



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

## PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends—

This Christmas I received two books, one filled with quotes from Fred Rogers; and the other, a biography on his life. I like this story he tells:

When I was a boy, one of my closest neighbors was Mama Bell Frampton. She was my grandmother's age and she loved children. She not only had a front porch, she had a back porch that led right to her kitchen. Every time I needed a treat, I'd knock on her back door and she'd welcome me. "Come for toast sticks, Freddy." She knew me well.

I would have been five or six when Mama Bell asked if I would like her to show me how to make my own toast sticks. Well, that was quite a day. She let me put the bread in the toaster and the butter and jam on the toast, and she even let me (ever so carefully) cut the toast into four long "sticks". Seems like a simple thing, but sixty-five years later, I can still feel it—that neighbors trust and my own pride at having made those first ones on my own. When I hear "Love your neighbor as yourself," I often think of Mama Bell because I think she really did love me. She just somehow sensed what I needed in order to grow. (From "The World According to Mr. Rogers", pg. 148).

I imagine you can point to a person like Mama Bell Frampton who encouraged you to be the person you have become. It takes a community to raise a healthy child, and to become a good person. As Fred Rogers was growing up his family and neighbors had no idea that he would become a famous person who would have a huge impact upon children and parents. But that is what can happen when a person is encouraged to use their gifts as a blessing to others.

The new year is upon us. And I wonder how you are using your gifts to encourage others, of any age. What is God calling you to do that will have an impact upon others? The Apostle Paul challenges and encourages us with these words:

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Philippians 2: 1-4

We are bombarded by a culture which tells us to look after our own interests. After these words from Paul, he then tells the young followers to look at the example of Jesus. And those words we sometimes use as an affirmation of faith in our worship. Of Jesus we notice this description: " And being found in human form, he humbled himself, and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. (vs 8)

As we seek to follow Jesus in 2020 may we have a humble heart, and share his love each day. It takes intentionality to "let each of you look not to your own interests." Our world sure needs more people like Mama Bell Frampton, and Fred Rogers. They knew a lot about humility and serving. And each in their own way, point us to the One born in Bethlehem: Jesus, our Savior.

Grace and Peace,  
Keith

# MUCH ADO ABOUT CHRISTMAS



# WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

## January 2020 Activities Dates:

**The Women's Association has many activities planned for the New Year!**

Please join us for any or all. Our **Bible Study** continues, you can still join us even if you have not been attending.



We also will be packing **Valentine Bags** for the Sharing Table, **Making Cookies** with the Children's Center kids, **Stuffing Easter Eggs** for our Annual Hunt, **Making Cards** to send to our congregation members, – just to mention a few activities. Dates will be in the bulletin and the Yarn.



**Thursday, January 9 10:00 AM:**

**Circle Bible Study Lesson 5: Words of Love – Don't Kill Each Other**

Bring your lunch.

**Thursday January 23 10:00 AM:**

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Program will be filling **Valentine Bags** for the February 8<sup>th</sup> Sharing Table. Please bring pre-packaged candies, crackers, snacks, etc. to fill the bags. (We will also be collecting items for the bags and donated clothing items from the congregation.)

**Bring your lunch.**

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### **GSPC WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY**

Thursday, **January 9, 2020**

<<<<<<10:00 am – 12:00 pm >>>>>>

Upper Room

[LOVED CARVED IN STONE](#)

[A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments](#)

**LESSON FIVE:** Words of Love: Don't Kill Each Other

**SCRIPTURE:** Exodus 20:13 and Matthew 5:21-26

**LESSON PURPOSE:** To understand the many faces of murder and how the beloved community is to honor life by refusing any and all death-dealing behaviors.

**LIFE WOUND:** Selfishness, hate, and fear that lash out and seek to destroy both God's people and the beloved community.

**PAUSE & REFLECT:** **The prohibition against murder includes the killing of the spirit, of one's self-esteem, or one's capacity to survive. What are some examples of words or actions that "kill" in these ways.**

BE PREPARED TO SHARE A BIBLE STORY THAT INVOLVES MURDER

**BRING A LUNCH**

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## **Donations for the February Sharing Table (February 8, 2020)**

Each year the ladies have been making Valentine Bags to give to each client at our February Sharing Table. If you would like to participate, please bring commercially pre-packaged candies, crackers, snacks, etc. to fill the bags.

Also, on that day, we have been taking new or gently worn clothing such as coats, scarves, winter hats, gloves to donate. Other adult or children clothing is also appreciated.

Toiletries (hotel samples or regular size) are always a big hit too. Last year we noticed a real need for moisturizing lotion.

**Clothing items can be brought to church starting January 12 through February 2.**

**Valentine goodies are needed before January 23.**

**We need the whole church to help us with this project!!**

**THANK YOU!!!**



## REQUESTS FOR OUR PRAYER WARRIORS



Millie Fike's friends, Kitty & Wally Lepson, Cindy's Friend Jenn, her late husband & their family, Chris' late mother in law Erma Fischer & their family, Jenna Shunk, the late Kathy Mahoney, her family & friends, The Canary Family, Carol Scott's great grandson Tommy, his family & medical team, Ethan's mother Ginny, Captain Jack, his family & medical team, Marcie Jackson's Daughter in Law's father Mike S., Farrell Maddox, Pastor Christine's father Mr. Christopher & family, and Cindy Alley, her family, and medical team.

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)

## 2020 COMMUNION SCHEDULES

|              |                                          |
|--------------|------------------------------------------|
| January, 5   | Jeannette & Jim Petnic (Team 3)          |
| February, 2  | Joan & Wayne Douglas (Team 4)            |
| March, 1     | Susan Thompson & Cindy Prevatte (Team 5) |
| April, 5     | Jane & Gary Workman (Team 1)             |
| May, 3       | Elaine & Jerry Tich (Team 2)             |
| June, 7      | Jeannette & Jim Petnic (Team 3)          |
| July, 5      | Joan & Wayne Douglas (Team 4)            |
| August, 2    | Susan Thompson & Cindy Prevatte (Team 5) |
| September, 6 | Jane & Gary Workman (Team 1)             |
| October, 4   | Elaine & Jerry Tich (Team 2)             |
| November, 1  | Jeannette & Jim Petnic (Team 3)          |
| December, 6  | Joan & Wayne Douglas (Team 4)            |
| December, 24 | Susan Thompson & Cindy Prevatte (Team 5) |



## JANUARY SCHEDULES

|         | <b>Ushers:</b>                             | <b>Tellers:</b>      | <b>Lay Readers:</b> | <b>Children's Time:</b> |
|---------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Jan. 5  | Petnic, McKemy                             | Bohns, Kent          | Delores Barr        | Gail Wronowski          |
| Jan. 12 | Tich, Workman,<br>Morgan                   | Starke,<br>Webster   | Cindy PreVatte      | *                       |
| Jan. 19 | Douglas, Webster,<br>Starke, Shuttlesworth | Pfoutz,<br>Wagener   | Kathy Young         | *                       |
| Jan. 26 | Maas, Wronowski                            | PreVatte,<br>Workman | SungHee B.          | *                       |

\*A sign-up sheet for Children's Time is located on the board outside the church

# J A N U A R Y 2 0 1 9

**Wednesday, 1**

**!!!HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!!!**

**Office and Children Center are Closed**

**Sunday, 5**

Deacon's Meeting 6:15  
Adult Sunday School 9:30  
Worship & Communion 11:00  
Elder Meeting  
Coffee 12:00

**Tuesday, 7  
Wednesday, 8**

1st Sunday Food Pantry  
Worship Committee 9:00  
Choir 7:30

**Thursday, 9**

Shepherd's Kid's 5:30  
Women's Circle Bible Study 10:00-12:00  
Session Meeting 7:00

**Sunday, 12**

Adult Sunday School 9:30  
Worship - Advent of Peace 11:00  
Coffee 12:00

**Wednesday, 15**

GSWA Clothing Drive begins!

**YARN DEADLINE! :)**

Shepherd's Kid's 5:30  
Choir 7:30

**Sunday, 19**

Adult Sunday School 9:30  
Worship 11:00  
Coffee 12:00

**Wednesday, 22  
Thursday, 23**

Choir 7:30  
4th Thursday Program 10:00—Filling  
Valentine Bags & Donating Clothing  
GSWA Valentine Goodies Deadline

**Saturday, 25  
Sunday, 26**

Men's Breakfast 9:00  
Adult Sunday School 9:30  
Worship 11:00  
Coffee 12:00

## STEWARDSHIP

The 2020 Giving Envelopes are now available to be picked up in the Narthex. Eighty-four percent of our members pledged for 2020 which leaves us a bit short of our goal for the coming year. I want to thank those of you who pledged.

I again ask those of you who have not yet pledged to prayerfully consider and help Good Shepherd reach 100% in our giving campaign for 2020!!! Pledge Cards are still available in the Narthex. Please give as you are able. You may place your Pledge Card in the offering plate, mail it to the Church, or you may personally give it to me. **There is no deadline!**

May God Bless each of you in the New Year!!! -Gary Workman

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

"Words of Encouragement from the Apostle Paul"

**Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00**

As we meet to enjoy good food and fellowship we will also hear from Paul as he reflects upon the hope he discovered when he faced challenges in life. Please join us as men and boys are welcome to enjoy yummy good food and great company!!





### GOOD SHEPHERD CHILDREN’S CENTER

Our Children’s Center families had a Jolly time with crafts, Christmas snacks, and an extra special visit from a VERY familiar-looking Santa. I mean seriously, you could almost swear he and Clay Maas were twins if you shaved that snow-white beard!

-Trista



### SPOTTED AROUND JOPPATOWNE!



The kids of Good Shepherd’s Children’s Center had a blast this holiday season, and to ring in the New Year there was one last celebration! Movies, games, and glitter tattoos ushered in 2020 with smiles and flare. Megan Shuttlesworth skillfully helped each of us show off our individuality with batman, unicorns, and love for the USA in stunning shimmering stencils. Keith and I couldn’t resist getting caught up in the merriment! -Trista



### JANUARY

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

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*2 Erin Knapp*

*8 Delores Barr*

*9 Matthew Ciccotelli*

*11 Seaver Shunk*

*14 Jeff Withrow*

*18 Suzanne Phillips*

*20 Helen Cunion*

*21 Norma Webster*

*23 John Knapp*

*30 Betty Walko*

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

