



TO BE PRESBYTERIAN

It has been a challenging year for Good Shepherd, and the Worship Committee would like to take a moment to shine a light on a sermon series recently presented by Good Shepherd's Pastor, Rev. Kerry Slinkard. One of the mottos of our PCUSA denomination is "Reformed and Always Reforming". Pastor Kerry reminded us all of the wonderful reasons we call ourselves "Presbyterian" by touching on a few of the basic concepts of the Reformed Faith. His four-part series centered on predestination, God's revelation to us in the life and teachings of Christ, what the "Covenant Life" looks like, and the Reformed view of sin and redemption. These can be weighty topics and cause for "napping" during church. Quite the contrary for Good Shepherd folk!

It should be noted that most of us are not "cradle" Presbyterians. As an example, members of the Worship Committee (and Pastor Kerry) started their faith journey in the Baptist, Methodist, Church of the Brethren, Lutheran, and Catholic churches. It seems that so many different theologies could be mixed up in our journey towards being Presbyterian. It is no wonder we have trouble defining what it means to be uniquely Presbyterian. Pastor Kerry gave us a much-needed reminder of the rich heritage of being rooted in the grace of God in Jesus Christ.

Did you know that the first Presbytery was organized in 1706, the first General Assembly was held in 1789, and from there we Presbyterians continued to evolve to become the PCUSA of 2021? There has never been a time when we weren't "on the road to redemption", as Julian of Norwich so beautifully said. In the Reformed sense, this means that God always provides ways for us to get back to our true identity and nature as known in God – it begins with redemption, and then our faith deepens into a mature transforming of the world. God's grace allows us to focus not on sin but on being saved so as to serve and transform the world....to bring heaven to earth. Presbyterians value and appreciate the idea we are "predestined" or elected to accept salvation and to serve, that we are to have an active, humble, and justice-seeking spiritual life. This means being "authentically" Christian, thus avoiding judgment of others and their spiritual state.

It was interesting to look back at Calvin and our forebears of the faith by way of mentioning defining moments of the Protestant Reformation and the ensuing Creeds and Confessions that mirrored struggles of people trying to live out their faith. So many interesting facts and nuances of the faith came through loud and clear and when there is a Reformed Faith Part II series, we hope you will tune in via virtual or "in-person" worship in the months to come. We celebrate a faith tradition that thinks and keeps on thinking and that wrestles with questions and ultimately rests on God's unconditional love. Thank you, Pastor Kerry!

As the summer winds down and we look to new opportunities to be together, we hope you will join us at Mariner Point Park on September 12 at 11:00 a.m. for informal worship and lunch afterwards. Details of that event are in this issue of The Yarn. We will livestream the service at the Park (virtual viewers, pardon the noise). In closing, we thank our group of singers who record hymns so we have music for worship every week, our instrumental musicians, our tech-savvy Ryan Shuttlesworth, liturgists, and all enthusiastic worshipers in pews or online, for joining us for weekly worship. We will soon share some other special worship events planned for later in the Fall.



Reformed and Always Reforming – Good Shepherd Worship Committee

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Ryan Shuttlesworth

Gail Wronowski



I write these musings having just dropped my youngest daughter off for freshman orientation at Wake Forest University in North Carolina. Sports-wise, they are known as the “Demon Deacons” (Baptist roots). I would think the “Predestined Presbyters” would be much a much better identity, but the school administration hasn’t replied to my suggestion yet. Oh well, I can wait.

The move-in process was quite civilized with teams of upper-class students waiting to whisk Clare’s car-full of dorm stuff into her room (on-the-fourth-floor-no-elevator – Thank you, God!). I left Clare and her new roommate to organize their space, and went to the Upper Quad to sit on a bench and watch the excited new students and their families flowing past. I loved my college experience. Even though I still have mild nightmares of missing my classes, faking my education, and fraudulently presenting my degree to get a job (no psychotherapy needed here, right?...Right?), learning is and always has been important to me.

Thinking about Good Shepherd, I’m still trying to get to know you, but I sense that this congregation values learning as well. Why else do we spend so much effort on early childhood education for this community? And it doesn’t stop with the kids. I was gratified by your response to the Reformed Faith sermon series this summer. You want to keep learning as well! In ministry, I have always thought of myself more as a teacher than a preacher. My sermons tend to ask more questions than they answer. I try to point my messages toward growing in “faith-knowledge.” I think the more knowledge we have, the stronger and better our faith will be to guide us through life.

So, as we open the new school year and, like the Munchkins in Oz slowly come out from our shelters, I would like to keep concentrating on the joy of learning as we grow together as a family. This can be in worship, or in other learning opportunities. If there are any particular topics that interest you, let me know. This is going to be FUN!

PEACE,
Pastor Kerry

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GSPC Women's Circle Bible Study 2021-2022

Thursday, September 9, 2021
10:00 am – 12:00 pm - Upper Room

What My Grandmothers Taught Me:

Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus

BIBLE STUDY LESSON 1 – FAMILY TREES

KEY SCRIPTURE – Matthew 1

MAIN IDEA – Family stories shape our sense of identity. Matthew begins his Gospel with a list of Jesus' ancestors. In this list we find the names of some rather unusual women—Jesus' grandmothers. Why are these women in this list and what does their inclusion have to say about the coming Messiah? What might Matthew be teaching us through their stories?

PLEASE BRING TO THE MEETING A PHOTO OF YOUR GRANDMOTHER (OR ANOTHER WOMEN OF AN OLDER GENERATION WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE OR A SPECIAL OBJECT THAT REMINDS YOU OF SUCH A WOMAN. TO THIS MEETING.

All women of the church and friends, please join us!

Guidebooks (\$10) will be distributed at our first lesson (unless you have already purchased one from Jane Workman). Even if you cannot attend every lesson, we would love to have you join us for fellowship, learning, and growing in our faith together.

BRING YOUR LUNCH

Thursday, September 23 10:00 AM
(4th Thursday Program)

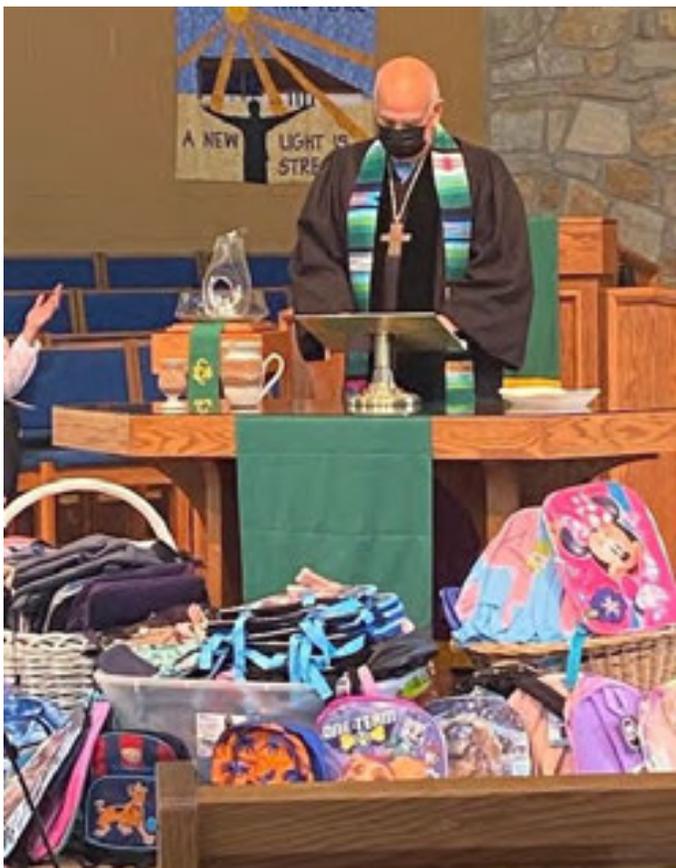
Meghan Shuttlesworth, our new Children's Center Director will be our speaker for our first 4th Thursday Program of our new year. Vickie Maas will give a short introduction to this program about the history of our Children's Center.

A big **THANK YOU** to all who donated Backpacks for Riverside Elementary!

At this point, we are just short of **100 backpacks!!!**

Outstanding!

They will be delivered Tuesday, August 31.





MEET MEGHAN OUR NEW CC DIRECTOR!



Meghan Shuttlesworth began her career at Good Shepherd Children’s Center in 2019 as a substitute teacher. She eventually transitioned to become the Lead Teacher in the School Age room.

She has a Master’s Degree in Psychology from Shippensburg University and prior to joining the GSCC family, she worked as a Therapist and Behavioral Specialist Consultant for Pennsylvania Counseling Services.

Meghan holds her 90hr Preschool Certification, 45hr School Age Certification, 45hr Infant and Toddler Certification, and is currently completing the 45hr Director and Administrator Certification.

Meghan has been married to her husband Ryan since 2007 and together they have two sons, Weston and Bennett. In her free time, Meghan enjoys hiking, paddleboarding, crafting, and reading. Meghan is very excited to be part of the administrative team here at GSCC.

“WILLING TO LEARN”

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

“SELF REFLECTIVE”

MS. RUTH



“ALWAYS ON TIME”

“TAKES CONTINUING EDUCATION SERIOUSLY”

“TAKES WHAT SHE HAS LEARNED AND IMPLEMENTS IT IN THE CLASSROOM”





A FEW WORDS FROM CLAY

WEEDING—Despite recently adding 16 yards of new mulch the weeds still manage to poke thru...determined little buggers, huh? If anyone feels inclined an hour a week would be helpful. The more the merrier! Thanks again.

DEACONS CORNER

CHURCH IN THE PARK— September 12th, 2021 @ 11:00AM

We are having "church in the park". We are **NOT** having church services in our church building we are having church services at Mariner Point Park in the pavilion as we have done in previous years. Yes, we skipped last year due to the pandemic but this year we are back on track to have church services at the park followed by an old fashioned picnic The Deacons will provide fried chicken, soda, water, ice, cups, plates, napkins, bowls, knives, forks, and spoons. **We ask you to bring a dish to share and/or a dessert to share.**

PLEASE CONTACT CLAY MAAS AT

443-386-0600 OR AT CLAYTON.MAAS@YAHOO.COM

ASAP SO WE CAN START PUTTING TOGETHER A HEAD COUNT



PILLOWS—The Deacons would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions of 63 (sixty three) pillows for the Harford Family House. Special thanks go to *Mike & Chris Bohns* and *Kathy Young* for delivering all these pillows. Job well done everyone!

DIRECTORY UPDATE—It's **NOT** too late to still turn in your Directory Data Sheet. We are still collecting them! If anyone has any problems or questions please call Clay. The Deacons want to ensure **YOU** get included in the new updated Directory.

GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY WORSHIP

During this pandemic, we are livestreaming worship at 11:00 a.m. If you are at home, join us online. You will be E-mailed a copy of the bulletin to use as a guide during worship. Of course, we would love to see you in person!



Recognizing the increased spreading of the Delta strain of COVID-19, we strongly ask that in-person worshipers return to wearing masks!

Masking will be optional for those who have been vaccinated. For those who have not been vaccinated, **masking is required** . Required distancing from non-co-resident persons will be encouraged. Hand sanitizing liquid and wipes will be available.





PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy Young's oldest son, Rob Shreeve; Kathy's neighbor, Debbie & her aunt, Eleanor Bierman & Eleanor's Late cousin, Roberta Harr & Eleanor's son-in-law, Paul Goffus; Ellie Pfoutz's friend and former neighbor Donna Heimberger; Susan Luu's Late friend Sabrina & her family; Marcie Jackson's friend Henry S.; Carla Cathcart's cousin, Cindy Pellegrino, cousin, Louise Marsh, & her family, Louise's brother, Gary Marsh, a friend, Lorraine Bick, Carla's former boss, college friend, June Fletcher & family, friend, Cindy Ragusa, and Carla's boss's daughter, Ashley Bogari; Millie Fike's former boss, Wayne Moog; Theresa & Richard Manke's son-in-law, Will & his medical team; Gail Wronowski's friend Paul Michaelian & family; Jaclyn Harris' granddaughter, Stella; and Barb J. from Cockeysville.



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

FACE PAINTING & DRAGONS

It's Dragons Love Tacos day in the school age room and all the kiddos got scaly dragon make-overs!



September Birthday's to Celebrate

3 Weston

Shuttlesworth

4 Katie Pollard

6 Marcia Goldberg



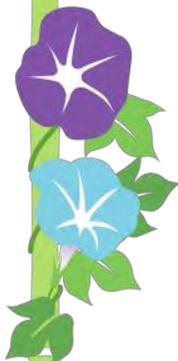
The Deacons would like the church family to know your important day! If we do not have yours in our file, please notify

Kelly Donelson @ 410-961-9275

9 Susan Luu

19 Michael Elonge

25 Stacy Howe



GSPC DIRECTORY DATA SHEET

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