



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

Senator Frank Roberts, no relation to me, served the people of Oregon. And he was very honest in an address he made many years ago as he described the deep depression he entered after going through radiation therapy for cancer. It left him in a wheelchair. The senator said he gave up on life. He turned his back on the world. But his wife, Barbara, pulled him back in.

One day she told him: "You are not in this alone. You are not a burden. You are a part of me." Frank said it was those words of his wife which turned his life around. "I finally knew the full meaning of love, and it was my salvation."

At that moment, the senator was not talking politics, but theology, for he suddenly experienced the redemptive power of love. He experienced God at work, reclaiming and restoring his life. He was talking about being lost, and then getting found; and about being where he was supposed to be: back home. The words spoken by his wife changed his entire outlook. Suddenly Frank returned home.

That's what happened to Bartimaeus too. He was a blind beggar sitting by the road outside of Jericho. The story is found in Mark 10: 46-52. It's a busy road with lots of traffic from Jericho to Jerusalem. It is a popular route for those heading to the temple in Jerusalem. In this story, Jesus passes the blind man and he cries out: "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me." He is very persistent.

Was Bartimaeus asking to be healed of his blindness? Maybe. Was he asking for financial assistance? Maybe. When I was in Portland, Oregon this past July, visiting my oldest daughter Mary, I encountered quite a few homeless people downtown.

It was a disturbing moment for me. I found it difficult to look into the eyes of these people. They were young and old; White and Black and Native American. Their faces looked worn, tired from exposure to sun and wind. I felt conflicted as I met these people on the sidewalk. In a way, I wanted to sit down with each person over a cup of coffee and learn about their story. But I also felt a strong pull simply to walk away as fast as I could from each one of them.

Jesus asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" And when Jesus heals him, gives him back his sight, he gets back his life. Bartimaeus arrives back home.



My hope is that our church is a place which feels like a second home. Barbara told her husband: "You are not in this alone." That's a word we each need to hear, and then offer to another person: "You are not in this alone."

We have each other, and we can lean upon one another and learn from each other, about this healer-teacher named Jesus. In this church, we are all welcome.

Bartimaeus met Jesus and his life was changed. My prayer is that we will each meet Jesus as we gather to worship and serve through this church family. His question to the blind man is spoken to us as well: "What do you want me to do for you?"

As we leave summer and enter fall, I hope you will find new a passion to worship here, and then find new ways to serve. And I also hope you will think of another person, or family, who also needs to hear this question asked by Jesus. Then gently ask them to meet you on Sunday morning at 11 in our sanctuary. The voice of Jesus, our Savior, still beckons us: "Come and follow me."

Grace and Peace,
Keith

MEN'S BREAKFAST

September 21, 2019, at 8:30 in the Upper Room

We will gather for a delicious meal followed by a brief program where we will learn more about our new Pastor Keith.

Time will also be given to share some of our own stories as we get to know one another. If possible, please bring a picture of yourself as a boy or young man. Children and grandchildren are also invited. If attending, they could also bring a picture.



Our time together will be about 90 minutes, so you can get on with your full Saturday. Hope you can join us. Please RSVP by calling the church office, or signing the bulletin board outside of the office. Thank you !!

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Do you have an interest in learning more about this church, and possibly becoming a member? **There will be a dessert meeting on Sunday, September 22nd at 6:00.** Please mark your calendar. Speak to Pastor Keith if you have questions about this. We hope you will consider joining our Fellowship!

A BIG THANK YOU!

To our faithful Presbyterian Women. When they meet each month, at least a coin offering is taken.

And last month they gave \$150 towards our church's food pantry. Those small gifts added up and we are grateful for the women's generosity !!



DEACON'S CORNER

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 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!



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

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The Deacons ask that you join them in thanking Norma Webster and Elaine Tich, for their remarkable service as Deacons. Their time has come to take a much-needed break. The Elders extend their thanks to Gail Wronowski for her faithful service to our church as she lead the Worship Committee. These ladies were there to answer the call and were 100 percent committed to serving our church with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Well done our good and faithful servants. You will be missed.

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Food Pantry Changes

Effective **October 1st** our Food Pantry disbursement will have designated days and hours. This is not an uncommon practice and will better address the security of our Children's Center. In addition this practice will allow the office staff allotted time for this mission.



Pantry hours **Tuesday & Thursday 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

We will begin to inform our guests immediately, provide flyers and post our hours. Should you have any questions please address with Chris Bohns, Valerie Davis, or Keith.

Please continue to stock the pantry on the 1st Sunday of the month. Cool weather is coming. Think soup, canned meats, canned potatoes, kids cereal, oatmeal, etc. Thank you for your continued service to those less fortunate.

CHILDREN'S CENTER REQUESTS

Unscented baby wipes, masking tape, disinfecting wipes, flour, salt, baggies (sandwich, gallon and 2.5 gallon)

Containers - egg cartons, boxes of all sizes, milk cartons, yogurt containers etc. Scraps - fabric, wallpaper, wrapping paper, ribbon, or yarn. Small counting objects - buttons, old keys, shells, screws and bolts. Old magazines and catalogs. Odds and ends - Costume jewelry, plastic cutlery, party favors, greeting cards and any other items of the like.





WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

BACKPACK COLLECTION 2019 - A big THANK YOU to all who donated **78 Backpacks** for Riverside Elementary!

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**Thursday, September 26 10:00 AM** (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Program)

**Janelle Schmidt**, our new **Children's Center Director** will be our speaker for our first 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Program of our new year. We have all been hearing and seeing the exciting changes that have been happening since she joined us. It will be nice to meet her and learn more about her future plans for our center.

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GSPC WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, **September 12, 2019** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Upper Room

LOVED CARVED IN STONE

A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments

Did you know that nowhere in the Hebrew text does the word, "commandments" appear? In the Bible, these utterances are called just what they are: "Words". One way to consider the Ten Words is as a love letter from God to that community stuck in the wilderness. In this study we will see these WORDS as a passionate outpouring of God's love rather than a harsh list of requirements. As we work together through this study, each lesson will begin with an exploration of the Words in their biblical contexts. From there we will consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how Jesus lived out that Word. We will then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We will conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our Circle and in our person devotions. **Let us gather together!**

LESSON ONE: Words of Love: I Am Your God; You Shall Have No Others (*The first and second Words*)

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:1-6 and Matthew 22:34-37

CORE CONCEPT: When God says, "I am the Lord your God..." and "You shall not make for yourself an idol...", God is inviting us to look only to God for our sense of worth, our power, and our most steadfast and true relationship. In Jesus Christ we see God most clearly revealed and hear the call to love God, others and self.

LIFE WOUND: WORD ONE- Loneliness/Separation from God

WORD TWO –Helplessness and fearful desire for a quick fix.

PAUSE AND REFLECT: (in preparation for the Bible Study)

In what ways do you put other things before God?

BRING YOUR LUNCH

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER SCHEDULES

	Ushers:	Tellers:	Lay Readers:	Children's Time:
Sep. 1	Petnic, Workman	Kent, Bohns	Soung Hee	Edie Burns
Sep. 8	Tich, McKemy, Morgan	Starke, Webster	Vickie Maas	Keith Roberts
Sep. 15	Douglas, Webster, Starke, Shuttlesworth	Pfoutz, Wagener	Clay Maas	Gail Wronowski
Sep. 22	Maas, Wronowski	PreVatte, Workman	Sue Thompson	Allen Wronowski
Sep. 29		Baranowski, Maas	Edie Burns	Bill Starke
Oct. 6	Petnic, Workman	Bohns, Kent	Delores Barr	Chris Bohns



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Sunday, 1 Worship 11:00
 Coffee 12:00
 1st Sunday Food Pantry

Monday, 2 **Labor Day**-Office & Children's Center
Closed!

Tuesday, 3 Before & Aftercare begins for school age
 Children's Center-Kona Ice Truck 4:00

Wednesday, 4 Deacon's Meeting 6:15
 Choir 7:30

Friday, 6 Grandparent Day Party 4:00

Sunday, 8 **Mariner Point Park Worship &
 Picnic 11:00**

Wednesday, 11 Pre-school Committee 3:00-4:00
 Shepherd's Kids 5:30
 Choir 7:30

Thursday, 12 GSWA-Bible Study Begins! 10:00-12:00
 Session 7:00

Sunday, 15 Adult Sunday School begins 9:30

Monday, 16 Children's Center-Midland Fundraiser Starts

Wednesday, 18 October YARN Deadline!
 Worship Committee 9:00
 Shepherd's Kid's 5:30
 Back to School-Children's Center 6:00-7:00
 Choir 7:30

Thursday, 19 Facilities Committee Meeting 1:00

Saturday, 21 Men's Breakfast 8:30-10:00

Sunday, 22 Adult Sunday School begins 9:30
 Worship 11:00
 Coffee 12:00
 New Member Dessert Meeting 6:00
 Choir 7:30

Wednesday, 25 4th Thursday-Janelle Speaking 10:00-1:00

Thursday, 26 Adult Sunday School begins 9:30

Sunday, 29 Worship 11:00
 Coffee 12:00

Monday, 30 Children's Center-Rita's Fundraiser
 4:00-8:00
 Children's Center-Midland Fundraiser Ends



REQUESTS FOR OUR PRAYER WARRIORS

Baby Jameson & Family, Sandra Mack, Ginny & Family, the late Betty Murray, Jennifer Graff & her injured passengers Robert Hale & the Unnamed Minor, Kathy, Etta Clay’s Family, Anne, Charlie & Judy Lank, Paul and his late wife Joann Supik & Family, the Sparr Family, Katherine Howe & her Mother, Jeannie & Jennie, Paige, and Family of the late Colleen, her daughter & her mother.



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

SPOTTED AROUND JOPPATOWNE!

A daily routine for Rikku and I has been to pass by the beautiful fountain as we depart each evening. Once in a while, we caught the glimpse of a tenant we came to understand many have never observed or heard of here at Good Shepherd. We named him “Frog of The Fountain” since he seemed such a mythical beast for keeping his presence unknown for so long. I was able to snap a picture before he jumped back into his tiny lagoon.

—Trista Canary



SEPTEMBER DATES TO CELEBRATE!

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Dorothy & Bob Burns
September 14, 1974*

*Jeanette & Jim Petnic
September 22, 1956*



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 SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Weston Shuttlesworth*
- 4 Katie Pollard*
- 6 Marcia Goldberg*
- 9 Susan Luu*
- 10 Hazel Morgan*
- 19 Michael Elonge*
- 25 Stacy Howe*

