



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (USA)

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

As we begin the season of Lent this next week I want you to beware of two matters, one a notice and the other, an invitation.

Recently a team of members met with an architect to go over our plans to change the classrooms behind the offices (where the choir robes are stored), into two rooms for infant care.

Our hope is that construction can begin mid-June and we can offer this care to wee children, six weeks and older, beginning in September. A wall will be built where there is presently an accordion wall dividing the classrooms and sanctuary.

This wall will have a window in it so that parents can watch and listen to worship, should their babies or children become rambunctious. You will hear more about this project as spring arrives.

If you have any questions about this project please ask any of these members: Farrell Maddox (Moderator), Gary Workman, Jim Petnic, Mike Bohn, Clay Maas or the Child Center Director, Janelle Schmidt. It was a joy for me to watch this team go about its work with energy and expertise. We have exciting plans for this church and school we love.

Last month our Elders and Deacons met in the Upper Room. As we were brainstorming about some of our strengths and weaknesses, one person mentioned the frustration of working full time and having no option to attend a Bible study.

There is a study on Sunday mornings at 9:30 as Bob Barr guides members through Peter's letters. I know that is a tough time for some to attend. This month I will be starting a study on Saturday mornings. The coffee pot and a light breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:30. Men, women and youth are invited. My hope is that in time we can offer more small group opportunities, and some might be focused groups: Young Mothers, Men's Bible Study, etc....

For anyone struggling with fear, worry, or anxiety, or who wonders how families and communities can live as peacemakers in troubled times; this study UNAFRAID offers an inspiring message full of practical suggestions.

Our leader will be Adam Hamilton, who is the senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. Jesus tells his followers, "Do not be afraid". We need to hear those words and ponder how our faith can empower us to live during these days which are full of stress and fear. It's ok if you come and go during this study. Making just one or two of the meetings is fine, and you can bring a friend or family member who has no connection to our church, except through you. Here is our agenda:

- March 14 Understanding and Countering Fear
- March 21 Crime, Race, Terrorism and Politics
- March 28 Failure, Disappointing Others, Insignificance and Loneliness
- April 4 Apocalypse, Change, Missing Out, and Finances
- April 18 Aging, Illness, Dying and Fear of the Lord

Please consider being a part of this study as we learn from a gifted teacher, and one another.

The word Lent is derived from an Old English word 14th century, "Lencten" meaning spring time. Its roots also are Germanic from "langitinaz", meaning longer days. The church adapted this season of 40 days prior to Easter, not counting the Sabbath.

And it was a time set aside for people to reflect upon their spiritual walk. Prayer, fasting and worship were activities highlighted during Lent. After having a physical recently I know I need to fast, eat better and get regular exercise. Please don't be offended if I don't enjoy a dessert you bring to our Sunday lunch. Oh dang, I forgot to ask the Doc if I can eat Millie's deviled eggs!

On Ash Wednesday I shared these words Deacon Chris passed on to me. Please reflect upon them during Lent. Pope Francis asks us "Do you want to fast this Lent" ?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words. simplicity.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger, and be filled with patience. hope.

Fast from worries, and trust in God.

Fast from bitterness, and be compassionate to others.

Fast from complaints, and contemplate

Fast from pressures, and be prayerful. Fast from pessimism, and be filled with

Fast from grudges, and be reconciled.

Fast from words, and be silent so you can listen.

God's peace to you each day, and may all of us make the time to pray, worship, fast, and serve with humility !

Keith

MEET A FEW OF OUR SUBSTITUTES!



Joanne Galantino



Meghan Shuttlesworth



Julianna Shalleberger

DEACONS CORNER

Food for thought: Moses had the first tablet that could connect to the cloud. Good Shepherd had an active February. We as a church participated in various outreach programs. You addressed the needs of school-age children and supplied them with hats and gloves. These items were distributed by Extreme Family Outreach to local schools in the area.

Deacons concluded a busy February with another successful Movie Night. We exceeded our attendance from last year, with roughly 50 guests. A special thank you to Vickie and Clay Maas for their choice of movie, the "Overcomer". There were many positive comments. A huge thank you to Clay Maas and Allen Wronowski, for their skilled grilling talents. Thank you to all who helped and all who came out for this event.

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SAVE THE DATE: Annual Easter Egg Hunt, **Saturday, April 11th, 10:00 am** This is a well-attended event and the children in our community practice their hunting skills for months. The Women's Group and Deacons work together making this a fun church outreach activity. The women and friends will be filling the eggs. We do not need plastic eggs! We are requesting the following if you wish to contribute:

*Wrapped candy to fill the eggs. Preferably not hard candy!

*Refreshments for the reception following the hunt.

*Small prizes for each child who participates. For example, bubbles, puzzles, stuffed animals, crafts, matchbox cars, slime, coloring or painting books, etc. All are invited!

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 Bring in your Redner's receipts. Why? We receive a percentage of the proceeds which helps our food pantry. A Redner's card is needed for the points to apply. Still have questions, see Jeanette Petnic.

SHEPHERD'S KID'S

February's Shepherd's Kids was a time of love. We talked about Jesus' love for each of us and read stories about the people and things we love. We had wonderful meals and we made Valentine cards for moms and dads.



As always, we give thanks for the volunteers who give their time to nurture our children as we teach them about Jesus. We will begin to explore Easter during our March meetings on the 11th and 18th. If you know someone with children or grandchildren ages 3 and up, please tell them about us. We meet from 5:30-7 pm.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

EASTER EGG CANDY/TOYS NEEDED!

On March 26, the Women's Association will be stuffing the Easter Eggs for **Good Shepherd's Annual Easter Egg Hunt** which is on April 11. (Easter is on April 12, 2020)



Please help us by donating commercially wrapped candy, mini toys, etc. for these eggs. It has been suggested that we do **not** use **hard candy**. We **DO NOT** need empty eggs! There will be a basket in the narthex for the collection on **March 8, 15, and 22.**

Snacks (cookies, chips, crackers) for serving the children following the Easter Egg Hunt are also needed. Ask Jeanette Petnic for suggestions. **THANKS!**

GSPC WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, MARCH 12, 2020

<<<<<<10:00 am – 12:00 pm >>>>>>

Upper Room

LOVED CARVED IN STONE: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments

LESSON SEVEN: Words of Love: Do Not Steal

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:15, Matthew 25: 31-46

LESSON PURPOSE: To expand our understanding of stealing beyond the concept of disrespect of personal property.

LIFE WOUND: taking the easy way to get what we want at the expense of others

PAUSE & REFLECT: What are the values that you see guiding our priorities, as a nation or as a church toward those in need both at home and abroad? How might this **WORD** address public policy

REMINDER: Please bring a newspaper/magazine/Facebook/ other story that illustrates a deep need locally, nationally, or internationally. Be prepared to tell the group briefly the location, who is being hurt or is in need and what is happening to them.

BRING YOUR LUNCH

THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to all who donated clothing, toiletries, and Valentine snacks for our February Sharing Table!

We had an unbelievable amount of clothing to give away and had only one small plastic tote full left at the end. This was donated to another site, so every piece found a new home.

Only those of us who actually have the opportunity to give the items away see and hear all the appreciation that is expressed – so many “thanks” and hugs!

The women filled over 100 Valentine bags and not one was left!

We had more toiletries than ever - lotions, toothpaste, shampoos, etc. – big and small – all were grabbed up during our time at Sharing Table.

Please keep this mission in mind during the year so that you can set aside these items for next year.

GREAT JOB!!!

REQUESTS FOR OUR PRAYER WARRIORS



Jane H., Linda Link's friend Colleen, Kathy's cousin Dave & his family, and Millie's late cousin & their family, Bud Baranowski's late sister, Bill & Norma Webster and family, Rylan Anderson, Nancy McCaslin, Suzy Phillip's friend Lynda Bates & her family, Bill & Norma Webster, Marcie Jackson's late friend, Bonnie G. & her family, Daris & Lance Bultena, with the passing of their father Rodger, Carl & Bobby Funkhauser & their family, Jeanne Gay's Grandson J., his parents & medical team, and Trista & Rikku Canary.

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

A NOTE FROM THE DEACONS AND ELDERS

The church is interested in communicating more regularly with its members and friends through email. Please let Trista Canary (office@holy411.org) know if you are not interested in receiving regular communication beyond the Yarn. If you have questions, please see Cindy PreVatte.

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**The General Assembly is coming in June 2020!**

Do you like to talk about your favorite City restaurant? Do you just love to help give directions to your favorite City Tourist spot? Can you help visitors read a map? Would you like to help?

**Have I got a job for YOU!!!!!!**

June 20 is fast approaching. Volunteers are needed for the Information Booth. If you would like to help by being a friendly, helpful face, please let me know by putting your name on the SIGN UP sheet in the hallway bulletin board.

PS: This is a great way to take a peek at the goings on at the General Assembly of the PC(USA).

## COOKIES!!!

On Thursday, Feb. 27th, the 4yr. old children at the GSPC Children's Center made chocolate chip cookies with help from the women of the GSPC Women's Association.



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Check out the bulletin board in the hallway for ways you can be involved in Good Shepherd's Maundy Thursday meal and worship on April 9. The Worship Committee is sponsoring a worship service intertwined with a light meal, a Living Disciple Tableau, and celebration of The Last Supper Communion service. The choir is singing, and the Upper Room will be aglow with candles, conversation, and remembrance of that special night spent with Christ.

Please sign up to indicate your attendance and if you can bring a food item or can help with food preparation or be costumed disciple, let us know. Friends and family are invited!

## MARCH SCHEDULES

|          | <b>Ushers:</b>                             | <b>Tellers:</b>       | <b>Lay Readers:</b> | <b>Children's Time:</b> |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| March 1  | Petnic, McKemy                             | Bohns & Kent          | Clay Maas           | Gail Wronowski          |
| March 8  | Tich, Workman,<br>Morgan                   | Starke &<br>Webster   | Sue Thompson        | Allen Wronowski         |
| March 15 | Douglas, Webster,<br>Starke, Shuttlesworth | Pfoutz &<br>Wagener   | Edie Burns          | Bill Starke             |
| March 22 | Maas, Wronowski                            | PreVatte &<br>Workman | Delores Barr        | Chris Bohns             |
| March 29 | Young, Goldberg, Bohns                     | Baranowski, Maas      | Cindy PreVatte      | Cindy PreVatte          |

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| <b>Wednesday, 4</b>  | Deacons Meeting 6:15<br>Choir 7:30                                                                                            |
| <b>Sunday, 8</b>     | Daylight Saving Time begins!<br>Adult Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship & Lunch 11:00<br>Candy Collection for Easter Eggs Begins! |
| <b>Tuesday, 10</b>   | Facilities Meeting 10:30                                                                                                      |
| <b>Wednesday, 11</b> | Shepherd's Kid's 5:30<br>Choir 7:30                                                                                           |
| <b>Thursday, 12</b>  | GSPC Women's Bible Study 10:00-12:00<br>Session Meeting 7:00                                                                  |
| <b>Saturday, 14</b>  | Coffee & Breakfast 8:30<br>Understanding and Countering Fear                                                                  |
| <b>Sunday, 15</b>    | Adult Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship & Lunch 11:00                                                                             |
| <b>Wednesday, 18</b> | <b>YARN DEADLINE!</b><br>Shepherd's Kid's 5:30<br>Choir 7:30                                                                  |
| <b>Saturday, 21</b>  | Coffee & Breakfast 8:30<br>Crime, Race, Terrorism and Politics                                                                |
| <b>Sunday, 22</b>    | Adult Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship & Lunch 11:00<br>Candy Collection for Easter Eggs Ends!                                   |
| <b>Wednesday, 25</b> | Choir 7:30                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Thursday, 26</b>  | 4th Thursday Program - GSWA Egg Stuffing                                                                                      |
| <b>Saturday, 28</b>  | Coffee & Breakfast 8:30<br>Failure, Disappointing Others, Insignificance<br>and Loneliness                                    |
| <b>Sunday, 29</b>    | Adult Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship & Lunch 11:00                                                                             |

**THE STONE IS ROLLED AWAY....**

The first Sunday of Lent is March 1. The Lenten season is a time we hear of stories of faith and ways Christ became friend and advocate for those in need of love and acceptance. Many churches take on a practice that will deepen faith and draw people closer to Christ.

On March 1, Good Shepherd will launch a prayer stone project. Congregational members will receive a name of a person in our church who will become their secret prayer partner and will be asked to keep that person in prayer throughout the 40 days (and 6 Sundays) of Lent. A special stone will be on hand for each person to take home to paint, color, and decorate for the "Big Reveal" on Easter morning, April 12.

On Easter morning, bring your decorated stone back to church and lay it at the outdoor Easter Cross. Please put the name of the person for whom you have been praying somewhere on the stone. As people leave worship that morning, they may pick up the rock with their name on it or leave it for a wonderful visual on Easter Day. We know we all will feel the power and joy of prayer throughout the Lenten season, similar to the prayers Christ offered as he took time to listen to and pray for everyone he met.

And, just as the rock was rolled away from the tomb that first Easter morning, we will add our "Joy Rocks" to the cross to indicate the power of prayer that is mingled with the hope of the Resurrection.

*God is my rock; God is my strength; God is my salvation!  
My refuge, my abiding peace, I shall not be shaken!*



### GOOD SHEPHERD CHILDREN’S CENTER

**Career Fair:** Janelle will have a table at the Early Childhood Education college and career fair at Harford Community College on March 12, from 12-5:00! Tell your friends and family who may be interested in a career in early childhood education.

**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



**GSCC Volunteers Requested!** GSCC would like volunteers to lead clubs for our afterschool kids, grades PK-5<sup>th</sup> from roughly 4-5:30pm. Some suggestions: book club, Girl Scouts, art, music, or cooking. Please reach out to Janelle Schmidt if interested: [ccdirector@holy411.org](mailto:ccdirector@holy411.org) or 410-679-3390.

**Calling all high school students!** GSCC welcomes volunteers! If you are interested in pursuing teaching, we would love to be your first stop in the process. Volunteers starting at age 13 are welcome, once you turn 16, you could be hired as an aide (vacancy contingent)! Please reach out to Janelle Schmidt.

**GSCC Pajama Drive** - Now to April 12th, through Casey Cares and Chick-fil-A. Please bring pajamas (size infant through adult, NEW with TAGS) and drop them in the box by the stairs to the Upper Room.

## MARCH DATES TO CELEBRATE!

We would like to recognize this month's important dates in the lives of our members

*7 Gail Wronowski*

*9 Mike Bohns*

*15 Mary Kaye Kent*

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

*17*

*Steve Morgan*

*Erin Pollard*

*18 Jeanette Petnic*

*20 Marcus  
Cheatham, Sr*

*31 Cecilia Davis*



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