



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Joppa

"Changing Lives and Growing in God's Love"



- Wednesday, 2 Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm
Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Sunday, 6 **World Communion 11:00 am**
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Wednesday, 9 Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Thursday, 10 Men's & Women's Bible Study
10-11:30 am - Upper Room
Session Meeting 6:00 pm
- Sunday, 13 **Blessing of Our Pets 11:00 am**
Outdoor Fellowship after worship
- Wednesday, 16 Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, 15 **Book Fair Begins - Church Hallway**
Online and drop box orders
- Friday, 18 **Book Fair Ends - Seller on Site 7am-5pm**
- Sunday, 20 Worship Service 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Wednesday, 23 Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Sunday, 27 **Reformation Sunday-**
Celebrating Our Heritage 11:00 am
Coffee Hour After Worship
- Saturday, 28 **GSCC Fall Pictures**
- Wednesday, 30 Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Thursday, 31 **!!!HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!**
GSCC Costume Parade
GSCC Pumpkin Patch & Painting-
CC Families & Helpers Welcome!





*God of our life, through all the circling years,
we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.*

Friends,

I will be leaving Good Shepherd at the end of October. I have enjoyed my time among you, and I hope I have been helpful along the way. I have appreciated the way you have pooled your dedication and love for this congregation. Your cooperative spirit has brought you through the incredibly difficult trauma of COVID and put you in position for a new resurgence into the future. I am also excited for the energy offered by our newest members. I hope that all of you can learn and grow together to make Good Shepherd an even more effective witness to the Gospel in our community.

I believe the stage is also set for new cooperation between the Congregation and the Children's Center. The future of the entire Good Shepherd ministry is dependent on truly becoming a team – supporting and celebrating each other.

I wish you all God's blessing for the next part of your journey of faith.

PEACE,

Pastor Kerry



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION

Under the co-direction of Ms. Edith Grabowski and Farrel Maddox, of Cowenton Methodist Church, the combined choirs are preparing for the annual Christmas presentation.

**The members will meet for rehearsal on
Wednesday evenings.**



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

2024

A big congratulatory THANK YOU for your spectacular Shepherd's Mart extravaganza!!

Your organized preparation day, collection days and today's full yard of activities! Highly enjoyed by so many!

It also seemed truly a group of "family affairs". The Bohns family, including son and grandsons, the Donaldson family, including daughter and friend, the Andrews family making a name for themselves in hauling chairs, tables, etc., the Maas family - Clay serving as head chef; they were also - co-master minds for the event with the Bohns and Donaldson families, the Barr family; the Workmans - Gary aiding Cindy as Hamburger/hot dog venders - Jane heading inside sales with Winsome.

Then there were the lone stars, Dorothy Burns and co-pilot hawking baked goods, Mike Elonge, Pat Howe, Mary Kaye Kent, Julianna, all over the place, Gail delighting youngsters with fabulous face painting, Norma and Kathy also filling in all over the place! Just spectacular work by everyone! Thanks to Rev. Slinkard for Blessing the day! It worked!!

Cudos to those responsible for the jazz band, really great tunes and the petting zoo!

Truly a good and somewhat tiring time had by all!! Sincere apologies to those whose names are missed.

Thank you!!!!
Bill Starke



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS

**Serve Gladly; Keep the Faith; Hold on to Hope; Feel Joy;
Praise Wildly; Love More; Know Peace; Pray Hard**



The Good Shepherd congregation does these things – and so much more! The Deacons found this to be true as we offered a Shepherd's Mart on September 9 to our community. We just want to thank our congregation for helping us to connect with our neighbors in a good way; we look forward to making more connections in the months ahead. We are in the process of adding pictures to our Facebook page, so check there for a visual picture of what the day was like for our community.

October 13 Blessing of the Pets:

Pets are welcome to our sanctuary at **11:00 a.m.** for a special blessing. We'll have an informal worship service, bless our pet friends, and enjoy refreshments downstairs (or on the lawn) afterwards. Some pet snacks will be available for our four-legged friends. Please invite a friend, bring your own pet, and help us celebrate all things living. Be sure your pet is on a leash or in a carrier to avoid anything unpleasant. If you take pictures, send them to Trista and Kelly Donelson for posting on Facebook and for our next newsletter.



The Deacons will plan the remaining outreach activities for this calendar year at our next meeting on **Wednesday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m.** We may need your help in presenting a pumpkin patch event for our Children's Center the last week of October. Please look for bulletin announcements on ways you can be of service.

We are excited to continue Thanksgiving Boxes in November and to launch our Foster Children Christmas Gift Program at the end of November. More details will be shared in the November Yarn newsletter.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

There are people who work behind the scenes to help make our weekly worship experience of high quality. Many of you faithfully serve as liturgists, prepare Communion Elements and serve them, greet at the door, play and sing spiritual music, and of course, preach the Word with power. After the worship service, we gather upstairs to enjoy great food and share what's happening in our lives. We sometimes forget to say how much all of this means to us. We need each other. We need prayer and music and friendship to lift us up and strengthen us to face problems and to take the risk of sharing our faith with others.

We take this moment to say thank you to our congregation for all of the things you do to enrich our lives. We will keep you all in prayer as we plan the wonderful worship opportunities ahead in November and December – things like an All-Saint's Day Prayer Station Activity, an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, an outdoor Live Nativity, a Longest Night Service, Advent and Christmas reflections – opportunities for us to reach out to friends and neighbors and share the faith.

In Christ,
Edie and Delores
Bill and Sue
Kathy and Greg

GSPC WOMEN & MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

October 10, 2024 10:00-11:30 am

Meet in the Upper Room

Our September meeting began with prayer offered by Bob Barr. Delores Barr and Marilyn Rudolph were facilitators as we discussed information and beliefs about the rapture. Our Bible study focused on 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, where Paul wrote about Jesus coming back and the hope and comfort we have in His return. We also discussed Lesson 1 in the study guide for The Great Disappearance by Dr. David Jeremiah.

The group had many comments and questions about the second coming but agreed to be open minded about the sequence of events and insights offered by others. The most important thing we agree was that Christ will return suddenly and we need to be prepared and ready for that great day of return, resurrection, redemption, rapture and reunion—when “we shall always be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

**Our next session will be on October 10, 2024
at 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

Please read Matthew 24:36-44 and Lesson 2 in the study guide. We'd love to have you join us for this lesson as we compare the similarities of what the world was like in the days of Noah and what Jesus said about the time He will return. I wonder how many similarities there are with today's world.

Please see Delores Barr for a guide book.



HALLOWEEN PARADE, PUMPKINS & PAINTING

Thursday, October 31st (Halloween Day)

Come join us for some Pumpkin Fun!!

The Children's Center is hosting a Halloween Parade! There will be pumpkin painting, photo opportunities with the Scarecrow, and much more! Teachers and students will be dressed in their costumes during the festivities.

Families of the center- come join us for some Fall Fun!



Don't miss the

Book Fair!

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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**
- 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 Saintry 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**



CARD MAKING, SCRAPBOOKING & FUN WITH FRIENDS

Come join us for some Card Making and a peek into Scrapbooking!

Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 12:00 - 4:00 pm

We will be making 6 cards, 2 Fall and 4 Christmas. **The cost is \$15.00 for free with a \$30.00 or more Stampin' Up order.** We will provide everything needed to complete the cards, please bring your own small scissors and adhesive (tape runner or glue).

A Creative Memories Consultant will also be there to show a 2 page layout and borders class for \$10.00

Lunch will be provided!

Please RSVP no later that October 18th so that we have time to order and prep for this fun afternoon crafting.

RSVP with Susan Luu at [410-671-7988](tel:410-671-7988) There will also be a [sign-up sheet in the Narthex](#)

[Learn more from Kathy Robinson at 410-652-1277 or \[dk.robin@comcast.net\]\(mailto:dk.robin@comcast.net\)](#)

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

Gary, a worker injured at the Evonik plant in Haver de Grace; Marcie Jackson is asking for, Ray Jr., his Late yellow lab Finn's journey home, their 5th miscarriage, and Eric, his family & medical team; Jim & Jeanette Petnic, Jim's medical team & recovery; Joppatowne, our students, teachers, families, police, EMT's & other first responders; Norma Webster's friends, Linda Los, her family & medical team and Ora & her son, their family & medical needs; Sue Thompson, her family, continued recovery & medical team; Greg Donelson's Aunt, Lou, their family & medical team; Rev. Jim Shuler's Late mother, Nell Virginia "Bea" Shuler Irvin, their family & her journey home; the Late Baby Charlie, his family & his journey home; and the people suffering from natural disasters.



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

SEPTEMBER SCRAMBLE ANSWERS

1. ACORN	2. APPLE	3. AUTUMN	4. CHESTNUTS
5. CHILLY	6. CIDER	7. FALL	8. GOURD
9. HARVEST	10. HAY	11. BALE	12. HAYRIDE
13. LEAVES	14. MAZE	15. NUTS	16. PUMPKIN
17. QUILT	18. RAKE	19. SCARECROW	20. SEPTEMBER

October Birthday's to Celebrate

6 *Lamie Chiongola*

10

Dave Carey

Bennett Shuttlesworth



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

14 *Bob Barr*

21 *Ricky Ciccotelli*

27 *Becky McKemy*

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