



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Joppa

"Changing Lives and Growing in God's Love"



Sunday, 1

Global Worship & Breads 11:00 am
World Communion
Coffee Hour After Worship

Thursday, 5

Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm
Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Sunday, 8

Blessing of Our Pets 11:00 am

Thursday, 12

Men's & Women's Bible Study 10-11:00 am
Session Meeting 6:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm

Sunday, 15

Worship 11:00 am
Interim Mission Gathering @ Coffee Hour

Wednesday, 18

GSCC Book Fair
(Hallway in front of Pastor and Trista's office)

Thursday, 19

Harford County Public Schools 1/2 Day
GSCC Book Fair
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm

Friday, 20

Harford County Public Schools CLOSED
GSCC Book Fair

Saturday, 21

Card Crafting & Halloween Bags 10:00 am

Sunday, 22

Worship 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship
GSCC Book Fair 9:30 am -1:00 pm

Thursday, 26

Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm

Sunday, 29

All Saints Reformation Worship 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship

Monday, 30

GSCC Picture Day

Tuesday, 31

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
GSCC Halloween Parade!



Did you know there is a Presbyterian dinosaur?

Well, some would say that all Presbyterians are dinosaurs, but that's another story.

I'm talking about *Coelophysis* (pronounced SEE-lo-PHY-sis). It lived about 230 – 201 million years ago (the late Triassic period). It was a “theropod” and looked a lot like the velociraptor from “Jurassic Park” movie fame. *Coelophysis* was about nine feet long from snout to tail tip, about 60% of the size of the menacing movie raptor, but in truth twice the size of the actual Cretaceous velociraptor (about 75 million years ago).

Coelophysis was a prolific breeder and there are thousands of fossil remains, particularly in northern New Mexico, where it was first discovered (in 1881) – which is the Presbyterian connection. One of the largest finds of *Coelophysis bauri*, the most common species, is on the grounds of Ghost Ranch, one of three national retreat centers belonging to the PCUSA (that's us!). The other two centers, by the way, are at Montreat, North Carolina (Black Mountains) and Stony Point, New York (Hudson River)

The *Coelophysis* quarry at Ghost Ranch contains large fields of bones in a bed of mudstone. A number of other species of dinosaurs co-existing with *C. bauri* are also in the stone – some preserved in mid-battle with each other. Because of the nature of the mud, most of the bones are still articulated in complete skeletons. There are so many that paleontologists decided not to try to separate them in the field. Instead large blocks of the bones were removed intact. One block weighing 12 tons was lifted by crane through the unfinished roof of the museum at Ghost Ranch where the decades-long process of preparing the skeletons goes on every day (in air-conditioned comfort). The results are fascinating.

The American Museum of Natural History has produced a brief video about *Coelophysis* and Ghost Ranch. You can see it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=567bv6xmuss>

So, if you find yourself in the vicinity of Abiquiu, New Mexico (turn north at Santa Fe), go to Ghost Ranch and say “Hi” to your very own Presbyterian dinosaur.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD FACEBOOK PAGE:

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

ONLINE WORSHIP @ THE SHEPHERD OF JOPPA YOUTUBE PAGE:

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

October 2023



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts

Thank you to all the women who participated in our first session when we were challenged to listen to the voices that have been and often continue to be silenced by religious or cultural biases that limit our belief in someone's potential.

The Gospel of Luke tells the story of one such person—Elizabeth, a faithful Jewish woman who was married, elderly, barren and living in a male dominated religious culture-who God chose to be an instrument for God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth had a physical and spiritual encounter with the presence of God. According to Luke, Elizabeth was empowered by the Holy Spirit and is the first person recorded in the New Testament to proclaim the Lordship of Christ.

We began our journal for prayers of intercession with a list of people who are silenced by their struggles, social prejudices or stigmas. Please continue to pray for other as we listen to their joy, hopes and dreams, and to the movement of the Holy Spirit. In doing this perhaps we can recognize and experience God's transformative power.

**Please bring your own lunch and a mirror to our next meeting.
There is room at the table for you.**

October 12, 2023:

Leaders: Delores Barr and Marilyn Rudolph

Lesson Two: The Exorcism in Gerasa

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

Main Idea: Jesus' presence and human vulnerability can result in personal and communal transformation.



REDNER'S TAPES

Do you shop? Do you shop at Redners? Do you have a Redners Card? The cards are free...we can all afford FREE!

Anyway, when you shop, scan your card, save your receipt and drop it in the red box in the Narthex, the church gets a percentage of sales receipts returned to us in the form of a check! Again, FREE money to the church!

SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS

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

Please send story with some pictures to

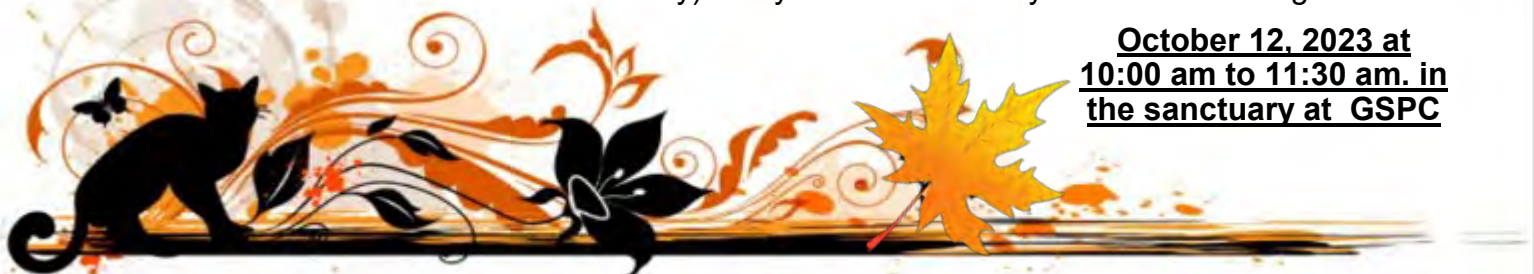
Trista: Office@Holy411.org



GSPC 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. The next meeting is:

**October 12, 2023 at
10:00 am to 11:30 am. in
the sanctuary at GSPC**



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS

Serve Gladly; Keep the Faith; Hold on to Hope; Feel Joy; Praise Wildly; Love More; Know Peace; Pray Hard



The Good Shepherd congregation does these things – and so much more! The Deacons found this to be true as we offered a Shepherd's Mart on September 9 to our community. We just want to **thank our congregation** for helping us to connect with our neighbors in a good way; we look forward to making more connections in the months ahead. We are in the process of adding pictures to our Facebook page, so check there for a visual picture of what the day was like for our community.

October 8 Blessing of the Pets - Pets are welcome to our **sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.** for a special blessing. We'll have an informal worship service, bless our pet friends, and enjoy refreshments downstairs (or on the lawn) afterwards. Some pet snacks will be available for our four-legged friends. Please invite a friend, bring your own pet, and help us celebrate all things living. Be sure your pet is on a leash or in a carrier to avoid anything unpleasant. If you take pictures, send them to Trista and Kelly Donelson for posting on Facebook and for our next newsletter.

The Deacons will plan the remaining outreach activities for this calendar year at our next meeting on **Thursday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m.** We've added a fun activity for anyone who likes to make cards on Saturday, **October 21 from 10:00 a.m. through lunch.** Bring any stickers or doodads you might like to use but, rest assured, we'll have lots of paper and materials for you to make a card. We also plan to put together small bags of items to pass on to our Children's Center for their Halloween Party. You don't have to bring anything; just come and enjoy a few hours with your friends from Good Shepherd. Please sign up in advance, as we will have some refreshments afterwards, and we want to be sure we have enough for all.



We are excited to continue Thanksgiving Boxes in November and to launch our Foster Children Christmas Gift Program at the end of November. More details will be shared in the November Yarn newsletter.



A MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

There are people who work behind the scenes to help make our weekly worship experience of high quality. Many of you faithfully serve as liturgists, prepare Communion Elements and serve them, greet at the door, play and sing spiritual music, and of course, preach the Word with power. After the worship service, we gather upstairs to enjoy great food and share what's happening in our lives. We sometimes forget to say how much all of this means to us. We need each other. We need prayer and music and friendship to lift us up and strengthen us to face problems and to take the risk of sharing our faith with others.

We take this moment to say thank you to our congregation for all of the things you do to enrich our lives. We will keep you all in prayer as we plan the wonderful worship opportunities ahead in November and December – things like a Reformation Service, an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, an outdoor Live Nativity, a Longest Night Service, Advent and Christmas reflections – opportunities for us to reach out to friends and neighbors and share the faith.

In Christ,
Edie and Delores
Bill and Sue
Pastor Kerry

October 2023



SHEPHERD'S MART 2023



DIRECTORY UPDATES?

Below is a listing of all the updates and changes that have been received since the GSPC Directory was published in **FEBRUARY 2022**. Our plan is to publish a new Directory in January 2024.

We will NOT be redoing pictures at this time but we are open to considering waivers in the event of any major life changes like birth, death, marriage, divorce, etc. see Clay.

Members:

Change Funkhauser to Funkhouser...change her email address to cbcruisers@comcast.net

Change Linda Links email to iLinkLists@gmail.com

Change Clay & Vickie Maas's address to 2634 Harkins Road, White Hall MD 21161

Change Erin Pollards address to 2634 Harkins Road, White Hall MD 21161

Change Katie Pollards address to 2634 Harkins Road, White Hall MD 21161

Add Joan Pugh's cell phone number, it is 410-458-8817, her other listed number is still good.

Friends:

Change Michael Elonge's address to PO BOX 32621, Pikesville MD 21282

Change Carl Phillips address to PO BOX #591, Hernando FL 34441

Do you have a Church Directory? Is your Directory contact information correct? If not, please send updates and changes to Clay ASAP but NLT end-of-month October 2023 at the following:

Clayton.maas@yahoo.com



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REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS



Linda Link's great niece, the Late Brandi Collins & her family; Father Jack Ward, his family & congregation; Eddie James McCarthy, Rhonda & her husband Larry (son of Eddie), his family & medical team; Marcie Jackson is asking for Ben H. & his family; Edith Burns and her continued recovery from surgery, Barbara Park's friend, Paul, his cousin, Rudi, their family & medical team; Katherine Howe's grandmother, Patricia Howe, her family & medical team; Farrell Maddox's sister, Debbie Zink, her family & medical team; Norma Webster's nephew, Michael Spiller's, Late wife, Angela & their family; and the Late, Martha Soles & 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

CLAY'S COFFEE HOUR NOTES

Reminder to all team members:

If you notice we are running out of any of the supplied items just let Clay know and he will ask Trista to order them. Cups, plates, utensils, napkins, bowls, sweetener (but NOT creamer!) are the kinds of items we will resupply when running low. Thanks again for all you do. Coffee Hour wouldn't be the same without your dedication.

Are YOU on a team? Teams can always use help! It's only one Sunday a month. If you're not able to commit to being on a team have you ever thought about volunteering to help clean up, do dishes or take out the trash? If we all do a little, no one has to do a lot. Think about it. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of Trista's office...be brave, be bold...sign up!

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BACKPACKS

"At Riverside Elementary, we are extremely grateful for our partnership with Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Your dedication to our school community has been unwavering...Thanks to you, one hundred students received brand new backpacks filled with school supplies!" The full letter will be posted on the bulletin board.

October Birthday's to Celebrate

6 Lamie Chiongola

14 Bob Barr

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

21 Ricky Ciccotelli



Dave Carey

Kelly Donelson @

27 Becky McKemy

Bennett Shuttlesworth

410-961-9275

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