



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Joppa

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



- Sunday, 3**      Worship 11:00 am  
**Communion**  
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Monday, 4**      **GSPC & GSCC CLOSED for Labor Day**
- Thursday, 7**      Deacons Meeting 6:00 pm  
Choir Rehearsal 7:30—9:00 pm
- Friday, 8**      Setup for Shepherd's Mart 10:00—2:00 pm
- Saturday, 9**      Shepherd's Mart 10:00—2:00 pm
- Sunday, 10**      Worship 11:00 am  
**Mission Study Discussion After Worship**  
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Thursday, 14**      Women's Bible Study 10:00 am  
Men's Bible Study 10:00 am  
Session Meeting 6:00 pm
- Saturday, 16**      *Rain Date for Shepherd's Mart*
- Sunday, 17**      Worship 11:00 am  
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Wednesday, 20**      **GSCC CLOSED, OFFICE OPEN**  
**YARN Deadline (every 3rd Wednesday)**
- Sunday, 24**      Outdoor Worship 11:00 am  
Ice Cream Social After Worship



Friends,

We were all struck by the tragedy of the family shooting incident that took four lives just down the street from Good Shepherd. Our facilities were used by Harford County authorities to serve as a make-

shift re-unification center for those displaced from their homes by the situation. Many thanks to Gary and Jane, Chris and Mike, and Kelly and Greg for being welcoming hosts and offering comfort and support to everyone involved. We pray for the extended family who are certainly grieving and wondering, and empty in these difficult days. May the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, guide them in faith and hope.

**MISSION STUDY DISCUSSION:**

We are continuing our mission study process and will meet after worship on September 10 to share ideas about new ways of interweaving Good Shepherd Church and Good Shepherd Children’s Center. We also have updated demographic information about our neighborhood that we can talk about. See you then!

**Psalm 122**

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

<sup>2</sup>Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

<sup>4</sup>To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”

<sup>8</sup>For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”

<sup>9</sup>For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

PEACE,  
Pastor Kerry

**TEACHER OF THE SUMMER!**



*MS. PATTY!*

RESPONSIBLE

FLEXIBLE

TEAMWORK

PREPARED

DEDICATED

PERSEVERANCE

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

ONLINE WORSHIP @ THE SHEPHERD OF JOPPA YOUTUBE PAGE:

<https://www.youtube.com/@shepherdofjoppa5250/streams>

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## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This is a special invitation to all women to come and share in exploring the Bible and to be open to experience the movement of the Holy Spirit. Learn more about the "radical, inclusive, and hope-filled message of God's love and salvation" through the interactions of Jesus with ordinary people. Discover the work of the Holy Spirit to continue Jesus' mission of mercy and compassion.

Olive Mahabir has written this year's Bible study entitled ***Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts***. Our first session is scheduled for September 14, 2023 at 10:00 am to 11:30 am. in the Upper Room at GSPC.

We meet on the second Thursday of each month from September through May. This year we are inviting women to share in the responsibility of leading a session of their choice. The resource/lesson book is an excellent book for both leaders and "learners" (students)/participants. If you are interested in attending the Bible study you may contact Delores Barr to obtain the book or the inquire about being a part of the leadership team.

Come, nurture your faith through Bible study and prayer with many opportunities to share experiences, and to reflect/contemplate, mediate and to pray for others.

Many thanks and appreciation to Jane Workman and Joan Pugh for their dedication, creativity, and skillful leadership of the women's Bible study for many years. Well done, good and faithful servants.

September 14, 2023:

Leaders: Delores Barr and Marilyn Rudolph

Lesson One: Elizabeth's Sacred Encounter

Scripture: Luke 1:1-24; 39-45

Main Idea: God calls us to make ourselves available for God's purpose.



## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men of Good Shepherd are having a bible study (at the same time as the women's study) every second Thursday starting:

**September 14, 2023 at 10:00 am to 11:30 am. in the sanctuary at GSPC.**

## September 2023

# DEACON AND WORSHIP MINISTRY NEWS

The Good Shepherd congregation is very good at keeping their connections strong. Some things that contribute to this are our commitment to weekly worship and fellowship afterwards. We are very thankful for the many people who weekly prepare food for us all to enjoy. We have a chance to meet upstairs after worship and get caught up with each other's lives. This is a gift we give to each other. And then there is the way so many of us feed each other spiritually from week to week. We have thoughtful and stimulating sermons presented by Pastor Kerry to spur us on and many congregants who are willing to share their faith through weekly leadership in worship, through music that is played and sung, and through prayers shared on our Prayer Chain and vestibule bulletin board.

Certainly, Good Shepherd members have been making the faith come alive for many years in Joppatowne in the form of strong words, music, and mission outreach. We are thankful for our members who put words into action and who spend time serving, supporting, and making things happen by reaching out to our neighbors and friends when we sponsor programs. Listed below are events in September not to be missed and a sneak preview of a special Pet Blessing sponsored by the Worship Committee and supported by the Deacons. Please see the special calendar of events included on the following page of this newsletter, with even more opportunities for hands-on helping that you can provide when the time comes prior to the holiday season. Good Shepherd continues to make a difference, and we are grateful for each and everyone of you.

Saturday, Sept. 9 **Shepherd's Mart Community Yard Sale, Band Concert, and Honoring of Safety and Health Heroes, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



Come early (10:30 a.m.) to say "Thank You" to those serving our community. There will be a Color Guard and moment of silence, followed by the Ain't Misbehavin' Big Band concert at 11:00 a.m. And don't forget to browse the many vendor tables, pick up a baked good, and have a hotdog, hamburger, drink, and snowball. Bring a friend and enjoy meeting Joppa friends and neighbors! We've added games and activities for children this year. You will have an opportunity to make a wish for the world by putting your thoughts on a prayer flag. Our dreams and wishes will be on display for all to enjoy.

Saturday, Sept. 16 Rain date for Shepherd's Mart (If rainy weather occurs on September 9 causing us to postpone, we will post to the church website and record on our phone the cancellation and rescheduling to Sept. 16.)

Sunday, Sept. 24 **Outdoor Worship and Ice Cream Social**

Bring a lawn chair and join us on the lawn at Good Shepherd for an informal worship experience. Afterwards, we'll enjoy all things ice cream; our fellowship time will be filled with banana splits, floats, and topped off with a cherry on top. Praising, sweets, and smiles on tap for Sunday morning.



Ice Cream Social



**BLESSING OUR PETS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

Pet owners and animal lovers...bring your pet to church on Sunday, October 8 for a special blessing! All animals must be on leashes or in carriers. Our worship service will be inside and will center on God's Creation and the gift of animals. Following the Blessing, we will have light refreshments on the lawn (along with pet treats). Come enjoy the delight of living things! *The Blessing of the Animals originated in the 13th century in honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment, who believed that all animals should be treated with dignity and respect.*





Our school age friends heading back to school for the first day of the 2023-2024 school year!!

## SHARING TABLE

Thank you so very much for your over-the-top work today!! To those who prepared casseroles but could not stay on site, rest assured your labor was not in vain! We were able to serve in excess of 320 meals!

Celebrity attendees were Kelly's daughter, Tommy Hamlett and his dad and former Good Shepherd member (Big) Tom, Tommy's wife and son Brody (both of whom also helped out before Covid hit.) young Brody worked circles around some of us (mainly me!)

Special thanks to Clay and Vickie for soliciting tomatoes from Jones Family Farm - always a great addition to the salad.

Special thanks to you all,  
Bill



Note from Kelly about the photos: High praise of my daughter, Sara, might have been spoken too soon. I asked Sara to take photos of the day but not to take photos of the faces of anyone in the food lines - she misunderstood and thought I said don't take photos of ANYONE'S faces. Yikes! So, even though you might not see them, there are ALOT of smiling Good Shepherd members in the upper half of those photos!!





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## REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS



A GSCC parent, Katrina Van Atta, he family & medical team; Norma Webster's brother-in-law, Joseph Sumpter, and daughter Tracy Webster, their family & medical team; Father Jack Ward, his family & medical team; Michael Elonge; Congratulations to Victorine Elonge and her new baby daughter, Isabella; Bill Starke's fraternity brother, Richard Carey, his family & medical team; Mike at Upper Chesapeake, his family & medical team; Trista's friends, John M., his wife Amanda, daughter Cassie (Trista's Goddaughter), his medical team, and Shelly B., her daughter, Lexi (another of Trista's Godchildren), and her medical team; and Heartfelt prayers for our schools Nationwide and at all levels of education!!! May we have a year of peace and uninterrupted learning and love in all classrooms and lecture halls across these United States!!

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)

## ELDER INSTALLATION

To the right is a picture of Cindy PreVatte and Clayton Maas being installed as Elders by Pastor Kerry.

We thank them for their willingness to help lead Good Shepherd into the future!



## September Birthday's to Celebrate

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

9 Susan Luu

10 Hazel Morgan

3 Weston Shuttlesworth

4 Katie Pollard

6 Marcia Goldberg

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

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