



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

In worship recently we heard about that day when Jesus called his first disciples. A few of them were fishermen and we are told they dropped their nets to follow him. (Matthew 4:18-22)

I wonder if Jesus ever had second thoughts about the men he chose to be his first disciples. Don't you think there were times Jesus complained to God about the team that surrounded him? Was it ever hard for Jesus to love Peter, knowing Peter would deny knowing him? Was it difficult to trust Thomas knowing that one day Thomas would question Jesus' resurrection? How did Jesus react when he saw the disciples fall asleep on the night he needed them most? And just days before his death, the disciples were arguing about which of them was the best. How did Jesus resist the urge to recruit a new batch of followers?

And yet Jesus would call these people his friends and his brothers (Matthew 28:10 and Luke 12:4). Proverbs tells us "A true friend is closer than a brother" (18:24). What's even more stunning is how Jesus called Judas in the moment of his betrayal a "friend". (Matthew 26:50)

What I have witnessed in our church is an amazing collection of friends. It's one of our strengths—the friendships that flourish in this fellowship. Last fall the Women experienced a Saturday retreat that focused on friendship. So many of you care for one another and that care runs deep in friendships that are sweet.

Jesus accepted the people God put in his life. He loved his friends and would forgive them. These followers were his friends, even with their shortcomings. It's a title of great honor. Jesus would show the depth of his friendship by washing the feet of his disciples. And the final proof of his care was shown as he was ready to die for those he loved.

Are you giving your friendships, in and outside of our church, the time and energy they deserve? Friendships can change and even wither. But with renewed focus they can also deepen. There is a wonderful joy that happens when friends can laugh and cry together. I know that Jesus wants us to foster good friendships. We need one another and surely God has brought us together!

Some day, I hope to look back on my time here and pray: "Thank you God for the people at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. How glad I am for the friendships that started in February of 2019." I count it a blessing to know each of you and to have you as brothers and sisters in Christ. You are a friend.

To the glory of Jesus.
Pastor Keith

HOME COMMUNION



Do you have an interest in assisting with home communion to members who can not be in worship?
Please contact Pastor Keith about this ministry.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH!

The Children's Center would like to celebrate Jen Doane, as Teacher of the Month. Jen has been a hero this flu season, managing to assist several friends when they were at their lowest moments (we will spare you the details, but one day a parent went out and bought Jen shoes and a box of chocolates because of what she had dealt with earlier that morning). We thank Jen for her unwavering ability to assist our children and families!



CONGREGAIONAL MEETING

February 9th after worship we will meet to act on the terms of call for our pastor and receive the 2020 budget.

DEACONS CORNER

Greetings to all!

Deacons have completed the yearly calendar of events and would like you to mark your calendars.

February 16th	Movie Night
April 11th	Egg Hunt
May 9th	Spring Fling
June 14th	Bagels & Blooms
July	Pillow Drive Harford Family House
September 13th	Church Picnic on premise
November	Love Feast and Star Tree kickoff



As always, we collect non perishable food items, hygiene, and toiletries, for the food pantry on the 1st Sunday of the month. Feel free to ask Trista, and or Wayne and Joan Douglas what is needed for the pantry.



In addition, remember to bring in your Redner's receipts. Jeannette Petnic will be happy to answer any questions regarding the collection of receipts and how they benefit our pantry.



Chris Bohns	Moderator	Allen Wronowski	Secretary
Clay Maas	Hospitality / Coffee Hour	Sue Thompson	Caring and Compassion / Card Ministry

SHEPHERD'S KID'S

The January Shepherd's Kids focused on water. During the first week, the children learned about baptism and the importance of water in our lives. During week two we learned about Noah building the ark. Working with our children is a joy each month as we teach them about Jesus.



We truly appreciate all of our volunteers and their faithful service to this mission. We will meet again on February 12 and 19.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



Thursday February 27 10:00 AM:

Our 4th Thursday Program will be Baking Cookies with the Children Center children. Elaine Tich and Ellie Pfutz are in charge of this project. Bring your lunch and we can sample some of our freshly baked cookies.



Presbyterian Women's Board Meeting - Thursday, February 6, 10:00 AM: in the Upper Room at church



GSPC WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, **February 13, 2020** <<<<10:00 am – 12:00 pm Upper Room>>>>

[LOVED CARVED IN STONE](#) A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments



LESSON SIX: Words of Love: Hold Your Marriage Sacred

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:14, Genesis 2:18-25, and John 8:1-11

LESSON PURPOSE: to understand God's desire for deep and faithful relationships in the human family and how behavior that has no boundaries can devastate people and communities.

LIFE WOUND: superficial and exploitative relationships

PAUSE & REFLECT: Do you think that there is a double standard for women and men when it comes to adultery! **GOING OUT FOR LUNCH**



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 due by February 2! THANK YOU!
Good Shepherd Women's Association



REQUESTS FOR OUR PRAYER WARRIORS



Carolyn Foy, Ashley's late Aunt Kay Furlong, her late cousin Randy Dabney Jr. & their family, Jennifer Doane's friend Cindy, Freddie Sloan, her late brother & family, Donald Canary, Richard Rheyman Shunk, parents Jenna & father Seaver Shunk, big brother Aiden Shunk & medical team, Marcies grandson-in-law Brenden S., Michael Gilpatrick, Little Ryland, his family & medical team, Marge E. Marge, Philip Pugh, Jeanette Ford, Marcie Jackson's daughter-in-law's father, the late Ronnie H. & family, Kathy's friend Pam McCracken, Jeanette Ford, Mother Miller, the late Rachael Reid & her family, and Nancy McCaslin.

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!

Every morning I drive by the smiling faces of our before and after care children waiting patiently for their school bus.



Rachel Williams was kind enough to send us this picture. I regularly hear them outside singing songs and laughing to pass the time!



2020 COMMUNION SCHEDULES

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)



COFFEE HOUR

Just want to remind everyone that only the assigned coffee hour team is to be in the kitchen for safety purposes. The floor gets slippery and the stoves/ovens get hot. Also, please do not make "to go" trays while the congregation is still eating. Leftovers, if there are any, belong to the person on the assigned team who brought them, if they want to give them away they will make that announcement at the conclusion of coffee hour. Thanks for understanding!

FEBRUARY SCHEDULES

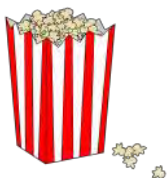
	Ushers:	Tellers:	Lay Readers:	Children's Time:
Feb. 2	Petnic, McKemy	Bohns & Kent	Cindy PreVatte	Keith Roberts
Feb. 9	Tich, Workman, Morgan	Starke & Webster	Kathy Young	Delores Barr
Feb. 16	Douglas, Webster, Starke, Shuttlesworth	Pfoutz & Wagener	Soung Hee	Edie Burns
Feb. 23	Maas, Wronowski	PreVatte & Workman	Vickie Maas	Cindy PreVatte

FEBRUARY 2020

Saturday, 1	Casey Cares Fundraiser begins! Now Through April 12th
Sunday, 2	Team Jesus! Sport your Sport gear! Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship & Communion 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Wednesday, 5	Choir 7:30
Thursday, 6	Presbytery Women's Board Meeting 10:00
Saturday, 8	Sharing Table 10:00
Sunday, 9	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Congregational Meeting Coffee 12:00
Wednesday, 12	Shepherd's Kid's 5:30 Choir 7:30
Thursday, 13	GSPC Women's Bible Study 10:00-12:00
Sunday, 16	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Church Membership Meeting 4:00 Movie Night! 5:00
Wednesday, 19	YARN DEADLINE! :) Shepherd's Kid's 5:30 Choir 7:30
Sunday, 23	Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Coffee 12:00
Thursday, 27	4th Thursday Program - Cookie Baking 10:00

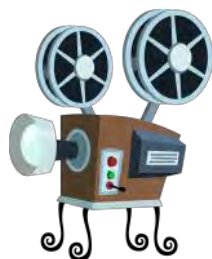
MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK!

Come join us for our annual movie night on Sunday February 16th at 5:00 pm. Our feature film is the Overcomer. An American Christian drama. A high school coach and his basketball team face an uncertain future when their town's largest manufacturing plant shuts down, and families are forced to relocate.



Food and drink are provided. Invite a friend and share in this fellowship. Reserve your seats.

Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex.



SESSION

1. A Congregational meeting will be scheduled for late February to review the Pastor's Terms of Call and the Good Shepherd annual budget. Date to be announced soon.
2. The Children's Center Director met with Session to provide an update on the Children's Center summer activities and other items. Session discussed the idea of remodeling a downstairs room so that we could watch infants. Summer camp is going to include swimming.
3. The Session agreed to hire a cleaning service which will start on January 20th. Carla, who we rely on heavily now, will be hired by the service so she is not losing her job.



GOOD SHEPHERD CHILDREN’S CENTER

Donations for Summer Camp: boxes, cardboard, Styrofoam (like stuff that comes in packages), toilet paper and paper towel rolls

Special visitors for summer camp: Anyone with background, artifacts, experience with any of the following countries. We would like to have special visitors each week who can talk about, share items from, prepare a cooking lesson with the kids, etc.

Week 1, June 22-26: Joppa, District of Columbia, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Honolulu

Week 2, June 29-July 2: Juneau, Victoria Islands, Toronto, Ottawa

Week 3, July 6-10: Puerto Rico, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Guatemala

Week 4, July 13-17: Ireland, Scotland, England

Week 5, July 20-24: Spain, France, Germany

Week 6, July 27-31: Italy, Greece

Week 7, August 3-7: Egypt

Week 8, August 10-14: Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa

Week 9, August 17-21: India

Week 10, August 24-28: Australia, New Zealand

Week 11, August 31-September 3: South Korea, Japan, China



We are participating in a Casey Cares fundraiser through Chick-Fil-A from now until April 12th. If you bring in a pair of new pajamas with tags, we will win a large nugget tray to use for a school event for every 25 pairs we collect. They accept sized from infant to adult, so when you are out and about doing your daily shopping, grab a pair of jammies for critically ill children!

FEBRUARY DATES TO CELEBRATE!

We would like to recognize this months

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

important dates in the lives of our members

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

4 Trista Canary

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Kristin Barnes

David Burns

Brianna Luu

Linda Link

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19 Daris Bultena

Valerie Davis

Gary Workman

February 15, 2008

Ann and Jon Bornstein



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