



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Joppa

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



# AUGUST



- Sunday, 4**      **Communion Service 11:00 am**  
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Saturday, 10**      **Sharing Table**
- Sunday, 11**      **Worship Service 11:00 am**  
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Wednesday, 14**      **GSCC Foam Party**
- Sunday, 18**      **Worship Service 11:00 am**  
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Wednesday, 21**      **YARN Reminder!**
- Sunday, 25**      **Worship Service 11:00 am**  
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Thursday, 29**      **Last day of Summer Camp!**  
**GSCC Family Picnic**
- Friday, 30**      **GSCC Closed to CC Families**  
**GSPC & GSCC Open**





Education for ministry in the PC(USA) is a rigorous program. In this country, most masters level programs involve two years of full-time post-bachelors course work with some form of thesis development at the end.

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) for presbyterian ministers is a three-year post-bachelors study, often with additional time for practical internship assignments (minimum of three months, up to a full year). It is also rigorous in that it requires a minimal working knowledge of both Greek and Hebrew languages. The focus is on the written language rather than the spoken language. The biblical versions of both languages are no longer spoken anyway. Once the language is introduced, students use their new-found knowledge to evaluate specific scriptures in the original language.

The whole process is part of the routine of seminary training at the time, and you might think it becomes even more mundane over time. But, for me, looking back on it from the perspective of my 35 years of ministry, even my limited knowledge of Greek and Hebrew feels like a true gift. There have been countless times when seeing just a few words with Hebrew's consonants and vowel points (read backwards), or Greek's unfamiliar uncials (lower case letters), has taken my breath away. And don't let me get started about the Dead Sea Scrolls!

These times of awe, usually coming when I least expect them, are the reason I still love preaching. I want to thank Good Shepherd for letting me continue to sift through scripture to practice my sermons. One of these days, I hope to get it right!

PEACE,

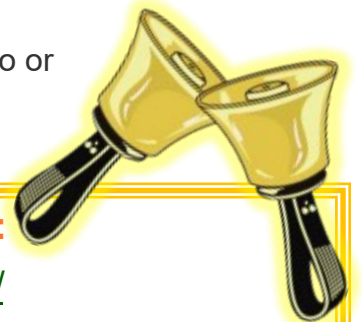
Pastor Kerry

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee is seeking volunteers for revitalizing our Bell Ensemble. Practices will occur over the summer months. We'd like to be ready for small pieces early fall leading up to a grand - or moderate - performance for Christmas. Reading music is not a requirement.

Anyone who desires to be a Liturgist and/or Communion Server, please talk to or email Sue Thompson, Cindy PreVatte or Bill Starke.

Thanks, Bill



**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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**GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

622 JOPPA FARM ROAD JOPPATOWNE MD 21085

# **SHEPHERD'S MART**

**COMMUNITY YARDSALE & CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
10 AM - 2 PM**

*Explore the treasures of local vendors, meet your neighbors, and hear some great music while we support local food banks with collected canned goods*

## **Together We Can!**

**Family Fun!**

**Treasures!**

**Bake Sale!**

**BRING A CANNED  
GOOD TO DONATE  
TO THOSE  
IN NEED!**

**Food!**

**Live Music!**

**Petting Zoo!**



**BIG BAND CONCERT 11:00 AM**

featuring

**AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**



**RAIN DATE:  
SATURDAY, 9/21/24**

**VENDORS - TO RESERVE FREE SPACE  
CALL/TEXT 443-286-0655**

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# KEEPING CALM AND CARRYING ON

(A note from the Deacon Ministry Team)



This saying could describe what Good Shepherd members do, no matter what challenge presents itself. Given the anxiety level around this year's election, rising costs, the high heat index, and health issues for many in our church family, *keeping calm and carrying on* might seem "pie in the sky" action. To be sure, the Deacons thank all of you who continue to think of others and carry on your service to others. Pillow donations for the Harford House (a shelter for Harford County disadvantaged) have been plentiful. Backpacks for elementary children at Riverside Elementary continue to appear. Volunteer involvement in the Shepherd's Mart event on September 14 is high, as well as making casseroles and serving at The Sharing Table on August 10. Our task as people of faith is to prepare ourselves to shine the much-needed light of hospitality and kindness to our community as we offer food for the body and soul, fellowship, and community-building. We celebrate all of these opportunities and remain joyful in anticipation of what is coming.

For many, August is a time of travel and more relaxed schedules. As we move through these summer days, know we are behind the scenes planning for wonderful events that bring us together and that make a difference. We like keeping calm and carrying on!

## MORE ABOUT OUR SHEPHERD'S MART ...

An exciting Outdoor Event called the "Shepherd's Mart" will be held on Saturday, September 14. We will transform our parking lot and surrounding space into a Community Yard Sale, where people can connect and share. Additionally, we will convert our basketball court into a Concert Stage area, where Big Band music can energize us and help us all enjoy a great day outdoors. We hope you will help us connect and build relationships with our neighbors. Want to know more and attend? Here's how:



1. Speak to Chairperson Chris Bohns and see where the needs are greatest.
2. Vendor/Table Contracts are available in the church hallway or online on the church website. All contracts must be returned to Chris Bohns. There are no table charges...this is a free event, but people must bring their own table and receive a confirmation e-mail from Chris Bohns. Spaces are limited, so apply early.
3. Donate household items for our Indoor Treasure Table. We are looking for worthy, sellable items, so bring your items in during the month of August and leave them in bags on the tables at the back of the church.
4. This year we challenge our vendors and participants to bring a canned food item to support Joppa-towne Food Pantries. We'll have an easily recognizable collection cart where donations can be made. We hope you will support this effort as we try to re-apportion our own Food Pantry into an opportunity to help other food pantries in the area that operate on a regular basis.
5. Some of our pre-school staff will be on hand to offer children's games, and a 4-H group will bring lots of animals for children (and adults) to view and pet.
6. Donate a baked item for our Baked Goods Table, keeping in mind we cannot accept any baked item that needs refrigeration. If your donation contains nuts, please label it accordingly (for allergy purposes). Donations should be brought to Good Shepherd by 5:00 p.m. on September 13.
7. Set up for this event will be on Friday, September 13, beginning at 5:00 p.m.
8. Invite a friend or neighbor to attend this event.

# LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW DIRECTOR TEAM



REBECCA SNYDER, Director, joined GSCC in 2011. She attended HCC and has the 90-hour preschool certification and the 45-hour infant/toddler certification. She has two children, Anthony (2009) and Brianna (2015) and they enjoy reading books and creating art together. Rebecca loves helping the children in her class learn about and explore new things.



HAYLEY HAGLEY, Assistant Director, joined GSCC in 2021. She worked as a teacher in the Pre-K classroom for 3 years. She has her 90-Hour Preschool Certification and is working to complete School Age and Infant/Toddler courses for her new position as the center's Assistant Director. She is fond of helping children grow and learn to the best of their ability and enjoys being outdoors and planning nature walks.

## A FEW NOTES FROM CLAY

Remember EARTH DAY, April 2024? We had a great team of supporters. Now, we need that same great support (and any others) to weed the mulched areas.

We can easily divide the perimeter of the church building into four small areas:

- a) the area along the walkway leading to the Children's Center Door.
- b) the area from the Children's Center door to the sanctuary door.
- c) the area from the sanctuary door to the tree at the corner
- d) the area from that corner down to the next tree.

If we had 2 or 3 volunteers per area they could decide how to manage their respective area. Think one day a week for about an hour, just please don't use any chemicals like "ROUNDUP".

## CHURCH PICNIC & COFFEE HOUR TEAMS

A little birdie told me the Deacons are hosting our annual church picnic on Sunday 08 September.

They will provide the "main event"...yahoo...coffee hour teams will support them:

Week #1 Team will provide drinks (hot & cold).

Week #2 Team will provide potato salad, cole slaw, macaroni salad.

Week #3 Team will provide a green/ garden salad & salad dressings

Week #4 Team will provide desserts...cake, pie, cookies, &/or ice cream.

Week #5 Team will provide a cheese platter & crackers, chips/pretzels

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# KEEPING CALM AND CARRYING ON (continued...) PLAN AHEAD

## Blessing of Back Packs: Sunday, August 18th

Before we send our backpacks to Riverside Elementary, we'll bless them at our worship service today and give thanks for the generous spirit of our congregation.

We thank Norma Webster for heading up this special project.



## Sunday, September 8th Outdoor Worship on the Lawn and a Potluck Picnic to Follow

Our worship service will be held at 11:00 a.m. and will be informal. Following our outdoor service, we'll have fried chicken (provided by the Deacons) and sides and desserts (provided by the Good Shepherd congregation).

This year we're signing up to bring the sides, so later in August look for a sign-up sheet as you enter church.

## ~ MENU ~

### SHARING TABLE CASSEROLES

Members and Friends,

Good Shepherd is to provide the casseroles for The Sharing Table on Saturday, Aug. 10th. We will need 35 casseroles; each will serve 10 meals. If possible, you are asked to help in preparing the needed number of casseroles. There are aluminum pans available at Good Shepherd in the secretary's office behind the door on the top shelf or on the table opposite the office. The recipe is listed below and also available in the office.

The recipe is enough for two pans. If possible, please let me know if you can help by preparing the casserole or working at the site on Aug 10th by responding to this email or signing up on the signup sheet on the bulletin board between the offices.

Thanks, Bill

### SHARING TABLE FUSILLI

- 1lb Fusilli (Little spindles, cork screw, spirals)
- 2 Medium sized (28 oz) cans of tomatoes
- 2 Green peppers – chopped fine
- 3 Onions – chopped
- 2 Teaspoons of dry mustard
- 2 Teaspoons Worcestershire Sauce
- 1-1/2 lbs Grated Sharp Cheddar Cheese (Reserve some to sprinkle on top)
- 2 lbs Hamburger – COOKED



Mix all ingredients in a large pot, divide among two medium aluminum baking pans (Procure from church office).

Sprinkle remaining cheese on top. Casseroles will be baked on site the day of service.





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## REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

Kathy's cousin, Mary Lee, & her husband, Dave Chilcot, his son the Late David Chilcot Jr, their family & his journey home; Ellie Pfoutz's friend and GS member Ron Stokes; and Trista Canary's Late Mother, Shannon Canary, her family & journey home; Ellie Pfoutz's friend, Jerry Dohmeier, his family & medical team & her neighbor, Bill Mantler, his family & medical team; Marcie Jackson's friend, Deb, her family & medical team; Norma Webster's daughter-in-law, Maisha Webster; and Ellie Pfoutz & her continued recovery.



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)

## TIPS FROM A TELLER

Have you ever been a "Teller"? It's not hard work, but here are some helpful tips for everyone:

- #1. Do you have numbered offering envelopes? Please use them to ensure you receive proper credit for your offering.
- #2. If you have to use a pew envelope for whatever reason please write your numbered offering envelope on the outside of the pew envelope to ensure you receive credit for your offering.
- #3. If you usually write a check for your offering please write your offering envelope number in the memo line of your check to ensure you receive credit for your offering.
- #4. If, for example, you usually write a check for \$35/week, but you miss a week of church (maybe you were on vacation) when you return next week just write one check for \$70 and only use the current week numbered offering envelope to ensure you receive credit for your offering.

These few tips will make an easy job even easier, and more importantly, will ensure you receive proper credit for your offering.

Thank you...and remember...God loves a cheerful giver!

## August Birthday's to Celebrate

*1 Jane Workman*

*16 Winsome LaComb*

*24 Mike McKemy*

*3 Chris McKemy*

*22 Sue Maddox*

*25 Ashley Andrews*

*4 Cindy PreVatte*

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

*26*

Kelly Donelson @  
410-961-9275

*James Andrews*

*10 Edith Burns*

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*Joan Douglas*

# AUGUST CRAFTS

## FUN WITH FINGER PAINTS!

Here are some ideas for showing off your fun summer activities by using your artistic talents!

You can give them as gifts, decorate your walls, or post them on the fridge to tell the story of your summer break!

What you will need:

- \* Paints
- \* Cotton Balls
- \* Construction Paper
- \* Scissors
- \* Markers
- \* Fun Memories
- \* Imagination
- \* A Parent if you need help

