



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

In Jesus day, children were very much second-class citizens. And in this story from Matthew the attitude of the disciples reflects the cultural mores that children could be seen, but not heard.

Some Children were brought to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. The disciples told them not to bother him. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." And he put his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left. Matthew 19: 13-15

The average age of our members keeps increasing, and yet at the heart of our church stands a school for the children of our community. In the coming months you will learn more about this ministry.

A new chapter has begun for our school and we are thrilled by the changes taking place with our new Director Janelle Schmidt. (See page 5 for more details)

Our gifted team of teachers will be using a new curriculum this fall—Frog Street. This is a significant financial investment, but it is all for the well being of our children as we encourage them to explore this amazing world God has created.

A leader in the study of children's learning and development is Alison Gopnik. She teaches at the University of California, Berkeley. In her book, *The Gardener and the Carpenter* she writes:

"Each new generation of children is a shot of noise, a little dose of disorder, shaking up the stable patterns of the previous generation and allowing for new possibilities. But this means that being a parent takes on a new meaning. Being a parent is very different from being somebody who "parents," though it's just as hard.

The unconditional, individual commitment we feel for each child we care for, no matter what their individual temperament or personality may be, gives a chance for wide variation to continue for the future. We love our children whether they're bold or timid, whether they filter out the whole world to focus on just one thing or are open to everything, whether they're an orchid or a dandelion."



Starting this fall, children will be using the Upper Room from 6 to 9 each morning, and 3 to 6 each afternoon. It will be good to have that room used more often. As usual, our Shepherd's Kids program will restart the second Wednesday of September.

In the gospel story, notice how Jesus loves the children. "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." **Instead of keeping children quiet and out of sight, Jesus wants us to encourage, teach, bless and love children!** Our children keep exploring this world. And as they do their engaging questions keep popping up. Through the years, we know our lives are blessed by their lives and questions they ask, like these:

- "What did Jesus do without a cell phone or television?"
- "If God knew people would mess up, why did God create us?"
- "Will my dog be in heaven?"
- "Where do you go for summer vacation, God?"
- "God, how can you listen to everyone at the same time?"
- "Jesus, are there any shortcuts to heaven?"
- "When do you eat dinner, God?"
- "And why did you make mosquitoes, do they bite you too?"
- "God, do you like me better than my brother?"
- "Why do you let people die, God?"
- "Where does the sun go when its dark?"
- "God, can you really read our minds?"

Please tell your friends about our new school, and please pray for the staff, parents and our amazing children as summer draws to a close!! Take time to speak to a child. Your day will be changed.

See you soon, in worship.

Blessings,
Keith

A Worship Reminder from Keith

Please make special note that there will be **no worship at the church September 8th**, this day will be our 11:00am worship and picnic luncheon **at Mariner Point Park**. All are welcome!

Please bring a chair if you wish.

If weather does not cooperate, worship will be held at Good Shepherd.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

BACKPACK COLLECTION TIME!



The Women's Association will be collecting new and/or slightly used back packs for students at Riverside Elementary School beginning immediately. The back packs can be placed on pews in rear of sanctuary.

Deadline for collection will be Sunday, August 25.

Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

SING HIS PRAISES WITH THE CHOIR!

As our choir enjoys a summer break, we give thanks for those who have signed up to provide special music through the summer.

We look forward to the choir's return in September.

Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

If you would like to join the choir, please see Farrell.



A NOTE FROM YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CANARY



I just wanted to thank everyone for being so diligent about sending your Yarn submissions promptly. August's Yarn coming together so smoothly was possible due to everyone's hard work.



Since this latest Yarn went so well, I thought to establish the 3rd Wednesday of each month as the Yarn deadline. I hope this will help future Yarns be just as fun to work on! - Trista Canary

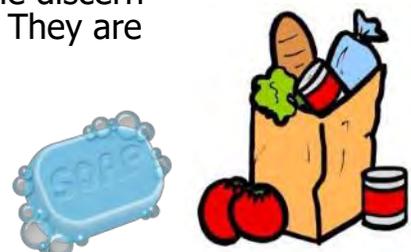
REMINDERS:



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. The assigned team provides the creamer but organizationally we depend on coffee donations from our congregation. Thanks in advance if you can help.

NEED A BASKET? - If you or anyone you know is the discerning decorator, please feel free to take a few baskets! They are located on the hallway table near our Sanctuary.

FOOD PANTRY - 1st Sunday of the month. Please bring nonperishable items. In addition, items such as soap, toothpaste, and toilet paper are also collected, as hygiene items cannot be purchased with assistance cards.





DEACON'S CORNER

Greetings from your Deacons! We hope you are having a safe, blessed summer and enjoying vacations and family gatherings. Once again, we are in full swing with Christmas in July, collecting new bed pillows for the families at Harford Family House. We have exceeded last years donations with a grand total of 90 pillows! The massive mound of pillows is amazing, and so is our congregation. Thank you for your generosity!



SEPTEMBER 8TH - CHURCH PICNIC 11am



Our church picnic will be held at Mariner Point Park this year. There will be no worship service at the church, all will take place at the park. Join us for worship in a beautiful setting and enjoy special music and wonderful fellowship. We will have our picnic following the service. Deacons will provide the hotdogs, rolls, paper products and fixings. There will be a sign-up sheet for side dishes, desserts, and drinks. Please bring a chair if you wish. Those needing help with carrying items will have assistance. All are welcome!

REQUESTS FOR OUR PRAYER WARRIORS

Anita Barrett, Patrick & Michele Jackson, JoAnn & her Family & Friends, Amber Free, Sandy, The Canary Family, Kathy Mahoney, Melanie Bardin, Kady Howe, Julie Dyer, Kathy, Sonny and Teresa Robertson.



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

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES

	Ushers:	Tellers:	Lay Readers:	Children's Time:
Aug. 4	Petnic, Workman	Bohns, Kent	Eddie Burns	Bill Starke
Aug. 11	Tich, McKemy, Morgan	Starke, Webster	Delores Barr	Chris Bohns
Aug. 18	Douglas, Webster, Starke, Shuttlesworth	Pfoutz, Wagener	Cindy PreVatte	Cindy PreVatte
Aug. 25	Mass, Wronowski	PreVatte, Workman	Kathy Young	Delores Barr
Sep. 1	Petnic, Workman	Baranowski, Mass	Soung Hee	Eddie Burns
Sep. 8	Tich, McKemy, Morgan	Bohns, Kent	Vicky Maas	Keith Roberts



AUGUST 2019

Thursday, 1

Big Tent Event—Baltimore Presbytery (1st—3rd)
Backpack Donations Begin! (1st—25th)
Women’s Association Meeting (Upper Hall) 10:00-12:00

Sunday, 4

Bill Starke—Serving as our Guest Pastor
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00
1st Sunday Food Pantry

Saturday, 10

Sharing Table

Sunday, 11

Worship & Communion 11:00
Coffee 12:00

Thursday, 15

Packers vs Ravens 7:30

Sunday, 18

Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

Wednesday, 21

September YARN Deadline!

Sunday, 25

Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00

A WELL EARNED THANK YOU TO OUR CHILDREN’S CENTER!

The Elders and Pastor of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our teachers and our new Children’s Center Director, Janelle. There are so many wonderful things happening for the children who join us each day, and we give thanks to God for Brittany, Charnika, Chrissy, Janelle, Jennifer, Kiatana, Kylie, Rachel, and Rebecca.



The children are enjoying regular trips to the library. We are seeing more developmentally appropriate classroom arrangements for the children, new playground toys (including sensory tables and little picnic tables), and updated classroom equipment. Our team of teachers are meeting with and visiting teachers from other children’s centers to talk about curriculum and best practices for teaching. We are excited that through these visits a new curriculum has been chosen and will be adopted in the fall as we start a new school year. The team has more professional development opportunities that support professional growth, allowing them to earn credits toward their credentialing. All of this to make sure children coming to Good Shepherd have the best possible experience that is both educational and fun.

Again, we give thanks and look forward to supporting each of you as the program continues to grow and serve children and their families.





CHILDREN’S CENTER REQUESTS



Glue Sticks (any brand), Liquid Glue (any brand), Clear, packing tape, Invisible tape, Pens, Pencils, Disinfecting Wipes (any brand), Baby wipes (any brand, unscented only), Crayola Markers, Crayola Crayons, Colored Pencils (any brand), Sidewalk Chalk, Paper towels, Summer, Monopoly, Bridge books for Kindergarten-6th grade, Connect 4, Sorry, Trouble, Decks of playing cards (regular, old maid, uno, go fish, etc.), Mancala, Candyland, Mastermind, Barbie, Jenga, Carboard doll house, Builders, Legos, Halloween costumes, Clue, Toy Veterinarian kit.

Can anyone build a swing set for us?



SPOTTED AROUND JOPPATOWNE!

While I was out driving, I happened to spot a rather peculiar sight. A light blue car parked on the median near Joppatowne Plaza. The next thing I noticed was a sign “Joppatowne Garden Club”, then a busy worker preening the garden. It was Ellie! I snapped a quick picture (which was OK’d by Ellie for use in the Yarn) and thought to share it with everyone else. It’s a pleasant surprise to see church family around town! - Trista Canary



AUGUST DATES TO CELEBRATE!

We would like to recognize this months important dates in the lives of our members

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Soung Hee & Bud Baranowski
August 30, 2014*



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 AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jane Workman*
- 3 Chris McKemy*
- 4 Cindy PreVatte*
- 10 Edith Burns*
- 16 Winsome LaComb*
- 22 Sue Maddox*
- 24 Mike McKemy*
- 25 Ashley Andrews*
- 26*
- James Andrews*
- Joan Douglas*

