



NOVEMBER

Sunday, 30	All Saints & Reformation Worship 11 am
Monday, 31	Halloween Parade for the GSCC 10 am
Sunday, 6	GSPC Book Fair - Children's Books 9 am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hour after service
Thursday, 10	GSPC Women's Bible Study 10 - 12:00 pm GSPC Men's Bible Study 10 - 12:00 pm (Men's study is also available on Zoom)
Saturday, 12	Hosting the Presbytery of Baltimore
Sunday, 13	Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hour after service
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Monday, 21	Thanksgiving Box Handout 1 - 3:00 pm
Tuesday, 22	Community Thanksgiving Worship 7 pm
Thursday, 24	Thanksgiving Day – Office and GSCC Closed
Friday, 25	Day after Thanksgiving – Office and GSCC Closed
Sunday, 27	First Sunday of Advent Worship 11 am Advent Crafts and Projects Deacon's Corner Open 12—1:00 pm



Greetings, Fellow Travelers!

I love Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is the only holiday instituted by our federal government that is intentional about acknowledging God (Christmas and Easter predate the nation).

Thanksgiving, while focused on the gift of the harvest and other food provided by God's bounty, allows us to pause and give thanks for many other gifts from God – for things like family, employment, health, friends, freedom, the Church and salvation in Jesus; for mountains and oceans, the sun and the rain and the expanse of heaven; and even for music, other sounds and sights, books and education. Once you get started, it's hard to stop listing God's gifts, including things that are the product of human efforts, like the COVID vaccine, blood pressure medication, electric power, television, cell phones, boats and airplanes.

I also like to acknowledge the Holy Spirit – the Spirit who breathed into the first of us the breath of life and the power of consciousness. The same Spirit who filled our hearts with the presence of Jesus at Pentecost, and continues to remind us of God's grace and love.

For all these things and so many more, let us give thanks not only on the special day of Thanksgiving, but throughout our lives.

PEACE, Pastor Kerry



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

On **Tuesday, November 22nd, at 7 pm**, we are planning a Community Thanksgiving Worship Service. All the area churches are invited to this gathering. There will be two offerings this evening, one is an offering of canned foods, and the other will be an offering plate.

Both collections will be donated to our community Sharing Table!

GSSC BOOK FAIR

The Children's Center is holding a Book Fair Fundraiser with Usborne Books!

The book fair will run from approximately **9am on Sunday November 6th - Tuesday November 8th**. It will be unmanned for the majority of the sale, but you may shop, place items in a bag with a form or how you would like to be billed and pick them up after the sale has ended. On Tuesday, Julie, the Usborne rep will be in the building to make in person purchases. You may also shop online after the fair through a QR Code. Meghan and Rebecca will be available to answer questions and thank you in advance for supporting the Children's Center!

THE GOOD SHEPHERD FACEBOOK PAGE:

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

THE SHEPHERD OF JOPPA YOUTUBE PAGE:

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





WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, November 10, 2022

<<<<<<10:00 am – 12:00 pm >>>>>>

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH

Accepting God's Gifts of Rest and Delight

MEETING IN THE UPPER ROOM

LESSON 3: Sabbath and Sunday

KEY IDEA: Over the centuries, Christians began to celebrate the Sabbath on Sunday, but we still haven't come to an agreement on quite what that means

SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:16-22 and Acts 16:11-15

BRING YOUR LUNCH

OFFERING ENVELOPE NUMBERS

Like you, my Offering envelope number has been the same for longer than I can remember, but the size of our congregation is changing and we don't need to order the large number of Offering envelopes and incur the unnecessary expense just to ensure we all keep the same envelope number we have all always had.

So, in an effort to conserve our limited finances for calendar year 2023 we are going to order the number of Offering envelopes to match the size of our congregation. What does this mean?

The possibility exists that next year your envelope number might just change. Please understand, the Finance Committee did not decide this lightly. It was a decision that was appropriate to match our current congregation size. Thank you. – Clay Maas

DECORATING THE SANCTUARY

Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 9:00 am we are joining together to decorate the Sanctuary. The more the merrier! Come see the new tree, hang the garland, brighten your spirit by joining in on the holiday fun...and of course, coffee & donuts in the morning followed by pizza at lunch time! We hope to see you there! Any questions please see Clay.

We might even have a sign-up sheet.

BIBLE/RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Thursday, November 10th @ 10 am for both in-person and ZOOM participants.

Pastor Kerry is aiming the seminar toward the men of the church, but it will be open to all.

SALLIE HARDIN OBITUARY

Robert Hardin reached out to me and requested that I add his late wife, Sallie Harden's Obituary in the news letter, as many from the church would remember her. You can find her Obituary here:

<https://www.since1853.com/obituary/sallie-hardin>

POINSETTIA ORDERS



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
"Changing Lives and Growing in God's Love"

 **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:

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

In memory of _____

Or

In honor of _____

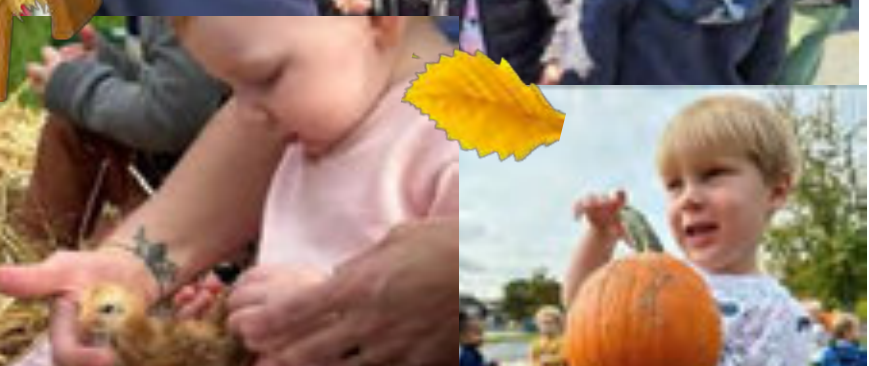
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Orders are due by December 4, 2022

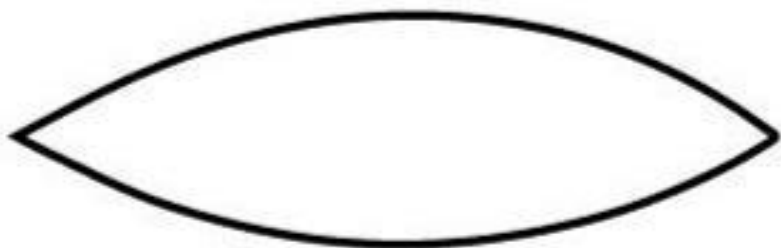
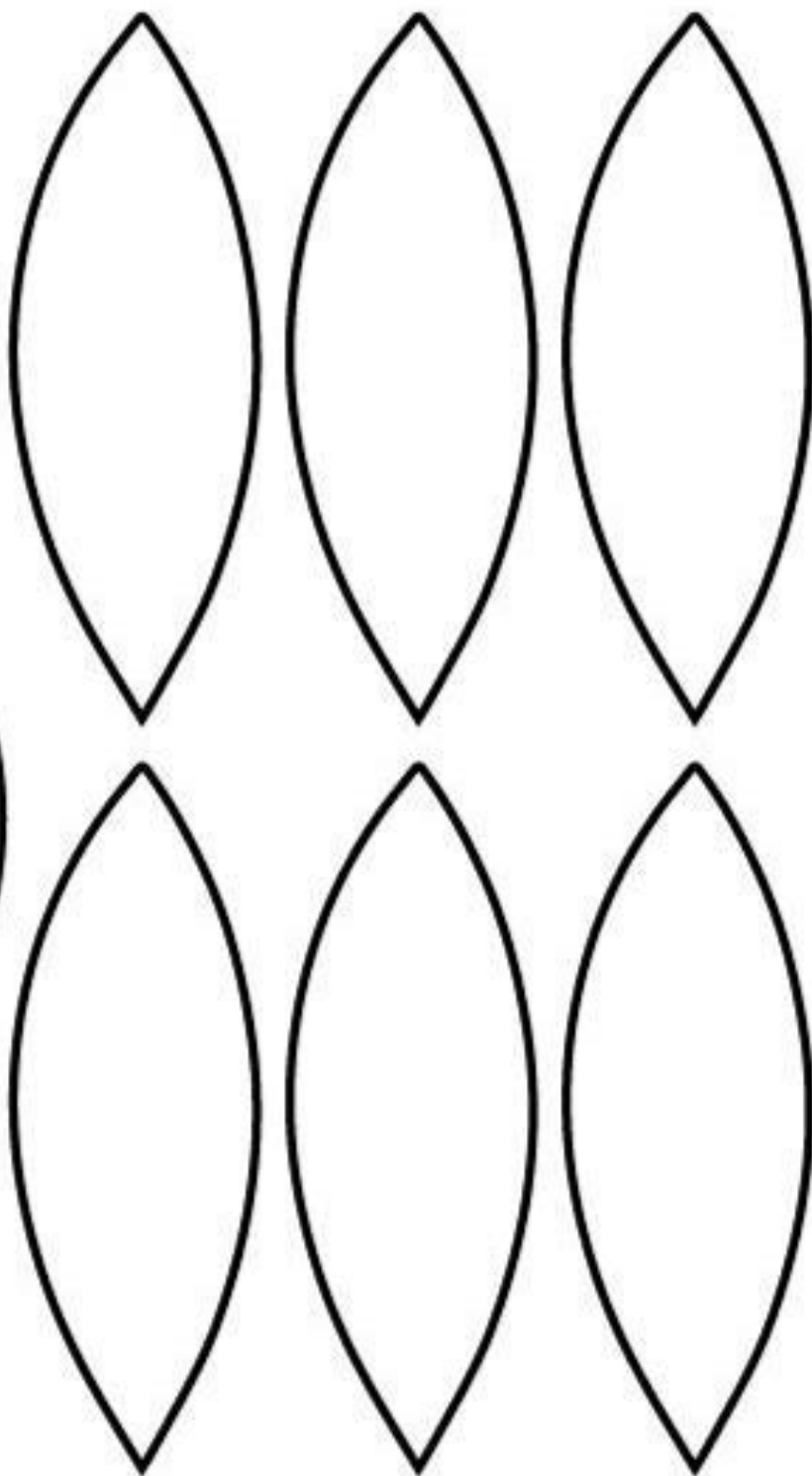
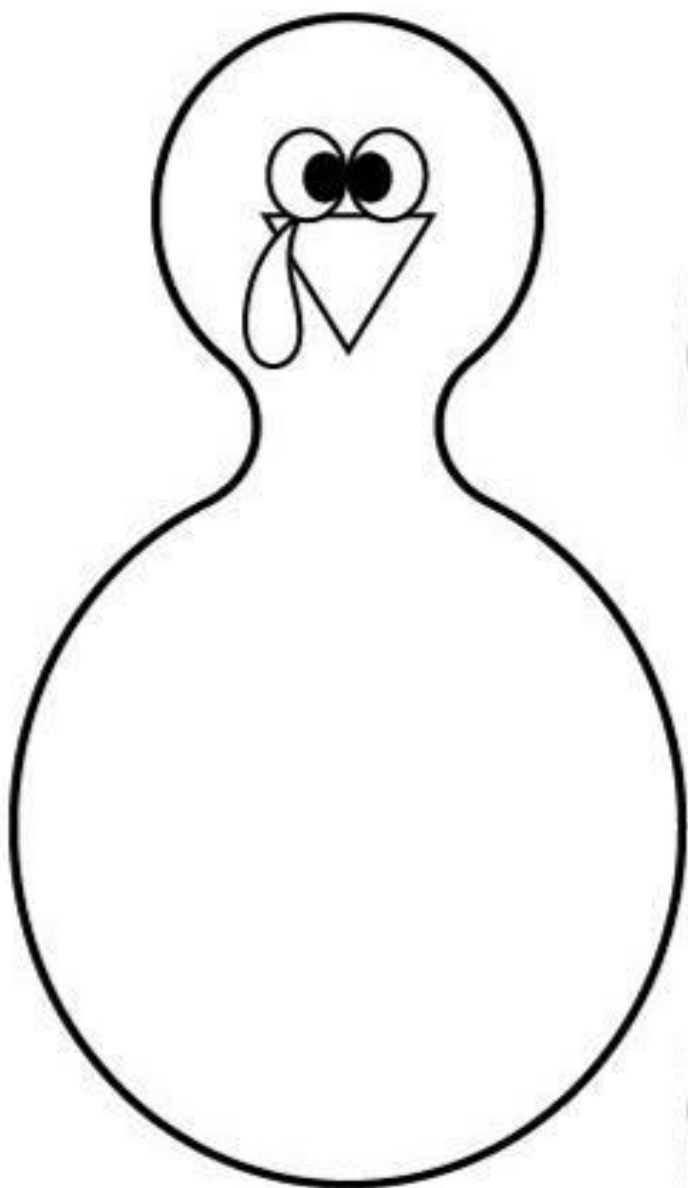


PUMPKIN PATCH ANIMALS



& FIRETRUCKS!

FUN FOR KIDS (AND THE YOUNG AT HEART)!



FINISHED PRODUCT





DEACON'S REPORT TO OUR CONGREGATION

Ten pets joined us in worship and offered their praise (barks) and presence to those assembled on October 16 for our first Pet Blessing ever at Good Shepherd. We gave praise for all of God's creatures, appreciated the many positive attributes our pets bring to our lives, and enjoyed a beautiful day on the lawn after the service, swapping funny pet stories and commiserating about the travails of owning a pet.

If you missed the service, you can tune in on our YouTube channel and also view a few pictures in this issue of The Yarn. You will meet Hope, Spot, Jack, Nick, and Lady Blue and also a few visitors who joined us. Fill in the name with your choice for these fun categories: *Best dressed pet owner; loudest bark; most likely to keep you running after him; beautifully groomed and chic; cute and loveable; reminds you of an oreo cookie – black and white and always charming!* Seriously, a great time was had by all.



UPCOMING DEACON AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Over the last few months, we have taken a realistic look at our ministries and those who are available to help carry them out. We have adjusted some dearly loved outreach ideas and added a few new ones to better serve the goal of reaching out to our neighbors and friends to share the good news of faith and action. We invite you to join with to make a strong statement that we care about others and want to shine brightly as the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons approach.

Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Box Distribution Day, 1 – 3:00 p.m. Christ Our King Presbyterian is providing the turkeys and boxes of food, as they have done in the past, and Good Shepherd is supporting the Giving Boxes with a monetary donation, as they have done in the past. If you are interested in helping to distribute the turkeys, please contact Chris Bohns.

Nov. 22 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service at Good Shepherd – 7:00 p.m. Area churches have been invited to attend this joint worship service. We pause to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives through music, worship, and prayer.

Nov. 27 The Deacon's Corner opens today. Newly launched last year, this opportunity allows you to buy an already-purchased gift for a teenaged girl living in a group home in Harford County. Please bring cash or check to cover the cost of the gift you wish to purchase. It is an easy way to support The Arrow Family Ministry. The Deacon's Corner will be open from 12-1:00 p.m. on Dec. 4, too!



On the same day, stop upstairs to make a craft that will be added to our sanctuary during Advent and pick up some materials to observe the spirit of Advent- preparing for Christ's birth. We'll gather casually upstairs to continue the first Sunday of Advent theme.

Live Nativity Good Shepherd will host a "live" manger scene on the corner of Joppa Farm and Town Center Drive. This event was well-received last year, and we hope to involve the Children's Center, serve refreshments, and expand our characters. Put Friday, December 16, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on your calendars!

There is a need for a few additional volunteers to sign up to join a food team. See the sign-up sheet outside of the office and add your name if you can bring a food item as part of a weekly food team. We enjoy meeting upstairs after worship. Lastly, look for additional information in the December newsletter about a Caroling Event on December 22, a choir music event on December 18, and Christmas Eve plans. We look forward to being the hands and feet of Christ in the coming months.



Blessing of The Pets





Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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A Caring Church for Changing Times...

Neighborhood Events for All to Enjoy

Stop by for outdoor (and even indoor) events that are sure to please and bring personal joy and neighborhood peace to all!

Sept. 11 Homecoming Picnic at Mariner Park - 11:00 a.m.
Outdoor worship - Picnic to follow

Oct. 2 World Communion Sunday
Global Worship and Breads - 11:00 a.m.

Oct. 14 Blessing Our Pets - Outdoor
worship on the lawn followed by
Pet blessings at Noon (Coffee, Donuts,
Pet treats) All Pets Must Be on a Leash.

Oct. 30 All Saints and Reformation Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Nov. 22 Community Thanksgiving Worship
(Tues.) 7:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd

Nov. 27 First Sunday of Advent - 11:00 a.m. worship
Followed by Advent Crafts and Projects

Dec. 16 Outdoor Living Nativity - Recreating
the Manger Scene (Live Animals, too!)
4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Drive by or stop by to
take pictures and sing.

Dec. 21 Longest Night worship service
(Wed.) 7:00 p.m. - Lights, Prayers, and Dreams
for a Peaceful Christmas

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 25 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship

We are large enough to serve you and small
enough to know you!



REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS



Linda Link's Late brother-in-law, Elmer & his family; Kathy Young's friend, Lori Cross; a gentleman named Peter, his family & medical team; Jeanette & Jim Petnic; Tracey Webster's friend, Deneen, her grandmother & her family; Daris Bultena's niece, Marin Bultena, her family & medical team; Ellie Pfoutz's neighbor, Bill Witty & his wife, (also an) Ellie; and Cindy PreVatte's brother, Greg, his family & medical team.

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



This will likely be my favorite Spotted Around Joppatowne ever. Thanks to the Cabell Family for pointing the sleeping cutie out! I was able to snap some pictures of our adorable fox neighbor.

The church was buzzing with excitement as I proceeded to show everyone the pictures. One conversation led me to realize I was not the first person to see this beautiful creature.

Delores told me that while the Woman's and Men's Bible Studies were in session (10/13/2022), our curious friend decided to make an appearance at just the right time.



The ladies were in the Sanctuary reading out loud about the Six Days of Creation. The fox happened to trot by the sanctuary windows while the fifth and sixth days were studied. Our ladies creatively named the fox Friday!



Friday is not as scared of humans as one would expect from a fox, but please keep your distance so that we can enjoy sightings and pest control for years to come!

November Birthday's to Celebrate

18 Brad McKemy

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

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