



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Joppa

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



**Sunday, 7**

Worship 11:00 am  
**Communion**  
1st Sunday Food Pantry

**Thursday, 11**

Women's Bible Study 10 - 12 pm  
Lesson 9: Sabbath & Community  
- Bring your lunch  
Men's Association Bible Study 10 - 12 pm  
Session Meeting 6 pm

**Sunday, 14**

 *Mother's Day*

**Mother's Day/Peace Day Worship 11:00 am**  
Flowers Distributed  
Coffee Hour After Worship

**Sunday, 21**

Worship 11:00 am  
Coffee Hour After Worship

**Sunday, 28**

**Pentecost Sunday**  
Worship 11:00 am  
Coffee Hour After Worship





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH!!!

May carries us through the rest of Eastertide (7 Sundays) to the Day of Pentecost. Pentecost is the spiritual birthday of the church – ALL Christian churches. When the Holy Spirit came into the spirits of the disciples, they became connected to God and Jesus in a new and eternal way. From that day forward, God would dwell within us – not in some holy building, but actually in US! On that day, we became the holy building which will always be Christ’s body. Some people mark the day of their baptism as their “new birthday in Christ,” but collectively, that day is Pentecost.

The word Pentecost is a Greek word that means “fifty” – fifty days. The disciples (good Jews that they were) were in the upper room because it was the Jewish festival of “Shavuot” which in Hebrew means “weeks.” Shavuot was celebrated fifty days after the Passover. Fifty days is “a week of weeks” – hence, in Greek, Pentecost.

So, as we approach Pentecost (on May 28 this year), I encourage you to think about the Church’s birthday, and the many ways the Church has made a difference in the world. Understand that some of those “differences” have been problematic (think “the Inquisition” or “the Troubles” in Ireland), but those problems are not a sign of the failure of the Holy Spirit, but a failure of our human interpretation.

And don’t forget to think of all the good things, too!

All birthdays are opportunities for reflection – maybe especially Pentecost.

PEACE,  
Pastor Kerry



## 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 9: SABBATH and COMMUNITY



**KEY IDEA:** Community is key for sustaining us in our Sabbath journey.

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts: 2:42-47

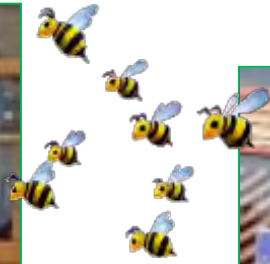


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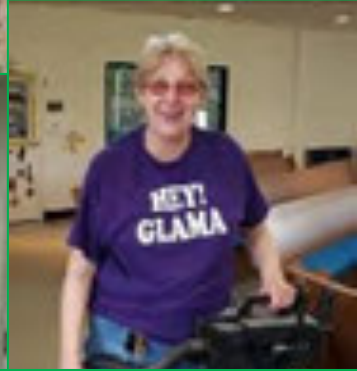
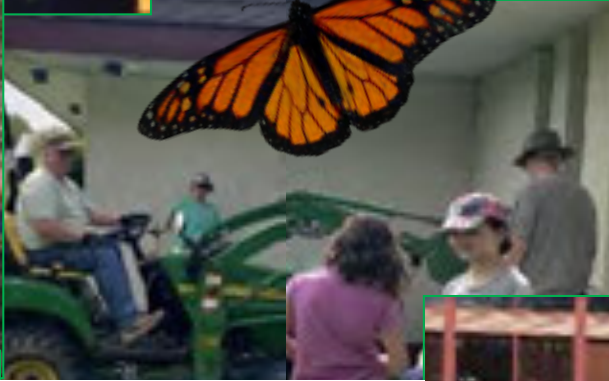
**BRING A FAVORITE SIDE-DISH OR TREAT**

May 2023

# GSPC ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING



Earth Day  
spring  
cleaning at  
GSPC!



Can't think of anywhere  
we'd rather be or what  
we'd rather be doing...



If Clay appears to be floating it's because he was taking the picture in this group shot, but I wanted everyone present. I cut him out of the other picture that Julianna took :)



Than taking care of our Father's House on Mother Earth



## 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.

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)

### TEACHER OF THE MONTH

FUN!



DEPENDABLE

Ms.  
Hiba

Here are just a few of the many things we appreciate about her.

FLEXIBLE



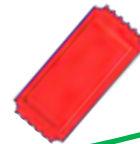
TAKES INITIATIVE!

### REDNER'S RECEIPTS

A week ago Sunday, Patricia Howe had a huge bag of Redner's receipts waiting for her.

When she opened the bag there were **3 years** of Redner's tapes! After processing them, the church should receive back about \$190!

Whoever left them, **THANK YOU!**



## DEACONS CORNER

In addition to extensively discussing our ministry to current members and visitors to our building at our last meeting, the Deacons planned some activities for the summer. More information will be shared via weekly announcements as we flesh out these ideas, but please mark your calendars:

**Sunday, June 11** Bouquets of Caring to be made upstairs from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. Bring in old vases you might wish to donate and flowers from your garden or field for us to use to arrange beautiful bouquets

**Month of July** Collection of Children's Backpacks. In mid-August, we will invite children from the neighborhood and Children's Center to have their backpacks blessed, and we will bless those backpacks we have collected.

**September 9** Shepherd's Mart at Good Shepherd. Buy items on sale, enjoy "fair food," and hear the "Ain't Misbehavin" Big Band perform again at 11:00 a.m.

**Saturday Showtimes** We'll offer sequels from "The Chosen" series for viewing in the sanctuary on various Saturdays. Just come as you are and be inspired by this fresh take on the life and ministry of Christ. There will be short discussion after each session for those who wish to participate. You can drop in any time, as these sessions are "stand-alone" and do not build on each other. This is an opportunity to grow in faith at a leisurely pace. Refreshments will be available.

The Deacons provide compassion and care to our congregation, organize activities that help to draw in the community to witness the faith as seen in the lives of our members and the inviting hospitality we offer, and provide opportunities for Good Shepherd members to enjoy fellowship and grow in faith.

Chris Bohns, Moderator  
Kelly Donelson  
Jeanette Petnic

Sue Thompson  
Norma Webster

## BAGELS & BLOOMS AN EVENT SPONSORED BY THE DEACONS

We're planning a fellowship and "caring" event that involves flowers with soul and sincere thoughts and wishes

**Sunday, June 11, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**

**BRING: Vases you no longer need; scissors, ribbon, and flowers from a garden, field, or store.**



We're repeating a fun event that involves flowers and food. We will have a lite breakfast of bagels and coffee and juice and get to work making flower bouquets for shut-ins. Our goal is to make enough bouquets for everyone to take at the end of the worship service to someone who needs cheer and our loving thoughts.

Tables will be set up with flowers, with food, and with cardmaking supplies. Some flowers will be on hand, but if you bring some garden or wildflowers, we can make some great arrangements at a low cost. Our food and drink will be easy to enjoy and if everyone pitches in with a few flowers and a vase or two, we should be able to make some stunning arrangements.

All finished bouquets will be placed on tables in the sanctuary, and members may choose one to take at the end of the service. We'd love to provide "sunshine for someone's soul" so come and help make it happen!

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## REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS



Kathy Young's friends: Pam Dodd, Debbie Ford, Leslie S. & her dog (also with cancer), Betty Lineberry; Allen Wronowski, his wife Gail, their family & his medical team; Joan Pugh's Friend, Karen Drake, her family & medical team; Dorothy Burns' sister, the late Peggy & her family; the late Jerry Tich, his wife Elaine & their family; Chris Bohns' friend, Jeff E., his family & medical team; Norma Webster's friend, Lotta Jakubowski; and Trista's friend, John Jarzab.

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)

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD FACEBOOK PAGE:**

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

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

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

## *May Birthday's to Celebrate*

*2 Vickie Maas*

*7 Winnifred Miller's 99th!*

*13 Aiden Shunk*

*3*

*11 Jenna Shunk*

*24 Jon Andrews*

*Nancy McCaslin*

*29 Ruth Wagener*

*Kathy Young*

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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