



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Joppa

"Changing Lives and Growing in God's Love"



- Thursday, 4** **GSPC & GSCC** CLOSED for
the 4th of July!
- Friday, 5** **GSPC & GSCC CLOSED**
- Sunday, 7** **Communion Worship 11:00 am**
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Wednesday, 10** **!!!GSCC Color Party!!!**
- Thursday, 11** **Session Meeting 6:00 pm**
- Sunday, 14** **Worship Service 11:00 am**
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Wednesday, 17** **YARN Reminder!**
- Sunday, 21** **Worship Service 11:00 am**
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Sunday, 28** **Worship Service 11:00 am**
Coffee Hour After Worship





The Word of God Is Restless...



John Wycliffe (1330-1384),
 “Morningstar of the Reformation”
 – first hand-written manuscripts of the Bible in English (1380s).

We rely so heavily in our faith on the availability to read and understand the scriptures. We forget that for much of the Christian era, the text of the Bible was only available in Latin – the language of ancient Rome. Latin, though used extensively in commerce, science, theology, and politics until the 19th Century, had no native speakers – it was a dead language. So, in the great cathedrals of Europe and elsewhere, when the priest read the scriptures and performed the liturgy, no-one of the general worshipping peasantry knew what he was talking about. The priest (Or bishop, or cardinal, or Pope) was free to say pretty much what he wanted to about what God and Jesus wanted the people to do, because no-one could say anything different. One of the Pope’s greatest fears about the Reformation was the growing body of Bibles in the common languages. The restless Word of God would not be stifled. The people began to discover God’s will without the often-flawed interpretation of the church leaders. The Pope was right to be worried!

So, in this time of celebrating our nation’s independence, also say a prayer of thanks for the English Bible and the independence it has brought to our faith.

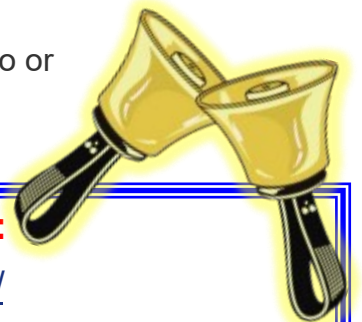
PEACE, *Pastor Kerry*

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



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BAGELS & BLOOMS

2024





Deacon Ministry

The Deacons continue to serve throughout the summer, even if schedules slow down and travel picks up. We still like connecting to each other and serving others; we are just more relaxed!

Our much loved after-church food fellowship still occurs upstairs in the Upper Room. We could always use a few more people to join a Food Prep Team, so if you feel so led, please add your name to the list posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. At Good Shepherd, we value this special time of catching up and eating together after church. Both Mother's and Father's Day Luncheons went well and were enjoyed by all.

As a follow up to our June flowers and bagels event, we extend a huge thank you to the many folks who worked their magic with flowers and who made two dozen bouquets to share with others. We are grateful to Good Shepherd friends who donated fresh cut flowers and stems and vases, provided bagels and coffee, made visits later in the day to bring cheer and good will to others, and decorated the sanctuary with beauty during worship that morning. It is amazing what we can do when we accept the "compassion" challenge that this event presents.

The Deacons spend a lot of time discussing more ways to build community and ways we can reach out to our neighborhood to meet needs and also share our faith. We are organizing for another Fall Shepherd's Mart, to be held on Saturday, September 14 (rain date is September 21). We will sponsor a Community Yard Sale again (no charge for tables), have a Big Band Concert at 11:00 a.m. (Ain't Misbehavin' Big Band), enjoy good food, and expand our outreach to children with a "Meet and Greet Your Favorite Farm Animal." Plan on bringing in treasures to share at our indoor tables, beginning in August, by putting your donations at the back of the church.

This summer we return to a favorite outreach - collecting backpacks for elementary children at Riverside Elementary. Riverside undertakes a big project of giving backpacks to children, and Good Shepherd hopes to donate as many backpacks as we can. Our backpack project runs through the first week of August. Add your donated backpack to the basket in the hallway when you come to church.

We are collecting your thoughts about Good Shepherd's Food Pantry Ministry via a Feedback Form, located on the counter as you enter church. Please fill one out so the Deacons can help to make the best decision concerning future food ministries.

Put Saturday, August 10 on your calendar to either make casseroles for the Sharing Table Ministry or to help serve food at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Edgewood. Bill Starke is the point person for this project, and Good Shepherd friends have mightily supported providing food and service on that day. A sign-up sheet will be on the office bulletin board soon for your participation.

We know there are many challenges in our community, our country, and our world. We continually give thanks for our faith and this church family...helping us to cope, comforting us when we most need it, and turning dreams into reality when opportunities present themselves. The Deacons take their cue for ministry from Romans 12:9-13: *"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."*

Chris Bohns, Moderator
Kelly Donelson Julianna Shallenberger
Michele Glenn Sue Thompson

The Yarn

Breaking News: Father's Day Luncheon HUGE Hit!

Generally, I am very appreciative of the women of Good Shepherd Presbyterian. Surely, the food was great! ***That sausage!*** ***Absolutely gourmet-quality.*** Thank you.

- Michael Elonge



Let's see what people are saying about the event!



To the women of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Thank you for as absolutely astounding celebration of Father's Day!! The food was outstandingly varied and tasty! The decorations and table statement cards were unique and fun. The take home bags were much more than expected.

I'm sure I can take the privilege of speaking for the men of the church when I say - Thank you, Thank you!!

- Bill Starke

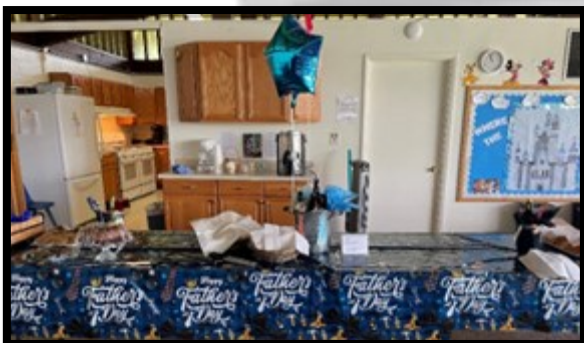
...I agree with Bill...it was delicious & I went home with a full belly...yummy...thanks again!

- Clayton Maas



I too agree with bill and Clay. The Father's and Men of GSPC greatly appreciate your efforts.

- Greg Donelson



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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.

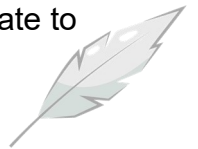
These few tips will make an easy job even easier, and more importantly, will ensure you receive proper credit for your offering.

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



A JUMP ON PILLOW SALES!

Ron Stokes took advantage of a pillow sale to donate to Harford House!



If you see great bargains on pillows or backpacks, pick them up now and save them for our special collections later in the summer.

GSCC COLOR PARTY 2024

Let us celebrate happiness and fun colors with a Color Party!

Kids will participate in a "Color Throwing Battle" by grabbing handfuls of color powder and playfully tossing it on their peers.

Watch your creations come to life and have lasting COLORFUL memories!

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CPR & AED CLASS





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REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

Barbara Park, her family & medical team; Kathy Young & Carla Cathcart's mutual friend, Donna Willnecker's Late stepmother, their family & her journey home; Carla's friend, Michelle, her family & medical team; Marcie Jackson's friend, Ronnie, her family & medical team; Carla Cell asks for her co-worker, Michelle Bennett, Older brother of her friend, Randy Kendrick, and her neighbor, Corethea (Cookie) Johnson, and their families & medical teams; Kathy's cousin, Mary Lee, & her husband, Dave Chilcot, his son the Late David Chilcot Jr, their family & his journey home; 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

<h3>DIRECTORY UPDATES</h3> <p>By now EVERYONE should have the current DIRECTORY dated "February 2024" Drag out your copy & please make these changes & updates.</p> <p>-Clay Maas</p> <hr/> <p>Funkhouser, Roberta (Bobbie) bfrosered@gmail.com (H) 410-671-4360 (C) 443-840-0736</p>	<p>Julianna Shallenberger 828 Chatfield Road Joppa, MD 21085 shallenberger.julianna@gmail.com (C) 443-558-6128</p> <hr/> <p>Glenn, Michele 572 Renee Drive Joppa MD 21085 myglenn06@gmail.com (C) 410-299-7598</p>
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July Birthday's to Celebrate

- 4 Carla Cathcart*
- 11 Clay Maas*
- 19 Dorothy Burns*

- 21 Mafese Elonge*
- 24 Allen Wronowski*

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

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GSPC CARD EVENT

