



At the time of writing this, the ground is covered in several feet of snow in various parts of the country. Hopefully, when you receive this newsletter, the snow will be diminished; perhaps it will have even disappeared. Here we are, a good two weeks into Lent – a time many people term as a wilderness journey. We don't have scorching sun or burning sand, but many of us thirst for spiritual awakening. While the "Lenten Journey" could be compared to wandering for 40 days and six Sundays, our Good Shepherd congregation continues to find restorative experiences and oases to lift our spirits during the cold and dreary days of March.

As we pass into spring and daylight savings time, we open ourselves to more light and more Jesus, as expressed in thought provoking and deeply inspiring sermons and children's moments, symbols "coming out of the bag" and onto the Lenten interest centers we all have created, a book study called "In Plain Sight," and daily devotions offered by Good Shepherd members. To be sure, the people listed below will be our Lenten story guides in worship the next few weeks:

Worship Element	March 7	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Mar. 28	Apr. 4
Message	Rev. Jack Carlson	Bill Starke	Rita Garrity	Music & Drama	Rev. Jack Carlson
Children's Time	Chris Bohns	Gail Wronowski	Bill Starke	Edie Burns	Chris Bohns

Please note that our March 28 Palm Sunday service will feature music and drama that tells the story of that joyful and poignant day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem to begin his Holy Week journey. Easter flowers may be ordered via the special form made available in our weekly announcement page in mid-March.

Look to the Cross Many of us possess crosses passed down to us from friends or family. Some of us at Good Shepherd enjoy creating art, either using paint, fabric, beads, or natural objects. The Worship Committee invites you to bring a favorite cross or make one for this special event on Good Friday. We plan to create an art gallery of crosses, along with narratives from scripture detailing events of Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. The sanctuary will be open from noon until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 2. You may stop in and quietly view the many crosses displayed on tables, read the events of those last days with Jesus, offer a prayer, and meditate on the meaning of Good Friday for our lives. Please bring your cross to the sanctuary by March 26, labeled with your name and any information you wish to share with your church family. Hospitality hosts will be at Good Shepherd all day as we observe social distancing and wear masks. "Look to the Cross" gives us all an opportunity to pause, soulfully meditate, and embrace the significance of this important and meaningful day.

Our Lenten Bags to Go have served to help us observe each week of Lent with symbols that remind us of important events in Jesus' life. A butterfly was included in each bag on which you can add your name and some decoration. We plan to decorate our outdoor cross with these butterflies, so please return them to the narthex by March 26 (or bring them with you on Good Friday) so we may use them in our April 4 Easter service.

Please know we will continue to offer "live" and virtual worship every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. We encourage everyone to join us as we mark important events in our Savior's life during Holy Week.

Bill Starke, *Worship Committee Chairperson*

Edie Burns Ryan Shuttlesworth Sue Thompson Jane Workman Gail Wronowski





ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual Congregational Meeting was held using the ZOOM virtual meeting app on February 7th. The final 2020 and the projected 2021 budgets were reviewed by Gary Workman. Although pledges were down this year, Gary managed to balance the projected budget. Thanks to the PPP loans, Good Shepherd managed to pay its 2020 bills. Thanks for helping GSPC meet its goals.

The search for a Temporary Supply Pastor is ongoing. The Baltimore Presbytery posted the job announcement but it is not going to be easy to fill the position with 15 or more pulpit vacancies. At Valerie Davis' suggestion, the Presbytery is planning a meeting of all the its churches seeking Pastors to meet each other and pool ideas. It's not speed dating, but we may find a like-thinking church to share a Pastor.

We are closer to finding a Musical Director. Of five people that were telephonically interviewed, three were selected to be interviewed by a committee.

The Congregation elected Rita Garrity, Jaclyn Harris, Elaine Tish, and Jane Workman to serve as Members-at-Large on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, made up of two Elders, one Deacon and four Members-at-Large is responsible for seeking active church members for leadership positions.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

"She does things without being asked."



"She doesn't stir the pot - she comes to work and does her job."

The February teacher of the month is...Ms. Chrissy! We appreciate her for all that she does at the center and in her classroom every day.



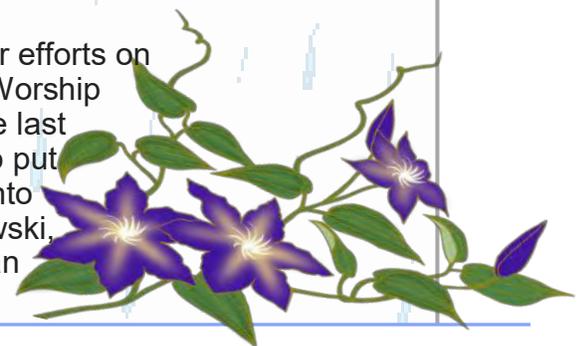
"She never calls out or leaves early."



"She handles situations when the Director is not available."

WHAT SESSION IS DOING

Session met on February 4, 2021. The Elders are focusing their efforts on searching for a Temporary Supply Pastor and cheering on the Worship Committee. When in-house Sunday worship was scuttled at the last moment on Saturday, the Worship Committee worked quickly to put a taped service on Facebook. Ryan Shuttleworth worked late into the night to edit all the recordings. Session thanks Gail Wronowski, Edie Burns, Sue Thompson, Ryan Shuttleworth, Jane Workman and Bill Starke.





GSPC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
A Trip Down Memory Lane - March 2012

PILLOWCASE DRESSES

For 6 years, (2012-2018) on three Thursday mornings in February and March, the GSPC Women's Association was involved in a ministry that made dresses out of pillowcases for young girls in poverty areas around the world. Close to 300 dresses were made during those 6 years. Pillowcases, along with thread, trimmings, fabric were donated by church members. Funds for binding, elastic and plastic bags were also donated. On those days, Ellie Pfoutz, and Ellyn Hooper would bring in their sewing machines. A production line was established with each lady cutting the basic pattern, artfully adding trim, pinning elastic and binding to be taken to the seamstresses, Ellie, Ellyn, Paula, and Mary Kaye. Quality control ladies would inspect the dress for loose threads and missed stitching. The finishers would then iron the dresses and give them to the packers who attached size labels, a GSPC church label, folded and placed the dresses in a gallon plastic bag.



Finished products were taken by hand to be distributed by a local Presbyterian missionary in Zimbabwe. Joan Pugh took them on her trip to Zambia, Africa and the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota. Others were distributed through the ministry of June Renner of Hampstead who keeps a log of different mission trips. This past year 4274 girls received a dress from her ministry.

GSPC discontinued this ministry in 2019. Supplies and remaining pillowcases were donated to June Renner's ministry.

This GSPC ministry was a gift, not only to those who received the beautiful dresses but also to those of the WA who were able to do God's work in faraway lands without leaving home.





CAN'T WAIT FOR SPRING WORD FIND

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WORDS TO FIND:

FLOURISHING BLOSSOMING BUTTERFLY DAFFODIL
 COLORFUL FLOWERS SEASONS SPROUTING
 BRIGHT GROWING TULIP BLOOM
 SUNNY RAIN BEES WARM

A BIG THANK YOU!



This winter has given us a few messy days to slip, salt, and shovel through. Several souls determined to keep Good Shepherd open and safe toiled away for hours cleaning the sidewalks and plowing the parking lots.

We want to give a HUGE thank you to the men and their family's who have sacrificed warm hands and sleep to keep the world turning for here at the Church. Clay Maas (in the picture shoveling), Gary Workman, Jim Petnic, and Mike McKemy & family, take a bow! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO!

Mike Bohns, Janelle, and I (Trista) wanted to thank you for our amazing heaters! These are sincerely appreciated upgrades!

CHILDREN'S CENTER

OPENINGS - The GS Children's Center has openings for school-age children! If you or someone you know has children that could benefit from an engaging and exciting children's program please contact **Janelle Schmidt** at either 410-679-3390 or CCDirector@holy411.org



AMAZON - Our Children's Center has created a "Wish List" on Amazon! There are many items listed which would be used to enrich our programs and classrooms. If you were interested in supporting this mission, please take a look and donate!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3J629P9WF5L1J?ref=wl_share





HIGHLY RECOMMENDED GRANDPARENTING TIP

Several nights a week, I put on my PJs and crawl into bed. Right on time, I receive a Facetime call from two pre-schoolers, also in their PJs, with several books on their laps. After checking that their "Ola" (grandmother) brushed her teeth, they "read" two bedtime stories to me. Then ensuring I am tucked in, they hang-up. The kids take their task seriously. The kids are learning the joy of reading, sight words, creative storytelling and more importantly learning to care about others. I highly recommend this 15 minute activity. In fact, I'm enjoying this so much that I'm looking for another pre-schooler who needs an "Ola." Mary Kaye Kent

GOOD SHEPHERD WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

THANK YOU!!! Thanks to all who donated Valentine snacks for our February Sharing Table!

There were about 150 Valentine Goody Bags filled with your donations, tied with red ribbon, and with a pretty Valentine tag from Good Shepherd attached. These were given out on Saturday, February 13, along with a hot meal to go.

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase Easter Flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please contribute \$10 for each plant. They will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter after which time you may take home your plant/s. Please send the donation to the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church with the following information:

I would like to order ____ Easter Flowers at \$10 each.

In memory of _____

Or

In honor of _____

Your name(s) _____

Orders are due by March 14, 2021.





THE GOOD SHEPHERD FACEBOOK PAGE:
<https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdPC/>

THE SHEPHERD OF JOPPA YOUTUBE PAGE:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmWeD2EBpNUqSr1Sl1Qgnhw>





REQUESTS FOR OUR PRAYER WARRIORS

Kathy's friends, George "Sonny" Robertson & Wife; Kathy's son's friend, Pete Taylor; Arlene's sister, Rose; Suzy Phillips' sister-in-law, Carolyn; Cindy Prevatte, her daughter, Meredith & grandson, Xavier & sister Sandy; Ellie's friends Paula Mank; Sue Ermatinger; Richard Grandad of Edie Burns' grown-up grandchildren; Jenna Shunk, the kids & the family that are helping them; Suzy Phillips' friends brother Tommy & friends granddaughter Katrina; The Late Tom Weaver, his Wife Barbara, Daughter Lauren, & grandson Hunter; The entire Howe Family; Lisa Paz; Chris Bohns daughters friend Sheri, family & medical team; Norma Webster's friend Carolyn Foy, her family, & Late sister Pearl Melton; and The Late Ray Benser & his family.



If you or someone you know has a need and you would like to submit a prayer request, please reach out to our prayer team at: gsprayers@juno.com



SPOTTED AROUND JOPPATOWNE

While taking in the view of our winter wonderland through my office window in early February, I noted this stunning figure perched in our tree against the gray winter backdrop.

Walking to the window for a better inspection and hopeful picture, I attempted identification of this silent hunter and ended on a Red-Shouldered Hawk.

If anyone can confirm my identification is correct, or tell me what type of hawk this is I would appreciate it! -Trista



March Birthday's to Celebrate

7 Gail Wronowski

17

18 Jeanette Petnic

9 Mike Bohns

Steve Morgan

31 Cecilia Davis

15 Mary Kaye Kent

Erin Pollard

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.

