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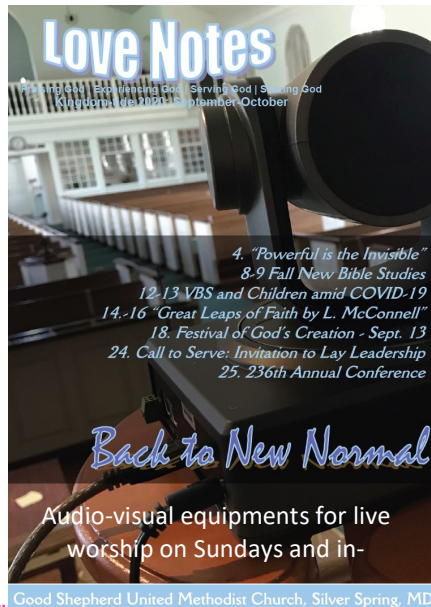
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Thanksgiving, Advent-Christmas

## 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 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-edged 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 dependants 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. 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!

Spotlights in Ministries



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"Sharing the Good Shepherd Story"

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**WORSHIP & NEW STUDY**  
 Through online (zoom)  
**11 a.m. Celebration and Worship**  
*Into the Word Into the World on Mon. 7 p.m.*  
*Jesus in the Gospels on Thurs at 9 a.m.*  
*Disciple: Becoming Disciples thru Bible Study*  
 on Mon. at 7:00 p.m.  
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## “Powerful is the invisible”

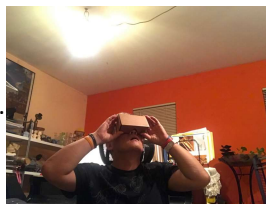
Friends,

Many of us here and overseas have been afraid of something invisible. Usually we fear from something look dangerous and frightened. We are careful. Be cautious is a common greetings for our love ones when we part for business or daily routine. We want our beloved to be happy and healthy always and everywhere. I want you to be well, as I have kept you in my prayer all the times.

This year, many of us have been terrified by the presence of Corona virus 2019, which is not visible with our own naked eyes. Several days of incubation period made us very uncomfortable. Whenever we had to gather, we had to be mindful of the infection of the invisible virus.

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic this summer was the first summer that we were unable to take a family summer trip. Rather than visible dangers on the way than invisible infection of corona virus persuaded family members to stay away from other tourists in several attractions. So, I had a chance to have my own “virtual” journey to Glacial National Park, India, Holy Land, and Mars. VR (Virtual Reality) technology popular to young people nearly addicted to online game contributed a bit for my own experience on natural beauty.

Looking back days of my own life, yes, I had moments with fears and threats: fear that I may fail in the academic works, fear that I may break out cherished relationships, fear that I may become broke financially, fear that I may lose my aging friends and parents,



## Creations from the Pastor Greetings from the Pastor

and/or fear that I may lose my faith.

Friends, I would like to speak to you about the sense of assurance. By faith we are loved and saved. With the assurance, which is invisible but so sensible presence of God, I strongly believe that you are going to be fine.

I didn't pay much attention to VR technology over the last decade. Now, it has opened my eyes to see something invisible or unreachable be grasped by faith.

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see” (Hebrews 11:1).

Invisible virus may irritate our willingness to gather to praise, experience, share and serve God in the life of the church.

“Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against devil's schemes, ... stand firm with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith.” (Ephesians 6:11-15)

“He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born over all creation. For by him all things were created: ... visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. (Colossians 1:15-16)

Put a mask or face shield and come to church and go to places where the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be.

Peace,

*DaeHwa Park*

Rev. DaeHwa Park



## Musings While Quarantined

## VIEWS

By Leilani McDonnell

Here we are in the third month of self-quarantine. We miss seeing our friends in person and being together in church – thanks, ZOOM, which we learned, for helping us keep in touch. We are weary of masking and staying 6 feet apart when we do leave home for groceries or other necessities. We have had remote doctors' appointments but haven't had a haircut. Someone said we should all take photos of our "Covid hair" to laugh at later.

We ache for those whose jobs have been lost due to shutdowns, especially those low-wage earners, and the businesses that may not survive. We miss the library. We personally feel guilty we cannot safely volunteer because we are among the most vulnerable.

We have watched way too much TV and put together several 1000-piece picture puzzles and done endless Sudoku or crossword puzzles and found small cores around the house. Were I still working I would surely be at the hospital caring for Covid patients. I so applaud the medical and nursing staff and first-responders who have truly earned their stars in heaven.

I have mused about my own mortality since if afflicted I would most likely not survive the virus. That led me to ponder the great beyond and think about all the questions I want answered when I join that otherworldly throng:

How do the paper clips in my desk drawer get so conjoined? I have to work hard at separating them when I want to use one.

Why, when I download a document, is there often a last page upon which is printed "this page deliberately left blank"? when a) the page is obviously NOT blank and b) why should a blank page be included, in the first place?

How do birds create the most amazing nests without hands? We have one stuffed behind a drain pipe at the front of our house.

I could never make one of leaves and twigs that would hold anything like precious eggs.

How do tender green shoots grow and thrive through concrete or other apparently impermeable surfaces?

Why, given we are all made in the image of God, and have inherent goodness, in 2020 do we still suffer the ugliness of racism? I well remember the 1968 riots in DC after Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed, and the sad deaths and subsequent events of recent weeks have been heart wrenching.

I have had to re-examine my own prejudices. Being born a Caucasian I admit I took whatever privilege that afforded me for granted – actually did not recognize it – and was, in retrospect, too long insensitive to the daily indignities and even dangers of living while black. My nephews didn't have to have "the talk" from their parents and did not, as far as I know, fear police nor experience being challenged while shopping, or going about their business.



### “Back to New Normal”



**Kingdom-tide  
Event  
Schedules  
on page 18**

Man-made abuse of resources, rather than God’s providence has caused us to face global warming through serious climate change. This year we are experiencing an unexpected plague from corona virus-19. These challenges put us in the pandemic situation. We are at the verge of unknown epidemic era of Anthropocene. Good Shepherd gathers in the faithful disciples of Jesus Christ to face New Normal with bold faith. Come back to church. Come back to God. Refocus on your commitment. Reconcile with God and with one another. Reset your spiritual journey here. Reset it well!



September 6

### Celebration of Worship thru Zoom

**On Sundays at 11 a.m.**  
Meeting ID: 566-965-650  
Password: 900361

For facebook view, please **request** friends at Facebook.com/DaeHwa.Park



### “Giving” is an Act of Worship

By Committee on Finance



**Pledge is  
an act of faith  
in giving!**

We give thanks to God for your generous giving for the mission and ministry of the church. COVID-19 does not allow us to gather in the sanctuary for Sunday worship. Many programs were postponed or offered in online.

As we never stop praising God, we will continue to serve the Lord in all that we do.



In October, we will start annual Steward Campaign with a theme, “Together We Get Through This.” We will find ways to rediscover a grander vision of opportunity in crisis.

Ask your self why you come to church and why you give. Hear from the same question from other companions in Christ. You will receive a brochure that illustrates the mission, vision, values and believes of our church. Find your place in the joyous works of the Lord here in a green pasture. Pray for your/our church, we all work together to bless people by the gospel of Jesus Christ, that all may find transformation in life. The pledge Sunday will be on Sunday, November 1: All Saints Sunday. [LN]



## The Act of Worship

### Let Everything that Has Breath Praise the Lord

By Elizabeth Dummas Schneider  
Director of Music

*"I will offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord." Psalm 27:6*

I will always remember Thursday evening, March 12, when our activities were suddenly brought to a standstill. I heard the government stay-home mandates while teaching a youth orchestra class, then learned of the BWC shut-down during that same evening's choir practice. I was so dismayed that all this happened and was privately thinking "the day the music died." So, for everyone's protection, our choir members continued to meet online from March to June, and we shall continue to have an online zoom invitation once we resume in September. The online component may continue indefinitely, with a laptop open next to the piano for anyone unable to attend in person. It may extend our reach and allow more members to participate who already - for reason of distance and schedule - found it difficult to come: if so, then this shall be one great blessing within the tribulation!

As your church music director, I take my fellow worshippers' health very seriously and if needed, will continue with only instrumental, solo or small ensemble music until we have more assurance of safety. That being said,

we still need to learn what measures might afford a safe environment for this vital aspect of Christian expression. We often hear about groups that have ignored recommended precautions and gathered for parties or other events that have led to a high number of COVID-19 infections among participants. The problem has been as severe among people who gathered socially as it was among the few choir rehearsals that led to infections and gave rise to the concept of singers as "super spreader" despite the absence of evidence that the aerosol output of singing is greater than that of speaking – given all our individual variations.

From the September 2020 volume of The American Organist I learned of recommendations from a juried medical panel collaborating with musicians to author "Safer Singing During the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic: What We Know and What We Don't" published in the Journal of Voice and available free at [jvoice.org/article/S0892-1997\(20\)30245-9/fulltext](http://jvoice.org/article/S0892-1997(20)30245-9/fulltext). (When I see all these long addresses I just keyword search, and I did indeed find the article without copying that jargon!) This article details research initiatives suggesting eleven specific suggestions to guide returning to singing with as much safety as possible. It is likely to be practical in some settings and not others.

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October 4



October 18



Reformation  
Sunday  
October 25





## “Digital Study Hour” That Makes Difference

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. COVID-19 Pandemic never stop Good Shepherd to offered study. Currently, Sunday School events are on hold with COVID-19. We are glad to see children and youth seen in our live streaming service at 11 a.m. Please send us contact information of your children: their emails or your emails. You as parents can join “Children’s Hour” with your children. After VBS, children wanted to include “sing along.”

Elizabeth Schneider immediately responded to the request. Children with Storytelling is ready for an act of children worship in the near future.

**Meeting ID: 964-1021-2427**

**Passcode: 541602**

For those who would like to serve the children’s ministries, please do not hesitate to contact either Christiana Campbell at (301) 518-1953 or Rev. DaeHwa Park at (202) 277-8553.

FYI, there is **Youth Hang-Out** scheduled on Sunday evening at **7 p.m.** Your teenage young disciples can join it simply with their mobile phone.

**Meeting Id: 633-940-051**

**Passcode: 029061**

## Journey thru the Bible

To cope with biblical illiteracy, Good Shepherd offer 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 choirs at home after dinner. You can read it a chapter or a passage for others through Zoom. Now we read History: Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel.

**Meeting ID: 947-5619-4251**

**Passcode: 024529**

**Tuesdays at 7 p.m.**

One of ways you live out scriptural ways of life is to carry your own bible. Some

of you have bible app on the mobile phone. I prefer bible in print. Begin a day with 15 minute reading of the scripture. Read a chapter from Proverbs each day. 31 chapters of Proverbs will suit you with reading each day with each chapter, for example reading chapter 15 on the 15th day of each month.



The best bible translation is NIV: New International Version, 1984. ESV, English Standard Version (2001), has been alternative by many when NIV distorted nearly 4,000 verses with bias on gender issues. NKJV (New King James Version) is a good choice. [LN]

**Thru DISCIPLE Study launch Assimilation Tracks ...**



**Into the Word Into the World**

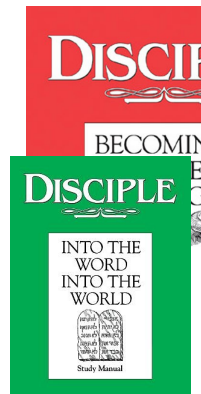
**Becoming Disciples...**

Focusing Genesis and Exodus of the Old Testament as well as Luke and Acts of the New Testament, the participants learn the will of God for Jews and Gentiles. Through the study, the participants will explore the signs and wonders at work in their service as fishers of men. New course for Evangelism and Witnessing team! Prerequisite: Becoming Disciples ...

**Zoom Meeting ID: 943-9049-1404**  
**Passcode: 209639**  
**Mon., at 7 p.m.**

Becoming Disciples thru Bible Study is designed to develop strong local churches through the in-depth study of Scripture. Through DISCIPLE, persons are strengthened in their faith and guided into service and ministry. Strong, biblically nourished leadership will help your church grow in vitality and Christian discipleship.

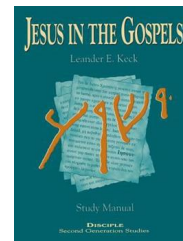
**Zoom Meeting ID: 961-6016-5713**  
**Passcode: 716470**  
**Wed., at 7 p.m.**



**Jesus in the Gospels—Thursday 9 a.m.**

JIG is a second generation of bible study with gospel comparisons. The participants zoom in theological insights of each gospel writer, Matthew, Mark and Luke—the eyewitness of Jesus Christ. During the first 20 weeks, the participants will learn how to read the scripture with the theological contexts of Jesus’ days. With the synoptic understanding they will read the gospel of John, known as the fourth gospel. Great opportunity for Sunday School teachers.

**Zoom Meeting ID: 912-9923-1991 Passcode: 552624**



**“An Hour with the Pastor”— Mon. & Thurs. at 11 a.m.**

**Coffee with Pastor - Mondays**

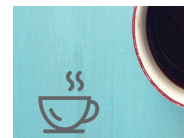
Take advantage of this time with a cup of coffee. Meet the pastor for your own prayer concerns, comments on church’s mission and ministries. Those who come to the meeting get a coffee mug with our church logo and Rev. Park’s name on it as souvenir.

**Meeting ID: 631-887-165**  
**Passcode: 375637**

**Meet the Pastor - Thursdays**

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.

**Meeting ID: 953-5226-0028**  
**Passcode: 014740**





### Mission Updates

This year, due to the Covid-19 situation, our normal school supply collection has changed. We've been in contact with the schools (two native American and one local) to see how to best serve them.

1. **Broad Acres**, being in Montgomery County, will not be opening this fall (virtual learning only), so they do not need typical back packs and school supplies. What they need are store gift cards for clothing for the children as many of many have outgrown their clothes and their parents aren't working so there is no money to buy new ones (many are wearing pajamas all day because nothing else fits). So Good Shepherd will donate gift cards so that children will have clothes.
2. **Enemy Swim in South Dakota** will be opening in-person classes. They have a low risk of Covid-19 in their area but are still being very cautious. They have provided us with a list of exactly what school supplies they are going to need. We will drop ship what we donate directly from stores.
3. **Rehoboth Christian School in New Mexico** will be trying to work out a hybrid of in-person and virtual classes. It isn't possible to do 100% virtual classes because students are spread over a very large area – many without internet and wi-fi access availability. We will make a monetary donation their cleaning and computer supplies.

For our own safety and the safety as well as the wishes of the schools, no collection or shipping of items will be done from our church. Instead we are collecting money. In place of your normal contribution of supplies, we hope you will make a significant monetary donation to be shared between the three schools to help them start a successful school year. Please earmark online and check donations for **Christmas in July**. You can contribute today through the end of September.

Questions? contact Janice Taggart, Vernice Lee or Carol Penne.

Janice Taggart,  
Missions Committee Chairman

#### Pastor's Discretionary Fund Esp. COVIND COMMUNITY FUND

Your generous extra giving makes possible to relieve life burdens for those who are in need. Rev. Park meets our neighbors in desperate situation, who especially are not eligible for government aids during COVID-19 Pandemic. According to recent report from the Committee on Finance, we are very low on the Discretionary Fund without having Holy Communion, where extra giving raised the fund.

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.



## The Act of Compassion (Mission Outreach)



Christ invites us to a life of service by His example. Service is the Christian's response to the love of God made known to us in Christ—as God has cared for us, we care for one another. Service is the way we live our faith. We serve God by sharing our time, talents, and treasures—financial resources with others in our congregation, community and world.

### ***[Mission Updates Cont'd]*** ***By Janis Targgart***

This year our school supply project is much different due to Covid.

We drop shipped \$400 worth of school supplies directly to Enemy Swim Day School in SD. They had provided a list so we were able to send exactly what was needed.

As for our local elementary school Broadacres, since they are closed and doing all their classes virtually what they needed most was gift cards. Children outgrow their clothing and some of their families are unable to buy new. Due to the pandemic the school building is closed and they have no way to collect, store or distribute clothing. We donated \$400 worth of \$20 Target gift cards to be given out to those in most need.

We will continue our school project through September. You can donate to the project - mark your check or online donation Christmas in July. (We will be donating to our 3rd school Rehoboth Christian School in NM in September)



### **[From page 7** **Musing While Quarantine]**

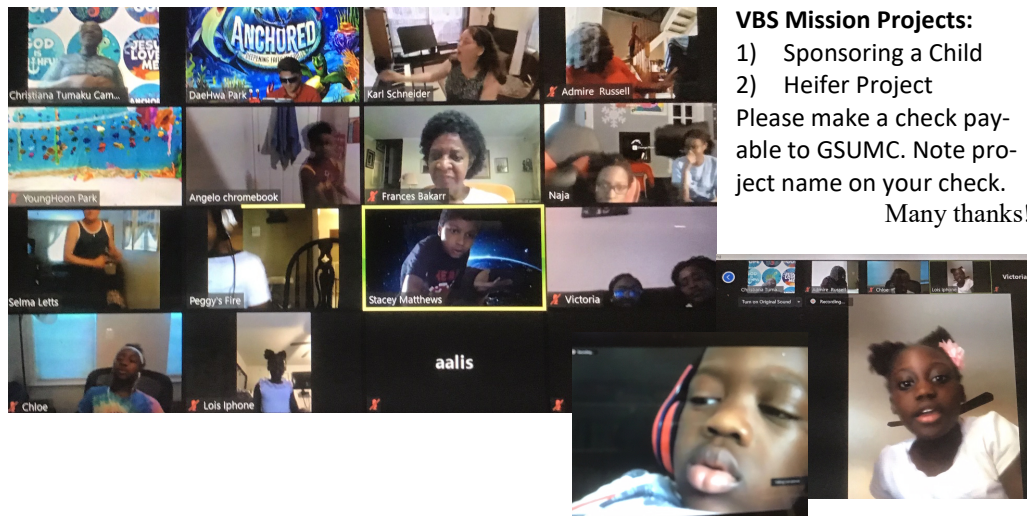
I have heard so many stories from young and older black men, no matter their economic or professional status, being victims of humiliating encounters with white folks who suspected them of being up to no good. I heard the hysteria of the woman in Central Park calling 911 because a black bird-watcher asked her to leash her dog. I heard Michael Starr Hopkins, a Democratic party strategist, telling CSPAN one morning his mother gave him specific instructions to follow when he went to the store: “show your hands at all times”. “don't touch anything you are not buying”, if ,approached, “look the cop in the eyes and politely answer any questions”. He added her cautions were not to keep him from getting into trouble, but to make sure he got home again. Chilling.

I pray some good will come from the issues raised by the protests, and that real reform can happen. Let's identify all the ways oppression is exerted on so many among us and really fix it. We must seriously consider our votes, hold incumbents accountable, and support all efforts for social reforms. It is way past time.

Leilani McConnel

# Vacation Bible School

From June 29 thru July 2, a dozen of children joined Vacation Bible School. Despite COVID-19 Pandemic, everyone has great time with songs, dance, bible stories and craft activities. Early this year, we planned for a weekend event, with a two days lessons one with Apostle Paul and Jesus risen from the dead. Rev. Park wrote two more lessons: Noah's Ark and Jesus Walks on Water to expand it for the whole week. Each day 15-24 children and siblings join the event. On Monday, 13 zoom views, 51 through Facebook. On Tuesday 12 through zoon, 64 thru Facebook; on Wednesday, 16 thru zoom and 53 thru Facebook on Thursdays 17 thru zoom and 63 thru Facebook! Here several moments in pictures. [LN]



**VBS Mission Projects:**  
 1) Sponsoring a Child  
 2) Heifer Project  
 Please make a check payable to GSUMC. Note project name on your check.  
 Many thanks!

Special thanks to Teachers: Mrs. Christiana T. Campbell; Mrs. Admire Russell; Mr. Matt Letts; Dr. Elizabeth Schneider; Rev. and Mrs. Park (behind scene); Ms. Stacey Matthews; Mrs. Frances Bakarr, Mrs. Glee Prahinski



Children’s Ministries amid COVID-19 Pandemic



**VBS Mission Project 1.  
Sponsoring a Child.**

With \$38 per month we can sponsor a child for monthly educational cost. Children initiated this mission project at VBS. You can join this awesome opportunity. Please make a check payable to Good Shepherd UMC, write “Sponsoring a Child” See details at [https://www.compassion.com/sponsor\\_a\\_child/](https://www.compassion.com/sponsor_a_child/)

**VBS Mission Project 2  
Heifer Project**

We are planning to send a gift of livestock to a family living in developing countries. Your monetary donation make a difference. A check to payable to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and write “Heifer Project). Thank you very much.



Good Shepherd NEVER stop working for children and youth ministries. Sunday School and Youth Activities are not simply offered from the church. You, older sibling and parents, are good teachers. Please feel free to share great and FREE online resources for our children. Children, you are invited to Sunday evening “Children with Story-telling” at 8 p.m. Hey, Junior and Senior High, stop by “Youth Hangout” on Sundays at 7 p.m.

**Children w. Story telling**  
Sun. at 8 p.m.  
ZoomID: 964-1021-2427  
Passcode: 541602

**Youth Hang-Out**  
Sun. at 7 p.m.  
ZoomID: 633-940-051  
Passcode: 029061



<https://ministry-to-children.com/kids-sunday-school-games/>

# 101 Sunday School Games





## “SHARING THE GOOD SHEPHERD STORY”

### Reflection On Disciple Study

By Elizabeth Sawyerr

I have been trying to convince myself to take the Disciple Course; however, I sang the familiar song -- Time; Too much to add to my already busy schedule.

Then came Pastor Park, and again, another offer to the congregation. Study the whole Bible???

I decided that sometimes being curious can lead one to a place that may be fascinating. So it is for me, as I decided to participate in the 32- Weeks Monday Evening Disciple Bible Study. It was beyond fascinating as Pastor Park guided us to see the interconnection and interrelationship among the books of the Bible and the various themes. Video presentations by Biblical scholars gave the group added information; we were given the freedom and respect to discuss, exchange ideas, and express our opinions. I discovered my own ignorance of certain themes in the Bible.

It never dawned on me to make this connection: that the Bible begins and ends the same? IN A GARDEN: EDEN ----- GETHSEMAE. And somewhere in between, I saw how the Past led to the Present, and now we, Humanity, are trying to figure out what lies ahead, the Future

Thank you Pastor DaeHwa Park  
Thank you Members of the 2019-2020 Fall Disciple Bible Class. **[LN]**

### Great Leaps of Faith

By Leilani McConnell

Our church has taken many leaps over its 67 year history. Just after WW2 the population north of the District of Columbia along the New Hampshire and Colesville corridors grew exponentially. At the time Marvin Memorial UMC at the Four Corners intersection of Colesville Road and University Blvd. was the principal Methodist church in the area and it was apparent it would not be able to accommodate the population surge. Hence, by 1950-51, it was decided to establish a new church. The location chosen was on a rise of land between Mt Pisgah Road and New Hampshire Avenue at Oakdale Drive. It would be cross from the site of the former Mt. Pisgah ME Church.

The old church had burned down by the early 1900's and on its stone foundation was built a 1927 carpenter-style dwelling now owned by Good Shepherd and called the Cottage. Plans began to build the church facing the Avenue. Its name was to be the New Hampshire Methodist Church, But before that could happen the first congregation of 16 met in the auditorium of the Hillendale Volunteer Fire Dept. on Sunday, Oct. 04, 1953, as they would for the next couple of years. At the time. Sunday school for littlest ones would meet in a private home and teens would gather at Miller Hall in the Naval Ordinance Lab, now the site of the FDA. Charter membership day was held Jan. 10, 1954 with 69 persons included. Ground-breaking for the first building occurred July 31, 1955. The architectural style was based on Bruton Parish in Williamsburg, VA.

The interior décor continued that theme. The first worship service in the finished building took place March 18, 1956 and the consecration followed a week later on Palm Sunday. Membership had grown to 135. At the same time Sunday School enrollment was 141. The current name of Good Shepherd was chosen.

In 1964 the second building was dedicated and in 1974 we installed our wonderful pipe organ. In 2004 we enclosed the breezeway between our two buildings and included a formal entry and gathering space, installed a lift, and made our restrooms and buildings more physically accessible.

By the 1970's our numbers had swelled to nearly 1000. And we held two services on Sundays. At the time it was still a mostly all-white congregation with mostly stay-at-home moms. Congregants lived in the near-by Mo. Co. communities of Oakview, Hillandale, Burnt Mills and north Takoma Park, and from PG Co. Adelphi, Langley Park, Knollwood and Avenel. Over time demographics changed and the make-up included many African Americans, Africans, East Indians and a few Hispanics. Rather unique in our cluster. Now we are primarily non-white with many folks from west Africa such as Sierra Leone or Nigeria. Many live away from the local neighborhoods as far away as Bowie, Columbia, Glendale, and even

Gaithersburg and Germantown. We lost members through death, (at least one charter member is still alive), people moving away, children growing up and not coming back, and eventually we dwindled to our current numbers of about 300 with weekly attendance half of that. Needless to say our financial health has been challenged.



From its beginnings, marking several great leaps of faith in forming the church, raising money for its buildings and establishing a working congregation, the church has reached out to community. As our motto states, "we exist to make, grow and nurture disciples", we have tried to do so by our actions.

The women very early formed UMW circles, then known as the Women's Society of Christian Service, and there were as many as nine circles. We now have three. We have partnered with Church Women United and their projects. We are now considering having a new nursery school by next year.

We have had 10 pastors including two women and our current Rev. Park who is our first non-American-born.

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We established ties with several UMC and UMW projects and sent work teams to Red Bird community in Kentucky. We offered winter shelter for homeless men for a time. We established our decades-long association with Shepherd's Table. We did and do prepare meals for the working poor. We formed another long partnership with our local elementary school, LeLeck-Broad Acres, for whom we provide food items, winter coats, school supplies and backpacks, and we adopt several of their families during Advent to whom we offer gifts and food.

We collect items all year for two Native American schools, one in New Mexico, the other in South Dakota. We supply warm gloves, scarves, hats and other items for another school and a clinic in Wisconsin. These are in honor of one of our departed members who was a member of the Seneca tribe. The clinic is run by her granddaughter and husband.

Over the years we have partnered with Christmas In April, sending work teams every year. For several years we sent several VIM teams to Puerto Rico, North Carolina and Mississippi. After we bought and refurbished the dwelling known as the Cottage, we housed a Section-8 family there for nearly 20 years. It is now a rental.

For many years we have welcomed other congregations to share our space. Currently we partner with a Latino SDA congregation, a small group from Haiti and a growing congregation of Ghanaians. It has been a blessing and a challenge as we have all adjusted to sharing finite spaces.

Our congregation is a loving, caring, huggy group of folks from many walks of life but with common hopes and dreams for the church and its future driven by an abiding faith in God. Its ethnic diversity and social activism is what attracted my husband and me to join in 1988. It has been a blessing to us and, we think, a blessing to our community. [LN]

From page 7

**"Let Everything that has breath..."**

I hope to have in-person rehearsals if all can be assured that the conditions provide us with sufficient protection. We shall be exploring the options of outdoor practice (on the patio outside the Shepherd's Nook) in good weather, and of separating into small groups in separate parts of the building with permission and guidance from all in leadership. All of you reading this, whether in choir or not-yet in choir (see how I think?) – please stay in touch as plans are determined and pray for a resolution soon so that we may once more gather to sing the praise of our great Lord.

To close, I have adapted a poem by Connie Campbell Bratcher called "A Wonderful Choir"

"The message of a choir rings out  
In joyful song and praise-  
A glorious anchor for our souls  
In troubled times like these.  
God's precious truths shared in a song  
Reach deep within the soul,  
And stir the heart to follow Christ  
More closely in the fold."

Wishing you all blessings and music, Elizabeth  
[LN]



## Re-Entering Well Task Force

By Elizabeth Schneider

Good Shepherd has re-opened for public worship as of August 9th! There is still a great majority of worshippers who join the Zoom and Facebook live-streams each Sunday morning, but members are gradually returning to in-person worship in our beautiful sanctuary.

After three Re-Entering Well Task Force meetings were held for Good Shepherd alone, the Joint "Re-Entering Well Task Force" met eight times with leaders of Comforter's House Chapel between May 20 and July 29, planning health and safety protocols to bring us to this point. Many Good Shepherd members took part. Among those most regular were Pastor Park and Mrs Park, Mrs. Christiana Campbell, Dr Okoji, Stacey Matthews, Admire Russell, and Elizabeth Schneider, and several others joined frequently. We included the congregations who rent our building. Pastor Joseph Tsibua of the Comforter's Home Chapel and Pastor Manuel Lainez of the Agape Seventh Day Adventist Church engaged in active coordination, along with leadership of their respective groups. The Lord brought us together with our prayers, practical skills and gifts in such various ways.

Saundra Craig provided no-touch thermometers for check-in use. Stacey and Pastor Park obtained the donation of over 50,000 reusable masks for members, visitors, and charities. Pat McConnell and helpers removed and stored pew items and placed social distancing markers for where to sit and stand. We created congregational guidelines which you see posted on each pew, check-in protocols for ushers, placed

disinfectants, hand sanitizers and cleaning materials in areas of use, provided for no-touch offerings, after-worship cleaning procedures, and many other thoughtful provisions which far exceed those you might see in retail or service institutions which have remained open.

You have each been provided with a checklist of screening questions and "what to expect" to prepare you for the changes and guidelines we are observing. So, please consider that your presence in worship can be considered a safe haven where your brothers and sisters in faith are exercising great efforts to secure your safety. Be assured that your presence in our building is treated with great care, and diligence that every possible measure of safety is scrupulously observed.

Admire Russell was elected as Good Shepherd representative to the Joint Re-Entering Well. She reported all the proceedings to the Leadership Team (Church Council) in July.

On August 8, the Task Force offered a training session for volunteers.

We need volunteers to serve on Sunday mornings for screening, counters, door greeters, cleaning crews, and ushering. Please let one of the task force members if you have any question.

Special thanks to Re-Entering Well Task Force: Admire Russell, Rep. Elizabeth Schneider (recording secretary), Idowoo Boss-Cole (Financial Sec), Christiana Campbell (Discipleship Chair), Sunil Christopher (Worship Chair), , Pat McConnell, Dr. Godswill Okoji (Resident Physician), Philip Palmer, Sr. (Council Chair), and Rev. DaeHwa Park, and Dunstan Thomas (Trustees President). [LN]



Trustees' Corner

# KINGDOM-TIDE AT U

## Liturgical Highlights

### **"Back to New Normal"** Sermon Series

**Sep. 6, 14th Sun. after Pentecost:**  
**Blue Jeans Sunday**

*"Wear Jeans to celebrate Labor Day!"*

**Sep. 13, 15th Sun. after Pentecost**

**Festival of God's Creation - Outdoor Service** at 11 a.m.

**Set. 20, 16th Sun. after Pentecost**  
**Confirmation**

**Sep. 27, 17th Sun. after Pentecost**  
**Confirmation (alternative)**



### **"Together We Can Get Through"** Sermon Series for Stewardship Campaign

**Oct. 4, 18th Sun. after Pentecost**  
**World Communion Sunday** at 11 a.m.  
Special Giving (\$)

**Oct. 11, 19th Sun. after Pentecost**  
**Fiesta Otoño** at 11 a.m.

**Oct. 18, 20th Sun. after Pentecost: Laity Sunday**  
**Faithful Man and Woman of the Year**  
at 11 a.m.

**Oct. 25, 21st Sun. after Pentecost:**  
**Reformation Sunday**

**Nov. 1, 22nd Sun. after Pentecost:**  
**All Saints Sunday & Stewardship Sunday**

## Festival of God's Creation Outdoor Service

Sunday  
September 13  
At 11 a.m.

Come be blessed on the grounds outside the church. We look forward to sharing a Holy Communion blessing, prayers, and songs with a live band.

Health and safety protocols will be observed; all are asked to observe distancing and remain masked. You may also listen to prayers and receive packaged Communion elements. Come and find your own seated area encircled by colorful chalks on the parking lot with your own camp chairs or picnic blankets and umbrellas for shade. Come and worship. Receive our small gift of masks.

In case of rain, the service will be held in the sanctuary.



## Outdoor Worship Service



**Recurring Events**

Sun.  
 8-10 a.m. *The Comforter's Home Chapel* Rm 8

9-10 a.m. *Adult Bible Study* *Canceled*  
 11:00 a.m. *In-Person Worship* *thru Zoom*  
 TBA *No Fellowship* *Lewis Hall*  
 7p.m. *Youth Hang-Out* *Zoom*  
 8 p.m. *Children's Storytelling* *Zoom*

Mon. "Virtual" Office Hours, 7 a.m. thru 2 p.m.  
 9:30 a.m. *Staff Meeting* *Zoom*  
 11 a.m. *Coffee with the Pastor* *Zoom*  
 7 p.m. *Jesus in the Gospels* *Zoom*

*Tuesday, Rev. Park works at Savage Campus*

*Wednesday: Virtual Church Office Hours 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.*  
 12 p.m. *High Noon Prayer (Zoom)* *Sanctuary*  
 7 p.m. *Disciple Study* *zoom*  
 8 p.m. *Prayer Conference Call* *(515) 603-3157*  
*(Access Code: 809996, #1)*

*Thursday*  
 11 a.m. *Faith Talk with the Pastor* *Zoom*  
 7:30 p.m. *Choir Rehearsal & Fellowship* *Zoom*

*Friday: Virtual Church Office Hours 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.*  
 TBD *Agape SDA Worship Set-up* *Sanctuary*

*Saturday - In-person Services are cancelled*  
 TBD *Agape SDA Worship* *zoom*  
 6-9 p.m. *Agape SDA Worship* *zoom*

Join the Wednesday Night  
 Prayer Conference Call  
 at 8-8:30 p.m.

Call 1-515-603-3157  
 Access code 809996,  
 option #1



**All Small Group Gatherings  
 thru Zoom Meetings**

**Sundays**  
**Celebration of Worship at 10:30 a.m.**  
*Meeting ID: 566-965-650*  
*Passcode: 900361*  
 Youth Hang-Out at 7 p.m.  
*Meeting ID: 633-940-051*  
*Passcode: 029061*  
 Children with Storytelling  
*Meeting ID: 964-1021-2427*  
*Passcode: 541602*

**Mondays**  
 Coffee with the Pastor at 11 a.m.  
*Meeting ID: 631-887-165*  
*Passcode: 375637*  
*Into the Word Into the World at 7 p.m.*  
*Meeting ID: 912-9923-1991*  
*Passcode: 552624, beg. Sep. 21*

**Tuesdays**  
 Journey thru the Bible at 7p.m.  
*Meeting ID: 947-5619-4251*  
*Passcode: 024529*

**Wednesdays**  
 High Noon Prayer at noon  
*Meeting ID: 409-666-503*  
*Passcode: 581382*  
**Disciple: Introduction to Bible at 7 p.m.**  
*Meeting ID: 961-6016-5713*  
*Passcode: 716470, beg. Sep. 23*

**Thursdays**  
*Jesus in the Gospels at 9 a.m.*  
*Meeting ID: 912-9923-1991*  
*Passcode: 552624, beg. Sep. 24*  
 Faith Talks at 11 a.m.  
*Meeting ID: 953-5226-0028*  
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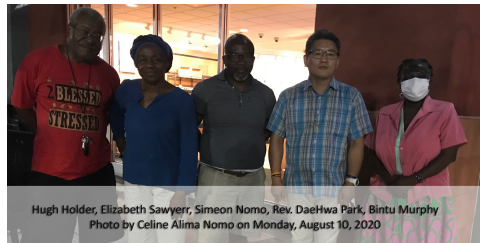
**Saturdays**  
**Confirmation Classes at 10:30 a.m.**  
*Meeting ID: 922-3881-6546*  
*Passcode: 007143*



### Recognizing The First Four Respondents!

When Jesus called disciples in the sea of Galilee, first four young men responded immediately follow Jesus: Simon, called Peter, and his brother Andrew and James and his brother John, sons of Zebedee. These are known as THE FIRST RESPONDENTS!

Jesus' movement started with a small group of the faithful disciples. Here, at Good Shepherd, a group of the first respondent in the first year of the pastoral appointment of my own: Hugh Holder, Bintu Murphy, Simeon Nomo, and Elizabeth Sawyerr!



Hugh Holder, Elizabeth Sawyerr, Simeon Nomo, Rev. DaeHwa Park, Bintu Murphy  
Photo by Celine Alima Nomo on Monday, August 10, 2020

Please welcome these four faithful disciples, literally meaning "learners," of the gospel. Beginning on Monday, September 23, 2019 seven people began 34 week of Disciple Study. These four people completed the course on Monday, August 10, 2020. While their study even in the busy situation with their work and service, each participant gave at least 90 minutes study hour including their half an hour of daily scripture reading or weekly preparation. They started it at Pastor's Study with rich resources on the biblical studies. Each week, they learned from one another the key lessons of each book in the whole bible. Sharing prayer concerns and weekly dedication for the marks of discipleship have form "amazing companionship in Christ." Amid COVID-19 Pandemic, all continued it through zoom meetings. Praise

the Lord!

At a graduation banquet at Panera Bread nearby the church, in accordance with social distancing protocol, these disciples dedicate to serve the Lord through Evangelism and Witnessing works of the Lord.

Disciple study is on of the best study materials for personal discipleship as well as for lay leadership in the life of the church. I adopted it as the fundamental and required study on "Discipleship Journey" of the people whom I have served in my pastoral ministries since 2000.

If you haven't chance to know. I want you to know that new members joining Good Shepherd have received a ministry catalog, entitled "Means of Grace that Shape Our Future ." [Printed on September 15, 2019] All those who participated in "Lunch with the Pastor," 2 hour new member luncheon received the booklet with other guidelines as members and leaders for the mission and ministries of Good Shepherd. It includes multiple pages of Discipleship curriculum known as Eight Discipleship leadership tracks. (See pp. 26-29) lists Disciple study as the introductory level of our discipleship journey.

Beginning September 23, on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., Disciple study will be offered with new disciples who would like to be "fishers of men." No registration fee, but text book \$40. If you need scholarship for the cost, please keep in touch with Christian Campbell, Discipleship Committee Chair at (301) 384-3529. For registration, please send an email to Rev. Park at daehwa@gmail.com or to Wendy in the office at good-shepumc@verizon.net.

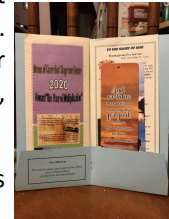


## The Act of Justice and Evangelism

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 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 the word of mouth and the demonstration of our examples as the hands and feet of God

is 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, [www.goodshepchurch.org](http://www.goodshepchurch.org).

For any other question or comments on Evangelism activities, please contact, Matt Letts at [matt-thew.a.letts@verizon.net](mailto:matt-thew.a.letts@verizon.net) or Rev. DaeHwa Park at (202) 277-8553.



**Welcome bag for Visitors and new friends!**

## 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 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 words of mouth**, which may be required your own ownership of the mission and ministries of the church.

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"**



Notes from LEADERSHIP TEAM—CHURCH COUNCIL



Streamed via ZOOM  
Sunday, May 17, 2020

By Leilani McConnell  
Recording Secretary

Meeting convened at 11:45 AM.

ATTENDEES: Pastor Park, Chair Philip Palmer Sr., Treasurer Victor Cole, SPRC Chair Nathan Block, Lay Leader Priscilla Michell, Education Coordinator Christiana Tumaku-Campbell, Finance Chair Andre Small, Finance Secretary Idowoo Boss-Cole, Trustees Pat McConnell and Carol Penne, Philip Palmer Jr., Suzanne Matthews-Williams, Francess Tagoe, Music Minister Elizabeth Schneider, and Secretary Leilani McConnell.

The Chair opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES REVIEW : last meeting 05/15 focused on the closure of the church due to the Covid 19 virus pandemic that has been highly contagious and deadly. Thus the meeting was streamed on line via ZOOM.

We discussed whether our guest churches, also not holding services while the church is closed, should pay rent and how much. The matter was referred to Trustees. Also discussed was how people might pay pledges and donations given they are not attending church in person. Consequently on-line or mobile giving capabilities were set up.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Two streaming meetings with congregants have been held 05/08 and 05/13, to discuss when and how we would reopen the church building for services and meetings. The Governor has declared Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties still having too many active Covid cases to open safely. The BWC agrees. A task force is being formed

to identify reopening process including social distancing in sanctuaries, imposing the wearing of masks (as has been the norm when in public), making note of attendees for the purpose of tracing contacts should someone become infected, and how and who would clean rest rooms and contact surfaces after the gatherings.

The Task Force itself would be made up of Trustees, those with medical acumen, ushers, cleaners and tracers at least. Once our plan is in place we would inform the guest congregations so they follow our rules.

Streaming Sunday services would continue for those too vulnerable to attend in person. Meanwhile Pastor has successfully streamed gatherings with youth and children.

We know of the spouse of one of our congregants who succumbed to the virus in March and there is apparently a young person who has tested positive and is in quarantine at home. Otherwise, we have been blessedly free of infection as we stay at home. Unhappily the Agape congregation has a few members infected.

Pastor successfully acquired a grant through the federal payroll relief project for \$17,929.91 to be used 100% for staff salaries or, if we choose, 75% / 25% for salaries and other. Such grants are relief for institutions and businesses closed due to the Covid 19 virus.

He made an appeal for the church to donate to UMCOR's Covid 19 response and/or to encourage individual giving.

TRUSTEES: Carol Penne spoke in the absence of Chair Dunstan Thomas. Guest congregations liaison, Bintu Murphy, has tried to contact them re: the church's open-close status, rental

# What's Going On

fees and safety precautions. Only Comforter's House has responded.

The church's mower is broken and the Agape congregation's Saul, who oversees our landscaping, has been ill with the Covid 19 virus. The grass was mowed by GSUMC volunteers it is recommended we hire a service to take care of it.

The new Cottage tenants has taken occupancy and are paying the newly established rent.

MISSIONS: Carol Penne reported for Chair Janice Taggart that most projects are on hold for now except for Broad Acres School. We do not know if and when they will re-open. She did say the school supplies and backpacks could still be purchased on line.

Christmas-In-April was cancelled this spring.

Francess Tagoe reminded us that the BWC has grant monies for mission projects for which we might apply.

PRAYER CHAIN on Wednesdays continues but the Food Pantry is closed until the church re-opens.

TREASURER: Victor Cole reported that last week was our worst week of income yet since people are not coming to the church and that likely some folks may have lost their jobs due to the Covid shut-downs and cannot donate. He has been able to meet obligations but our reserve is down to \$37,932.87 which could quickly be depleted.

He said he gets reports from VANCO for those who donate through them, but is not aware of mobile or other means of electronic giving. Finance Secretary Idwoo says she notices that those who do not "attend" church via ZOOM or Facebook generally are not giving / meeting pledges.

It was suggested we re-think the mailing of the weekly bulletins as a money-saver (printing, paper, mailing costs) and we publish it on the church's website and perhaps not send to persons out of the area.. Pastor pointed out some have no internet access and those afar enjoy the bulletin as a link to the church.

SPRC – Chair Nathan Block attended a ZOOM meeting with the District Supervisor on 05/14 but little was said about church-reopening. THE DS did encourage pastors to schedule a day or two off each week during this time of higher stress related to the Covid outbreak.

MEETING ADJOURNED: at 1:30PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Leilani McConnell, Secretary



## Call to Serve as Spiritual Leaders

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Chair  
Nomination & Lay Leadership Development

We are now call you to serve as spiritual leaders for the mission and ministries of our church. Committee on Nomination and Lay Leadership Development (Chair, Rev. Park) will nominate new leaders to serve for year 2021 at the upcoming Charge Conference on Monday, October 15.

Each Sunday as "Response to the Word," Rev. Park invites you to answer the call to Spiritual Leadership. UMC puts into practice each leadership position at lease for a year, while using a class system for continuity. Please review the insert for Spiritual Leadership in the weekly bulletin. In September Committee on Nomination and Lay Leadership Development will prepare for nominees for the approval at Charge Conference.

There are many positions the professing membership is not required including Trustees (less than 1/3 membership). Be a leader. When a leader serves well, the whole church grows and prospers! Lead as the Lord Jesus served his followers!

The Lord Jesus calls you each member to step forward the ministry making all people blessed by his gospel. Join the assimilation tracks for lay leadership development through bible study opportunities (See on pages 8-9).

This year, we are working hard for

FYI, Charge Conference is annual meeting with the same membership of Church Council (ask if you would like to acquire leadership roster from Wendy in the office). Bishop Easterling would like local church to have it as Church Conference with voting right of every professing member of the church.

## Lay Leadership Form

### Call to Lay Leadership for 2021 Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

*Jesus Christ our Lord calls each one of us to seek His Kingdom and Righteousness as a primary task of the church. Literally meaning as Called-out (ecclesia), you are a church – individually or communally, called out of many ("gathered") yet to be sent ("scattered") to make all of life blessed with the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*The Committee on Lay Leadership Development would like to call you the church as "the gathering of faithful disciples" of Jesus Christ, meaning "learners" or "followers" of the gospel, to serve the Lord and His people in humility and in excellence.*

*Following leadership positions are necessary for the edification of God's kingdom in the vital life of a local church. Please share your spiritual gifts to the glory of God and for the benefits of fellow believers. There are two parts of ministerial areas: administrative and spiritual. It is ideal that one person to serve each area for the sake of balanced and effective leadership. The minimum term of leadership lasts at least one year. The church recognizes those who love to continue to serve the same leadership position through the annual nomination process at the Charge Conference.*

*Upon your commitment, the Committee will prayerfully nominate those who will lead the effective ministry at the church conference in mid October for the coming year of 2021.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Share Your Opinions - Stacey Matthews

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/62CNZSN](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/62CNZSN)

## Good Shepherd UMC Reopening Survey

**Good Shepherd's Reopening Task Force** has been working to ensure that the church is prepared in all ways to reopen and return to faithful fellowship together. "When two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

### Matthew 18:20

We have acquired everything needed to ensure a safe return:

- masks can be worn by all in attendance
- marking and protocols are in place to encourage social distancing
- there are protocols and supplies to facilitate proper and frequent cleaning
- established a check-in process that ensures that all congregants are screened for symptoms before entering the church

**All we are missing is YOU!** We NEED volunteers who are willing to be ushers/cleaners to clean before and after worship, check congregants in and assist with maintaining social distancing during the service. We ask you to search your soul and prayerfully consider serving in this capacity.

Please complete this survey so that we may better understand your needs, concerns and wishes as it

### “Annual Conference Postponed”

On Sept. 12, the gathering time begins at 9 a.m. with a short worship service at 9:10 a.m. The Clergy Session will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 12. The essential business of the Annual Conference, which will include the consideration of the 2021 budget, will be conducted in the afternoon beginning at 1 p.m. The Service of Ordination and Commissioning will be held at 6 p.m.

8 new pastors will be ordained as full clergy members outside the Mission Center in Fulton. 8 more pastors will be commissioned as probationary clergy members.

The recast budget proposal shows a total income of \$17,700,253, with Mission Shares making up \$13,034,887 of the total. About 26% of all income to the BWC comes from outside sources, such as registration fees or rental income from a tenant at the Mission Center.

The Laity Session and other conference-related events will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. A celebration of clergy retirees will be Saturday, Sept. 26, at 10:30 a.m.

The Conference Session was originally scheduled for May 29-31 and was postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic, and the need for social distancing as the church seeks to privilege life, especially among its most vulnerable members. See details from the conference website at



### Upper PG Cluster Churches

By Rev. DaeHwa Park

Good Shepherd UMC is a part of seven churches known as Upper PG Co. Clusters. We work together to meet the need of the region in which we are.

Cluster churches have started a missional relationship with **The Terp Hub** last Fall. **The Terp Hub** is a group of college student who gather for worship and fellowship in The University of Maryland, College Park. With COVID-19 Pandemic all students had to leave the campus.

On zoom meeting, Cristin Cooper a representative, acknowledged helps of each church. She would like to explore various ministries for each church to help out young disciples. You can encounter The Terp Hub through their virtual worship service. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDgwTZm3ayw>).

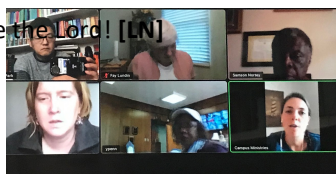
Good Shepherd shared 4,000 masks to our neighboring churches: Cheverly UMC, First UMC at Hyattsville, Nehemiah Charge, University UMC.



236th Annual Conference Theme



Praise the Lord! [LN]



Cluster meeting—June 18



To Green Pastures and Quiet Waters ...

Photos by Rev. DaeHwa Park



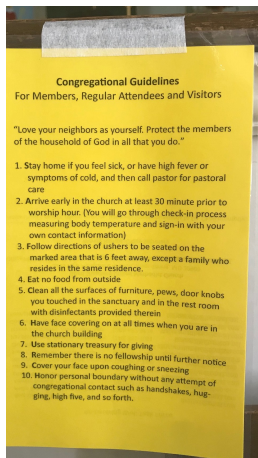
High Noon Prayer  
Wednesdays



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by Sandra Craig



Re-Entering Well Task Force



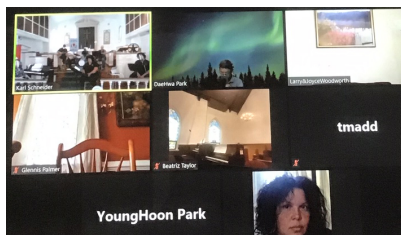
Online "Virtual" Church  
March 15-August 2



Disciple Study on Mondays



Choir Fellowship  
May 7-28



In-Person Service Began on August 9  
Online Service Continues ...



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

## Daily Scripture Reading: September-October

### September:

#### Paul's Ministries for Early Church

##### Introduction

- 1. *Romans 1:1-15 Paul's Greetings & Hopes*

##### Spiritual Bankruptcy of the World

- 2. *Rom. 1:18-25 The Wrath of God*
- 3. *Rom. 1:26-32 A Great Rebellion*
- 4. *Rom. 2:1-11 All Mankind Condemned*

- 5. *Rom. 2:12-16 God's Justice is fair*
- 6. *Rom. 2:17-29 The True Christian*
- 7. *Rom. 3:1-8 Danger of Privileges*
- 8. *Rom. 3:9-20 Terrible Condemnation*

##### New Way of Righteousness

- 9. *Rom. 3:21-31 New Hope for All*
- 10. *Rom. 4:1-12 On Circumcision*
- 11. *Rom. 4:13-25 On Law*
- 12. *Rom. 5:1-11 Rejoicing In the New Life*
- 13. *Rom. 5:12-21 A Stupendous Contrast*

##### Life on A New Level

- 14. *Rom. 6:1-11 Power Over Every Sin*
- 15. *Rom. 6:12-24 Servants of Whom You Obey*
- 16. *Rom. 7:1-6 Death Frees Us From Law*
- 17. *Rom. 7:7-13 Law As Schoolmaster*
- 18. *Rom. 7:14-25 Inner Conflict*
- 19. *Rom. 8:1-11 Forgiveness, Power, & Life*
- 20. *Rom. 8:12-17 What Sonship Means*
- 21. *Rom. 8:18-25 Attitude to Present Suffering*
- 22. *Rom. 8:26-30 Holy Spirit In Prayer and Faith*
- 23. *Rom. 8:31-39 More Than Conquerors*

##### Moral Effect of the New Way

- 24. *Rom. 12:1-8 Surrender to God*
- 25. *Rom. 12:9-21 Love & Kindness to Enemy*
- 26. *Rom. 13:1-14 Duty toward the State*
- 27. *Rom. 14:1-12 Rights of Freedom*
- 28. *Rom 14:13-23 The Limits of Freedom*
- 29. *Rom. 15:1-13 Christian Unselfishness*

##### A Living Church

- 30. *Rom. 15:14-16:16 A Humble Minister  
Wise Fellowship*

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#### The Holy Spirit—The Comforter

- 1. *Ezekiel 37:1-14 New Life through the Spirit*
- 2. *Isaiah 11:1-9 The Spirit of God in Us*

#### Jesus and the Spirit

- 3. *Mark 11:1-11 Jesus—Baptism of the Holy Spirit*
- 4. *Luke 4:1-14a The Spirit in Temptation*
- 5. *Luke 4:14-22 The Spirit in Jesus' Work*
- 6. *John 3:1-17 Our Need of the Spirit*

#### Promised of the Spirit

- 7. *John 14:15-26 Promised to Those Who Obey (Love)*

#### Work of the Spirit

- 8. *John 15:26-16:3 To Witness to Jesus*
- 9. *John 16:1-11 To Bring Threefold Conviction*

- 10. *John 16:12-15 To Bring Spiritual Illumination*
- 11. *Acts 19:1-8 "Have You Received the Spirit?"*
- 12. *Acts 1:1-9 Waiting for the Spirit*
- 13. *Acts 2:1-13 Pentecost, the Gift of the Spirit*
- 14. *Luke 11:9-13 Ask and Appropriate the Spirit*

#### Characteristics of the Spirit

- 15. *Acts 2:22-40 1. Power*
- 16. *Acts 4:1-12 2. Courage*
- 17. *Acts 4:13-31 2. Courage*
- 18. *Acts 6:1-15 3. Wisdom*
- 19. *Acts 7:51-60 4. Unfaltering Faith*
- 20. *Acts 8:1-17 5. Evangelistic Zeal*
- 21. *Acts 10:1-18 6. Wider Vision for World Fellowship*
- 22. *Acts 10:19-43 6.1 Wider Vision for World Fellowship*
- 23. *Acts 10:44-48 6.2 Wider Vision for World Fellowship*
- 24. *Acts 11:1-18 6.3 Wider Vision for World Fellowship*
- 25. *Galatians 5:22-26 7. Character*
- 26. *Galatians 6:1-10 8. Consideration, Sympathy, Humility*
- 27. *Romans 8:1-17 9. Freedom, Liberty*

#### Home of the Spirit

- 28. *II Cor 6:16-7:1 Our Bodies—The Temple of God's Spirit*
- 29. *Philippians 2:1-15 Living in the Spirit*

#### Final Judgement—With/Without Spirit

- 30. *Matthew 25:31-40 Loving Others*
- 31. *Matthew 25:41-46 Selfish, Thoughtless, Inconsiderate*

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