



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Joppa

"Changing Lives and Growing in God's Love"



Thursday, 2

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

Friday, 3

HCPS Closed

Sunday, 5

Communion Worship Service 11:00 am
Saint's Table - Bring a Picture!
Coffee Hour after Worship
Daylight Savings Time Ends

Thursday, 9

Women's Bible Study 10:00 am
Men's Bible Study 10:00am
Session Meeting 6:00 pm
Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Friday, 10

HCPS Early Dismissal

Sunday, 12

Worship Service 11:00 am
Coffee Hour after Worship

Thursday, 16

Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Friday, 17

Towne Grill & Pub Fundraiser-Dine in/Carry out (All day)

Sunday, 19

Worship Service 11:00 am
Minute for Mission - Deacon's Corner
Coffee Hour after Worship

Monday, 20

Thanksgiving Boxes Delivered (by 1 pm?)
Pantry Guests to Pick Up Boxes 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, 21

GSCC Family Thanksgiving 11:00 am

Wednesday, 22

HCPS Early Dismissal

Thursday, 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Friday, 24

GSPC & GSCC CLOSED
HCPS Closed

Sunday, 26

Worship Service 11:00 am
Deacon's Corner Begins
Coffee Hour after Worship

Pastor's Corner

In electrical engineering, professors are fond of the "black box experiment" as a teaching tool for reverse engineering problems. The student is confronted with an unknown circuit having two input terminals and two output terminals.



The exercise is to put various signals or voltages on the input side and measure what comes out on the other side, then from the output data determine what components and connections are (or might be) in the circuit. The really fun ones present a wide range of possibilities that are eliminated one by one until you get the final answer. The really frustrating ones defy analysis, no matter how many signals you try. That's when you turn to your lab partners and say, "Let's blow it up and see what falls out." Drastic, and often effective (but it doesn't yield the best grades).

I had a conversation the other day about some new ideas for Good Shepherd and the phrase came up, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." It's sort of a negative corollary to "Let's blow it up..." As I thought about the conversation, it occurred to me that maybe we are at a point when we could benefit from blowing stuff up a little. "If it ain't broke..." is a guarantee that nothing will change, and we may never see what's really at the core of our mission and ministry. We will get together again after worship on November 19. I would like to explore some black box ideas for our future. I hope you will put your minds to work so we can consider some creative ideas that day. Let's blow stuff up!

PEACE,
Pastor Kerry



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THE GOOD SHEPHERD FACEBOOK PAGE:

<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

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

Thank you to all the women who have been participating in our study of Sacred Encounters by Olive Mahabir. During our second session we were challenged to trust that no illness – physical, mental, or spiritual – has the power to exclude anyone from the saving grace of Jesus. The author's focus of the healing of a demon-possessed man in Luke 8:26-39 is the realization that Christ was the only one who could free the man from his suffering.

When Jesus arrived in Gerasa, the unstable "untouchable" naked man stepped out of the darkness of the tombs and approached Jesus with pleas for relief. Through Jesus' actions, a dramatic transformation occurred as Jesus restored the life of this man and gave him a new purpose for living, which he accepted. Luke ends this story with the former outcast now being sent by Jesus to spread the good news throughout his homeland. As he declared what God had done for him, he became the first gentile apostle. We can be the visible image of Jesus to others by being more like Jesus as we respond with dignity, respect and compassion while we listen and attend to the needs of others.

Even if you haven't attended any sessions this year, all women are invited to join us on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 10:00 am, in the Upper Room. This month we will examine the story of a woman suffering a chronic ailment. **Please remember to bring your lunch and intercessory prayer notebook. There is always room at our table and love in our hearts.**

November 9th, 2023:

Leaders: Bobbie Funkhouser and Delores Barr
Lesson Three: A Blessing Woman encounters Christ.

Scripture: Luke 8:43-48

Main Idea: Jesus calls us out of the shadows and claims us as his own.

SANCTUARY DECORATING

Mark your calendars!

Saturday, December 2, 2023 @ 8:30AM

Coffee & donuts in the morning followed by our world famous pizza party lunch when finished!

Plan on about 4hrs of fun & friendship.

We will have a sign up sheet posted! The more the merrier!



KATHY YOUNG'S FAMILY BLESSING

Kathy Young's family event this month was the marriage of her granddaughter!

On October 13th in Taneytown, MD, Lydia Shreeve married Zac Egolf!

SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS

Blessings abound in this edition of the YARN!

Make sure your Blessings are known!

Exciting events like travel, graduations, completed life goals, a new home, family addition, or any other successes you might want to share, please send the story with some pictures to Trista: Office@Holy411.org

THE WORKMAN'S BLESSING

While many of our Good Shepherd family have moved away over the past years, the family is still growing strong together!

Gary and Jane Workman have completed their move and are loving their new home. Jane told me that her, Gary, Jim, Jeanette, and Ellie get to see each other all the time!

Their new information is in the directory updates section.

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HALLOWEEN PARADE



PUMPKIN PATCH

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS

thanksgiving
gather
thankful family
blessed grateful
together blessings
november

November is normally a time we in the church observe to take stock of our ministries, our faith, and our world. It is a time to look inward at spiritual growth and new insights and to look outward at how we can be love and peace in the world. We hope you will join us in these opportunities to express faith, to give thanks, and support the Deacon Ministry of service.

Sunday, November 5: Although not directly a Deacon's event, you are encouraged to bring a picture of someone who has impacted your faith. We will have a "Saints Table" for display at our worship service.

Sunday, November 19: We'll have a "Minute for Mission" today as we begin our Christmas "Deacon's Corner" project. As in the past, you can select a gift you would like to give to a girl who is part of a Foster Home Project in Harford County. All gifts are pre-purchased and available for viewing, beginning today (cash and checks made out to Good Shepherd accepted).

Monday, November 20: Thanksgiving Box Day from **1-3 pm** on the church parking lot. Trista and a few Deacons will be on hand to dispense turkeys and boxed products to families in need. Good Shepherd joins Christ Our King in this outreach project.

Tuesday, November 21: Enjoy an informal time of worship and thanksgiving in our sanctuary at **7:00 p.m.** Invite a friend and set the tone for the Thanksgiving Season.

Sunday, November 26: Deacon's Corner is open for your purchases after church. Additionally, we'll have a special activity for all members to complete that will enhance our sanctuary during the Advent season. More to come on this in the coming weeks.

As our thoughts turn to thanksgiving, we give thanks to Vickie and Clay and Chris and Mike and those who are coming together to provide a pumpkin patch event for the Children's Center on Halloween. This is a labor of love for the purpose of providing fun and memories for the children and staff of our Children's Center. Kudos to all!

Have no fear....we're preparing....getting ready for a sensational, joy-filled, memorable Advent (all coming in December). Please be thinking of which character you (or a family member) might like to assume for our December 15 Outdoor Live Nativity. A weekly Advent focus, devotions, special choir music, and so much more! Details to follow in our next newsletter.



The Deacons wish you a Blessed Thanksgiving. We join in prayer for a world rocked by violence: *We pray for God's peace in troubled lands, in places where people fear each day, in cities or villages under threat or danger. We pray Your peace into the hearts of those who hate, into the minds of those who live in anger, of those who long for revenge. The hot winds of war sweep over so many lives, dear God, terror and cruelty following in their wake. We do not know what else to do, but wait here making our appeal to heaven. Peace we pray. Peace against all the odds, peace without compromise, peace strong and enduring, peace so children never worry as they go to sleep.*

Arrows of Light: A Spiritual Diary by Steven Charleston

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1. Color and fill out in each petal something or someone you are thankful for.



2. Have a parent cut out the pattern on the ***thick*** lines only. Do not cut the dotted lines.



We are thankful for...

THANKFULNESS CUBE

3. Fold the cut out pattern along the dotted lines and tape or glue them together.



4. Roll the cube and show everyone what you are thankful for!



ELONGE'S BLESSING OF BAPTISM

On October 22, we baptized Victorine Elonge's daughter, the beautiful, Isabella Victorine Elonge!



CARDS, PIZZA, FRIENDS & BAGS



Saturday, October 21, where Susan Luu helped us make cards to share with loved ones.



Additionally, Good Shepherd folk made small favor bags that will be distributed to our Children's Center at their Halloween Party – yeah!

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 Gary & Jane Workman's information to 8820 Walther Blvd, Apt 1113, Parkville MD 21234

New Home Phone # is 410-248-4449, Gary's cell is 443-528-1012, Jane's cell is 443-528-8119

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

Paul K., his family & medical team; The Late Martha Soles & her family; Trista's friends, Shelly & Lexi Bates, Amanda, John & their daughter Cassie; Chris Bohns' sister, Charlotte, their family & medical team; Kathy Young's friends, George (Sonny) Robertson & Betty Lineberry, their families & medical teams; Allen & Gail Wronowski, their family & medical team;

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

BLESSING OF THE PETS

We blessed our pets at worship on October 8th!



November Birthday's to Celebrate

18 Brad McKemy

22 Epost Elonge

29 Kady Howe

30 Rita Garrity

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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Children's Center 410-679-3390