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- Saturday, 4** Decorating the Christmas tree and the sanctuary 10 am
- Sunday, 5** Last day for Poinsettia orders & dedications!
Worship 11:00 am
- Thursday, 9** Women's Association Bible Study 9 - 2 pm
- Friday, 10** Live Nativity Sign goes up "Coming Soon"
- Sunday, 12** Worship 11:00
- Thursday, 16** Cookie Baking with Children's Center 10am
- Friday, 17** Set up for Women's Christmas Party 6 pm
Live Nativity 6 - 8 pm
- Saturday, 18** Women's Brunch/Christmas Party 11:00 am
- Sunday, 19** Worship 11:00
- Tuesday, 21** Longest Night Service in the Sanctuary
- Friday, 24** Good Shepherd is Closed for the Holiday
- Monday, 27** Good Shepherd is Closed for the Holiday
- Sunday, 26** Worship 11:00
- Friday, 31** Good Shepherd is Closed for the Holiday



I invite you to think back a few years. It is 1373 – you remember, don't you? The Hundred Years War between England and France is in mid-stride. The English and Portuguese monarchs sign a treaty of peace and cooperation that remains in force today,

the oldest such treaty in the world. In London, Geoffrey Chaucer, the “father of English literature” was still 14 years away from starting his magnum opus, *The Canterbury Tales*. About 100 miles northeast of London, in the city of Norwich, a devout young woman of 30 years lies dying, surrounded by her family and her priest. At her request, the priest administers the last rites, sure that she will not last the night. At the foot of her bed she can see a crucifix with the suffering Jesus. As she gazes on this image, she receives a series of sixteen visions she called “showings.”

Thankfully, she did not die, and soon after, as she recovered, she wrote down her visions. Her writing became known as “Revelations of Divine Love.” So grateful was she for her recovery that she dedicated herself to a life of prayer and devotion. Her humble wisdom and focus on God's love attracted many people to her and she was given a simple residence in the local parish church of St. Julian with a window facing the main road. There, as an Anchoress, she received visitors, shared stories and devotional wisdom, and prayed. We do not know her real name, but Julian of Norwich is a jewel of spiritual mysticism who, for any who read her beautiful work, continues to enrich our understanding of God and Jesus.

“God, of Thy Goodness, give me Thyself;—only in Thee I have all”

In this same time our Lord shewed me a spiritual sight of His homely loving...

Also in this He shewed me a little thing, the quantity of an hazel-nut, in the palm of my hand; and it was as round as a ball. I looked thereupon with eye of my understanding, and thought: *What may this be?* And it was answered generally thus: *it is all that is made.* I marvelled how it might last, for methought it might suddenly have fallen to naught for little[ness]. And I was answered in my understanding: *It lasteth, and ever shall [last] for that God loveth it.* And so All-thing hath the Being by the love of God.

In this Little Thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it, the second is that God loveth it, the third, that God keepeth it. But what is to me verily the Maker, the Keeper, and the Lover,—I cannot tell; for till I am Substantially oned to Him, I may never have full rest nor very bliss: that is to say, till I be so fastened to Him, that there is right nought ... betwixt my God and me.

There are many websites with Julian's writing. I invite you to find search them out and enjoy them this December as we await the birth of, as Julian would call him, Jesus our Mother.

<https://earlybritishlit.pressbooks.com/chapter/julian-of-norwich-revelations-of-divine-love-selections/>

PEACE, Pastor Kerry





THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Join us **Tuesday, December 21st** for our Longest Night Service. We will meet in the sanctuary at **7 pm** to worship and share the evening with church family.



GOOD SHEPHERD WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Saturday, December 4 - 10:00 Decorating the Christmas Tree and Sanctuary
(Men needed also)

GSPC WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, **December 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

LESSON 4: Ruth and Loyal Love

SCRIPTURE: Ruth 1-2

MAIN IDEA: Ordinary people can bring about divine outcomes when they deal with each other with loyal love.

PAUSE & REFLECT: Think of the women who support you, or whom you support. Name them silently and imagine them surrounding you as you journey with Ruth and Naomi.

BRING LUNCH

Thursday, December 16 - 10:00 Cookie Baking with the Children's Center

Join us to bake cookies with the children! They will sample some that day. Others will be used to pack a **Christmas Cookie Gift Bag** for the children to take home.

It would be great if you could bring some homemade cookies to help fill the gift bags.

Friday, December 17 - 6:00 Set up the Upper Room for Christmas Brunch and help **serve hot chocolate** to the participants of our Live Nativity.

Saturday, December 18 - 11:00 Women's Annual Christmas Party - Christmas Pot Luck Brunch

All church women – We need your help with each of these events!

Please see Jane Workman with questions.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdPC/>

THE SHEPHERD OF JOPPA YOUTUBE PAGE:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmWeD2EBpNUqSr1SI1Qgnhw>



2 TURKEY'S PASSING OUT THE LAST 2 TURKEY'S!



Thanksgiving Giving Boxes

Thanks to your continued generosity we have made 12 (twelve) families thankful on Thanksgiving Day!

Not only did they receive a complete Thanksgiving meal but we were indeed able to also provide each family with a \$50 gift card to Redner's.

- Clay

It's always heartwarming to see the lives we touch with this fantastic gift. The joy and gratitude of the families we serve makes this mission so very rewarding!

-Trista

DEACON'S CORNER

It took the congregation two weeks to do what the Deacons thought would take a month. We are once again blessed and thankful to be in the presence of a generous and thoughtful congregation. **Everything** on the list has been bought and paid for!

Thanks go to the congregation members who made purchases and a special thanks to the congregation members who made outright cash contributions to this mission.

On Christmas morning many members of the Arrow Ministry will awake with smiles on their faces thanks to the generosity of you, yes you...our congregation members!

The Deacons would like to extend a warm holiday greeting to each and every congregation member for supporting the Deacon's Corner and the Thanksgiving Boxes. There is absolutely no way any of these missions could be successful without your continues love, support and generosity.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God Bless You!





**Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
622 Joppa Farm Road**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

6 – 8 pm

Live Nativity – Neighborhood Event



Stop by for pictures, wear your own costume and join the group, or just stop by to enjoy the beauty of the story and scene. Experience live animals, music, and this great neighborhood event.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



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

In memory of :

In honor of :

Your Name :

Orders are due by December 5th, 2021



CHRISTMAS WORD SCRAMBLE

See if you can unscramble the words below!

Created on TheTeachersCorner.net Scramble Maker

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| 1. SJUSE | _____ | 11. ITRWNE | _____ |
| 2. MTHRISCSA | _____ | 12. NNODAEWLDR | _____ |
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| 4. NTPRSSEE | _____ | 14. AOWNSNM | _____ |
| 5. MLFYAI | _____ | 15. LEIBB | _____ |
| 6. DINRSFE | _____ | 16. RTEE | _____ |
| 7. DHOYLIA | _____ | 17. TEHRWA | _____ |
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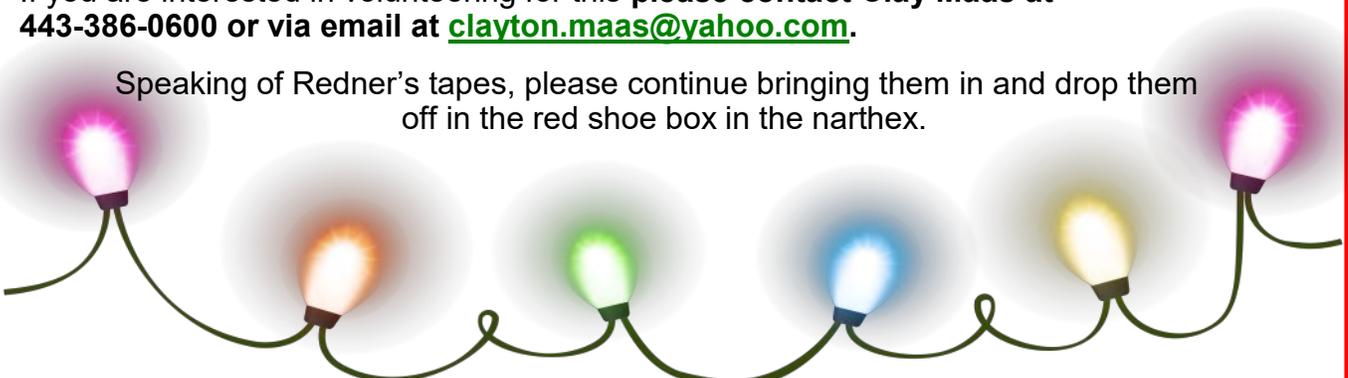
REDNER'S TAPES

A little birdie told me Nancy McCaslin is moving out of state in February 2022. If this is true, we'll be needing a new volunteer to take over this mission.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Nancy for her years of service!

If you are interested in volunteering for this **please contact Clay Maas at 443-386-0600 or via email at clayton.maas@yahoo.com.**

Speaking of Redner's tapes, please continue bringing them in and drop them off in the red shoe box in the narthex.





REQUESTS FOR OUR PRAYER WARRIORS



Carl & Suzie Phillips (please use this address to send them mail: PO Box 2368, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688); Carla' cousin, Leah Marsh, her friend Judy Elterman; Cindy's sister, Sandy Kling, neighbors, Sue and Mike, her friends brother-in-law, Bill, her friend Kristie & her mother, and Paul; Norma's friend, Mary Sue Kowaleski's dear friend, and her husband's sister, Pinkie Daniel's; Ellie's friend Louise Kaufman; Kathy's granddaughter, Emily Shreeve, her step daughter-in-law, Janet Bowman ; Linda's sister, Maria Williams & her husband, Buddy; Carla; Norma, Bill & family; Linda Link's brother-in-law; Trista & her 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

December Birthday's to Celebrate

4 Hunter Cheatham

20 Nancy Byrne

8 Eleanor Williams

24 Jerry Tich

10 Elaine Tich



28 Meiley Cheatham

11 Lou Cosner

30 Christene Bohns

13 Jim Petnic

16 Ellie Pfoutz

14 Carl Phillips

18 Wayne Douglas

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