



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Joppa

"Changing Lives and Growing in God's Love"

Hello
September

- Sunday, 1 **Communion Service 11:00 am**
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Monday, 2 **Labor Day GSPC & GSCC Closed**
- Tuesday, 3 **HCPS First Day of School!**
- Wednesday, 4 **Upper Room in use-Lions Club 6:30-7:30 pm**
Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Sunday, 8 **Outdoor Worship Service-**
Good Shepherd Lawn 11:00 am
Pot-Luck After Worship
- Wednesday, 11 **Choir Practice 7:30 pm**
- Thursday, 12 **Men & Women's Bible Study-**
Upper Room 10-11:30 am
- Friday, 13 **Shepherd's Mart Setup 5:00-7:00 pm**
- Saturday, 14 **Shepherd's Mart 10:00-2:00 pm**
- Sunday, 15 **Worship Service 11:00 am**
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Wednesday, 18 **Choir Practice 7:30 pm**
- Saturday, 21 **Rain date for Shepherd's Mart**
- Sunday, 22 **Worship Service 11:00 am**
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Wednesday, 25 **Choir Practice 7:30 pm**
- Friday, 27 **HCPS Half-Day**
- Saturday, 28 **HOPE for the Homeless**
6-7:30 pm
- Sunday, 29 **Worship Service 11:00 am**
Coffee Hour After Worship





Summer Camp is over and the new school year has begun in our Children's Center. Teachers are furiously converting their rooms from the Disney theme of camp to highlighting the milestones of early childhood education.

Our Children's Center is truly an active place – noisy and raucous at some times and serenely quiet at others (that would be naptime, of course). In between are times of laughter and times of crying, reading, singing, story books, letters and numbers, playground and potty. There are behavioral angels and behavioral issues. What I love about the Children's Center is the community. This is a second home for our little charges. When they arrive, they greet their teachers, and they greet their friends. You hear lots of conversations that sound so “adult” coming from the small voices and minds.

Our congregation defines our mission primarily as providing support and enrichment for our local neighbors. There is no finer example of that than the Children's Center. It is the BEST of our ministry to Joppatowne. Dozens of families are able to form their daily routines and thrive in the community because of the dedicated, loving work of our teachers and staff. This child-care and education ministry shapes curious minds and develops strong characters every day. I can tell you that it is a wonder to observe, day by day.

So, as the new school year begins, say a prayer for the Children's Center – student, teachers, and families. Thank God that we are able to sponsor such a remarkable outreach that touches so many lives.

HANDBELL CHOIR, SUNDAY READERS & SERVERS

The Worship Committee is seeking volunteers for revitalizing our Bell Ensemble. 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.

PEACE,

Pastor Kerry

CHOIR PRACTICE

After a long break for the summer months, Choir Practice begins again!

Please join us every Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm as we raise our voices for the Lord.

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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SHEPHERD'S MART

COMMUNITY YARSALE & 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!



BIG BAND CONCERT 11:00 AM

featuring
AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'

Food!

Live Music!

Petting Zoo!



RAIN DATE:
SATURDAY, 9/21/24

SHEPHERD'S MART

Get ready for our Community Yard Sale. We have a lot on tap for our **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** event.

Don't miss the Ain't Misbehavin' Big Band concert at **11:00 a.m.** and be sure to visit over 40 vendors eager to sell their wares. This year we'll have games and face painting for children – and, animals brought by a local 4-H group and family. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers and soda, snow cones, and a bake table (please say "Yes" when asked to bring a favorite dessert item).

Pick up a flyer to share with friends and family. See Chris Bohns if you want to volunteer. We are collecting "treasures" if you wish to donate to the Indoor Treasure Tables. Bring your items to the tables set up at the back of the church.

The Deacons ask everyone to bring a canned food item in support of local food pantries. We'll distribute donated items to various churches and organizations later in the fall.

CONCERNING GOOD SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

The Deacon's sent a report to Session which contained the thoughtful comments made by several Good Shepherd members who responded to the Food Pantry Survey distributed in June. We will report back to the congregation "next steps" concerning a Food Pantry Ministry once we hear back from the Session. More to come on this important ministry...



BLESSING OUR PETS Sunday, October 13th

Pet owners and animal lovers...bring your pet to church on **Sunday, October 13** for a special blessing! All animals must be on leashes or in carriers. Our worship service will be inside and will center on God's Creation and the gift of animals. Following the Blessing, we will have light refreshments on the lawn (along with pet treats). Come enjoy the delight of living things!

The Blessing of the Animals originated in the 13th century in honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment, who believed that all animals should be treated with dignity and respect.



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DEACON AND WORSHIP MINISTRY NEWS

Here we are. We made it through a hot and eventful summer. The Good Shepherd congregation is very good at keeping their connections strong. Some things that contribute to this are our commitment to weekly worship and fellowship afterwards. We are very thankful for the many people who weekly prepare food for us all to enjoy. We have a chance to meet upstairs after worship and get caught up with each other's lives. This is a gift we give to each other. And then there is the way so many of us feed each other spiritually from week to week. We have thoughtful and stimulating sermons presented by Pastor Kerry to spur us on and many congregants who are willing to share their faith through weekly leadership in worship, through music that is played and sung, and through prayers shared on our Prayer Chain and vestibule bulletin board, baptizing and welcoming several new families into our fellowship, forming a PNC to begin the process of a pastoral search, installing two Deacons and one Session member to service, forming a small handbell ensemble to make music in the future, collecting 95 backpacks and 80 pillows for donation to those in need, and planning for a community outreach called "Shepherd's Mart." And now, September is upon us and students are heading back school. Schedules will begin to fill up with rehearsals, meetings, and opportunities to connect with each other. Whether this time of year feels like a party or a funeral, a new adventure or just another requirement, it is a time of transition and we hope you will gladly make the fall transition with your church family.

Listed below are events in September not to be missed and a sneak preview of a special Pet Blessing sponsored by the Worship Committee and supported by the Deacons. Please see the special calendar of events included on the following page of this newsletter, with even more opportunities for hands-on helping that you can provide when the time comes prior to the holiday season. Good Shepherd has a reputation for getting things done, for taking risks, and for being a caring church in changing times. Good Shepherd continues to make a difference, and we are grateful for each and every one of you and your faithfulness during times of transition.

Sunday, Sept. 8 **Outdoor Worship and Picnic on the Lawn**
Join us on the lawn at Good Shepherd for an informal worship experience. Afterwards, we'll enjoy fried chicken (provided by the Deacons) and various side dishes brought in by congregational members. Praising, picnicking, and connecting on tap for Sunday morning!

Friday, Sept. 13 **Set Up for Shepherd's Mart from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**
Help us ready table, chairs, and tents for set up the next morning.

Saturday, Sept. 14 **A Community Yard Sale, Band Concert, Petting Zoo, and Children's Games on the Lawn**
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Browse the many vendor tables, pick up a baked good, and enjoy hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, snowballs, and popcorn. Bring a friend and enjoy meeting Jop-pa friends and neighbors! We've added games and a petting zoo for children this year. Plus, we are collecting canned food items for area Food Pantries, so bring a donation!

Saturday, Sept. 21 Rain date for Shepherd's Mart (If rainy weather occurs on September 14 causing us to postpone, we will post to the church website and record on our phone the cancellation and rescheduling to Sept. 21.)

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GSPC WOMEN & MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

September 12th, 2024 10:00-11:30 am

Meet in the Upper Room

Have you ever wondered about the final days of life on Earth and what it will look like? What does the Bible tell us about how and when it will happen?

As Christians, we don't know the exact date and we are warned not to predict that time but we do know and anticipate that reality of Christ's return.

Dr. David Jeremiah has spent many years studying the subject and has written multiple books to help people understand and discuss the "imminence of Christ's return." We have selected the Study Guide *The Great Disappearance How to be Rapture Ready* by Dr. Jeremiah. We have copies of the Study Guide available for those who plan on participating (see Delores Barr or Pastor Kerry).

Marilyn Rudolph, Pastor Kerry and Delores Barr will be leading discussions that hopefully will challenge us to develop and grow in our knowledge of Christ as well as to strengthen our relationship with Christ.

Each session will include discussing group study questions, listening, and praying for personal concerns and interacting with one another.

Please join us the second Thursday of each month at 10:00-11:30 am in the Upper Room. Our first session will focus on 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Matthew 24:36-44. To help prepare for this session read Lesson 1 and 2 in the Study Guide. Be assured our pace depends entirely on your input.



AUGUST SHARING TABLE





FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Committee has developed a handout for the upcoming Community Yard Sale on **September 14**. Our plan is to invite our neighborhood to join us at the worship services and events listed below in the coming months. More information will follow each month in the Yarn newsletter, but we wanted to share the information with our congregation in advance to allow you to mark your calendars and give you time to think about who you could invite to any of these events.

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO GOOD SHEPHERD CONGREGATION

- Monthly:** Choir Rehearsals on Wednesdays, **7:30 pm to 9:00 pm**
First Wednesday of each Month – Deacons Meeting at **6:00 pm**
Yarn Newsletter Deadline – **15TH of the month**
In-Person Session Meetings occur on the Second Thursday of each month at **6:00 pm**
Women's/Men's Bible Study occurs on the Second Thursday of each month at **10:00 am**
- Sept. 8** **Outdoor Worship at 11:00 am** followed by a Pot-Luck Picnic
(Bring a side dish to add to our fried chicken picnic on the lawn.)
- Sept. 13** **Set Up for Shepherd's Mart – 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**
- Sept. 14** **Shepherd's Mart – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**
- Sept. 21** Rain Date for Shepherd's Mart
- Oct. 6** **World Communion Sunday** – Celebrating Our Diversity
Breads and Special Liturgy Today
- Oct. 13** **Blessing Our Pets – 11:00 am**
Bring your pet on a leash; pets are welcome to the sanctuary today.
Dismiss to outdoor fellowship after the service.
- Oct. 27** Reformation Sunday – Celebrating Our Heritage
- Nov. 3** Communion and All Saints Day Celebration
Come at **10:30 am** and visit Activity Stations located at the back of the Sanctuary.
Our stations emphasize Sainly People in Our Lives and is self-directed.
- Nov. 24** Deacons Corner Christmas Gifts for Purchase Today
- Nov. 25** Monday Thanksgiving Boxes Distributed on the Parking Lot
- Nov. 26** Community Thanksgiving Worship Service – **7:00 pm**
Cider and Donuts after the service
- Dec. 1** First Sunday of Advent; Communion; Deacons
Corner Christmas Gifts for Purchase
- Dec. 8** Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 15** Third Sunday of Advent – Special Musical Cantata
by Good Shepherd and Cowenton Choirs
- Dec. 20** Live Nativity from **6-8 pm** on the front lawn
- Dec. 22** Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at **7:00 pm**



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REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

Diana Miller, her, family & medical team; Marcie Jackson asks for Barb C., her family & Medical team, and Marcie’s son, Patrick, his family & employment; Carla Cathcart; Marcie Jackson, her family & medical team; Trista & Rikku; Eleanor Williams, her family & medical team; Linda Link’s niece, Patty, her family & medical team; Marcie Jackson’s son, Matt’s friend’s child, 2 year old Charlie M., his family & medical team; Trista’s friends, Shelly Bates & her daughter Alexis & Emaly; Marcie Jackson’s granddaughter-in-law, Caitlyn J. & her family; Norma Webster’s Niece, Kim Watts, her family & medical team; Kathy Young’s friends 5 year old goddaughter, Lexi, her family & Medical team; and Kelly Donelson’s daughter-in-law’s father, Wayne, his 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



GOOD SHEPHERD PILLOWS & BACKPACKS

Our dedicated friends and members have done it again! We have collected backpacks for 95 children to start the new school year with, and 80 Pillows to help those in need have a clean comfortable place to lay their heads. Way to go GSPC!

September Birthday’s to Celebrate

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Weston Shuttlesworth

4 Katie Pollard

6 Marcia Goldberg

9 Susan Luu

10 Hazel Morgan

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

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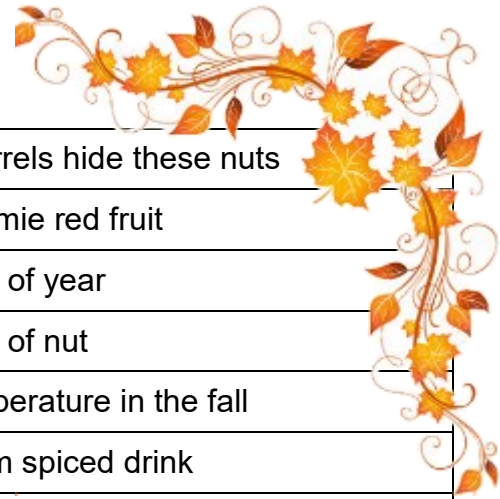


19 Michael Elonge

25 Greg Donelson

25 Stacy Howe

SEPTEMBER SCRAMBLE



1.	RONAC		Squirrels hide these nuts
2.	PLAPE		Yummie red fruit
3.	MNUAUT		Time of year
4.	TUCSSETHN		Type of nut
5.	YIHELLC		Temperature in the fall
6.	EDRCI		Warm spiced drink
7.	LLAF		One of the four seasons
8.	DGOUR		Popular fall decorative veggie
9.	RSHAVET		What you do when crops are ripe
10.	AYH		Horses eat this
11.	LBEA		Hay forms these cubes
12.	EYDIRHA		A fun Fall ride
13.	EVLSAE		The trees drop these in Fall
14.	IMZAE		A Fall spice
15.	USNT		A crunchy snack full of protein
16.	MIKUPPN		An orange Fall Veggie
17.	LIUTQ		A warm blanket made of pieces
18.	EKAR		Use this tool to clean up leaves
19.	OCESRWARC		A mannequin to scare off birds
20.	PSERTEEBM		Current month of the year

ANSWERS TO THE SCRAMBLE IN OCTOBER!

A Gift of the Jews

Teleology: The exploration into the purpose, end, or goal of both actions and objects. One of the greatest gifts that Judaism brought to the world was the timeline. Before Abraham, time was a circle, endlessly repeating year after year. The many gods over-saw and ruled that repetition. Abraham understood that Yahweh is the One God, and that Yahweh chose Abraham for a purpose, specifically to love and honor God. God, in return, gave Abraham and his descendants purpose for their lives – an end to be achieved in the future. Time still had its cycles but they were now secondary to the story of the timeline – history.

