



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Joppa

"Changing Lives and Growing in God's Love"

January Yarn

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

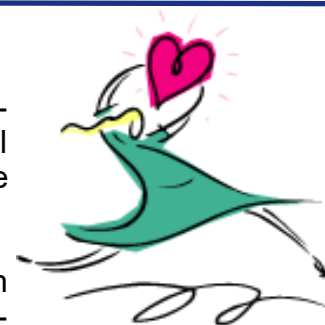
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| Sunday, 1 | Worship & Communion 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship
Pick up your Poinsettia's! |
| Monday, 2 | Church & Children's Center closed |
| Sunday, 8 | Worship 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship |
| Thursday, 12 | Women's Association Bible Study 10 - 12 pm
LESSON 5: SABBATH AND SERVITUDE
Bring your lunch
Men's Association Bible Study 10 - 12 pm
Session Meeting 6 pm |
| Sunday, 15 | Worship 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship |
| Saturday, 21 | Un-Decorating the Sanctuary Party 9 am
Coffee & Bagels during, Pizza lunch after |
| Sunday, 22 | Worship 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship |
| Sunday, 29 | Worship 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship |



Have a safe and Happy New Year!

PEACE, Pastor Kerry

ADVENT MEMORIES



A small moment offers a special possibility of meaning, feeling, or achievement that verges on sacredness. Tennessee Williams understood this well when he said, *"Sometimes there's God so quickly."* Needless to say, the Advent season seemed to go by quickly – "God happened so quickly."

The Worship Committee and the Deacon Board wish to thank so many in our congregation who brought meaning to our lives through service, creativity, and spoken and sung Word during the Advent and Christmas season. You touched our lives in many ways:

- * Pastor Kerry, who preached interesting and memorable sermons throughout the season, even singing part of the Christmas Eve story and getting some of us to do an "impromptu" Christmas Day telling of the Christmas story.
- * Jane and Gary Workman, who decorated the sanctuary week by week, along with Clay Maas and the decoration crew, who set up our sanctuary on December 3. Our sanctuary was stunning!
- * The Good Shepherd choir and accompanist, Delores Barr and director, Edie Burns, who played, sang, and directed inspirational music to enhance our worship experience, especially an all-music program on December 18.
- * Gail Wronowski, who posted daily "Lego City Advent Devotional Prayers" to our Facebook page, and Chris and Mike Bohns' grandson, Blake Fischer, who made all of the lego figures that entertained and inspired us.
- * Chris Bohns, who coordinated the Deacons Corner Christmas Project. Chris ordered all of the gifts that were purchased by congregational members; it was a wonderful success, with almost \$1,500 worth of gifts donated to the Harford County Foster Care Program.
- * A group of carolers who visited five homes and brought songs of joy, cookies, and small gifts to those shut in from our congregation.
- * Lights on the lawn and several visitors to our sanctuary were evident at our Longest Night Service on December 21.
- * We were disappointed that we were unable to offer our Live Nativity to our neighborhood this year due to rain. But, in the process, we did re-connect with some after-school families and we hope to come back strong next year. Mike Bohns and Greg Donelson deserve credit for constructing the structure and getting things organized behind the scenes, even if we had to cancel at the last moment.



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ADVENT MEMORIES CONTINUED



Indeed, perhaps such ministries may be fleeting. Like shooting stars, they appear suddenly out of nowhere and are gone before we know it. But the memories of all we did in the name of Christ do last a lifetime and give us the inspiration to face a New Year with determination to make a difference in the world. Epiphany occurs on January 6 and is a time for all of us to reflect on our personal lives and the ministry of Good Shepherd. Perhaps these Epiphany thoughts will resonate with you:

EPIPHANY ...

Signifies the manifestation of God among us in human form.

It is a time to return ...

Replacing the evergreens and lights of Christmas with the clean-swept order of our day-to-day lives.

It is a time to reflect ...

considering the ministry on earth of the adult born as a baby in a manger.

It is a time to proclaim ...

Sharing with each other and with others the good news of God's revelation in Christ.

It is a time to expand ...

Broadening our vision to include people of all races and cultures and times.

The season of Epiphany is a good time to invite a neighbor to discover the Jesus life, as experienced in our worship and fellowship at Good Shepherd. The Deacons and Worship Committee will be planning for a new church year cycle over the next month. We welcome your ideas and thoughts as we reflect on ways to grow in faith and reach out to our community, letting our Epiphany light shine in new and unique ways.

UN-DECORATING THE SANCTUARY PARTY



Yes, it's that time already! **Saturday, January 21st at 9:00 am.**



Coffee & donuts in the morning followed by our world famous pizza party upon completion...we'll have a sign-up sheet available!
– Clay Maas



GSPC WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, January 12, 2023

<<<<<10:00 am – 12:00 pm >>>>>

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH

Accepting God's Gifts of Rest and Delight

LESSON 5: SABBATH AND SERVITUDE

KEY IDEA: Work without Sabbath is servitude.

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2:15 and 3:17-19; Exodus 31:12-18; 35:1-29 and 36:1-7; Luke 10:38-42

All women, are invited to participate in the Circle of Sabbath. You do not have to be a member of Good Shepherd to participate. Each lesson develops a particular concept about the Sabbath. So, if you have been unable to attend a lesson, or are interested in learning how the Sabbath involves you and your relationship with others, you can still join the study and learn something about an aspect of the Sabbath.

BRING YOUR LUNCH

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

KNOWLEDGEABLE



CARING

PATIENCE



MS. SAMMI!

PERSEVERANCE



KIND

COMPASSIONATE

THE GOOD SHEPHERD FACEBOOK PAGE:

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

THE SHEPHERD OF JOPPA YOUTUBE PAGE:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmWeD2EBpNUqSr1SI1Qgnhw>

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NOTHING WE COULDN'T DO IN

2022

GSCC got a new sign!



Our Easter Egg Hunt started again!



We Blessed our pets!



We had our first Living Last Supper, which everyone pitched in to make amazing!

A small Yard Sale for the Lion's Club inspired...



Joan put together an amazing tour of her visit to Israel for everyone to enjoy and learn more about the walk of Jesus.



BIG THINGS for the community!

GSCC gave the lawn a bath in eco-friendly Bubbles during summer camp!



We said goodbye to some...



we helped the less fortunate of our community over and over again!



And Hello to others!





Christmas Poinsettias—2022



Thank you to the following people who donated poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary this Christmas season. Their names and special dedications are listed below.

Please pick up your poinsettias between Sunday, December 25 (following the service) and Sunday, January 1.

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| Gail Wronowski (2) | In Memory of Flora & Cecil Martin |
| Clay & Vickie Maas (4) | In Memory of Our Parents & Family |
| Delores & Robert Barr (2) | In Memory of Our Parents and to the Glory of God |
| Susan Thompson (3) | In Memory of Jeanne Thompson (Mother) & Ellen Thompson (Sister) |

In Honor of The Good Shepherd Congregation who share faith in Music, Word, & Deed

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| Jim & Jeanette Petnic (2) | In Memory of our Parents |
| Mary Kaye Kent (2) | In Memory of Ola Thorne & George Heighes |

In Honor of Clif, Anne, & Vicki

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| Ellie Pfoutz (1) | In Memory of Warren Pfoutz |
| Bobbie Funkhouser (1) | In Memory of Carl B. Funkhouser |
| Kathy Young (1) | In Memory of Andy Young |
| Mike & Chris Bohns (2) | In Memory of Our loved ones who have passed |

In Honor of Our children & Grandchildren

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| Greg & Kelly Donelson (2) | In Memory of Genevieve Tusinc |
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In Honor of Kim Jomidad

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| Gary & Jane Workman (2) | In Memory of Our Parents |
| Kady, Stacy, & Pat Howe (2) | In Memory of Rusell & Mildred Howe, and William & Shirley Hullings |

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| D. Diana Miller (1) | In Memory of Delores Miller |
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| William & Alethia Starke (5) | In Memory of Thomas & Onner Starke, Rev. & Mrs. Josiah Brockington, & James A. Starke |
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In Honor of Winnifred Miller, Rev. Slinkard & Worship Committee



CC Christmas Door Decorating Contest

This season has brought so much fun and cheer to our classrooms that GSCC couldn't contain the spirit and decided to display their holiday best. Each classroom was tasked with furnishing their main doors with their own unique take on Christmas. Meghan and Trista were the judges for the first round of this event.



Infants Door



4's Door



School Age's Door



3 & 4's Door

Teachers were to help children as little as possible with their creations and decorate the door following a few guidelines. Meghan and Trista rated the doors with these rules in mind.

WAS IT A TOUGH JOB!

The second round of voting was done via our CC Facebook page where parents voted for their favorite parents door and chose a winner.

Which door gets your vote?

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Toddler's Door



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REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS



Kathy Young’s neighbor’s father, Frank Ford, his family & medical team; Edith Burns’ friends, Charles and Dot Tenney, their family & medical team; Gail Wronowski’s friend, Linda Mittelhozer, her family & medical team; Ellie Pfoutz’s nephew, Stuart Ficke & his family; Linda Link’s business partners husband, Joe Lily; Bob Jones, his family & medical team; Kathy Young’s (former) daughter-in-law, her family & medical team; Brandon Ballard & his family; Trista’s Brother, Alexander & 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



HOMELESS OF HARFORD – Our Comfort Closet donation bin is the red bin in the Children Center Lobby. Small travel-sized hygiene items that can easily be carried by students to school are the best items to donate. **Here is a list needs:**

NEEDS: Gloves, Scarves & Hats. Combs, brushes, hair gel, bobby pins, safety pins, shampoo & conditioner, bonnets, Emory boards, nail glue, soap, snacks, water or water bottles, Chapstick, Deodorant, Bath/body wash, Single use or small containers of laundry detergent, Small bottles of lotion, Feminine hygiene products, Wash clothes, scarfs, hats, hoodies, sweatpants, hair ties or scrunches, socks, wipes.

January Birthday’s to Celebrate



14 Jeff Withrow

2 Elin Knapp

8 Delores Barr

9 Matthew Ciccotelli

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

21 Norma Webster

23 John Knapp

30 Betty Walko