



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Joppa

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



- Sunday, 2      **Communion Worship 11:00 am**  
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Thursday, 6      Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm  
**Pre-K Graduation Event 6:30 pm**
- Friday, 7      Last Day of GSCC School Year
- Sunday, 9      **Bagels & Blooms—Upper Room 9:00 am**  
Worship Service 11:00 am  
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Monday, 10      First Day of GSCC Summer Camp
- Tuesday, 11      HCPS Last Day of School
- Thursday, 13      Session Meeting 6:00 pm  
Choir Practice 7:00 pm
- Friday, 14      **GSCC Closed to Families—GSPC & CC Open**  
**CPR & AED Training 1:00 pm**
- Saturday, 15      **Card Making Event 11:00—2:00 pm Upper Room**  
Upper Room in use - Father's Day Set-up



- Sunday, 16      **Happy Father's Day!!!**  
Worship Service 11:00 am  
**Father's Day Luncheon**



- Wednesday, 19      **Happy Juneteenth!**  
**GSPC & GSCC CLOSED**

- Thursday, 20      Choir Practice 7:00 pm
- Saturday, 22      Active Shooter Training 10:00-1:00 pm

- Sunday, 23      Worship Service 11:00 am  
Coffee Hour After Worship

- Wednesday, 26      GSCC Foam Party

- Thursday, 27      Choir Practice 7:00 pm

- Sunday, 30      Worship Service 11:00 am  
Coffee Hour After Worship





What does Prophecy mean?

When we think of prophecy, we usually think about the future. We picture some wise monk sitting in the Lotus pose, or a fortune teller staring into a crystal ball, or Warren Buffett reading the tea leaves of the

stock market. Out of each scene, the seer reveals special predictions about what's going to happen with some future circumstance.

We are particularly keen on the Prophets of the Old Testament telling the Israelites what God will do in the coming days or months or years. We sometimes see predictions about Jesus in the prophets' words – centuries before he actually comes.

The prophets, though, are much more interested in the lives of the people right now, not far into the future. If you listen carefully to the scriptures, usually take the form of letting the people know how angry or disappointed God is about their behavior (occasionally, we did things right, but that was pretty rare). Then the prophet would tell us the consequences we could expect from God.

These revelations usually came in the midst of the struggles of day-to-day life. The Old Testament prophets were very practical as well as thoughtful. They wanted to show us God's way so that our lives could be made better. Even the far out prophecies of Daniel and Ezekiel were based on the here and now.

We are getting deeper into our interim search process, which encourages us to think about the future in terms of who we are today – What is God calling us to be and do here in our community? How can we remain faithful to that call in our individual journeys and in our mission plans for Good Shepherd? What is in our future?

All fun questions to think about!!

See you in church.

PEACE, *Pastor Kerry*



## PENTECOST SERVICE

For the Pentecost service our sanctuary was skillfully decorated in reds, yellows, and oranges to reflect the flame of the Holy Spirit. The food during fellowship was also themed in similar colors!

Our members are so inventive!



**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.

**JUNE 2024**



## DATES FROM THE DEACONS

Dream big, work hard, and never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit and the commitment of the Good Shepherd congregation! The Deacons look forward to creating opportunities for our congregation to enjoy fellowship, work on service projects, and reach out to our neighborhood in the coming months. Newly joined members are especially invited so we may get to know you better. We trust you will take note of these special activities and join us as we share the Spirit in the months ahead. We pray for safety to all who travel and reconnect with family and friends this summer.



Sunday, June 9



### **Bagels and Blooms at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Room**

Want to donate those vases collecting dust at home? Like to arrange flowers? We're making flower arrangements to be taken to people who need some cheer, meeting at 9:00 a.m. on June 9 in the Upper Room. We'll have flowers, food, vases, and cards on hand for all to use to work their magic. By 11:00 a.m., we'll have enough flower arrangements for everyone who attends church that day to take with them. It's a fun event that produces great results. If you have flowers to contribute, please bring them.

Sunday, June 16

### **Father's Day Food Event in the Upper Room.**

The women of Good Shepherd will prepare lunch to honor those dads among us. Come upstairs right after worship and plan to be a part of these fellowship events that bring us together. Sign-Up Sheets will be available.

### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

Month of July

Share the blessings and support one or both of these activities: Pillows for Harford House (a Shelter located in Aberdeen) and/or Backpacks for pre-school or elementary students at Riverside Elementary. If you see great bargains on pillows or backpacks, pick them up now and save them for our special collections later in the summer.

Saturday, August 10

### **Sharing Table Casserole Day and On-Site Serving**

A Sign-Up Sheet will be available on the office bulletin board in July.

Saturday, September 14

### **Shepherd's Mart Outdoor Event**

Our Neighborhood Outreach Event Vendors, *Ain't Misbehavin' Big Band*, Bake Table, Food, Children's Activities are on tap from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We plan to offer an Indoor Church Treasures Table, too (save your donations from home – to be brought in during the month of August).



*Congratulations!*



Celebration is in order for our Good Shepherd Children Center three's teacher, Sami Jahn. She was proposed to on Sunday, May 19th, 2024, by her now fiancé, Riley Starks! (Both pictured to the left the day of).

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Church, Joppa, MD &



The Harford County  
Sheriff's Office



Saturday,  
June 22, 2024  
10:00am - 1:00pm

### Community Active Shooter Training

622 Joppa Farm Road,  
Joppa, MD 21085

This training is open to  
anyone who would like  
to attend within our  
community (local  
churches, friends and  
family).

RSVP HERE



## FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Father's Day Luncheon on  
June 16<sup>th</sup> Sign up if you  
plan to attend.

The women of the church  
will prepare a delicious  
lunch for everyone that day.  
We're especially honoring  
those special men in our  
lives who bring love, light,  
and humor to each day.



DEACONS INVITE YOU!

## BAGELS & BLOOMS

JUNE 9, 2024 | 9:00- 10:45 AM

JOIN US TO MAKE  
BOUQUETS FOR SHUT-INS  
OR THOSE IN NEED  
OF CHEER!

PLEASE BRING TO SHARE:

UNWANTED VASE(S), BUNCH OF YOUR  
FAVORITE FLOWERS  
TO CONTRIBUTE AND YOUR OWN SCISSORS  
BAGELS, COFFEE AND JUICE WILL SERVED



CPR



AED

## CPR & AED TRAINING

On **June 14th @ 1:00 pm** all  
members are welcome to join  
us in learning life saving  
techniques. Please RSVP with  
[CCDirector@holy411.org](mailto:CCDirector@holy411.org)

**The fee for this class is  
\$50 per person.**

A check can be written  
directly to the  
instructor teaching the  
course that day.





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## REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

Cindy PreVatte's son-in-law, Don Squires, his family & medical team; Marcie Jackson's friends, The Late Darrell Burns, his family & journey home, and Pat with his job search; Chris Bohns is asking for Aiden, their family & medical team and Chris' neighbor, Emma, her grandmom, their family & medical teams; Eleanor (Ellie) Williams; Carla Cell's friends, Michelle Bennett, her family & medical team, Randy Kendrick, older brother of Carla's friend Connie, his family & medical team, and Corethea (Cookie) Johnson, Carla's next door neighbor, and her recovery, and Kathy Young's niece, Eliana Andrade, her son & dogs, and the people of the flooded Southern Brazil state of Rio Grande de Sul; Marcie is asking for Ron R., his family & medical team; Ellie Pfoutz's neighbor, Ellie Witty, her husband, Bill, their family, and their Late granddaughters journey home; Bobby Funkhouser, her family & medical team; and Barbara Park, her family and 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](mailto:gsprayers@juno.com)

## 2024 PRE-K GRADUATES!

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the GSCC Pre-K class of 2024 will hold their graduation ceremony.

Congratulations and best of luck in kindergarten!



Good Shepherd Children's Center 2023-2024  
Pre-Kindergarten  
Ms. Hayley & Ms. Becca



# Dad...the Man, the Myth, the Legend!

## Materials:

Craft Sticks (still have some left over from your Mother's Day craft?)

Copy of Favorite Photos for Dad

Pipe Cleaners

Elmer's Glue

Markers

Yarn

Beads

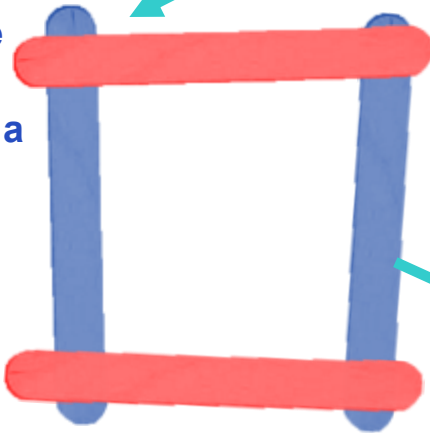
Buttons

## Instructions:

Step 1. Gather your materials!



Step 2. Glue your sticks together in a square shape.



Step 3. Decorate the picture frame with all of your supplies! Here are some ideas.



Step 4. Give your present to Dad and help him find a good place to hang it!

“Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.”

-Maria Montessori

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# June Birthday's to Celebrate

3 *Ryan Shuttlesworth*

7 *Joan Pugh*

17 *Farrell Maddox*

23 *Ruth Wagener*

25 *Bill Starke*

29 *Kelly Donelson*



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



Dear Meghan,

Vickie, the Session and the Church congregation join in this sentiment and as I sit down to write this letter, my heart is filled with mixed emotions. On one hand, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible journey we have shared under your leadership at the Children's Center. On the other hand, it saddens us to bid farewell to someone who has been more than just a director but a beacon of inspiration and support for both children and staff alike.

Your unwavering dedication to the well-being and development of every child who walked through the doors of our center has left an indelible mark on all of

us. Your passion for creating a nurturing and enriching environment has not only shaped the experiences of countless children but has also been a source of motivation for us all.

Your leadership style, characterized by empathy, compassion, and a genuine commitment to excellence, has been nothing short of exemplary. You have fostered a culture of inclusivity and kindness, where every child feels valued and every staff member feels empowered to make a difference.

Although it's difficult to bid farewell, we take solace in knowing that the seeds of inspiration you've planted will continue to flourish long after you've moved on to your new adventures. Your legacy will endure in the hearts and minds of all those whose lives you've touched, including Vickie and myself.

As you embark on this new chapter of your life, we want to extend our warmest wishes for continued success, happiness, and fulfillment. May your path be illuminated by the same passion and dedication that have guided you thus far, and may you find endless opportunities for growth and fulfillment.

Thank you, Meghan, for your tireless dedication, your unwavering support, and the countless lives you've enriched. You will be deeply missed, but your spirit will forever remain etched in the fabric of our center.

With heartfelt gratitude and warmest regards,

Greg Donelson, Vickie Maas, Session and the Church Congregation



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## The Green Zone...

What does the term "Liturgical Colors" mean to you?

That term refers to the colors that the church has adopted over the centuries to mark the seasons and festivals of the Christian year. The four typical colors are white, purple, red and green.

For the last few months, we have been cycling through the festival colors: PURPLE (penitence) for Lent (forty days), WHITE (high celebration) for Eastertide (seven weeks), RED (Holy Spirit) for Pentecost (one day), and WHITE again for Trinity Sunday (one day). This is similar to the Christmas cycle of PURPLE (penitence or anticipation) for Advent (four weeks), and WHITE (high celebration) for Christmastide (twelve days) and Epiphany (one day).

Now we are entering the "Green Zone" of Ordinary Time that will take us through to the last Sunday of the church year (November 24 this year). That's six and a half months of green! – REALLY ordinary, right? NO. The term "ordinary" means that each Sunday has its special "ordinal" number (first, second, third, twenty-third) that helps us fit in the proper scripture readings in the Revised Common Lectionary for that Sunday. These Sundays celebrate the development of the church and our growing understanding of Jesus and salvation – Get it? Green for growth!

## SUMMER CAMP FOAM PARTY!

The GSCC Summer Foam Party is July 26th  
Be prepared to see the lawn covered in smiles and eco-friendly bubbles!

## CARD MAKING EVENT

Join us in the Upper Room on **June 15th** as we come together for a fun day of food, friends and crafting! We will be creating cards and bookmarks from **11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

A pizza lunch as well as fruits and cookies will be served during this event!

