



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Joppa

"Changing Lives and Growing in God's Love"



- Sunday, 6** Worship 11:00 am
Communion
Coffee Hour After Worship
1st Sunday Food Pantry
- Tuesday, 8** GSCC Chalk the Walk
- Sunday, 13** Worship 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Thursday, 18** GSCC Foam Party
- Sunday, 20** Worship 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Thursday, 24** GSCC Color Run & Family Picnic
- Friday, 25** **GSCC CLOSED**
Classroom Turnover for School Year
- Sunday, 27** Worship 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Monday, 28** **HCPS First Day of School Send Off!**



Friends,

Thank you all for our ministry discussion on July 23. There were some very good ideas shared! I plan to keep everyone advised on the progress of our preparations for a new pastor search through this space in the YARN.

We will continue discussion sessions in coming weeks. I am trying to get an updated demographic report so we will see how that goes.

The two areas discussed most in our recent gathering were:

- More interaction between our congregation and the Children's Center; and
- More creative worship experiences.

We will take some time to focus more specifically on those areas so I encourage everyone to focus your thoughts on these areas. These discussions will have both a short-term and a long-term purpose. In the short term, we want to address the question of "What can we do right now to enhance our faithfulness to God and our community?" In the long term, the question is "What can we hope to do and be in partnership with the new pastor?"

Another issue that came up at the meeting was addressing the congregation's "grief" over several recent losses:

- Losing Daris after a long and successful ministry together;
- the failure of Keith's brief tenure after an arduous and extensive search effort;
- the loss of so many worshipers (close friends!) to the pastoral turmoil;
- the further loss of attendance due to COVID, and the lack of recovery from that.

As we consider these issues, we need to understand how we are processing the losses, and what effect our grief may have on our ability to re-direct our mission and ministry for the future.

Well, that's a lot to deal with, I know. But we have time, and we have each other. So keep those gears turning. Let me know if I can help.

PEACE,
Pastor Kerry

GSPC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Yes!! Back by popular demand we are having a Women's Bible Study as Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church this year.

All women in our community who are seeking to nurture their faith through prayer and Bible study are invited to attend.

We will meet at **10:00—11:00 am on the second Thursday of each** month starting September 14th, 2023, and ending on May 8th, 2024.

Look for more details in the September issue of the YARN.



August 2023

Be Happy in Anticipation of What's Coming! **(Deacons and Worship Comm. Report)**

While many of us are in the throes of staying cool during a very hot summer, spending as much time with family and friends as possible before fall schedules get hectic, and vacationing at that special place that brings calm and quiet, Good Shepherd is behind the scenes planning events to inspire you. *"Be Happy in Anticipation of What Is to Come!"*

Blessing of Back Packs: Sunday, August 6

Thank you one and all for your back pack donations. We donated 100 back packs to Riverside Elementary. We'll sing a song and participate in a blessing during our worship service on Sunday.

September 9 Shepherd's Mart:

Good Shepherd will host a Community Yard Sale, Big Band Concert, and a "Thank You" to medical, safety, and military personnel from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 9 (Rain date is September 16). See Chris Bohns if you would like to help with this event. A way to support this event is to bring in household treasures from home to be sold at the Good Shepherd Table. The proceeds from this table will be used towards the Community Yard Sale expenses and to make purchases for our Christmas out-reach project. We are also need baked goods for our bake sale table, so plan to make something delicious and bring it to Good Shepherd by Noon on Friday, September 8.

We've added some children's activities, and welcome the *Ain't MisBehavin' Big Band* at 11:00 a.m. for a con-cert. Pick up a flyer or an invitation sheet in the narthex to share with someone. A special invitation is extended to all medical and safety people in our congregation and your friends; come at 10:30 a.m. for a special thank you and music selected to honor you for all you do.

More to Come in September and Beyond

Look for an ice cream social right after church on **Sunday, September 24** to celebrate the end of summer and a return to Fall activities.

Sunday, October 1 – World Communion Sunday

A time to celebrate our unity around the globe and to remember diversity in our faith expression.

Sunday, October 8: Blessing Our Pets:

Sounds of barks and meows will be heard as we bless our pet friends during the worship service. Refreshments and pet treats on the lawn follow the service.



We are counting our Rainbows and not those thunderstorms!

THE GOOD SHEPHERD FACEBOOK PAGE:

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

ONLINE WORSHIP @ THE SHEPHERD OF JOPPA YOUTUBE PAGE:

FRIENDS, FUN, FIELD DAY & FOAM, OH, MY!

There is a ton to cover here so I won't heavy-hand it with words. The title explains half of it, and the pictures say the rest!



What did I tell you, we need another page just to cover all the fun! To be continued...

August 2023

BACKPACK PROJECT

GSPC members know no end to their generosity! We nearly cleared 100 backpacks!



It is amazing to know that so many young lives and grateful families will be reached by this ministry!

Way to go Good Shepherd!

SHEPHERD'S MART IS BACK! GET READY FOR FUN, BARGAINS, AND GREAT MUSIC

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

(Rain Date: Saturday, September 16th)

You can start collecting items for the Indoor Treasures Table that Good Shepherd always sponsors for the Shepherd's Mart on Saturday, September 9.

Flyers and vendor contracts will be shared early in August but you can begin now to save all those things you want to discard from home.

We'll have a table in the back of the church where you can place your donations, beginning August 6.

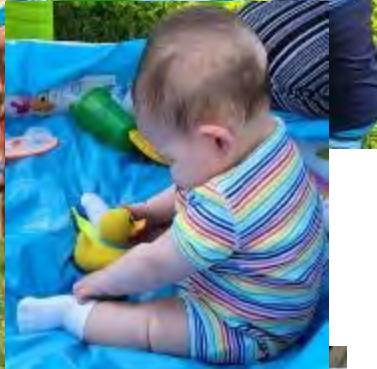
Don't forget – you can set up a table or friends and neighbors can reserve a space, too. Simply fill out a vendor contract and return it to Chris Bohns (**you can get your copy in the sanctuary lobby**).

Find a treasure, meet your neighbors, and hear some great music as we honor our first responders with special music and recognition.

For more info call or text 443-286-0655

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FRIENDS, FUN, FIELD DAY & FOAM...CONTINUED...



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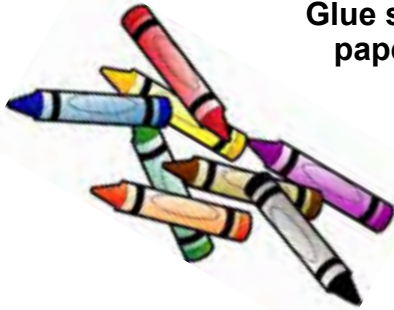
GSCC SUPPLY REQUESTS

GSCC SUPPLY REQUESTS – Our Children’s Center keeps rolling out the fun and educational projects as Summer Camp is in full swing.

That said, keeping our supplies well stocked is paramount and GSCC could use a helping hand with some items.

If you happen across good deals on any of the following, please think about donating:

Glue sticks, crayons, washable markers, construction paper, chalk, and other art supplies of all varieties



SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS!

If you, family, or friends have an exciting event like travel, graduations, a completed life goal, new home, family addition, or any other successes you might want to share.

Please send your story with pictures to Trista:
Office@Holy411.org

COLOR RUN!

August 24th is our GSCC color run!

We would love volunteers to bring lawn chairs and wear clothes they don't mind getting colorful to help us toss rainbow vibrant hues of powder on our little runners!



CHALK THE WALK

August 8th - (Weather permitting) GSCC will decorate the sidewalk with colorful murals celebrating our summer of colors theme! Stop by and have a look at all their beautiful works of art!



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

August 28th @ 8:15 am - As summer closes our little scholars head back to the classroom after a wild and color filled camp experience at GSCC.

Please join us in celebrating another year of success and learning for our families by helping us send them back to the buses in bubbles and cheers!



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REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

Gary & Jane Workman’s friend Rudy Sorrento’s daughter, Donna Sorrento, her family & medical team; Allen Wronowski, his family & medical team; Linda Links friend, the Late Jack Baerwald & his family; Marcie Jackson’s niece, BC & Mike C, & their family & medical teams, as well as Marcie’s friend, Freida, her family & medical team; Kathy Young’s friends Gene & Mary Slater, their family & medical team; Mass Shooting victims in Baltimore and around the country; Edith Burns’ friend from Cowenton, Joey Fernandes, his mom, family & medical team, as well as her friend, Carrie’s sister, Tracy, her family & medical team; Norma Webster’s daughter, Tracy; Stacy Trivett’s son, Phillip, their family & medical team; Father Waes from Prince of Peace, his family & medical team; Betty Bennett, secretary at Church of the Resurrection; Carla Cathcart’s friend, Nick Krayger, his family & medical team; a GSCC parent, Katrina Van Atta, her family & medical team; and 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

GSCC SUMMER OF COLORS! LET YOUR COLORS SHINE!



August Birthday’s to Celebrate

1 Jane Workman

22 Sue Maddox

24 Mike McKemy

3 Chris McKemy



25 Ashley Andrews

4 Cindy PreVatte

26

10 Edith Burns

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

James Andrews

16 Winsome LaComb

Kelly Donelson @
410-961-9275

Joan Douglas