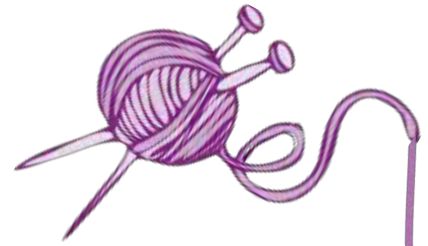




# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Joppa

*"Changing Lives and Growing in God's Love"*



- Saturday, 1**      **Annual Easter Egg Hunt 11 am**
- Sunday, 2**      **Arrive 5 minutes for Palms and Call**  
Worship 11:00 am  
**Communion**  
1st Sunday Food Pantry
- Wednesday, 5**    Hosting Susquehanna Parish Mid-Week  
Lenten Service 7 pm  
Online streaming available
- Thursday, 6**      Maundy Thursday -  
Observing Holy Communion 7 pm
- Friday, 7**        **Good Friday Vigil 12 - 3 pm**
- Sunday, 9**        **Celebrate the Resurrection!**  
Worship 11:00 am  
**NO** Coffee Hour After Worship
- Sunday, 16**      Worship 11:00 am  
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Sunday, 23**      Worship 11:00 am  
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Sunday, 30**      Worship 11:00 am  
Coffee Hour After Worship





I have been thinking about how northern-hemisphere-oriented Christianity is. We talk about the birth of the Christ-child “in the bleak mid-winter,” but it’s in the heat of mid-summer in South Africa; and we talk about Easter and the signs of new life in Spring, but it’s late fall in Australia, and winter is coming in Argentina. Luckily (or rather, by the grace of God), our faith has been able to overcome these global distinctions and to be embraced by brothers and sisters all over the world. We are all in need of the redemption that Christ’s resurrection brings and grateful that God has made it available to us, wherever we live.

I pray that this Easter (whatever the “season”) will be a joyous time for each of you, and that God will richly bless Good Shepherd with the spirit of the Resurrection in the coming months and years.

*Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.*

*PEACE,  
Pastor Kerry*

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, JOPPA**

A card came in the mail from Trinity Lutheran Church on Philadelphia Road in Joppa. It was addressed to Good Shepherd.

It reads, “ Thank you for all you do to further God’s kingdom.  
God’s Peace,  
Trinity Lutheran Church”

I will put this card in the Narthex if anyone would like to view it.

**FIRST SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE**

The Deacons challenge our congregation to help us keep our pantry stocked once again.

Here’s what we could use: canned peas, carrots, and mixed veggies, canned soups, instant potatoes, gratin, and rice (like Lipton’s instant flavored rice bags), all in one meal boxes (like build your own pizza non-frozen), Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, vitamins, hairbrushes, sandwich bags, juices (apple, grape, fruit punch).

***Please NO more Ramen Noodles!***

You can bring items any time, but if we remember to bring something the first Sunday of the month, we are assured of meeting the needs of our community. Thank you!

# April showers bring May flowers

## GSPC WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, April 13, 2023

<<<<<<10:00 am – 12:00 pm >>>>>>



### CELEBRATING THE SABBATH

Accepting God's Gifts of Rest and Delight

**LESSON 8: SABBATH and JUSTICE**

**KEY IDEA:** Sabbath and Justice go hand in hand. Celebrating the Sabbath means living lives of justice all week long.

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 58

BRING YOUR LUNCH

## WALTER P. CARTER ELE/MID SCHOOL



Our Egg Hunt reached beyond Joppatowne. We shared 500 eggs with these sweet children. Margo Workman, is a Physical Educator Instructor with Baltimore City Schools.

Margo shared her thanks and this message. "I will definitely send pictures, I'm planning to share with 4 Special Education class-

Thank you Jane Workman for suggesting this opportunity. The smiles on the faces of these children are priceless.



## LENT - IN THE WILDERNESS

The theme for this year's Sunday Lent series is

**"Lent - in the Wilderness"**

Each Sunday a depiction of the scripture was created under the communion table to represent the scripture of that Sunday.

The picture that I sent you was representing the scripture, John 4:4-52, the story of the Samaritan Woman at the Well.

**April 2023** - Jane Workman

# ON THE ROAD TO EASTER...



Holy Week is our time to: cleanse our “temples” of impurity; give thanks and pour out our perfume for Christ without counting the cost; do humble things for others that show we care; eat, drink, and remember; stand with Christ, pray, and grieve His suffering. Join us in observing a Holy Week at Good Shepherd – a week we travel together and that will take us to that day of hope and celebration – a day when our Bright and Morning Star will be shining as we celebrate the Risen Christ.

**Wednesday, April 5:** As part of the Susquehanna Parish Mid-Week Lenten Service Series, Good Shepherd hosts a service in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. You can view the service from home, too. We will worship with a Scripture Echo centering on Jesus washing his disciple’s feet with a still life visual.

**Thursday, April 6:** The Night of Remembrance, Betrayal, and Arrest....A short worship service in the sanctuary observing Holy Communion, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 7:** Visit our sanctuary any time between noon and 3:00 p.m. A prayer handout will be available with special music playing and a “Way of the Cross” video to enhance the Good Friday Vigil. Simply read silently your prayers and remember the Last Words of Christ and all that happened at his crucifixion. We trust we will have someone in the sanctuary all through the afternoon, praying and walking the way with Christ.

**Sunday, April 9:** Put a flower on the cross, a butterfly on our display, ring an Alleluia Bell, and celebrate the resurrection of Christ Our Lord! There will be no after-church fellowship today so that families may spend time together. Remember to take your Easter flowers at the conclusion of the worship service for enjoyment during the coming week.

We hope to see you at these events and wish you peace, calm, and assurance of faith during Lent and Holy Week.



As we enter the Easter season, the Worship Committee extends warm thanks to Pastor Kerry for moving sermons and excellent worship from week to week, our choir and musicians for their dedication to bringing worshipful music to us, liturgists who lead worship, people who took a risk and shared a Lenten devotion online, Jane Workman for creating beautiful artistic displays, Gary and Jane for preparing Communion elements each month, and for those providing food nourishment from week to week after our services. All of these things add to the sense of fellowship and inspiration we feel when we come through the doors of our church on Sunday morning. Please invite a friend to join us as we seek to be worshipful people who spread the love and joy of knowing Christ to all we encounter.

*Good Shepherd Worship Committee (Bill Starke, Chairperson)*

## A FEW ITEMS NOTES FROM CLAY

**COFFEE HOUR:** COFFEE HOUR Reminder: Teams are responsible to plan the menu, purchase the items, set up & clean up. So far that's been working just GREAT. 8

The following items will be provided at no cost to the team members: utensils, napkins, plates, bowls, & coffee.

There has been a question recently concerning "creamer". Ideally creamer should be purchased by the team members just as they should purchase iced tea & lemonade or whatever drinks fit their planned menu.

If any team notices a shortage of items please let Clay know so he can forward that info to Trista for purchase...if only one person forwards requests to Trista it's easier for her to manage the purchase.

**GSPC DIRECTORY:** Time to dust off your copy of the Directory, the current GSPC Directory is dated February 2022.

Please review YOUR info to ensure YOUR name, address, phone number & e-mail address are accurate & current. Thanks!

If there are any updates, changes or corrections please forward to Clay at

[clayton.maas@yahoo.com](mailto:clayton.maas@yahoo.com)



## GOOD SHEPHERD CC SUMMER OF RAINBOWS!

“LET YOUR TRUE COLORS SHINE!”

This summer Good Shepherd has a rainbows spectrum of colorful things planned for the children and families. So many in fact, The Center is asking the members of Good Shepherd to step in and help out!

I was able to get some exciting details about a few of the many events in store to give an idea just how awesome this summer is going to be for kids and adults alike!

**The events so far and how you can help:**

**Water packed field day relay** - Come help cheer our Children's Center on as they traverse a wet and wild course!

**Color Run** - Throw colored powder at the kids (and teachers) as they make a rainbow trail!

**Snow Cones** - Hot summer days call for hues of flavored ice! Help give them out various Tuesdays and Fridays!

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD FACEBOOK PAGE:**

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

**ONLINE WORSHIP @ THE SHEPHERD OF JOPPA YOUTUBE PAGE:**

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

# *The Deacons, The Lions, & The Bunny All Thank you!*

What a great day we had at Good Shepherd on April 1st. Despite some rainy weather in the morning, it stopped raining long enough for nearly 100 children and parents to go on the "hunt" in our playground and on our lawn.

We thank everyone at Good Shepherd who donated and filled easter eggs with prizes and candy, those who helped to fill our surprise bags, and so many of you who extended hospitality to our community and our new "Lion" friends who joined us.

No fooling – we had over 4,000 eggs and those who attended had many surprises – so many eggs, making easter baskets overflow; a surprise bag filled with goodies, a visit with our own resident Easter Bunny, and lots of fun guessing how many jelly beans were in our jar (1,918, if you were wondering!).

A big THANK YOU to the Joppatowne Lions Club for all of their hard work and support for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. It might have been a cloudy, rainy day but the Lions' sunshine-filled laughter and smiles brightened our day!! Our community is truly blessed!

**April 2023**

# HANDPRINT EASTER BUNNY

Here is a fun craft for the whole family! What you will need are scissors, paper, markers or crayons, a black pen or pencil, and your favorite little people <3

1. trace your hand on the paper, but make the fingers a little fatter than your own.
2. Cut out the handprint. Make sure the base of the fingers are cut with a “V” not rounded. (picture) —————>



3. This next part is optional, but it really helps make the bunny more proportional. Cut a small slit beside the baby finger.

You want the bottom of the cut to line up with the bottom of the space beside the thumb.

4. Once you cut the slit, the baby finger will look a bit crooked. So feel free to trim that baby finger a little to fix the shape.

5. <—Next, you can fold down the baby finger towards the center to make one of the bunny arms.

6. Then fold down the thumb towards the center for the other bunny arm. I like to fold them so the two hands “touch” in the middle.

7. Cut off the middle finger so you’re left with two finger “bunny ears”. —————>

8. Use a pink marker, pen or pencil crayon to draw the pink parts of the ears. Then draw an oval for the rabbit’s nose.



9. Using a black gel pen, regular pen or marker, draw the rest of the face – eyes, whiskers and mouth. (See below for a few different face options).

10. Finally draw two little paws at the bottom of the handprint to make the bunny’s feet.

11. Your paper bunny is complete! —————>



## SOME EGGCELLENT EASTER HUMOR

1. **What does the Easter Bunny say before dinner?** ...Lettuce Pray.
2. **How do Easter Bunnies travel?** ...By Hare-plane.
3. **What do you call an unconventional Easter egg?** ...Eggcentric.
4. **What did one Easter egg say to another?** ...Know any good yolks?
5. **Why did the Easter egg hide?** ...It was a little chicken.
6. **What kind of stories does the Easter Bunny like?** ...Ones that have a Hoppy Ending!
7. **What kind of music does the Easter Bunny listen to?** ...Hip Hop.
8. **What comes at the end of Easter?** ...The letter “R”!
9. **How does the Easter Bunny keep it’s hair in place?** ...With Hare-spray!



# Easter Flowers

Thank you to the following people who donated Easter Flowers to decorate our sanctuary this Lenten season. Their names and special dedications are listed below.

## *In Loving Memory*

Fese Victorine Elonge – **In memory of:** My daughter Faith Victoria

Chris & Mike Bohns – **In memory of:** John Bohns, Lawrence, & Audrey Creed

Kathy Young – **In Memory of:** Andy Young & Marie Terry

Bill Starke – **In Memory of:** Thomas & Onner Starke, & Rev. Josiah & Annie Brockington

Vickie & Clay Maas -- **In Memory of:** Our Parents

Delores & Robert Barr – **In Memory of:** Our Parents – Robert & Ester Barr, Roy & Dorothy McDonald

Ellie Pfoutz – **In Memory of:** Warren Pfoutz

Jane & Gary Workman – **In Memory of:** Our parents & siblings

Mary Kaye Kent – **In Memory of:** Clif & Pearl Kent

Diana Miller – **In Memory of:** Delores Miller

Ricky Ciccotelli -- **In Memory of:** Diana Ciccotelli



## *In Honor & Respect*

Chris & Mike Bohns – **In Honor of:** First Responders, Military, Healthcare Workers, & Teachers

Bill Starke – **In Honor of:** Ms. Winnifred Miller, Rev. Kerry & Lisa Slinkard

Ricky Ciccotelli -- **In Honor of:** Gilda Ciccotelli

Mary Kaye Kent – **In Honor of:** Pastor Slinkard

**Please pick up your Easter Flowers on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> following the service.**





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## REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS



Farrell & Debbie Maddox, their family & their medical teams; Kathy Young's friends, Pam Dodd & Debbie Ford, their families, medical teams & Pam's cat; Norman Webster's friend, Essex, his family & medical team; Trista's friend, the Late Jennifer Sieracki & her family; Marie Adams' brother, Tom, his family & medical team; Jerry & Elaine Tich, their family & medical team; Ellie Pfoutz's friends, Ron Stokes & Donna Heimberger & their medical teams; Baby Lucas, his family & medical team; Allen & Gail Wronowski, their family & medical team; and Winsome LaComb Jeremy & Ted, their families & medical teams.

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](mailto:gsprayers@juno.com)



## GSPC ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING DAY!

Please look at your calendars, the Facilities Committee is thinking Saturday, April 22nd, or maybe Saturday, April 29th. We'll let you know for sure in a few weeks.

We will be weeding around the flower beds, spreading mulch, exterior/interior window cleaning on the first floor, knocking down cob webs, etc., etc., etc...

There will be coffee and donuts in the morning, followed by our world famous pizza party lunch when we are all finished!



## April Birthday's to Celebrate

9 Robert Walko

12 Victorine Elonge

18 Mildred Fike

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

[www.Holy411.org](http://www.Holy411.org)

25 Debi Carey

30 Sue Thompson

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Children's Center 410-679-3390