



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

The story is told about a tourist who visited a fishing pier and watched a man pull in a large size fish. He took it off the hook, measured it and threw it back in the water. Then he caught another fish, a smaller one this time, measured it and put it in his bucket. For some reason, the man was throwing back all of the fish which were ten inches or longer. And the fish smaller than ten inches he kept. The puzzled onlooker asked, "Pardon me, but would you tell me why you keep the little ones and throw the big ones away?" The fishermen looked up and said, "Because, if it's any of your business, my frying pan is only ten inches wide". The man was working within clear limits.

We, of course, see how this man was being foolish as he limited what fish he would keep. It is easy for all of us to get used to doing church, and being the church, in one way. We think to ourselves, the order of worship should stay the same, as we sing the same hymns and offer the same prayers given twenty or thirty years ago. In a very fast-changing world, we find comfort in a church which doesn't change.

The problem with such a mindset is that the world is changing so fast, and if the church doesn't change we will keep "preaching to the choir", and not grow. More and more people are checking the box, "spiritual but not religious." Jesus is a huge draw, but his church is not.

Our Worship Committee continues to work on being creative, to think "outside the box". You may have ideas about creative ways we can offer our praise each Sunday. Please pass along those ideas to me and I will add them for our consideration. Also, you may have sung a newer hymn in another setting, please let me know about that as I work on hymns each week. I am so grateful that this church is willing to try new music as we worship our Lord. And I am grateful for the music team of Farrell and Edie, along with the choir members and instrumentalists who practice each Wednesday night. The choir members do offer their voices and hearts to our worship every week. Their passion for praise is sincere, and an added benefit of their hard work is the joy of shared friendship.

Tradition is not all bad. For instance, I still like saying the 23rd Psalm in worship. But traditionalism is what happens when we are stuck in old patterns that do not allow for change. The church will continue to decline if we fail to adapt and be open to new ways of expressing worship. And this tension between "tradition" and "traditionalism" applies to all aspects of our community life. How might we need to change in the use of our building? How could we become more visible in the community? In what ways is God calling each of us to live out our faith so that we could be a witness to others? Years ago, the church could open its doors on Sunday morning and people came, in droves. Those days are long past. Coffee at Starbucks and Soccer for the kids now draws people so that the church and it's act of worship are never considered. All of which prompts me to wonder, when was the last time you told someone about our church, its worship, fellowship, and ministry?

Living with old and new realities is mentioned by Jesus in Mark's gospel.

"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, he pours new wine into new wineskins." (2: 21-22)

God decided to break with the old when Jesus came to walk this world. Sometimes the need for reform, the need for change, is so great that the fresh work of God can not take place until new wine and new wineskins are found.

As this fall unfolds please join me in praying about these questions:

How is God calling me to serve in new ways, or with new energy?

How is God calling our church to new ministries which might look different from the past?

Who has God placed in my life and will I be bold in sharing the good news of Jesus with them?

Who can I invite to worship in the coming weeks, and how might I welcome visitors to our church?

Are there people in our community I can tell about our school with its sweet children, gifted teachers, new curriculum and wonderful new director, Janelle Schmidt?

Eager to see you each week. God's blessings to you, and those you love!

Keith

SHEPHERD'S KID'S

September was the return of Shepherd's Kids for another season. What a joy to see the children come together in our care to learn about Jesus. Many thanks to Jeanette, Jim, Carl, and Norma for preparing and serving our meals. Rita started us off with wonderful stories to teach the children about respect and manners. We give thanks for all of our volunteers (Rev. Keith, Hazel, Clay, Cindy, Bill, Sue, Chris, Mike, Millie, Elaine and Jerry) who come together on the second and third Wednesday of each month to guide this important mission. If you would like to Join us please see Rita or Farrell. We will meet again on October 9 and 16



GOOD SHEPHERD'S CHILDREN'S CENTER FALL FUN!

On **Wednesday, October 9**, bring your children and grandchildren to **Chuck E Cheese from 3pm-9pm** for another fundraiser! Mention GSCC and pay at the register (not the kiosk) and we will get a portion of the sales from the evening.



On **October 18**, the Children's Center will host our first **Trunk-Or-Treat event!** A sign up sheet will be put out on the parent table by the GSCC entrance doors if you would like to participate by decorating your car trunk and handing out candy.



On **October 31**, we will be travelling to **Harmon's Farm** and may need some volunteers to ride on the bus with us. Please email Janelle Schmidt, Director, if you are interested in helping: ccdirector@holy411.org

Lastly, please check out our bulletin board for our updated wish list. Please bring donations to Janelle's office. There will be a bin outside Janelle's office when she is not there.

DEACON'S CORNER CONTINUED

A huge thank you to all who helped make our annual picnic a success. We were blessed with beautiful weather, and a day filled with loving fellowship. A special thank you to Mike Bohns, Clay Maas, Allen Wronowski and Jim Petnic.

SAVE THE DATE!

The giving boxes Saturday, November 23, 9:00 am - noon Food Boxes Packing Day

Christ Our King Presbyterian Church, 10 Lexington Road, Bel Air, MD

The giving boxes include a frozen turkey and non perishable food items.

The cost of a Giving Box is \$50 and Good Shepherd continues to help sponsor this program. The goal this year is to provide giving boxes to 1200 families, 350 of whom live in Harford County. Those wishing to help pack boxes should arrive at 9 a.m on November 23rd, at Christ Our King Presbyterian Church.



Food Pantry



As always, the 1st Sunday of the month we collect items for the food pantry. See Wayne and Joan Douglas. A quick mention, we now have designated days and times for our pantry. **Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

This change will accomplish a more controlled environment for the Children's Center and less interruptions for the office staff. However, please rest assured we will not turn anyone away.

Turn in your Redners receipts!!

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Thursday, October 10 at 10:00 AM:

Circle Bible Study - Lesson 2: Words of Love – Don't Trivialize My Name

All women of the church, please join us for our new Bible Study. Even if you cannot attend every lesson, we would love to have you join us for fellowship, learning, and growing in our faith together. (All are invited to go out to lunch following the program.)

Saturday, October 26:

Mark your calendars for our next **Women's Retreat** coming up on **Saturday, October 26** from 9:00 to 3:00 at **Christ Our King Presbyterian Church** in Bel Air.

Second Presbyterian Church Associate Pastor, **Jen DiFrancesco** will be our Retreat Speaker.

The cost is \$10 (includes a Panera's box lunch). Sign-up sheet will be in the hallway. Please pay Jeanette Petnic by Sunday, October 20.

(Those that would like to carpool will meet at the church parking lot at 8:20.)



THE SESSION

Session meets on the second Thursday of the month. You are welcome to attend Session meetings, just let Pastor Keith know that you'd like to attend.

At a recent congregational meeting one new Elder and several new Deacons were voted into office.

Session members are as follows:

Soung Hee Baronowski - Chair, Church Outreach Mike Bohns - member, Property/Building Committee Valerie Davis - Chair, Personnel Mary Kaye Kent - Clerk of Session Farrell Maddox - Chair, Shepherd's Kids Vickie Maas - Chair, Children's Center Hazel Morgan - Cindy PreVatte - Commissioner to the Presbytery Gary Workman - Chair, Finance

GOOD SHEPHERD'S MEN'S GROUP

Fall Field Day! October 26th - The men of Good Shepherd will hold a Field Day to enjoy comradery, lunch, and service to the house of God. We will be meeting at 8:30 AM and go till we complete our "To Do" list: Cut down the dead tree near the parking lot, spread playground Mulch, paint Janelle's office, move scrap metal, clean the storage room, and fix our custodian faucet. Come prepared to work and feast with friends! A sign up sheet will be posted in the hallway, questions, ask Clay Maas.



SUSQUEHANNA PARISH MINISTRY

The 2019 Fall Discipleship Event!

Susquehanna Ministry Group is delighted to invite you to join our 11 churches for the 6th annual Discipleship Event. November 2nd is the day to save, we will fellowship together from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm at First PC of Bel Air. Lunch is included.

There are 4 awesome workshops to choose from:

"Spiritual But Not Religious: Perspectives on Spirituality and the Institutional Church from the First Great Awakening and the Enlightenment." The founders of our country (John Adams, Benjamin Franklin Thomas Jefferson, etc.) were the products of the First Great Awakening and the Enlightenment. How might their responses give us some direction in our times?

"Here's My Heart" - Highlights from 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium This event will be ideal for churches with youth groups. You will learn about some of the newest ideas from the PC (USA) discovered at the Triennium at Purdue University: activities for youth, songs, games, mission ideas.

Transforming Lives - The Baltimore Dakota Partnership This workshop will introduce participants to the history and culture of our Native American partners. In addition, staff members and youths will share their experiences from past camps and how their lives have been affected through involvement in this powerful mission.

Learning Your Love Language Come learn about all of the love languages, and how to give love best to your spouse, your children and grandchildren, and your friends based on which love language they prefer most.

And 3 opportunities for "hands-on" mission work:

Toiletry Kits - Constructed for the Oglala Sioux Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Mission Postcards - Participants may write notes of good will to PCUSA mission coworkers.

Pillow Covers - Designing pillow cases which will be donated to children at Harford Family House in Aberdeen, MD.

ADULT CLASS on SIMON PETER

We meet each Sunday at 9:30 in the Upper Room. Our study focuses upon the disciple Peter. He was a leader in the young church, and had strengths and weaknesses, as he followed Jesus. Please join us, the coffee will be on.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER SCHEDULES

	Ushers:	Tellers:	Lay Readers:	Children's Time:
Oct. 6	Petnic, Workman	Bohns, Kent	Delores Barr	Chris Bohns
Oct. 13	Tich, McKemy, Morgan	Starke, Webster	Cindy PreVatte	Cindy PreVatte
Oct. 20	Douglas, Webster, Starke, Shuttlesworth	Pfoutz, Wagener	Kathy Young	Delores Barr
Oct. 27	Maas, Wronowski	PreVatte, Workman	Soung Hee	Edie Burns
Nov. 3	Petnic, Workman	Bohns, Kent	Vickie Maas	Keith Roberts
Nov. 10	Tich, McKemy, Morgan	Starke, Webster	Clay Maas	Gail Wronowski

OCTOBER 2019

- Wednesday, 2** Deacon's Meeting 6:15
Choir 7:30
- Sunday, 6** Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00
1st Sunday Food Pantry
- Monday, 7** School's Out-Children's Center Open
Children's Center-School Pictures 9:30
- Wednesday, 9** Worship Committee 9:00
Children's Center-Chucky Cheese
Fundraiser 3:00-9:00
Shepherd's Kids 5:30
Choir 7:30
- Thursday, 10** GSWA-Bible Study-Lesson 2: Words of Love
- Don't Trivialize My Name 10:00
Session 7:00
- Sunday, 13** Adult Sunday School 9:30
- Wednesday, 16** November YARN Deadline!
Shepherd's Kid's 5:30
Choir 7:30
- Friday, 18** Joppatowne Library-Trunk or Treat!
4:00-6:00
- Sunday, 20** Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 11:00-Dedication of our
Children's Center
Coffee 12:00
- Tuesday, 22** Planning for Discipleship Event 7:00
(Bel Air)
- Friday, 25** Registration Deadline for Discipleship Event!
- Saturday, 26** GSWA-Bel Air PC-Woman's Retreat
9:00-3:00
GSMG-Men's Field Day! 9:00-3:00
- Sunday, 27** Adult Sunday School 9:30
Worship 11:00
Coffee 12:00
- Tuesday, 29** Joppatowne Library-Halloween Dance Party
10:30-11:15
- Wednesday, 30** Choir 7:30
- Thursday, 31** Children's Center-Field Trip to Harmon's
Farm 10:00
Halloween Party 4:00-5:00
- November, 2** First Presbyterian Church (Bel Air)-
Discipleship Event 8:30am-1:30pm



REQUESTS FOR OUR PRAYER WARRIORS



Katherine Howe & her Mother, Jeannie & Jennie, Paige, and Family of the late Colleen, her late daughter & her late mother, Paige, Orangie Sumpter, Bill Starke, Linda Link & her husband Brain Link, Ethan & his Mother Ginny, Carol Parlett, the Canary Family, Jace, his family & the medical team, Tanya Keene, Sue's daughter Brianna, Greg Dorrell & his wife Dawn, and the late Kathleen M. Causey & her family, Matthew & Bob Aims, Gail, and the late Dickson, his wife & his family, baby twins Rylan & Landon Anderson, Merideth, Farrell Maddox, Mike McKemy, and Suzette Hedrick.

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!

Last week Delores and Lamie visited for their usual piano lessons. She and I chatted briefly, then she left, or so I assumed. A few moments later, she called for me at the sanctuary entrance. I sprang up and was hurried to the window where I was pleasantly surprised by a striking last hurrah of summer, an Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, completely immersed in a meal in of nectar. He paid us no mind, just long enough for me to snap a quick picture! Thank you, Delores, for giving us this month's star!
-Trista L. Canary



OCTOBER DATES TO CELEBRATE!

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*October 15, 2016
Seaver & Jenna
Shunk*

*October 22, 2005
Dave & Debi Carey*

*October 20, 2001
Clay & Vickie Maas*

*October 30, 1993
Ricky & Di Ciccotelli*

*October 22, 1966
Wayne & Joan
Douglas*



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 BIRTHDAY

6 Lamie Chiongola

9 Tim Morgan

10

Dave Carey

Bennett Shuttlesworth



14 Bob Barr

21 Ricky Ciccotelli

27 Becky McKemy