I can better learn about the friendly church family I have been brought into.

As for me, I am a Joppa, Maryland born and raised girl and have a deep love for the local area. I graduated from Joppatowne High in 2003 with honors and have been working on my Bachelor of Science of Psychology for the past few years online at Walden University in Minnesota. My majors are in counseling children, teens, adults and families, with minors in religion and the arts.

In previous years I have worked with the Federal Government earning several coins for my dedication from facilities such as the DPAA of Hickam, HI (two-star Commander coin), NASA and the president of my previous company's personally awarded coin.

I have a beautiful eleven-year-old daughter named Rikku (it means prosperity in Japanese) Canary, who is my best friend. She attends Trinity Lutheran Christian School.

I am so excited to be working in your church! I cannot wait to meet you!

-Trista Canary





May 2019

- Wednesday, 1** Deacons 6:30
- Sunday, 5** Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00
1st Sunday Food Closet Sunday
- Tuesday, 7** Worship Committee 10:30
- Wednesday 8** Shepherd's Kid's 5:30-7:00
Choir 7:30
- Thursday, 9** Women's Bible Study 10:00
Presbytery Meeting 4:00
Session 7:30
- Saturday, 11** Spring Fling 8:00-2:00
- Sunday, 12** Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00
- Wednesday, 15** Shepherd Kids 5:30-7:00 (last meeting until Sept.)
Choir 7:30
- Sunday, 19** Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00
- Wednesday, 22** Choir 7:30
- Thursday, 23** Women Association Meeting-Harford Family House
- Sunday, 26** Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00
- Monday, 27** Memorial Day-Office is Closed
- Wednesday 29** Choir 7:30
- Thursday, 30** Pre-School Graduation 6:30

GSPC WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY



Thursday, MAY 9, 2019

10:00 – 12:00 Upper Room

GOD'S PROMISE: I AM WITH YOU

BIBLE STUDY-LESSON 9– GOD WITH US

SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 18:15-20; 28:16-20*

KEY IDEA: Jesus extends the promise of presence to his followers, whom he sends into the world.

WHAT ABOUT HER? Marilyn "Lydia"

HOSPITALITY: Joan (breakfast) and Dolores (lunch snack)

BRING YOUR LUNCH



SHEPHERD’S KIDS

Our April Shepherd's Kids focused on preparing for Easter. The children made beautiful butterflies, some to take home, and some to decorate the garden around the church. Thanks to Sue Thompson for preparing the crafts. Rita Garrity read The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle to help children understand the resurrection story and its connection to butterflies.

We have two more meetings in May and then we take a break for summer. Please join us on May 8 and 15th.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers for all you do to make this program special.



Happy & Happy May



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**Chris and Mike Bohns
May 3, 1987**

**Suzy & Carl Phillips
May 24, 1975**

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY

2 Vickie Maas

3

**Nancy McCaslin
Kathy Young**

7 Winnifred Jones

11 Jenna Shunk

13 Aiden Shunk

24 Jon Andrews

29 Ruth Wagener



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, Valerie, Ginny, Chris Bohns, Tabitha & Zek Washburn

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