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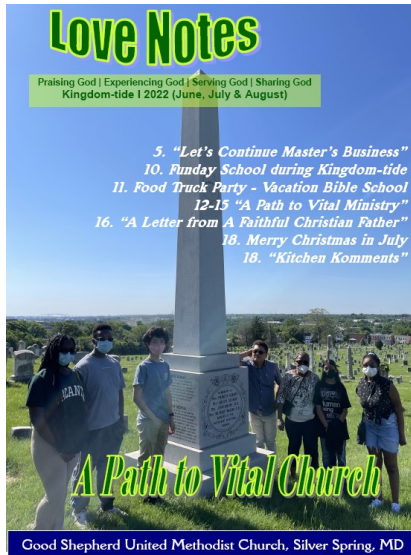
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A Path to Vital Church

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Silver Spring, MD

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SEVEN MINISTRY INITIATIVES

Sunday Morning

Good Shepherd celebrates Sunday morning as a Sabbath to the Lord and keeps it holy as a day of new beginnings. We would like to begin the first day of the week with the celebration of "Means of Grace" that shapes our future! From the faithful ordinance of Sunday morning, we shape the vital household of God.

Assimilation

We help one another to be more like Jesus Christ. Assimilation is an ongoing effort to call, equip and make disciples of Jesus Christ for God's Kingdom. There are 8 assimilations tracks Good Shepherd develops for the joyous work of the Lord, making people blessed. It is a significant part of our Spiritual Journey.

Intergenerational

Blessed by the rich heritage of Good Shepherd for more than 60 years, we would like to continue to develop intergenerational relationship among the members and friends. Honoring each generation, Silent, GI, Boomers, X, Millennials, and post-Millennials. We include all generations for their faithful discipleship and leadership to all the aspects of mission and ministry of worship, study, service and sharing.

Technology

Good Shepherd would like to take advantage of the cutting-edge technology to bring the Gospel of Christ for all, to enhance faithful connections of the members and friends of the church, and to bring forth God's Kingdom in our midst. This includes traditional methods of communication for the heavily dependant on papyrus, paper, audio and wired media.

Third Place

Good Shepherd is a third place, like "a city of refuge" (Numbers 35:6), built and consecrated by God for the people of God. It is a place like an oasis with living water. It is a house of prayer for all God's people (Isaiah 56:7). Modern sociology demands many of a desperate need of this space, which is missing from home, the first place and from work, the second place.

Glocal (Global & Local)

Outreach from Good Shepherd is not limited to a particular location in the community where it serves. Charity begins at home. At the same time we value the mission and ministry to "the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Accommodation

Good Shepherd seeks out all people just as they are. Everyone is welcome in the name of Jesus Christ—"Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World." (John 1:29b). With radical hospitality we would like to be more like Christ, who healed the sick, ate with the sinners, and sought out the lost. Good Shepherd is a household of God that Christ has opened to the children of God of all ages, classes, genders, nations, and races!

Kingdom-Tide I of 2022

All Small Group Gatherings thru Zoom Meetings

Sundays

Celebration of Worship at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 566-965-650

Passcode: 900361

Youth Hang-Out at 7 p.m.

Meeting ID: 976-1877-7352

Passcode: 914966

Storytelling with Children at 8 p.m.

Meeting ID: 964-1021-2427

Passcode: 541602

Monday

Coffee with the Pastor at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 631-887-165

Passcode: 375637

Becoming Disciple thru Bible Study at 7:30p

Meeting ID: 961-6016-5713

Passcode: 716470

The Holy Club (Young Professionals) at 9 p.m.

Meeting ID: 941-6327-7971

Passcode: 256442

Tuesday

Journey thru the Bible at 7p.m.

Meeting ID: 947-5619-4251

Passcode: 024529

Wednesday

High Noon Prayer at noon

Meeting ID: 409-666-503

Passcode: 581382

Remember Who You Are at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 875-9323-0354

Passcode: 528483

Thursday

Faith Talks at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 953-5226-0028

Passcode: 014740

Christian Believer at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 845-8194-3369

Passcode: 669555

Passcode: 007143

Get Connected

Every 2nd Sunday with Lay Preaching!

Rev. Park serves as a part-time ministry. Over the last couple of years, pastor Park had to dash to our church immediately after Sunday worship at Savage UMC, whose congregation never encounter Rev. Park after worship. DS Rev. Green suggested Rev. Park to discuss with SPRC of each church. He did.

The Council approved that Rev. Park stays at Savage until the end of fellowship, beginning Easter.

This means that Rev. Park will NOT preach every 2nd Sunday. He will come arrive later for pastoral roles in the later part of the service and events afterward.

May God bless Savage and Good Shepherd!



9050 Baltimore Street
Savage, MD

**Join the Wednesday Night Prayer
Conference Call
at 8-8:30 p.m.
Call 1-515-603-3157
Access code 809996,
option #1**

To Green Pastures and Quiet Waters ...



Graduation Sunday



Confirmation



Native American Ministries



Installation of Memorial Plaques



Welcome Banquet for Dir of Music



Confirmation Trip to Baltimore on June 4



Cake cutting & First Communion



Spotlights in Ministries



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"Bear the Fruits of the Spirit"

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WORSHIP & STUDY

11 a.m. Celebration and Worship

Adult Sunday School on Sun. 8:45 a.m.

Becoming Disciple on Mon. 7:30 p.m.

Remember Who You Are on Wed. 7:30 p.m.

Christian Believer on Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

See details on pages 8-9

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Red flames signify the historic merge of The Methodist Church and The United Brethren in 1968, which gave birth to The United Methodist Church. As a part of UM connection, we would like to bring for the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Green shade of the flames indicates God's Kingdom like "green pastures" to be unfolded as we do ministry together. The blue shade of the cross is consisted of the first two Greek letters of Christ, Xp. Through Christ the living water (John 7:38) the gathering of the faithful disciples shall bear fruits that last. (John 15:16; Psalm 1:3; 23:2; Galatians 5:22-23; Revelation 22:1-3). This vision of God's Kingdom comes from Jesus Christ, the starting point of our faith journey. Shepherd crook symbolizes our commitment to Jesus Christ—Good Shepherd! (John 10:14)

- Designed by Rev. DaeHwa Park

Faith, Fire, and Fruits

*Greetings from the Pastor
Greetings from the Pastor*

Friends,

It's summer. School is over. Students move up. High School graduates leave home for further study or for work. I hear many changes in the lives of the members and friends of the church.

Twenty-two clergy friends of mine retired this year. Nine new individuals joined the ordained ministry for the churches in our connection of the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

As the fiscal year ended in June, people particularly in the United States consider transitioning of their life to next chapter during summer time, which

serves well for a good transition. Many people consider summer retreat that avoids heat from scorching sun as well as from hectic routines of life.

I hope every one of you enjoy summer as a season for self care. You deserve a good rest from the last couple of years of the COVID pandemic era. I also keep you in prayer that you may achieve your goals in life, deepen your relationship with God, and grow on your way to harvest.

Summer is a time for work, not for rest. Often some people think that summer is time for a break. In fact, all the creature in

nature grow big and produces the full extent of their own potentials during the season of summer. Heat of summer cannot stop growing.

So, I love you to grow this summer, particularly with GSUMC. It is my faith in God through Jesus Christ who calls you and me to grow, so that we may overcome challenges in life and move onto a joyous day of harvest. For this purpose we will need to keep "fire" (passion) for the gospel.

May God bless you to bear fruits—the fruits of the Spirit.

I remember my childhood with surprises at the end of summer vacation. Some class-

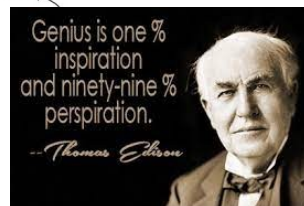
mates grow taller than expected. Others return to school with so much knowledge and experiences.

Leave your routines, yet grow. Remember, summer time is a time for weeding and pruning. Discontinue some habits that hinder your growth. Learn new things. Shed sweat. Apply what you would learn for promotion of your life.

Peace,

Rev. DaeHwa Park

Rev. DaeHwa Park
Pastor



Delegates

“Persevere in Faith, Hold and Joy”

The Discipleship Ministries team outlined the pillars of vitality, the conference’s vision of 100 percent of its churches becoming 100 percent vital. Rehoboth UMC was given the BWC’s Advocacy and Action Award; Oak Chapel UMC in Silver Spring was honored with the Wellness and Mission Award; and Emily St. Louis of Community UMC in Crofton was named the BWC’s Youth Worker of the Year. Pisgah UMC in La Plata and Hughes UMC in Wheaton were presented with \$1,000 and the One Matters Award for their discipleship.

Members passed a \$18.2 million budget and set the collection rate at 90 percent and the benevolence factor at 17.55 percent. The equitable compensation rate for clergy was increased three percent, bring the base salary to \$47, 990 and the recommended housing allowance to \$21,394. Clergy service increment up to 25 years of service was discussed. A request was made for a report about a possible standardized reimbursement rate for pastors’ continuing education, travel and other expenses to be presented at next year’s session.

Conference members approved closing Cherry Run UMC in Hedgesville; while also approving Mountain View UMC in Damascus and New Beginnings Fellowship in Jarrettsville disaffiliating from the denomination. A report was presented by the BWC Trustees that clarified the disaffiliation process for churches wishing to leave The United Methodist Church. Members of the BWC heard an update on the Boy Scouts of America Bankruptcy case on June 2.

The Baltimore-Washington Conference will use Conference reserve funds to pay its \$1.38 million share of the settlement, which will address 53 claims of sexual misconduct that were attributed to the BWC for its allocated share of the settlement.

In anticipation of the Nov. 2-5 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, BWC members endorsed the Rev. Joseph Daniels of Emory UMC in Washington, D.C., as its candidate for the episcopacy. Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 02, 2022 - Friday, November 04, 2022 · Location: Delta Hotels, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD.

After years of service for the Conference Youth Ministry, Becky Price resigned. Bishop Easterling acknowledged her service with husband, Tom Price who passed away at the beginning of the Pandemic of cancer after years of service for BWC Youth Council and Lay Member of General Conference. May God continue to bless Becky in her service for the Lord and young disciples.

The 239th Annual Conference Session is scheduled to be held in Marriott Hotel Waterfront, Baltimore May 31-June 3, 2023. Read the conference reports in details at <https://www.bwcumc.org/events/2002-annual-conference/>.



2022 Holy Conferencing

On behalf of the entire congregation, Rev. DaeHwa Park, Clergy Member and Christiana Campbell, Lay Member of the Conference participated in the virtual session of the 238th Annual Conference from Wednesday, June 1 thru Friday, June 3. Here are some highlights.

The Conference began with the executive clergy session for the examination of the clergy status and renewal of commitment. The Board of Ordained Ministry reported on an on-going study of gender, race and ministry; and shared revisions to the continuing education policy for clergy and the BWC’s sexual misconduct policies.

The Laity Session focused on youth ministries and creating disciples with a presentation from Chris Wilterdink, director of the denomination’s Young People’s Ministries, and members heard inspirational messages from high school student Cayleigh Martin of Cokesbury UMC and Jamal Oakman, a leader of the University of Maryland’s Terp HUB, part of our cluster.

On the opening worship, Bishop Esterling acknowledged the significant mission and ministry done faithfully in the midst of the Pandemic. “That is our reputation, that is our identity, that is our witness. ... There is no quit in us, Baltimore-Washington Conference. We persevere in hope, faith and joy!” addressed the bishop.

238th Annual Conference (June 1-3):

District superintendents paid tribute to 22 clergy retirees at a Service of Celebration. The lives and ministries of clergy, clergy spouses and lay members were celebrated at a Service of Remembrance. At the ordination service, the Rev. Antoine Love, preached on life, faith and the redeeming gift of relationship in a sermon entitled, “Say My Name, Say My Name.” Bishop Easterling ordained nine Elders and three Deacons, and she commissioned nine Elders and three Deacons as provisional members at a worship service. Six Certified Lay Ministers were recognized for completing their training.



Online offerings were taken and \$2,460 was collected to assist those in war-torn Ukraine, \$1,170 was given to support Africa University on its 30th anniversary, and \$1,110 was contributed to assist with resources for clergy wellbeing.

Members shared ideas on creating an inclusive, diverse, equitable and anti-racist church and world. Members passed five resolutions that give the Black United Methodists for Church Renewal caucus intentional input into decisions about the proceeds from the sale of Black churches in the BWC; endorsed the Christmas Covenant; made Salem Hispanic UMC in Baltimore a mission of the Conference; created a new position on the Action and Advocacy team to work in the area of ensuring housing for all; and called for increased and nuanced discussions about climate change.

Let’s Continue Master’s Business

By Christiana Campbell
Church Council, Chair

Grace and Peace to All,

As members of the Leadership Council of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC), we are called to serve an awesome and amazing God by leading and equipping GSUMC to awaken compassion, show mercy, and seek justice. As we do so, we are also directed to promote stewardship and hospitality, and develop programs to assist the congregation and the community we serve. With all of this in mind, Romans 12 verses 1, 4-8, and 16 states;



“And so, dear brothers, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living sacrifice, holy—the kind He can accept. When you think of what He has done for you, is this too much to ask? Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ’s body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others. God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, then prophesy whenever you can—as often as your faith is strong enough to receive a message from God. If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, do a good job of teaching. If you are a preacher, see to it that your sermons are strong and helpful. If God has given you money, be generous in helping others with it.



If God has given you administrative ability and put you in charge of the work of others, take the responsibility seriously. Those who offer comfort to the sorrowing should do so with Christian cheer. Let us work happily together.”

As we begin the second half of the calendar year let our faith in God continue to strengthen us as we go about doing our Master’s business as we use our skills and talents. I am asking all committee chairs and coordinators meet and submit a ministry plan for the remainder of **2022 for the next hybrid Leadership Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:30pm.** Moving forward, all Leadership Meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings of every other month unless an emergency meeting is called. All worship areas should meet on a regular basis to review action plans and bring recommendations to the Leadership Team for review and approval. encouraged to meet regularly on a quarterly basis.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Looking forward as we serve in the Master’s vineyard.
Faithfully submitted,



*Praising God
Praising God*

“Bear the Fruits of the Spirit”

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me. As the faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, you are called to gather and scatter. As we gather, we praise God our Heavenly Father. Come and experience the love of God as we learn the gospel of Jesus Christ. Serve God and His people. Transform all of lives with the fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control (Galatians 5:22-23).



+ Special Thanks to Liturgists:

- Jun., 12: Simeon Nomo
- Jun., 19: Sunil Christopher
- Jun., 26: Marcus Davies
- Jul., 3: Philip Palmer, Jr.
- Jul., 10: Stacey Matthews
- Jul., 17: Bintu Murphy
- Jul., 24: Simeon Nomo
- Jul., 31: TBD
- Aug., 7: Christiana Campbell
- Aug., 14: Philip Palmer, Jr.
- Aug., 21: TBD
- Aug., 28: TBD
- Sep., 4: Christiana Campbell

Worshippers of Good Shepherd are invited to be back to the Holy Word of God during Kingdom tide. A short sermon series will guild them how to live out the gospel of God with Psalms. Do not miss this great opportunity. Come and worship, and bring your spouses, children, and friends to the special revelation of God in words.



❖ Liturgical Highlights ❖

- + **June 12**, Trinity Sunday;
 - Peace with Justice Sunday (\$)
 - Lay Preaching: Admire Russell
 - Praise Band
- + **June 19**, Second Sun. after Pentecost;
 - Father’s Day: “Encountering Fathers”
- + **June 26**, Third Sun. after Pentecost
 - Choir Appreciation Luncheon
- + **July 3**, Fourth Sun. after Pentecost:
 - Independence Sunday
- + **July 10**, Fifth Sun. after Pentecost:
 - **Christmas in July!**
 - **Lay Preaching**
- + **July 17**, Sixth Sun. after Pentecost
 - Worship Dance
- + **July 24**, Seventh Sun. after Pentecost
 - Parents’ Day
- + **July 31**, Eighth Sun. after Pentecost
- + **Aug. 7**, Ninth Sun. After Pentecost
 - Holy Communion
- + **Aug. 14**, Tenth Sun. After Pentecost
 - Commissioning of (College) Students
- + **Aug. 21**, Eleventh Sun. After Pentecost
- + **Aug. 28**, Twelfth Sun. after Pentecost
 - Back to Church Sunday
- + **Sept. 4**, Thirteenth Sun. after Pentecost
 - Blue Jean Sunday

EVANGELISM

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The Act of Justice and Evangelism

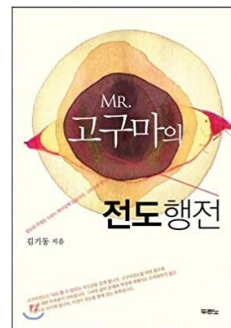
The primary task of Evangelism is to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the children of God of all ages. We have a variety of media to reach out to the seekers in our community. We send out a pastoral letter to new residents each season. Post card and Community Newspapers are also the other media. The survey shows that by the word of mouth and the demonstration of our examples as the hands and feet of God are the best known strategy to bring the gospel. Here is another way that you can be an access to the gospel. We have a magnetic bumper sticker with a domain name of the website at www.goodshepchurch.org.

For any other question or comments on Evangelism activities, please contact, **Elizabeth Sawyerr or Rev. DaeHwa Park at (202) 277-8553.**

Potato Evangelism on the Way!

Say to your love one, “Do you believe in Jesus?, Just as poking a potato with a fork. See how your targeted individual

respond to your question. If he or she reject you, consider the potato isn’t cooked. With the simple word, you sow a seed of the Gospel. The name of Jesus means “the one who saves.” Let God grow the seed.



Inviting Others

In keeping with our commitment to invite others into a loving, prayerful relationship with God, Good Shepherd is becoming more intentional about reaching out to others and receiving those who respond, relating them to God, nurturing them in faith, and sending them to serve.

Our Evangelism team leads ways in developing necessary tools and welcoming habits, and have undertaken bold new initiatives to increase the visibility of our church in the broader community and to develop a culture in which more of our members are actively reaching out and receiving others into the church. Reaching out others in the name of Christ is the responsibility of every Christian.

Invite others for worship, study and service opportunities. No greater evangelism than **the word of mouth**, which may be required for your own ownership of the mission and ministries of the church.

Committee Members

- Chair, Elizabeth Sawyerr
- Door Greeter Coor.: YoungHoon Park
- Lunch with the Pastor Co.: Bintu Murphy
- French District: Rev. Dr. Simon Nomo
- Spanish District: Roberto Velazquez
- Communication Coordinators: Webmaster: Neil Spiller
- Recoding Secretary: Leilani McConnell
- Love Notes: Wendy Barrios

Join us as Committee Members!
We welcome **young professionals !**

Welcome All just as you are!

Door Greeters

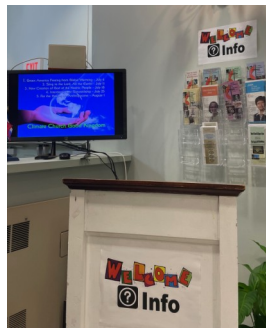


greeters

Psalmist sings, "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." (Psalm 84:10). A family with children can welcome people at the door. If you want to serve as door greeters, contact YoungHoon Park at yhoon12p@gmail.com.

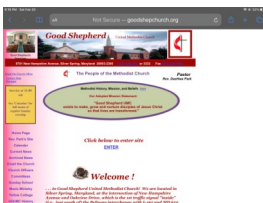
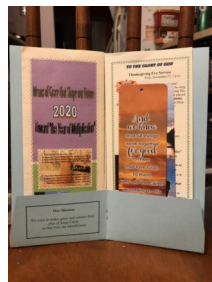
Welcome Table

Please come to the welcome table and find out what you need for the ministries and mission of the church.



Welcome table coordinator (s) prepare welcome bag with the information of the church's ministry and programs.

If you want to serve as a volunteer reception-



Our website: www.goodshepchurch.org

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Sharing God... Sharing God...

As a church, the faithful disciples, called out of many, pursue ownership of the mission and ministries of Good Shepherd UMC.



Begin with your children and spouse. You may or may not change them. God can change. Your job is to bring them to the presence of God!

Every 4th Sunday is "A Bring a Friend Sunday"

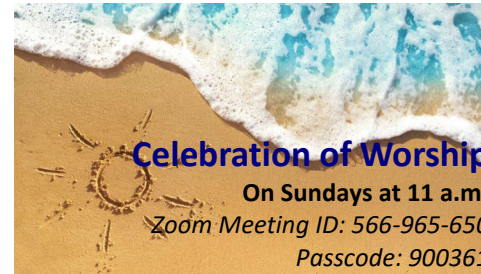
For Faithful Connection

Grab literature for the mission and ministry opportunities. Get new devotionals. Pick up newsletters, old, new or special issues for your faithful connection in the life of the church. Each Love Notes includes many useful articles and guidelines for a spiritual journey at Good Shepherd. Check the liturgical highlights, sermon outlines, and prayer concerns through the weekly Sunday bulletins.



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The Act of Worship & Music

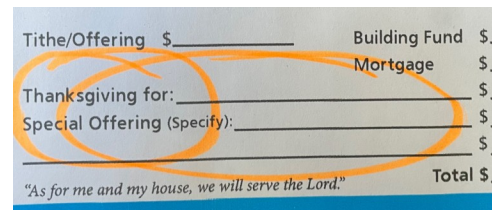


Don't forget Sunday even on your vacation is a day of the Lord to praise, experience, serve, and serve God. Use "vanco" app for your giving to God for the edification of God's Kingdom through our ministry and mission for transforming all of lives.



Give Thanks in All Circumstances

Count your blessings. Respond to them in giving. Give thanks for signs and wonders in life: Anniversaries, birthdays, healing, promotions, retirements. "Give thanks in all circumstances is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). These Thanksgiving Giving will be noticed on the weekly Sunday bulletin as "signs and wonders."



Ask Wendy in the office if you need this "offering envelop." Call at (301) 434-3331.

Sunday Worship Pattern Reinstated from July (See details on page 13)

WORSHIP

by Szu-Yi Li, Director of Music

Thank you everyone here at GSUMC for welcoming me into your fold! I appreciate the guidance of Pastor DaeHwa, who helps me tremendously with the logistics of working at the church. Special thanks to Ms. YoungHoon whose suggestions made a smooth transition possible. I am lucky to have the warm support of the chancel choir and the praise band. I appreciate everyone's passion and assistance, and I am excited to contribute to the vibrant worship taking place at GSUMC. I really enjoy working with you, and I look forward to steadily growing our repertoire.

The choir is once again looking for new members, so I wanted to encourage anyone who is at all curious to give choir a try! We sing choral works from around the world, from compositions by Bach and Handel to traditional hymns from East and South Africa. The weekly rehearsals are a great opportunity to have fun making music together and, most importantly, to serve and to glorify God.

The praise band offers a contemporary, pop-oriented musical experience, complete with opportunities to improvise, and is open to singers and instrumentalists of any experience level. Band rehearsal is on Wednesday 7:30-9pm; chancel choir rehearsals are on Thursday 7:30-9pm, and Sunday at 10:15am prior to the service. I host Zoom meetings on Thursday evening for those who live too far away to join in person. If you like to sing or play any instruments at all, I invite you to join us! Feel free to reach out to me at mses52025@gmail.com.

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Digital Study Hours That Equip Spiritual Leaders

Study is one of the defining dimensions of Christian discipleship. **Knowing God**, Bible Study and theological inquiry help us to grow in our faith, which enables us to claim the Gospel for ourselves and share it with others.



Congregational Study Event based on a Doctoral Work on "Serving God through Faithful Stewardship on Our Common Home: Equipping Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and The United Methodist Church of Savage for the Anthropocene."

Presenter: Rev. DaeHwa Park
Date & Time: August 24, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.
Zoom ID: 878 7664 1091; Passcode:017682



Coffee with Pastor - Mondays at 11 a.m.

Take advantage of this time with a cup of coffee. Meet the pastor for your own prayer concerns, comments on church's mission and ministries. Those who come to the meeting get a coffee mug with our church logo and Rev. Park's name on it as souvenir. **Meeting ID: 631-887-165; Passcode: 375637**



Meet the Pastor (Faith Talk) - Thursdays at 11 a.m.

weekly faith talk on Thursdays for Advocacy and Actions! Helps the participant explore the biblical, rational, traditional, and experiential positions of the people called Methodists. A good faith talk for mom's morning out.

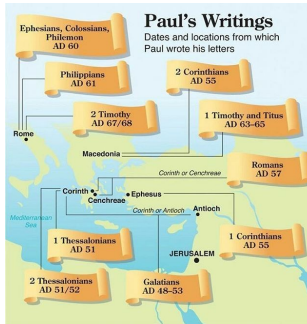
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Journey Thru the Bible - Tuesdays at 9 p.m.

To cope with biblical illiteracy, Good Shepherd offers an opportunity for you to encounter the word daily. JTB aims at the reading of the whole bible from Genesis thru Revelation at least weekly. If you are too busy to read the bible, plug yourself in this program while resting after work or while doing chores at home after dinner. You can read a chapter, or a passage for others through Zoom. Now we read all four canonical Gospels during the Kingdom Tide I: **Paul's Letters**.

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The Act of Compassion (Mission Outreach)

United Methodists continue to pray and respond to the war now being waged in Ukraine. On February 24, Russian military forces invaded Ukraine, causing hundreds of thousands of people to flee their homes. US government aid officials report that the people of Ukraine have been caught in the middle of conflict for nearly eight years, and there are currently 2.9 million in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. To assist in these efforts individuals and congregations are encouraged to give to The United Methodist Community on Relief (UMCOR) International Response and Recovery fund (Advance #982450). Make a check to Good Shepherd and write this Advance code on the check memo section.



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Your generous extra giving makes it possible to relieve life burdens for those who are in need. Rev. Park meets our neighbors in a desperate situation. If you are willing to share your monetary gift. Make a check payable to Good Shepherd UMC and write a note: **Pastor's Discretionary Fund** . 100% goes to our neighbor at the spiritual discretion of the pastor. All the disbursement records have been kept in the office. Do good for the least! Praise the Lord.



Six special Sundays are celebrated by United Methodists with churchwide offerings:

- **Human Relations Day** - Sunday before the observance of MLK Jr. Birthday
- **UMCOR Sunday**, 4th Sunday in Lent
- **Native American Ministries Sunday**, 3rd Sunday of Easter
- **Peace with Justice Sunday**, 1st Sunday after Pentecost
- **World Communion Sunday**, 1st Sunday in October
- **United Methodist Student Day**, last Sunday in November.

Christmas in July



Come join our Christmas in July on Sunday, July 10. We will sing Christmas carols with Praise Band. This is a fun and fabulous event wishing the children of God of all ages will appreciate God’s gift in Jesus - “Immanuel—God-with-us.”

We would like your to give a monetary contribution as a gift for Jesus born in the manger. With the gift we will support our children in our community local public schools. Beginning on Sunday, July 10, we will collect your gift until Sunday, August 14, so that we may provide school supplies prior to new school years.

Mark your calendar. You can send a Christmas card if you missed the opportunity during the Pandemic year. Merry Christmas in July!



KITCHEN KOMMENTS

by Leilani McConnell

After a long hiatus during the worst of the Covid plague when we did not gather after worship, we are again cautiously enjoying fellowship time.

We have had a wedding reception, a memorial reception, birthday celebrations and more.

We look forward to more such gatherings. I have a plea for future celebrations: We have accumulated scores of paper goods and plastic flatware and Sterno cans and racks for keeping food warm to the point we have NO MORE ROOM TO STORE ADDITIONS.

PLEASE – When you are planning an event, look in the kitchen pantry to see what we have. Anything there is available for use. If you want special paper goods – plates, napkins, cups – okay but PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THE LEFT-OVERS.

Again – we are out of storage space. AND – EVEN MORE IMPORTANT – DO NOT LEAVE ANY LEFT-OVER FOOD ITEMS.

If you need to ask, see Bintu Murphy or Leilani McConnell.

We look forward to future events
THANK YOU FOR
YOU COOPERATION.



Thru DISCIPLE Study launch Assimilation Tracks ...

Join small group study for biblical literacy that equips your discipleship adventure at Good Shepherd!



On Sunday, August 28, Good Shepherd will celebrate the completion of several year-long study: *Becoming Disciple through Bible Study*, *Remember Who You Are*, and *Christian Believer*. These courses have been offered for effective Lay Leadership in the area of worship, teaching, and service. Here are candidates: **Philip Palmer, Sr., Christiana Campbell, Carol Penne, Idowoo Boss-Cole, Bintu Murphy, Colleen Sampson, and Wilma Baxter** (Savage UMC).

The Holy Club - Mondays at 9 p.m. Keep you flames of faith with covenant discipleship like the twelve disciples of Jesus Christ and the young people at Oxford who started the Methodist society. This is a weekly session for Good Shepherd Young Professionals. Join this Monday church.



NURTURE

Invitation to a bilingual Bible study program (French-English)

By Rev. Simeon Nomo
sno48@yahoo.com



Do you want to bear witness of Jesus to the ends of the earth? We shall overcome a language barrier. Join us at our new bilingual fellowship with Scripture. Here is some brief

information.


Goal: reach out the French-speaking Christians for their spiritual growth.

Objectives: To reach out to the French speaking community in the area of west Silvers Spring Maryland through a dynamic bilingual Bible study and prayer meetings. We will invite our friends and friend’s family to participate in an hour Bible study weekly. After 3 months we will organize a graduation program in conjunction with membership service to celebrate those who joined the church.

Interventions: Beginning Easter season, we will hold a 1-hour Bible study in Shepherd’s Nook downstairs on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Come and learn gospels in French. Pray the Lord’s Prayer in French. Bless your friends in French. Sing hymns in French. Enjoy French fries as well.

Other Plan:
- Prayer Meetings on Saturday 5 to 7 p.m.

Funday School



Loving and following Jesus is like being a runner, the Bible says. And a special "prize" waits at the end of the race! When you're tired or your faith feels weak, trust Jesus to give you strength.

With this Summer Reading Plan, you can complete a box every day or every other day. Read the Scripture and complete each activity to grow closer to Jesus. When you reach the finish line, start over for more practice. Invite a friend or family member to "run" with you!

START

1 Corinthians 9:24-26
Run in place as long as you can. Think of ways you "run" for Jesus.


Deuteronomy 31:1-8
(focus on vs. 6)
How does it feel to know God always runs with you?

Hebrews 12:1-3
Find out what "perseverance" means. Why do runners need that?

Jeremiah 10:23
Pray that God always directs your steps.

Proverbs 3:5-6
Run backward, then in circles, then with eyes closed. Why are "straight paths" simpler?

Psalms 18:32
Memorize this verse.



We did it!

FINISH

Revelation 22:20
Pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!"


2 John 8
Play Tag, then "reward" yourself with a cold drink or treat.

2 Timothy 4:7
Draw or make a finish line and run through it.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10
Show muscles and say, "When I'm weak, I am strong."

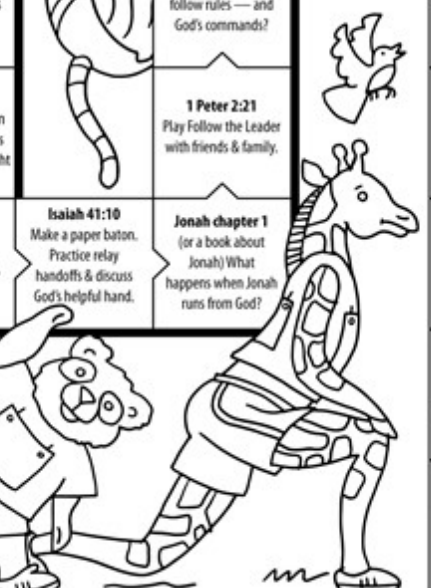
Philippians 3:13-14
Make a sign that reads "Press on!"

James 1:12
Brainstorm ways to support and cheer other runners.

<p>Matthew 18:10-14 Think of a time you "wandered off" — and how Jesus found you.</p>	<p>Matthew 24:13 Write the verse with sidewalk chalk. "Stand firm" by it and say it aloud.</p>	<p>Luke 15:11-32 (or a book about it) Why did the son run away? What makes his father run?</p>	<p>John 20:1-10 Act out Easter morning, with runners sharing the good news.</p>
<p>Psalms 119:32 Why do we need to follow rules — and God's commands?</p>	<p>1 Peter 2:21 Play Follow the Leader with friends & family.</p>	<p>Acts 8:26-40 Why did Philip run? How do you share Jesus with others?</p>	<p>Galatians 5:7 Make an obstacle course. What gets in the way of faith?</p>
<p>Isaiah 41:10 Make a paper baton. Practice relay handoffs & discuss God's helpful hand.</p>	<p>Jonah chapter 1 (or a book about Jonah) What happens when Jonah runs from God?</p>	<p>2 Timothy 2:5 Make a crown to remember your victory in Jesus.</p>	<p>Philippians 4:13 Write or tell someone your strengths.</p>
<p>1 Timothy 4:8 Do jumping jacks, stretches and physical training.</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:36 Talk about the promises God keeps to us.</p>	<p>GO!</p> 	

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Get Connected

Special Commissioning Services

can get through our Lord God, as he said and promised in Psalm 1:1- "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers. But whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who meditates on his Law Day and night". 'God Bless you both always' Love You,

During summer, there will be a few important gathering. Mark your calendars o **Sunday, August 21 for a commissioning service for College Students.** Come, join the worship service before you say a good-bye to your loved daughters and sons. We will bless them with special prayer and presents.

Dad

Notes: This letter was read on Father's Day during worship. With courtesy, the whole letter was shared by Amit Singh for other children. [LN]

Wear blue jean and **bring your business cards** (or a card with your contact information on **Blue Jean Sunday on September 4** during Labor Day weekend. You can make a name card with your own creative artwork. We will have a moment of commissioning to our work.

"Coming Soon" - Pictorial Directory

New Membership Directory will be published and help us get connected with one another. Special thanks to Elizabeth Sawyerr, Paulette Brown and Pat & Leilanni McConnell for all the arrangements & corrections; Rev. Park for layout.

Funday School Teachers' Workshop at Wesley Parlor On Saturday, August 27 At 1 p.m.

We need Funday School Teachers! Join Teacher's Workshop (See page 19)

A Letter from A Faithful Christian Father

by Amit Singh

To Dear Aakash & Aanya

Intro: Happy Fathers day to all the fathers Grand fathers and great Grand fathers. I would like to thanks Pastor Park for giving me an opportunity to express my feelings and thoughts which I have for my children Aakash & Aanya. This letter is not only for them but for all children present in this house or connected online, as these words are coming from the heart of father.

God created Garden of Eden for Adam and Eve to dwell in it. He made all things so beautiful for them as God wanted them to be happy and away from all sins. Just to let you know that we are still exploring the Garden of Eden, if we come to an end, God has given us home and a family which is our Garden of Eden, in which he has given us so many blessings. It's our great responsibility to listen to God's Will, so that we can stay with him and have all his blessings. This is what I have nurtured you both to keep listening to God and do what he wants.

The question arises where is God and how to listen to him. For this purpose, God has appointed me as the 'Father' and it's my duty to educate and walk with you in every sphere of life. Life is full of adventures and worldly things which we can enjoy either way. Walking with God or staying away from God. The decision is ours as God has said that he sends his Holy

Spirit who guide us what we have to do or which way we have to go.

Life is beautiful, but with family and friends who live according to the Will of God. That's why we do our daily family prayer every night so that you both keep in touch with God and be thankful of God for his blessings and repent for what wrong you did in that same day.



Make God your friend, whatever you do keep talking to him and asking him his direction which I had always done. Never try to be over smart or clever in your life. Instead, be humble and kind and respect one another. In this way God will love you and bless you with all your desires and he will always keep you away from all harms.

Sometimes I may be harsh but the Bible say's in Proverbs 13:24 "Whoever spare the rods hates his son but who loves him is diligent to discipline him ". Aakash has tasted this rod many times, which was only given to discipline him.

In the end I would like to conclude by saying stay close to God, keep going to Church every Sunday. Always take time to participate in Church activities in whichever way you want, as God has blessed you both with so many talents.

Everyone wants to be happy and live his life without stress and worries, all this we

Young Disciples

Getting to Know Jesus

Question: Who is Jesus?

Answer: Jesus is God's Son.

Because sin came into the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God send Jesus to come to make things right again. Jesus was born just about 2,020 years ago, and he lived in a part of the world called the Holy Land. When he was about thirty years old, he began to preach and to heal. Three years later he was nailed to the cross to die. When the people who loved him went to his grave three days later, Jesus' body wasn't there. He had come back to life, just as he said he would.

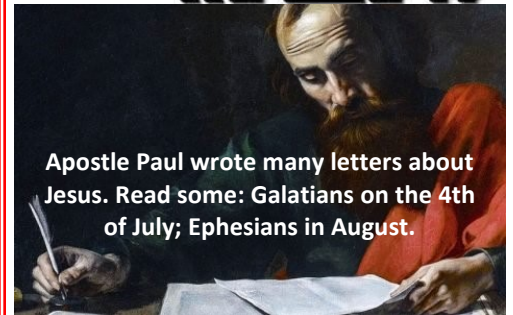
Question: Where is Jesus?

Answer: Jesus is in heaven with his Father.

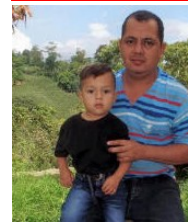
But, he has not left us alone here on earth. He sent the Holy Spirit to live with us - to make us strong when we feel like giving up, to help us to care about other people when we sometimes don't feel like it, to tell us that Jesus will always love us.

Wanted: Youth Orchestra

GSUMC would like children and youth to praise God **with voices and/or with instruments**. During summer, we will organize an ensemble who will play hymns during Sunday worship. For those who would like to join the Youth Orchestra, please contact Ms. Szu-Yi Li. **Praise the Lord!**



Apostle Paul wrote many letters about Jesus. Read some: Galatians on the 4th of July; Ephesians in August.



Deybin and his family of Honduras give thanks to God for our partnership. With \$38.00 per month, we can send Deybin to an elementary school. If you want to support this project, please make a check payable to GSUMC: Sponsoring a Child. All the donations will be acknowledged as your giving to church. During the Pandemic year we supported Deybin with \$494. Questions? **Call Christiana Campbell.**

Faithful Connection of Children and Youth amid the Pandemic

Funday School For Kids Now with Kids Sunday Bulletins! Available on Sundays

Youth Hang-Out
Sundays at 7 p.m.
ZoomID: 976-1877-7352
Passcode: 914966

Storytelling with Children
Sundays at 8 p.m.
ZoomID: 964-1021-2427
Passcode: 541602

Vacation Bible School that Bring Children to Jesus

Food Truck Party VBS invites children of all ages to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! Using Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread," **children are invited to pray as Jesus teaches.** These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God - and our daily needs are met by God.

Through stories in both the Old and New Testaments, this VBS opens kids' eyes to the countless ways God provides, loves, and cares for us while inviting them to join God in providing, loving, and caring for others. **The goal of Food Truck Party is to help children build on the practice of using daily prayer to turn to God for their needs** - and also to serve as the hands of God in ensuring that the needs of others are met.

Children at Good Shepherd (K-5) will gather on Monday June 27, thru Friday, July 1 with fun activities with **singing,**

storytelling, and cooking events. Take home handout will help children live out the gospel of Jesus in their daily lives.

VBS is not an extended Sunday school program, but a special outreach to evangelize young disciples.

Parents, send your children and their friends in your neighbor. Help children to come to faith with your presence and transportation during the session.



Come and See!

- Session 1. God Provides Manna and Quail**
"God Is Great" (Exodus 16)
- Session 2. Elijah, the Widow, and the Endless Oil**
"God Is Good" (1 Kings 17:8-16)
- Session 3. Daniel and Friends Easting the Good Stuff**
"Let Us Thank God for Our Food!" (Daniel 1)
- Session 4. Jesus Feeds the 5,000 Plus**
"By God's Hands We All Are Fed!" (John 6:1-13)
- Session 5. Jesus Cooks the Catch of the Day**
"Give Us, Lord, Our Daily Bread!" (John 21:1-17)

Good Shepherd UMC
Jun.27-Jul.1
 10a.m.-Noon
Register NOW!
 Questions? Call (301)434-3331
Vacation Bible School



For Vital Church

"Will you Join the Full-time Ministry Task Force?"

From the first year of his ministry, Rev. Park started Disciple study, especially for the purpose of equipping spiritual leaders who would make a difference. In 2020 four graduates of Disciple Study began to serve as the core leader of Evangelism Committee (Chair, Elizabeth Sawyerr).

From Spring 2020, GSUMC Renaissance was balked by the COVID-19 Pandemic. GSUMC never stop working for the path to full-time ministry. I continued to call and equip spiritual leaders through other study opportunities: "Into the Word, Into the World," "Jesus in the Gospels" in 2020 -2021; "Becoming Disciple through Bible Study," "Remember Who You Are," "Christian Believer" in 2021-22, along with several other small gatherings, such as "Journey thru the Scripture" & "Holy Club," Young Adult meeting on Monday evenings, "Coffee with the Pastor" on Tuesdays, "Meet the Pastor" on Thursdays, "Youth Hang-Out" on Sunday evenings, and "Story -telling with Children" on Sundays during summer.

This year GSUMC asks worshipers to count God's blessings even in the midst of economic downturn. **With giving thanks to God in all circumstances,** GSUMC will achieve another important goal of full-time ministry.

Last year, SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) compiled the full-time ministry by updating "Congregational Profile, in preparation of the Charge Conference. The Congregational Profile contains two sections: the church's missional goals and financial commitment for a full-time ministry. SPRC came up the clergy compensation with minimum clergy compensation.

However, this package was not convincing District Superintendent and Conference Cabinet for full-time appointment this year. I hope we can do that this fall. For this task, the SPRC and the Council must work hard in faith that God will bless GSUMC.

As a matter of the fact, the fulltime pastoral ministry alone will not bring a vital ministry. But the full-time ministry is critically important for a vibrant and vital ministry of the church. With the dedicated servant leadership, the whole church shall work together. Clergy and laity, children and grown-up should work together for a fun and fabulous works of God. My fellow members, let u grow as our church prospers!

With full-time ministry, the patterns of Sunday morning will be changed a lot. For examples, there will be two worship services in the morning with fellowship meeting in-between for out-going and incoming. Depending on the congregational needs, one service can be traditional the other emerging, family worship. Many small groups and healing activities will take place at the time of either service.

With administrative meetings and other committee meetings, and bible studies and prayer ministry, GSUMC will be a third place - "A house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7) and adding its members daily.

Now, in the name of Jesus Christ, I calls a **Full-Time Ministry Task Force.** Those who love to make it happen, please sign up. The sign-up sheet is found in the tear-off portion of Sunday bulletin. [LN]

“What are your wildly important goals?”

More and more members of our church gather only Sundays, not every Sunday. Many people commute a long distance. Children are all over in our community, but not a handful children in our church who are from the community where our church is. Sunday School struggles with unpredictable attendance of the children of the members, because their attendance is heavily dependent on the observance of Sunday worship of the parents. Some leaders of the church prefer their leadership activity limited on Sundays. Few are willing to pursue weekday activities.



I raised a serious question to the 4 DX team concerning identity of Good Shepherd to its members declining and scattering away from the church as well as to new neighbors increasing in number. For Good Shepherd who are we for one another? How are we recognized by our neighbors?

The 4 DX Team diagnoses the current state of the church and suggests an immediate act with following questions.

First, what are your wildly important goals. Here are few findings from the team: GSUMC is situated in a transit and cultural hub. Yet, the current building and land are not properly used by the church, especially for the ministry of transforming souls. So, we can do life transforming ministry in the parking lot and with playground. We can build a pavilion with a stage, GSUMC can offer a sacred ground for the community.



No child plays at our playground with broken swings and seesaws. GSUMC must secure the parking lot breached by many. Outdoor sign is not lighting at night. Our steeple looks awful like a ruin.

Secondly, who would commit to achieve the goals? Rev. Park says without delay to the question: Disciples, the learners of the gospel of Jesus Christ, not the teachers of the law. Disciples with the mind of Christ will “tend” the crowd like sheep without shepherds - good shepherds who love to lay down their lives for others! True disciples know the needs of the flock of the church and work diligently to meet the need. One of wildly important goals for reaching out sheep without shepherd for 4 DX team was to get a bus to transport people without cars.

Thirdly, what changes should be made in order to discontinue leadership habits that hinder Good Shepherd Renaissance and promote constructive future?

I envision a vital church with **Seven Ministry Initiatives (see inside page of the cover)**. A church that makes every effort to meet on Sunday and then beyond Sundays. ... A church with many faithful disciples who love to disciple others through assimilation—helping others to serve the Lord and His people! ... Creating the church as a third place that is missing in the lives of today’s people. A church celebrates trans-generational blessings of God. A church serves not only local constituents but also global companions of Christ. A church opens to all God’s people with radical hospitality.

Young Disciples



Children, come and worship, come and worship, Jesus Christ New Born King! We celebrate CHRISTMAS IN JULY. Come and **take a seat in the middle of the sanctuary. Your seats are reserved!**



Parents, bring up your children with faithful observance of the Lord’s Day. Let your children sit together with other pals. We will encounter and offer children’s message there. Children will be surrounded by other worshipers.

[from page7 “Music Ministry”]

I am **looking for volunteers to perform special music for July and August.** Let me know if you are interested, and we can discuss repertoire. I can accompany singers and instrumentalists, or put you in touch with other people who are interested in performing in duets, trios, and the like. Rehearsals will be at the church.

The praise band plays during the months of July and August, and will take September off. The Chancel choir rehearsals will end on June 26, and resume on August 29, prior to Labor weekend. [LN]

[from page7 “Sunday Worship Reinstated...”]

During COVID-19 Pandemic era, our service patterned was simplified or avoiding any close contact among the worshipers.

Children are invited to sit around the baptismal font. Children’s message will take place there.

Offering Plate will be placed at the chancel area. Givers may come forward for their giving. Offertory was played instrumentally to keep choir singing toward the givers who approach toward the chancel area for their giving. Doxology will be sung immediately prior to the prayer of thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer.

At the time of **Gospel Lesson**, congregation may stand as a crucifer carries the cross, and the bearer of the gospel bring to the portable lectern in the nave. Reader will read the gospel among the crowd.

Communion may be served by intinction with an option for pre-filled elements. The participants may kneel at the chancel area as needed.

There will be lay preaching on **Second Sundays** with praise music.



A Path to Vital Ministry: Good Shepherd Renaissance

by Rev. DaeHwa Park

In Spring 2019, our church made an inevitable decision for the part-time pastoral ministry. The primary reason for the decision was due to the abrupt decline of worship attendance, according to the District Superintendent. As the after pastor, appointed to a church that experienced a significant pastoral change, I had to meet SPRC for details.

From its founding days of the 1950s, Good Shepherd has gathered multi-cultural mix of Black and White. The congregation was very active in outreach with 600 members. The members were proud of their being diverse and open to the community. Over the last decade, however, the demographics of the community changed with the Caucasians leaving, African Americans replaced with many West African immigrants and Hispanic and Latino immigrants rapidly increasing. Despite Good Shepherd should reach to these new demographics.

With financial hardship, directly caused by the sudden decline, the Council had to receive a part-time pastor with 60% of minimum compensation package.

In July, Good Shepherd was paired with the United Methodist Church of Savage ("Savage"), for the purpose of supporting a full-time pastor.

Savage is a Caucasian congregation established in the town of Savage, north of Laurel, Maryland as early in 1880s.

This lovely congregation is so intimate one another and small enough to know everyone's concerns and joys. Savage kept Rev. Park as a part-time clergy with 40% of clergy compensation share with GSUMC.

But, GSUMC's SPRC and I was convinced by District Superintendent Rev. Green that with this new pastoral appointment GSUMC would restore its vital ministry with the full-time pastoral appointment within next 6 months.

Working with SPRC and the Council, Rev. DaeHwa Park sought for a full-time ministry. However, the Committee on Finance saw the reduced revenue from the passing of several givers with significant amount as well as reduction of pledge as the direct causes that delayed GSUMC from restoring to the church with a fulltime pastor.

Trustees pointed out the church building in need of major repairs, not done over time. Mortgage pay has been burdensome. Furthermore, failure of two heat pumps in 2019 and yearlong roof leak. But, with generous donations of a few individuals, two heat pumps were replaced before the end of 2019. Roof was repaired.

While attending at FLA (Financial Leadership Academy) a tri-conference event, I started a 4DX group with Lay Leader, SPRC Chair, a Young Adult, and staff and explored attainable goals and strategies for a path to the full-time ministry, with an idea of "Good Shepherd Renaissance."

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Prov. 29:18)

Our Future

The 4 DX team discovered several important factors that would affect the vitality of the church. GSUMC should have paid attention to them over the last decade. Consequently, GSUMC came to face hardship in ministry.

The 4 DX team examined strengths and weaknesses of the current ministry. Here are findings. GSUMC has been a multi-ethnic congregation with active mission activities. Compared to the mission outreach, discipleship and evangelism were not done as they should be.

To restore the vitality of the church, 4 DX team, listed **several wildly important goals**. GSUMC should gather the lost; strengthen the ownership of ministry; and reach out new neighbors rapidly increasing in the community where GSUMC is located! I recognized three core target groups of the parish: **1) Silver Sophisticated (Elderly); 2) Single starters (Young professionals); 3) Culturally connected—immigrants.**

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Comforter's House Chapel ("CHC"), a Ghanaian congregation already deeply engaged in the ministry for new neighbors.

CHC remodeled the basement of Jackson building and spread Pentecostalism not only for Ghanaians but for Hispanic and Latinos.

Agape Seventh Day Adventists Church meeting on Saturdays have actively reached out Hispanic and Latinos in the exactly same parish of our own, particularly through bi-annual revival services. Both Agape and CHC advertize their ministry with the several images of our own church building and street address.

4DX:

- 1.) Focus on the wildly important. Strategic goals & performance measures.
- 2.) Act on the lead measures. AKA our measures tracked monthly.
- 3.) Keep a compelling scoreboard. Performance Management System.
- 4.) Create a cadence of accountability. Don't let the whirlwind stop progress.

4DX is NOT a new project. It is a framework to more efficiently and effectively execute what we already do.

4DX is a continuous process, not a one-time event.

There is **another congregation**, meeting in blue tents every Thursday. About two

years ago, few individuals were giving away free breads and vegetable in our church parking lot. We learned that the individuals were not simply giving away food for the hungry, as they would say, but organizing a religious group. When their very nature was revealed, they moved to the other side of Mt. Pisgah Road. Now they praise God and pray in the tents. The worshipers park their vehicles in our parking lot.

Our parking lot has been occupied by large trucks and numerous automobiles of those who shop at a farmer's market. But, we have not proclaim the gospel of Jesus for those who come and go. "The harvest is plentiful, but workers are few" (Matthew 9:37)!