



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

Many of you have been busy these past weeks with celebrations after Baptism, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and my installation as I officially became your Pastor. Throw in the Spring Fling and you realize our church is very alive. The beautiful Pentecost service echoed our vitality. Below is a picture of my Pennsylvania friends and Preacher Doug. I thank you for your hard work to make these events happen. These words arrived in a note today from a friend in my previous church:

"We consider it an honor to be invited and felt the warmth and sincerity of your new flock during the time we were there. The reception afterward could not have been nicer, so we know there are some good organizers in your midst. It hasn't taken them long to catch on to one of your favorites—chocolate, and maybe there is even a Welsh cookie baker or seamstress in your midst."

Judy, the one who penned this note, was a dynamite seamstress and we shared our Welsh heritage with tea cakes.

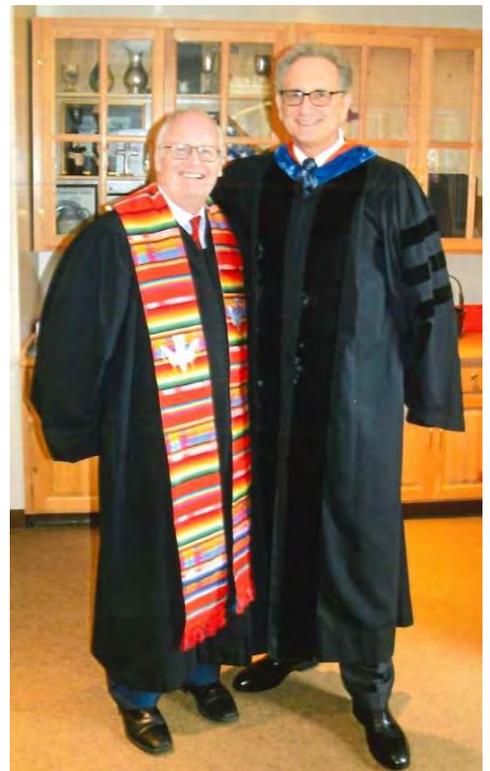
Now we turn the page to the middle of summer, and with it the arrival of our new Director of the Children's Center: Janelle Schmidt. Both of her parents were educators in Baltimore and we are so excited to have her join the staff. Please read her enclosed letter which was sent to the Parents of our Children—with a few minor edits.

Starting next Monday I will be away and I return July 12th. I first attend a conference in Spokane, Washington at Whitworth University, and then I will be spending time with my brother, John, and daughter Mary, in Portland OR. Two gifted "preachers" will lead you in worship.

My hope for you is that you will have times of renewal with your family, or good friends this summer. You may also have quiet time to walk a beach or explore a forest. Proust writes of "the exhilarating virtue of solitude." I anticipate just that in my break and travels. Jesus sure took time away from the crowds, for rest and prayer. God also took Sabbath. I am already eager to hear how you found renewal this summer.

Grace and Peace,

Keith





Welcome Janelle Schmidt Our New Children's Center Director!

Hello all! My name is Janelle Schmidt and I am honored to be selected as the new Director of Good Shepherd Children's Center.

For 17 years I have managed the after-school programs, schools out programs, early childhood program and summer camps at Friends School of Baltimore for children age 6 weeks through 8th grade. I have managed over a hundred staff from age 14 through senior citizens. My goal is always to create and maintain high-quality programming for children of all ages, regardless of their economic status. In order to do that, I must provide the teachers working with these children a safe and respectful work environment, unlimited continued education, and constructive support.

I am a wife and the mother of three children, ages 3, 9, and 13. I am excited to have my 3 year old daughter join me at Good Shepherd later this month. I think having employee children utilize the program demonstrates the level of quality of that program - if it is good for the goose, it is good for the gander.

The next few days, weeks, months, even years, will be challenging. We want GSCC to find our place in the community, to be a respected leader of child care in the area, and to be willing to evolve as the research of early learning and schools out care evolves.

I am excited for the challenges the Elders have put in front of me to move the Children's Center to the next level of quality. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "the ultimate measure of a (person) is not where (they) stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where (they) stand at times of challenge and controversy." If you are up for this challenge, I pray you will stick with me on this journey of excellence. With the church encouraging and supporting the direction we are headed, we can create the best program for the children in our community.

I look forward to meeting you in worship next month, and also to meet the Elders, Deacons, PW and The Men's Fellowship this summer and early fall, as I share with you the vision for our school in this new chapter.

Warmly,
Janelle Schmidt



From left: Dad Mike, Drew, Elizabeth, Conner and Mom Janelle

DEACON'S CORNER

CHRISTMAS IN JULY - Once again we will be organizing the annual pillow drive. Pillows will be collected July 7th through the 28th. The new pillows will be delivered to Harford Family House at the end of the month. Please see Chris Bohns, if you would like to help with delivery.



Food Pantry 1st Sunday of the month. Please bring non perishable items. In addition, items such as soap, toothpaste, and toilet paper are also collected, as hygiene items can not be purchased with assistance cards.

COFFEE HOUR, please see Clay Maas if you wish to join a team. We have a spot for you. Coffee donations are needed, "coffee" is **everyone's** responsibility. Thanks in advance if you can help.





CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION ON PENTECOST

Good afternoon.

When Keith asked me to speak here today, I said, "Sure, what do you want me to say?" He asked me to give him the charge – basically telling him what he needed to do. I responded: "Keith, I've been giving you advice for 10 years now. What makes you think you would start listening to me now? He said, "Fine, you can charge the congregation." So here we are.

I'm very happy to be here with you, and truly honored that my dear friend Keith has asked me to say a few words on this happy occasion. Thank you all for being here, and for welcoming our little contingent from Doylestown Presbyterian Church so warmly into your midst. It's as if you don't truly realize how ticked off we are at you for taking away our friend here.

But seriously, folks. We do understand that this move was something that Keith really wanted, and something he probably needed. But we do miss him. We miss him a lot. Because for the past decade, *our* church was Mister Roberts' neighborhood, and it was a beautiful day in the neighborhood just about every day. Some of the unfamiliar faces you see here today, including mine, belong to members of the search committee that called Keith to our church. Not to brag, but we made a great choice. As did yours.

When we first brought Keith in to talk to us, there was this one committee member – probably the smartest person on the committee – who is a farmer, but in another life would have made a fine prosecutor, or an investigative reporter. She would ask a question and, if the answer didn't fully satisfy her curiosity, she would ask it a different way, again and again. At one point she was grilling Keith to a point where I started to feel a little uncomfortable. But then he just started laughing and said, "You know, you really crack me up!"

At that point I knew that, if we did call this man to serve our church, he could handle whatever we threw at him. But even after we had chosen Keith, our work wasn't done. We had to look after this guy, as his new friends. As his confidants. And now, so must you. Keith Roberts is as fine a pastor, and as fine a man, as you're likely to find in the ministerial pool. He will absolutely empty himself in serving you.

Let me tell you some things you probably already know. Keith's a people person. He loves his flock. He wants to be part of your lives. He needs to know what you're up to, what brings you joy and sorrow. He will always – always – be there for you. Count on that. One of the first things Keith's references told our committee was just how much his old church loved him. How he thrives on human contact, on nurturing people in need. How well he listens. And how he conveys the hope and love of our shared faith. For us, the broken people of a broken world, what a powerful gift that can be.

Keith has a quiet joy about him that can be infectious. On football Sundays, he might pop in for the second half of an Eagles game, just to have a beer and see how you're doing. He'd meet you for breakfast every month or two, deftly turning all of your questions for him into questions about how you're doing. He loves a good laugh, a good cheeseburger, a good story well told.



CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION CONTINUED...

The depth of his devotion can be stunning. I will never forget the look on my wife's face the day of her dear mother's funeral in White Plains, New York, a good two hours away from Doylestown. When Anna looked up in the midst of her profound grief, she saw the kind face of Keith Roberts, who had driven all that way, unannounced, to support us.

Everybody here from DPC probably has a number of Keith stories. Many of them involve him being late for something. The trains don't always run on time in Mister Roberts' neighborhood. But this is often because he has been caught up in talking to someone, in being diverted by someone's tale of joy or sorrow, in lending a much-needed ear.

It is not too much to describe such gestures as Christ-like. The Bible tells us how Jesus insisted that the clamoring little children be allowed to come to him, even as the disciples tried to shoo them away. The miracle feeding of the masses came only after Jesus blew up the scheduling his entourage tried to impose on him, yielding his private time to those who thirsted to hear his word

Such gestures, while extraordinary, can also take a toll on your pastor's well-being. The more Keith exhausts himself in tending to you, the more he depletes his ability to take care of himself. And that matters a lot. For it is not always a beautiful day in Mr. Roberts' neighborhood.

During the time that Keith was with us at Doylestown, he suffered his own personal losses: the deaths of parents and siblings, the end of his marriage, the loneliness and regret that always attend such times. It is important, in times of private struggle, to have a support network, a few close friends and confidantes, to whom you can turn. So my charge to you today is very simple. Take care of this man, this very special man you have called, by becoming that network of support.

I urge you to love him. Respect him. Be there as his friends. But also give him some distance. To paraphrase John F. Kennedy, ask not what your pastor can do for you; ask what you can do for your pastor. Keep an eye on him. Watch him for signs of fatigue, and for ways by which you might help to share his load. Raise your hand and step forward when church needs arise. Serve on the session when called, the board of deacons, a committee. We're Presbyterians, folks. There's always a committee to join. Make something good for the potluck dinner. Slip Keith some chocolate. Or some really good cheese. Invite him to your holiday table if he's not out of town. And I know this is asking a lot, but indulge his incessant chatter about the Green Bay Packers. Pray for him, as he prays for you.

Allow him the space to have a personal life, to develop and indulge in interests outside this body of faith. These things will strengthen him, and in doing so, enable him to serve you better. And this one is really important. Keep his confidences. To be trusted with someone's secrets, especially those of a pastor, should be considered a badge of honor. Treat it as such. Do these things, and you will be telling this pastor of yours that, just as you can count on him, so can he count on you in times of need. He will need these gifts, this grace, from you in times when it is not such a beautiful day in Mr. Roberts' neighborhood.

Thankfully, this is not one of those days. Celebrate well, Pastor Keith. We love you. And for all of you here in his new church home, know that he loves you, too. I charge you to take care of that special gift by caring for this special man.

Thank you,
Larry King, Doylestown Presbyterian Church



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION—JUNE & JULY ACTIVITIES

Good Shepherd Women's Association congratulates the newly elected Board:

2019 – 2021 GSPW Board Members:

Moderators	Winsome LaComb and Joan Pugh
Vice-Moderators	Ellie Pfoutz and Elaine Tich
Secretary	Jane Workman
Treasurer	Jeanette Petnic
Bible Study	Joan Pugh and Jane Workman
Mission	Norma Webster

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**SPRING FLING BAKE TABLE** was a great success!!!

Thanks to each of you who brought the delicious goodies and as well as to all of you who purchased them!



The Women's Association will again this year collect back packs for Riverside Elementary School children to be delivered in August. Please start to think how you can participate in this effort.



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## SESSION - JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

- The Nominating committee is looking for two good folks for positions on the Session and the Deacons. The new term begins in September with congregational voting in August. Ask the Pastor, Hazel Morgan or Chris Bohns about what these positions entail.
- Bethel Presbyterian Church, White Hall, is celebrating it's 250th anniversary. Elders Cindy PreVatte and Mary Kaye Kent will be attending one of Bethel's services in July to send greetings from GSPC and Cindy will participate in the service.
- The Children's Center has had a policy of asking parents to provide paper towels, tissues, pencils etc for each child. Although this is commonly done in public schools, Session unanimously decided to end this practice.



# A Wonderful Mother's Day, and Introduction of Trista Canary & family to the Church Family!



Thank you, to everyone in my Good Shepherd Family, for making my loved ones feel so welcomed on Mother's Day. It was for all of us in my family, the first time in worship, and it felt so right. My family has agreed to come back again, once travels are completed this summer.

From left: My Daughter Rikku, self, Boy-friend Ethan, Ethan's Mother Ginny, Ethan's father Al, and My Grandfather Donald

Though bashful and still learning, I was presented as this church's Administrative Assistant, and my family could see my new "home away from home". They cherished the enthusiasm and friendliness here; and my daughter, Rikku, enjoyed the Children's time in worship.

The luncheon was a marvelous treat. Being able to chat with everyone, sharing laughter and stories, was a highlight for me and my family. Thank you to all of the dedicated folks who put together the event, it made for an exceptional Mother's Day, for all of the Mother's, be they young or old, or lovingly remembered.

Sincerely,  
The Canary Family

## Requests for our Prayer Warriors:

Jo W., Cindy & her Sister, Frankie Catoe, Bobby F. & Sons, Matt Jackson, Philip Pugh, Patrick and Michele Jackson & children, Dave Coleman & his wife Maribeth, Elaine & Jerry Tich, Mike Hurley his Wife & Daughter, Amy, Kathy Robertson & Husband, The Perger Family, Linda & Bryan Link, Josh McKemy, Kady Howe & Family, Tabitha & Zek Washburn, Aggie, Ronald Zink, Valerie, Daniel Woke and family, Ginny, Suzy Phillips, Cody, Pat S., Dave, Teresa Thacker and Orange Sumpter



If you or someone you know has a need that you would like to submit a prayer request for, please reach out to our prayer team at: [gsprayers@juno.com](mailto:gsprayers@juno.com)

## JUNE & JULY SCHEDULES

| Ushers:                                 | Tellers:          | Lay Readers:   | Children's Time: |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| June 23 Maas, Wronowski                 | PreVatte, Workman | Sue Thompson   | Cindy PreVatte   |
| June 30 Barr, Morgan, PreVatte          | Baranowski, Maas  | Cindy PreVatte | Bill Starke      |
| July 7 Petnic, Workman                  | Bohns, Kent       | Bob Barr       | Edie Burns       |
| July 14 Tich, McKemy, Bohns             | Starke, Webster   | Chris Bohns    | Allen Wronowski  |
| July 21 Douglas, Webster, Shuttlesworth | Pfoutz, Wagener   | Sounghee       | Keith Roberts    |
| July 28 Maas, Wronowski                 | PreVatte, Workman | Delores Barr   | Gail Wronowski   |



June & July 2019

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| <b>Friday, 21</b>    | Meeting with Parents 6pm (childcare will be provided so all can attend) |
| <b>Sunday, 23</b>    | Worship 11:00                                                           |
| <b>Wednesday, 26</b> | Choir 7:30 (Last choir meeting until September!)                        |
| <b>Sunday, 30</b>    | Worship 11:00                                                           |
|                      | Coffee 12:00                                                            |
| <b>Sunday, 7</b>     | Worship - Communion 11:00                                               |
|                      | Coffee 12:00                                                            |
|                      | Pillow Collection Begins!                                               |
|                      | 1st Sunday Food Pantry Donations                                        |
| <b>Sunday, 14</b>    | Worship - Communion 11:00                                               |
|                      | Coffee 12:00                                                            |
|                      | Pillow Collection                                                       |
| <b>Sunday, 21</b>    | Worship                                                                 |
|                      | Coffee 12:00                                                            |
|                      | Pillow Collection                                                       |
| <b>Sunday, 28</b>    | Worship 11:00                                                           |
|                      | Coffee 12:00                                                            |
|                      | Pillow Collection Ends                                                  |
| <b>Wednesday, 31</b> | Deacons Meeting 6:30                                                    |

FATHER'S DAY





### SHEPHERD'S KIDS

Shepherd's Kids held their last meeting with fun activities for the children, complete with a pizza party.

Though we take a break for summer, some amazing memories were made with our church family. We cannot wait to see everyone again in the Fall for the next meeting of fun, faith and friends!

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



### A THANKS TO THE CHOIR



Many thanks to our amazing choir for their dedication and hard work as they prepare for each week. They are truly moved by God and give of themselves to serve our church and Savior. As they take a summer break, we give thanks, and we will miss the spirit they bring to our weekly worship, but we look forward to their return in September as they will be energized and ready to continue singing praises to God!

We Give Thanks! Edie and Farrell

### Happy & Happy June!

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Betty and Bob Walko

June 14, 1969

Jane and Gary Workman

June 18, 1966

Alethia and Bill Starke

June 20, 1968

Mike and Becky McKemy

June 26, 1976

#### HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY

3 Ryan Shuttlesworth

7 Joan Pugh

13 Edwin Whiteford

17 Farrell Maddox

23 Sarah Weich

25 Bill Starke



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 & Happy July!

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Delores & Bob Barr

July 15, 1972

Ashley & Jon Andrews

July 21, 2012

#### HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS

4 Carla Cathcart

11 Clay Maas

19 Dorothy Burns

21 Mafese Elonge

24

Diana Ciccotelli

Allen Wronowski