



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Joppa

"Changing Lives and Growing in God's Love"



- Sunday, 3** **Communion Worship 11:00 am**
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Wednesday, 6** **Lenten Worship—Christ Our King 7:00 pm**
Lion Cub & Leos Meeting 6:30 - 7:75 pm
Easter Egg Stuffing
- Thursday, 7** Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm
Choir Practice 7:00 pm
- Sunday, 10** **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!**
Worship Service 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Tuesday, 12** Facilities Meeting 9:00 am
- Wednesday, 13** **Lenten Worship—Good Shepherd 7:00 pm**
April YARN Reminder
- Thursday, 14** Men's & Women's Bible Study 10:00 am
Session Meeting 6:00 pm
Choir Practice 7:00 pm
- Sunday, 17** **!!!SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!!!**
Worship Service 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Tuesday, 19** **Spring Begins!**
- Wednesday, 20** **Lenten Worship—Highland Church 7:00 pm**
- Thursday, 21** **Easter Flower Order Deadline!**
Choir Practice 7:00 pm
- Saturday, 23** **Good Shepherd Easter Egg Hunt! 11:00 am**
- Sunday, 24** Palm Sunday Service 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Thursday, 28** Maundy Thursday Service
- Friday, 29** Good Friday Meditation Service 12—2:00 pm
GS CHURCH & GS CC CLOSED
HCPS SCHOOLS CLOSED
- Sunday, 31** Easter Sunday Service 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship





Friends,

The month of March is the bulk of our journey toward the cross of Jesus.

Our faith tells us two major things about God. First, that God is eternal, all-powerful, and dwells in heaven, so far from us as to be unknowable and unassailable. Second, this God freely chooses to love us and to care for us, and to become available to us – to bridge the divide between the divine and the mortal. This approach by God comes in different ways. There were many such encounters between God and God’s people recorded in the Bible as it recounts the history of the faith journey, but those are not the only times God comes near to us. In our daily lives, every time we pray, God bridges the gap to listen to our adoration, our confession, our thanksgiving, and our supplication. There are also special times and special circumstances when the divide between the finite and the infinite becomes amazingly thin. These are Christmas and Easter (the seasons we celebrate with white decorations). At Christmas the divine becomes the human, and at Easter that human is restored to the divine. You could say that the finite and the infinite actually cross! (OK, maybe that’s a little TOO esoteric).

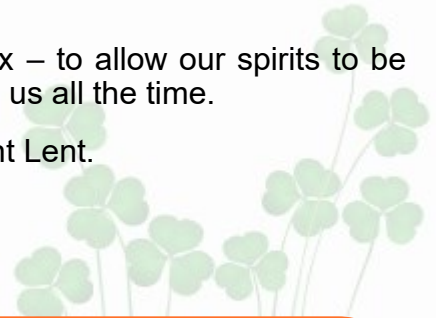
Lent, then, is our chance to prepare ourselves for this transcendent mix – to allow our spirits to be transported from our earthly existence into a divine reality that surrounds us all the time.

So, Friends, I wish you a powerful, meaningful, inspired and transcendent Lent.

May God watch over you each day and give you...

PEACE,

Pastor Kerry



LION CUB & LEOS MEETING

The next meeting of the Lion Cubs & Leos club
March 6, 2024 @ 6:30 pm in the Upper Room

Children will be helping to fill Easter Eggs for the Good Shepherd Easter Egg hunt on 3/23/2024.

Lion Cubs are ages 5-12 y/o and the Leo's are 13-17 y/o.

All are welcome to attend, and it is free to join!



THE GOOD SHEPHERD FACEBOOK PAGE:

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

ONLINE WORSHIP @ THE SHEPHERD OF JOPPA YOUTUBE PAGE:

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

Share the links to our services with family and friends. When viewed, please click the

[You Tube "Like" icon](#). This gives us an idea of our viewership.

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**GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AND
THE JOPPATOWNE LIONS CLUB**



EASTER

EGG HUNT

**AGES: 12 YEARS AND UNDER
PLUS A JELLY BEAN CONTEST &
PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY**

**SAT.
MARCH
23**

STARTS AT 11: 00AM

GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**622 JOPPA FARM ROAD
JOPPATOWNE, MARYLAND 21085**



Maundy Thursday, 28: The Night of Remembrance, Betrayal, and Arrest....A short worship service in the sanctuary observing Holy Communion, beginning at 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday, 29: Visit our sanctuary any time between noon and 2:00 p.m. Silently reflect with your prayers and remember the Seven Last Words of Christ and all that happened at his crucifixion.

More details to come in the next few weeks. Please keep an eye on the Sunday Announcements.

Susquehanna Parish Lenten Wednesday's

Each church will host an in-person worship service at 7:00 pm which will also be live streamed.

Host Churches:

Fallston - 2/21/24

Churchville - 2/28/24

Christ Out King - 3/6/24

Good Shepherd - 3/13/24

Highland - 3/20/24



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Pastoral Search Information / Update

Within the demographic study we have received from Presbytery, there is information about “ministry preferences” associated with the groups surrounding Good Shepherd (GS). The study are is the population within a 7 (seven) minute drive from GS. Below is a compilation of that information, weighted by the percentages of the top six groups in the study. The highlighted preferences received the most “votes” from the data. Please note that this information is about the surrounding population, not necessarily our own preferences.

We will elect a Pastor Nominating Committee in a called congregational meeting after Easter. That committee will evaluate all of our data and prepare our Ministry Information Form for the search.

Pastoral Preferences

Caregiver	230
Enabler	244
CEO	203
Discipler	217
Guru	143
Visionary	134
Mentor	178
Pilgrim	143

Worship Preferences

Caregiving	204
Educational	236
Healing	166
Inspirational	238
Transformational	153
Mission-Connection	158
Coaching	214

Education Preferences

Curricular	268
Experiential	222
Biblical	268
Topical	257
Generational	248
Peer Group	242

Small Group Preferences

Trained Leader	248
Rotate Leaders	266
Curriculum	256
Shared Affinity	285

Outreach Preferences - Readiness to Volunteer

Basic Survival	276
Health & Wellness	266
Quality of Life	300
Addition Intervention	200
Relationships	237
Human Potential	248
Salvation/Destiny	230



FEBRUARY SHARING TABLE



2024 DIRECTORY

The 2024 Directory has been handed out to many of you, but it will always be a work in progress.

For those of you who have a copy, please update Carla Cathcart's phone number to: 443-567-2522

I will be sending out digital copies of the directory with this YARN, which will contain this latest update, as well as a beautiful updated picture of Carla!



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REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

Sue Thompson, her family & medical team; Norma Webster's friend, Stan's son, Mike; Mary Kaye Kent, her family & medical team; Kathy Young's friend, Michelle Comer, her family & medical team; The Late George (Sonny) Robertson, his wife Cathy, their daughters & grandchildren; and Edith Burns' friend, Dot's friend Barb & Barb's sister-in-law, Sue; Marcie Jackson's friends, Sue & Deb, their families, and medical team; Katherine (Kady/Kitty) Howe; Dee Lilly's husband, Joe, their family & medical team; Bill Starke; Mary Kay Kent, her family & medical team; Ellie Pfoutz, her family & medical team; Norma Webster's cousin, Ronald Johnson, his family & medical team, and her friend, Linda Los, her family & medical team; Jane Workman, her family & medical team and Trista & Rikku.



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



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EASTER FLOWERS



If you would like to purchase Easter Flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please contribute \$10 for each plant. They will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter after which time you may take home your plant/s.

Please send the donation to the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church with the following information:

I would like to order ____ Easter Flowers at \$10 each.

In memory of _____

Or

In honor of _____

Your name(s) _____



Orders are due by March 21, 2024



March Birthday's to Celebrate

7 Gail Wronowski

17 Steve Morgan

18 Jeanette Petnic

9 Mike Bohns

17 Erin Pollard

20 Marcus Cheatham, Sr.

15 Mary Kay Kent

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

31 Cecilia Davis

