

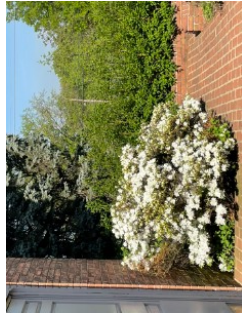
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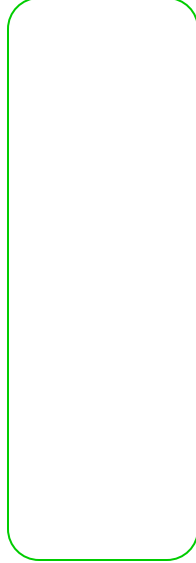
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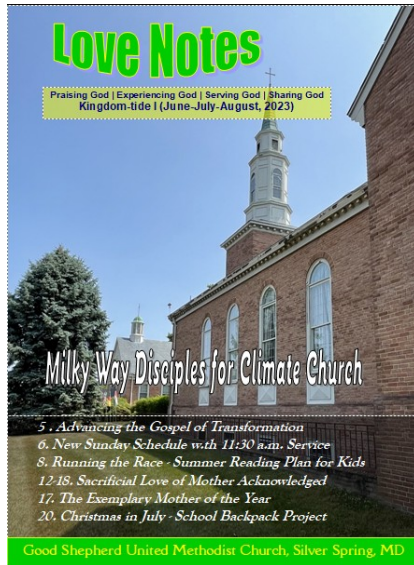
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## SEVEN MINISTRY INITIATIVES

### 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 those 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!



## 24/7 "Means of Grace" at Good Shepherd

### Small Group Gatherings thru Zoom Meetings

#### Sundays

Celebration of Worship at 11:30 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

#### Mondays

Coffee with the Pastor at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 631-887-165

Passcode: 375637

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

Meeting ID: 941-6327-7971

Passcode: 256442

#### 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

Under the Tree of Life at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 875-9323-0354

Passcode: 528483

#### Thursdays

Faith Talks at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 953-5226-0028

Passcode: 014740

Becoming Disciple thru Bible Study at 7:30p

Meeting ID: 961-6016-5713

Passcode: 716470

### Alternative Service? No! Both Services!

Good Shepherd-Savage Charge has **two campuses**: one in the historic town of Savage and the other in west Silver Spring. Rev. Park serve both campus. **Savage Campus (est. 1888)** gathers disciples from Savage, Laurel, Columbia, Jessup, Ellicott City, and Hanover, MD. **Good Shepherd Campus** brings people from Baltimore, Columbia, Jessup, Bowie, Glendale, Beltsville, Hyattsville, Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, Lanham, College Park, Takoma Park, Langley Park, Silver Spring, White Oaks, Hillandale, Oakview, Rockville, Wheaton, Aspen Hill, Derwood, Olney, Gaithersburg, German Town, Clarksburg, Fort Washington, MD, Washington, D.C., Manassas, Chantilly, VA. You can join worship service in either site. **Zoom link for Worship at Savage Campus: 857-2252-9072 with the passcode of 655638** at 9:30 a.m. Join one or both!

### Savage Campus



9050 Baltimore Street  
Savage, MD

**Join the Wednesday Night Prayer  
Conference Call  
at 8-8:30 p.m.  
Call 1-945-218-0115  
Access code 6778316#**

To Green Pastures and Quiet Waters ...



Marcie Burroughs – Mother’s Day, 5/14



Rev. SeungHyo Park - 5/21



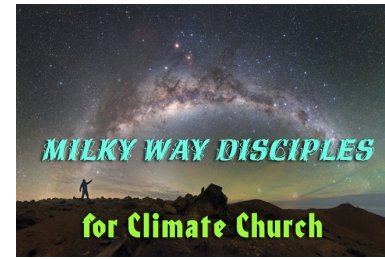
Graduation Sunday - 5/28



Delegates and Visitors



Spotlights in Ministries



Beginning July 2nd

**NEW HOURS**  
11:30 a.m.

Farewell Service of DS Rev. Green at National Metropolitan UMC on June 25, 4 p.m.



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Primary Theme of This Issue:  
**Sacrificial Love of Mothers**

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**WORSHIP & STUDY**

11:30 a.m. Celebration and Worship  
Adult Sunday School on Sun. 8:45 a.m.  
Under the Tree of Life on Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Becoming Disciples on Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

See details on pages 6-8



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). Rev. DaeHwa Park

## Advancing the Gospel of Transformation

Friends,

Growing up in Christian faith, I learn what the church taught shaped my whole life. I hope and pray that each and everyone of you - professing members and friends of Good Shepherd - learn what the Lord our God shapes you through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Depending on what theology and Christology you have, our life in the church differ. While praising God, experiencing God, serving God, sharing God here at Good Shepherd I would love you to learn a God's ordained ecclesiology - your service and life in the church.

You and I are the church, the gathering of the faithful disciples of the church. Our mission is so relevant to the mission of the United Methodist Church, "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Disciples are "learners." Jesus never had problems with the disciples, but with the teachers of the Law! In fact, these teachers of the Law contributed to the edification of Judeo-Christian legacy in the lives of the believers throughout the ages. Yet, unfortunately, some turned into stakeholders in advancing the gospel.

We learn such misleading leadership when a particular group of leaders holding back of the way they practice. Without noticing it, these leaders exercise their leadership as an "accidental" Pharisees, as Larry Osborne argues in his book, Accidental Phari-



sees.

Good Shepherd has offered the gospel over the last seven decades. I am so proud you who embrace many other believers of different nationalities and cultures. Compared to many other churches of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, Good Shepherd has demonstrated the very nation of true church that reflect the demographics of the community where the church is located.

We believe Heaven shall NOT be homogeneous gathering of one dominate race, language, culture or nation.

Come, join Good Shepherd. Be the shepherds tending sheep of all nations. Lay down your personal privilege. We truly understand that you are awesome, noble, and privileged as you have developed your gifts and talents. Let us share the blessings for others who are in need. Let us not claim a personal status, let us lay things down at the feet of Jesus and Apostles done in the early church (Acts 2).

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. DaeHwa Park*

Rev. DaeHwa Park  
Pastor

*Joseph a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostle called Barnabas, sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet (Acts 4:36)*

*Greetings from the Pastor*

## Get Connected

### "Stay Spiritually Healthy" Health and Wellness

by Valerie Campbell  
Coordinator on Health and Wellness

Hello Everyone!

The days are getting longer which means Summer will soon be here! This past May we celebrated National Women's Health Week; and this upcoming June we celebrate Men's Health Month and Minority Health Month in July. I encourage you all to schedule your annual check-ups with your Primary Care Provider. I have a short list of questions for you to ask during your appointment below.



With the sun being out for longer the CDC recommends everyone regardless of skin color wear sunscreen with at least 15 SPF, which should be re-applied every 2 hours when outside. While it is nice to get a sun-kissed glow, "UV rays tend to be strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m." the CDC advises. Exposure to UV rays can lead to an increased risk of developing skin cancer so it is important to make sure sunscreen is applied before going outdoors. However, sunscreen should be avoided in children 6 months and younger but if they must be outside babies should spend more time in shaded areas with sunhats, UV protective clothing and sunglasses. A bonus side effect is that they look very cute!

This past week I was lucky enough to attend the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference in Baltimore. I had a great time learning about lay leadership, participated in a community service project where I met Bishop Easterling and Thea Becton, Coordinator of Wellness & Missions. I also met Reverend Laurie Tingley from Mays Chapel UMC who



serves as the Chair of the Wellness & Missions Board. They are both amazing women who took the Conference Theme of "It's All About Love" both figuratively and literally!  
Source: CDC Sun Safety [https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/basic\\_info/sun-safety.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/basic_info/sun-safety.htm)

May – **Women's Health**, Mental Health Awareness

June – **Men's Health**, Alzheimer's/ Brain Awareness, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Sickle Cell Awareness

July – **Minority Health Month**

Wishing You Well,  
Valerie



Photo by Subin Cherian: <https://www.pexels.com/photo/baby-in-white-and-black-polka-dot-long-sleeve-shirt-and-brown-hat-8208031/>

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**Conference Report w. Reflections**

It was very difficult to witness the disaffiliation voting session. Letting go of 23 churches and the vote against using the funds to be collected to support African American churches of the conference that are struggling which was a request by one of clergy disaffiliating from the conference. The payment from that church to the conference will be over \$5 million. Where is the Love? I definitely did not see Love in action during that session. [LN]



Confirmation at the Annual Conference



Love in Action Mission Projects



Blessings on the Retirement of DS Rev. Dr. Gerard Green

Greater Washington District Clergy Meeting - June 14

**Primary Care Questions**

When was my last physical exam? Were there any concerns?  
 Is my blood pressure normal?  
 When was my last skin exam?  
 Do I need any blood tests today? (Example: Cholesterol, Anemia, Diabetes, Kidneys, Thyroid, Liver Function)  
 Do I need an EKG?  
 Do I need any vaccines? (Examples: Flu, Shingles, Pneumonia, Tetanus Booster?)  
 When was my last colonoscopy?  
 When was my last bone density test?  
 Are there any self-exams I can do at home?

Hilton Hotel Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD



Bishop Easterling (Valerie in the back)  
 Source: BWUMC Flickr Account

**Conference Report with Reflections**



by **Christiana Cambell**  
 Lay Member of the Conference  
 Council Chair

It was an eye opener to attend the 239<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Baltimore Washing Conference of the United Methodist Church in person. About 1,200 members which included clergy and laity came together to sing praises to our God, learn from each other, perform mission work, and have very deep conversations in person for the first time since 2019. Coming together for holy conferencing in person was uplifting, it was nothing compared to the 238<sup>th</sup> conference held via Zoom.



2023 Annual Conference



The theme for this year was “It’s All About Love”. I saw love in action in the warm embraces received from people whom I met for the first time. As a volunteer, I also witnessed the warm smiles when participants received their welcome packets.

Thanks to all GSUMC Council members who submitted their votes on the proposed resolutions. The resolutions/recommendations that passed will be presented at the General Conference to be held April 23 – May 3, 2024.

The discussions held when the proposed resolutions (recommendations) were brought up were very intense.

Things got so heated that made me wonder where is the Love in the theme of the year? A clergy member had to interrupt the discussions during one of the sessions to offer a prayer so that the spirit of God can return to the room.

Below are the results of the ten resolutions/recommendations brought forward for votes:

- Passed a protocol and policy that addresses providing paid bereavement leave for clergy;
- Supported steps to ensure the best alternative use of available church properties for missional purposes
- Voted to identify and oppose apartheid in the Holy Land;
- Supported two weeks of paid maternity and paternity leave for clergy foster/resource parents;
- Affirmed the Queer Delegates’ Call to Center Justice and Empowerment for LGBTQIA+ People in the UMC;
- Opposed a resolution to request district superintendents aspire to preside at each local church conference;
- Moved to postpone indefinitely a resolution that asks that those seeking to leave the denomination not serve in positions of leadership in the conference, districts and local churches;
- Voted to support the creation of a U.S. Regional Conference;
- Supported the removal of discriminatory policies in the *Book of Discipline*; and
- Referred the policy for churches that want to disaffiliate and later return to the BWC, to the Board of Trustees.

### Perfect Submission, Perfect Delight

#### “The Milky Way Disciples”

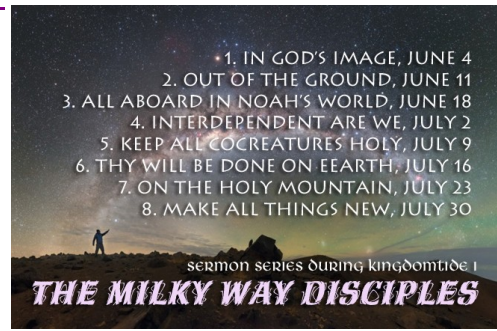
Throughout the ages, God has called His children out of the world he created to keep it holy! This year Good Shepherd envisions His divine call to take care of our Common Home—the Planet Earth. Praise God of Universe, Being in Becoming. Experience God indwelling in the lives of our co-creatures; Serve God as the Milky Way disciples. Share God with your neighbors - the churched and the unchurched. Received the Holy Spirit, falling afresh on us who are committed to make all things new!



- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study or Small Group Meetings
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

Beginning July 2, a new Sunday worship schedule will be used. At the Multi-Contextual Ministry Meeting on April 17, a group of leaders discussed a vital and vibrant way for the ordinance on Sundays and presented at the May Council as we learned Sunday morning service hours that kept delayed based on Good Shepherd’s decision of the part-time pastoral appointment in June 2019. We hope this new schedule serve well with the current part-time pastoral leadership.

See the cover story of “Our Boundless Parish” from the last issue of Love Notes if you would like to learn rationale for the change. Praise the Lord!



#### ❖ Liturgical Highlights ❖

- + Sun., June 4, Trinity Sunday: Peace with Justice Sunday (\$) Choir, Handbell Ringers, Youth Orchestra
- + Sun., June 11, Second Sun. after Pentecost In Appreciation of Praise Band Choir, Handbell Ringers, Youth Orchestra
- + Sun., June 18, Third Sun. after Pentecost; Father’s Day: Encountering Our Fathers and Children
- + Sun., June 25, Fourth Sun after Pentecost With Rev. Samuel Honnappa
- + Sun., July 2, Fifth Sun. after Pentecost; Independence Sunday
- + Sun., July 9, Sixth Sun. after Pentecost Festival of God’s Creation (Christmas in July)
- + Sun., July 16, Seventh Sun. after Pentecost Disciples Graduation (TBD)
- + Sun., July 23, Eighth Sun. after Pentecost; Parents Day: Faithful Parents of the Year Recognized
- + Sun., July 30, Ninth Sun. after Pentecost Youth Orchestra: Ice Cream Social with The Milky Way Children

### Kingdom-tide I

#### The Act of Justice (Action & Advocacy)

Augustine Roberts, New Chair; Simeon Nomo, French District; Roberto Velazquez, Mexican District; Bintu Murphy, Fellowship & Hospitality; Leilani McConnell, Action & Advocacy; Wendy Barrios, Love Notes; YoungHoon Park, Greeters; Selina Fitjohn, Communication\_Women; Hugh Holder, Communication\_Men.

Do you want to join the team, contact Augustine at (703) 653-4091.



#### 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.



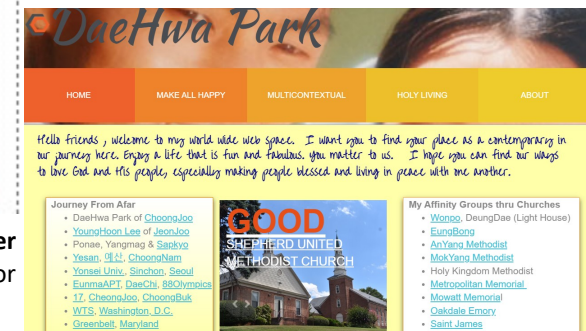
Stop by a hour of fellowship with refreshments in the Upper Room at 10:30 a.m. prior to 11:30 a.m. worship service. Now, we are looking for individuals, family and friends who would like to host fellowship hours. There will be NO luncheon meeting after the service unless a special event is set. Healthy snacks with five dozens of cookies, of fruits, vegetables & cheeses, and/or light dishes will serve worshipers on their way to praise God. Set it up should be done no later than 10:15 a.m. Please contact Augustine Roberts for sign-up.



Questions? Contact Neil Spiller Webmaster & Communication Coordinator

### EVANGELISM

JourneyfortheBread.net is Rev. Park’s personal website. It gets you connected with his affinity group and life-time study. You can find season’s greetings, sermon series he delivered for a decade, streams of Eastern and Western thoughts, and the churches and communities he served.



### Bring People to Christ and His Church!

#### Door Greeters

Psalmist sings, "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a door-keeper 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 **Young-Hoon Park** at yhoon12p@gmail.com.



A greatest gift for your friends is to offer Christ. The liturgical season of **Kingdom-tide** is a time to invite friends to expand God's Kingdom. Invite your loved ones—family members and friends come to faith. If there is anyone who is away from faith journey, tell them "Come & See" just as Andrew shouted to his brother Peter!

It's the good time for the unchurched to engage in faith. 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!

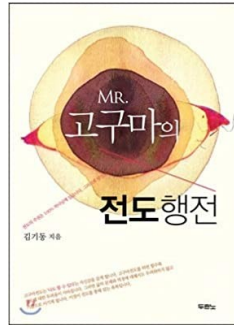


**Every 4th Sunday is "Bring a Friend Sunday."**

LOVE NOTES  
**Sharing God**

#### 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 individuals 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. Praise the Lord!



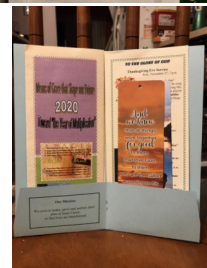
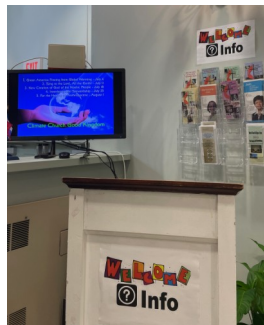
#### Welcome Table

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 receptionist on Sunday please contact Wendy in the office.

We need volunteers who can prepare the welcome bags for visitors. You can do that.



### The Act of Worship (& Music)

### WORSHIP

#### Acknowledgements

by Dr. Szu-Yi Li,  
Director of Music

Dear Good Shepherd, Happy summer! I would like to use this opportunity to say thank you to all musical groups from Good Shepherd: chancel choir, praise band, handbell choir, and Youth Orchestra. Thank you for sharing your musical talents to glorify God. It's beautiful to witness your dedication.

We will have "Christmas in July" featuring the Praise Band on the second Sunday of July. After that, both the chancel choir and praise band will take the summer break, and come back to a regular practice schedule in September. We always welcome new members to join: praise band practices at 7:30pm on Wednesdays (except for the third Wednesday of the month) and chancel choir meets at 7:30pm on Thursdays. I know from personal experience that joining an unfamiliar group is scary at first. But once you give us a try, you might realize how much you enjoy it.



The Council is planning for the 70th year anniversary with liturgical and musical events in the whole month of October.

#### Special Thanks to Liturgists

- + June 4: Christiane Taca
- + June 11: Philip Palmer, Jr.
- + June 18: Colleen Sampson
- + June 25: Admire Russell
- + July 2: Philip Palmer, Jr.
- + July 9: vacant
- + July 16: vacant
- + July 23: vacant
- + July 30: vacant

Please contact Rev. Park if you would like to serve as liturgist on a Sunday during July. Praise the Lord with lively words!

- Sunil Christopher**, Worship Chair
- Jackie Holder**, Communion Steward
- Carolyn Brannon**, Altar Guild
- Milford Doughty**, Crucifer
- Aanya Singh**, Book Bearer
- Vera Davies**, Head Usher
- Stacey Matthews**, Nursery Coordinator
- Abie Ngala**, Acolyte Coordinator
- John Knox**, Media Ministries
- Bintu Murphy**, Hospitality
- Dunstan Thomas**, Fellowship Coordinator

Worship Committee

### Digital Studies 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.

**Thru DISCIPLE Study launch Assimilation Tracks** ... Join small group study for biblical literacy that equips your discipleship adventure at Good Shepherd!

Disciples are "learners" of the gospel of God in Jesus



Christ. **"Becoming Disciples through Bible Study"** calls, equips, and strengthens the children of God of all ages to engage in their scriptural path to discipleship. This Fall, we have **young adults in class. Valerie Campbell, Kevin Zac-Williams, Kayla, and Augustine Roberts.** Join a small group of companions in Christ. Walk through the Bible with your friends like the followers of Jesus for your discipleship. Live out the marks of disciples. "Becoming Disciples through Bible Study" meets on **Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 870-9910-8977**

Mark your calendar and come recognize those who complete a year-long Disciple study **on Sunday, July 16!** These are the spiritual leaders with the biblical literacy. Encounter these disciples for any biblical grounds for what we do in the life of the




**"UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE"**  
Those who

complete **"Remember Who You Are"** returned to this 30-week study that **equips as spiritual leader** with the writings of the Hebrew scriptures and the Johannine literature and general letters of the New Testaments. **Wilma Baxter (Savage), Christiana Campbell, Carol Penne, and Colleen Sampson** attract more than a dozen of Facebook friends. During Advent, the participants study **Ecclesiastes and Psalms.** The class is offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

**Zoom Meeting ID: 875-9323-0354**

**Passcode: 528483**



**We proclaim the gospel in French and in English. Come to Shepherd Nook on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Meet Rev. Simeon Nomo. Questions? Contact him at snomo48@yahoo.com.**

You can join any study now. Use the zoom links and passcode to join each study. Surprise other participants with your insights.

### The Act of Compassion (Mission Outreach)



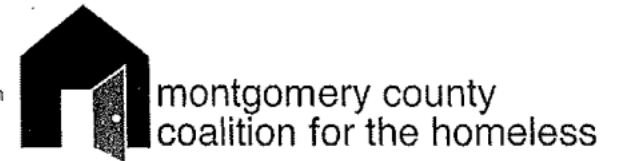
#### Mission (Outreach) Committee

**Leilani McConnell**, Mission (Outreach) Chair; **Eleanor Newman**, **Idowoo Boss-Cole**, **Carol Penne**, **Marcie Burroughs**, **Vernice Lee**, **Phylomena Black**, **Elizabeth Sawyerr.**

#### To Our Neighbors with Love

May 2, 2023

Rev. DaeHwa Park  
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church  
9701 New Hampshire Ave  
Silver Spring, MD 20903-2300



Dear Rev. Park and congregants,

Your generosity plays a critical role and makes a direct impact in the lives of the 1,600 children, parents, veterans, and individuals we serve. Your support plays a critical role in their health, safety, and journey toward a brighter future! Thank you for your 4/19/2023 donation of \$300.00.

In April, your donation helped a family like Emily's, a single mother of two boys who will be moving into one of our Permanent Supportive Housing units. Emily struggled to provide stability in her family due to her mental illness. Her sons were staying on relatives' couches while she tried to find resources that would help her provide a home for her family and end their homelessness. Her family will soon be joining the Seneca Heights community, where they will receive 24/7 on-site assistance and will have ongoing support. Emily and her family are excited to reunite and finally live together under one roof again. Her sons are now feeling hopeful about their futures and can focus on being successful students.

Together we are helping neighbors begin a new chapter in their lives, one where homelessness is no longer a part of their story. Your support creates hope and inspiration for our clients as we help those who lost their homes. Thank you for your partnership and commitment to helping your neighbors move forward towards a brighter tomorrow. Please feel free to reach out to Jackie to learn more about your impact [Jaguirre@mcch.net](mailto:Jaguirre@mcch.net).

Sincerely,

Susie Sinclair-Smith  
Chief Executive Officer

Missions Team has supported several organizations including **Christmas in April**, **Shepherd's Table**, **Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless** with monetary donation of US \$300 per quarters. Here is a thank-you letter from Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless.





Merry Christmas in July to you. Since 2019 Good Shepherd has celebrated Christmas in July as a summer mission project. This year we would like to sing Christmas carols **on Sunday, July 9 with the Praise Band.**

From the Sunday, we would like to kick up a mission project with **School Backpacks that will be given out to the children of our own as well as the children in the community where we are located.**

You can buy one or more school backpacks as a gift for children for K thru 12th grade. We do not recommend you to buy stationeries because each grade and school have different materials.

If you can make a monetary donation for purchase the backpacks, please make a check payable to Good Shepherd UMC and write notes: Christmas in July Backpacks project. We will collect the gift for the whole month until Sunday, August 6.



**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.

Special Sundays are celebrated by United Methodists with churchwide offerings:

- **Peace with Justice Sunday**, 1st Sunday after Pentecost, June 4.
- **World Communion Sunday**, 1st Sunday in October. October 1.
- **United Methodist Student Day**, last Sunday in November, November 26.

The distribution will take place in the church, not sending it to a local school, so that we may encounter the recipients on **Sunday, August 13.** Mark your calendar. Come with your children. **Join the distribution event immediately after the service.**

The Act of Devotion



**Nurture (Discipleship) Committee**

**Christiana Campbell**, Discipleship Committee Chair  
**Philip Palmer, Sr.** Adult Sunday School;  
**Jason Washburn**, Hispanic Ministries  
**Rev. DaeHwa Park**, facilitator of Disciple, Assimilation Tracks  
**Valerie Campbell**, Youth Coordinator;  
**Andrew Zac-Williams**, Young Adults Fellowship

Everyone is invited to **Adult Sunday School.** Come, walk in **Wesley Parlor** and share manna on **Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m.** Encounter companions in Christ. Questions? Contact **Philip Palmer, Sr.**



**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**



**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.

**Zoom Meeting ID: 631-887-165 Passcode: 716470**



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



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

As we begin a new liturgical calendar, Savage would you to master the knowledge of salvation from the Bible this year. Join this reading plan, and you can read once through the Old Testament, twice through the Psalms, and twice through the New Testament. One of ways for the reading the entire bible begins with brining your own Bible. Praise the Lord!

**Meeting ID: 947-5619-4251 Passcode: 024529**



Apostle Paul sent 2 pastoral letters to Timothy. In his letter, Paul teaches how to become a faithful young child of God. The children shall be cautious with influence of false teachers. He warns the Love of money (1 Timothy 6:1-10). In his second letter, Paul asks young children “continue in what he [they] learn and convinced of.” (2 Timothy 3:14). Then, he said: “The Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 3:16). Children, **summer is great time for bible reading.** Read the bible, and you will become the awesome and faithful children of God. Here are selections you would like to learn the core message of the gospel—good news!

**RUNNING THE RACE**  
Summer Reading Plan

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!

<p><b>START</b></p> <p><b>1 Corinthians 9:24-26</b> Run in place as long as you can. Think of ways you "run" for Jesus.</p> <p><b>Deuteronomy 31:1-8</b> (focus on vs. 6) How does it feel to know God always runs with you?</p> <p><b>Hebrews 12:1-3</b> Find out what "perseverance" means. Why do runners need that?</p> <p><b>Jeremiah 10:23</b> Pray that God always directs your steps.</p> <p><b>Proverbs 3:5-6</b> Run backward, then in circles, then with eyes closed. Why are "straight paths" simpler?</p> <p><b>Psalms 18:32</b> Memorize this verse.</p>	<p><b>Matthew 18:10-14</b> Think of a time you "wandered off" — and how Jesus found you.</p> <p><b>Matthew 24:13</b> Write the verse with sidewalk chalk. "Stand firm" by it and say it aloud.</p> <p><b>Luke 15:11-32</b> (or a book about it) Why did the son run away? What makes his father run?</p> <p><b>John 20:1-10</b> Act out Easter morning, with runners sharing the good news.</p> <p><b>Acts 8:26-40</b> Why did Philip run? How do you share Jesus with others?</p> <p><b>Galatians 5:7</b> Make an obstacle course. What gets in the way of faith?</p> <p><b>2 Timothy 2:5</b> Make a crown to remember your victory in Jesus.</p> <p><b>Philippians 4:13</b> Write or tell someone your strengths.</p>	<p><b>Revelation 22:20</b> Pray: "Come, Lord Jesus!"</p> <p><b>2 John 8</b> Play tag, then "reward" yourself with a cold drink or treat.</p> <p><b>2 Timothy 4:7</b> Draw or make a finish line and run through it.</p> <p><b>2 Corinthians 12:9-10</b> Show muscles and say, "When I'm weak, I am strong."</p> <p><b>Philippians 3:13-14</b> Make a sign that reads "Press on!"</p> <p><b>James 1:12</b> Brainstorm ways to support and cheer other runners.</p> <p><b>1 Timothy 4:8</b> Do jumping jacks, stretches and physical training.</p> <p><b>Hebrews 10:36</b> Talk about the promises God keeps to us.</p>	<p><b>FINISH</b></p> <p><b>2 John 8</b> Play tag, then "reward" yourself with a cold drink or treat.</p> <p><b>2 Timothy 4:7</b> Draw or make a finish line and run through it.</p> <p><b>2 Corinthians 12:9-10</b> Show muscles and say, "When I'm weak, I am strong."</p> <p><b>Philippians 3:13-14</b> Make a sign that reads "Press on!"</p> <p><b>James 1:12</b> Brainstorm ways to support and cheer other runners.</p> <p><b>1 Timothy 4:8</b> Do jumping jacks, stretches and physical training.</p> <p><b>Hebrews 10:36</b> Talk about the promises God keeps to us.</p>
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Bring this reading chart on **Sunday, July 30** for a prize!

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



**Read Aloud before God and One Another!**

**Hannah Remielekun Max-Pedro**

(nee Max-MacCarthy), mother of Christiana Tumaku Campbell was a beacon of hope! She was kindhearted; loving; gentle; hardworking; optimistic; extraordinarily strong and resilient; a staunch supporter but was also a disciplinarian.

**Mbalu Bindie Mawendeh**, mother of Dr. Frances Mawendeh Bakarr

Loving, compassionate, giving, endearing, kind, thoughtful, protective, strong, extraordinary, intuitive, empathetic, supportive

**Ellen Barnes Muller**, mother of Bob Muller

Extremely faithful, loving, caring, hard-working, unselfish, loyal, great cook, great pastor

**Mariama Njai**, mother and grandmother of Milford Doherty

Supportive, caring, very heartwarming, compassionate, and her love is mostly genuine.

**YoungHoon Park**, mother of Gideon, Jeremy, and Theodore Park

Kindhearted, persevering, resilient, wonderful (by Gideon); good, happy, wonderful, content (by Jeremy); loving, caring, tough, and awesome (by Theodore)

**Mary Gbee Russell**, mother of Admire Russell

Admire Russell  
kind, courageous, humble, and loving beyond measure... honest and charitable. She was not perfect and was never afraid to apologize.

**Michaella Fraser Salcedo**, Mother of Angelo Salcedo

Miraculous; Outstanding; Magnificent; Marvelous; All the things about You. Thank you for being the person that you are, and especially just being my MOM!!!!

**Jaswanti Singh**, mother of Amit Singh

IS LOVE, LOVED, LOVELY, BEAUTIFUL, ADORABLE, AWESOME, AND AMAZING.

**Ann Marie Spaine**, mother of Jestina Spain Ojinnaka

Thank you for your steadfast support as I begin my motherhood journey!

**Marguerite Tsegue**, mother of Rev. Simeon Nomo

Lovely and compassionate woman of integrity; patient; very kind; awesome in terms of giving advise; beautiful; strong; carrying; Faithful; gentle and nice, prayerful, great teacher, my role model.

**Brenda Zac-Williams**, mother of Kevin Zac-Williams

Humorous, Adventurous, Bright, Sincere, Charming, Trustworthy, Energetic, Fearless, Adaptable, Considerate, Wise, Loyal

**Gregoria Sampson**, mother of Colleen Sampson

Gracious, Respectful, Enthusiastic, Generous, Organized, Rational, Insightful, Affable, Prayerful, Avid Reader, Attentive, and Young-at-heart.

**Twelve Words of Attributes to Our Mothers**

**Lucy Arinze & Peggy Andrews**, mother and mother in law of Ngozi Arinze  
My mothers' love is selfless, faithful, and unwavering. They sacrifice their desires for their families and create a nurturing environment for us. Her guidance, compassion, and fear of God shape us into the persons we are today. My mothers are a true inspiration, always praying for us and never relenting in their love and devotion to our happiness and success.

**Rubilia Barrios**, mother of Wendy De La Roca Barrios, office secretary  
The most selfless, fearless, compassionate, loving! My biggest motivator!

**Grace Esther Means Bidle**, mother of Leilani Jayne Biddle McConnell (writer); Mary Joanne Bidle Tometich (deceased); Jerry Dean Bidle  
Devoted wife; loving mom and grandmom faithful Christian

**Christiana Tumaku Campbell**, mother of Valerie (writer) and Joyce Campbell  
Gregarious, Congenial, Calm, Thoughtful, Studious, Supportive, Hopeful, Altruistic, Determined, Insightful, Delightful, Jolly (also her middle name)

**Rani Christopher**, mother of Sunil Christopher  
Happy Mother's Day! Appreciate all your love, dedication, support for me and family.

**Hui-Chen Chu**, mother of Szu-Yi Li, Organist and Director of Music  
Strong-willed, devoted, hard-working, brave, loving.

**Victoria Davies**, mother of Nassay Hassan (writer) and Femi Hassan  
My sweet beautiful mother, her love is above any other.

**Jacqueline Holder**, mother of Andre Small  
A special woman that sacrificial for her children and family

**NamOk Ko** (wife of Lee), mother of YoungHoon Lee Park  
Adventurous, Curious; Honest; Polite, Quiet; Brave; Cautious; Cheerful; Artistic, Young; Loving, Selfless, Nurturing, Supportive, Encouraging, Dedicated; Strong.

**YoonJa Kwack** (wife of Park), mother of Rev. DaeHwa Park  
Adept, adventurous, agreeable, altruistic, amiable, ardent, artistic, assertive, astute, audacious, authentic, awesome (Methodist)

**Cordy Matthews**, mother of Stacey Matthews  
Faithful; Nurturer; Songstress; Devoted; Multiplier; Baker; Storyteller; Everything; Loving; Unwavering, Brilliant; Beautiful.

**Cordy Matthews**, mother of Carolyn Matthews  
C- Consistent, Caring, Competitive; O- Orderly; R-Raconteuring; D-Delightful, Devoted; Y-Youthful.

**Tell of the Exemplary Parents**  
For a Parents' Day event on July 23 to Nomination and Lay Leadership Committee members.  
2022 Award Presented to  
**Hugh & Jackie Holders!**

**Youth Orchestra on Sunday, July 30!**

Bring your instruments for the adoration of God. On Sunday, you can play hymns during worship. We began Youth Orchestra in July



2022. Currently, we play on the 5th Sundays only. If any one (K-12) would like to sing as vocals, please contact either Ms. Christiana Campbell or Ms. Szu-Yi Li for more information.

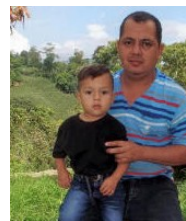
**Best Wishes the Class of 2023!**

May God bless our proud graduates: Vinice Cole, Jelan Davies, Chrystal Taylor, and Keanen Thompson on their college education.



We keep them in their new adventure.

**High Schoolers**, summer is good time to explore collage as Youth Hangout on June 11 watched "The 8 Ivy League Universities in USA at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slheCEReiqY>.



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 at the Post-Pandemic Era!**

**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

**Funday School**



Children, have a good start of your adventure with Jesus Christ. Like Jesus, grow in wisdom and stature. 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 worshippers.

### Sacrificial Love of Mother Acknowledged:

#### Josephine Cecilia Abina Parkinson

By Shuvai Chivanga  
Winner of the Award

My mother's name is Josephine Cecilia Abina Parkinson and she is my hero. Her favorite color is purple and she always has a mug of tea with her when she goes to work. And even when she comes home tired every day, she still makes the time to take care of and spend time with my sisters and I, a trait of hers that I've always admired. Her strength and determination are beyond measure and nothing I say in this article could even begin to capture all that she does for us.

For me in particular, I am her oldest child, and for a majority of my life, it was just her and I in our apartment in Columbia. My mom was never afraid to sing or dance or be silly if it made me happy. We spent a lot of time reading books together or cuddling on the couch watching TV, and she would always give me a sip of her tea when she made herself a cup. These memories shaped my love for reading and learning as I was growing up, a love I still have today.

I've always been a very busy individual, especially now that I'm in highschool. Currently, I am involved in orchestra, theatre, African Student Association, and hopefully by next school year, student government. And this is not a lot compared to all of the things I used to do in the past, and my mom was the coordinator for essentially all of it.

She would leave work to pick me up and drop me off, keep track of event dates, everything, and she still has to step in now from time to time.

And of course, we disagree. A *lot*. No matter how much my brain struggles to realize it, my mom is a very wise person, and sometimes I let my desire to be right keep me from seeing that. I know that I am not and never will be the "perfect daughter", and my mom can't be the "perfect mother". But she is the perfect mother for *me*, and I wouldn't trade her for anybody else in the world. (358 words)



#### Alka Singh

by Aanya Singh

My mom is the most important person in my life. She is the one who brought me into this world, raised me, and taught me everything I know. She is always there for me whenever I need her, and has never given up on me. She is a wonderful woman, filled with grace and I am grateful to have her as my mom.

One of the things I admire about my mom is her resilience. She never loses hope, even though she's been through some tough times in her life. Her strength has been very inspirational for me throughout my life. She is also very hardworking. Even though she's had her challenges in life, she uses them as an opportunity to grow and learn from it.

My mom has a very big heart. She always puts her family and their needs before herself.

### Our Mothers"

#### Hannah Remielekun Max-Pedro

By Christiana Jolly Tumaku Campbell

My mother, Hannah Remielekun Max-Pedro (nee Max-MacCarthy) was a beacon of hope! She was kindhearted; loving; gentle; hardworking; optimistic; extraordinarily strong and resilient; a staunch supporter but was also a disciplinarian. My mother worked very tirelessly to ensure that my brothers, sisters, and I got an excellent education after our father passed away. She not only took care of us but took care of the neighbors' children and all those who found life difficult. Our mom was a problem solver, patient, forgiving, and humble.

My siblings and I referred to her as "the mother of children" because she adopted many children not only from Sierra Leone but from Ghana and made sure they also had a good education. She taught us how to share unconditionally which was difficult for us to understand as we always mad at her for making sure that those she adopted were given the best. My dear mother was an artist, she stayed up all night and made new dresses for my sisters and I for Christmas, Easter, and all-important church events in the church. She taught us how to serve, waking up at 5:00 am on Sunday mornings to dust the pews, sweep the steps of the church, and had us sing in the church choir.

My sister and other "mother" Mrs. Akosua Hannah During, who is also in heaven now, was a strong influence in my life.

She was very warm, kind, and industrious soul. Akosua was my strong anchor after our mother passed away. She was a wonderful mother, nurse, role model, and friend.

I know my dearest mother and my sister are both resting peacefully in the arms of our Lord and Savior. Thanks for all your support and guidance which helped me to be who I am today.

Love you both!! (300 Words)

#### Marcie Burroughs

Good Shepherd recognizes **the exemplary mother of the year** during worship service on Mother's Day, May 14, 2023. At the initial interview with Rev. Park, Marcie doesn't want to be recognize as a mother of the year.

Marcie Burroughs loves all God's children as she never stop working for the sound and secure environment of the church. As a member of Trustees, Marcie has served many decades to beautify, maintain, and repair. As an artist, Marcie decorated with her paintings on Jesus' gospels on the wall of the Jackson building where our children and youth meet.



### “Sacrificial Love of

#### Cordy Matthews

By Suzanne Matthews

My Mother Cordy Matthews hails from a village on the East Coast of Guyana, named Mahaicony. It is important for me to highlight her early beginnings because I sincerely believe her life long way of being was nurtured in that village life. Cordy moved to the city at age 11 to start her secondary schooling and furthering her matriculation in college, where she majored in educational development.

Cordy is mother to six children, but has mothered more as many nieces and nephews have lived under her care in their formative years. In approaching her, she appears to be a quiet person, but once she has your attention, her competitive nature shows up. She has shared her passion for competition through teaching her children that in order to be considered to be chosen on the team many hours of self-motivated practice must occur. However, she is also full of humor and has used humor to soften the fall if in competing you fail to qualify in the top tier.

Her children are beneficiaries of her: great listening skills, her encouraging words, and her personal advice column wherein she does not shy away from giving her opinion from her point of view. Her children are grateful for the many long hours she spends with them individually on the phone or in-person using her analytical skills to help them solve life issues.

On this Mother’s Day, May 14, 2023 we Salute You Cordy Evon Matthews for following God’s Word and making it your daily walk. (252 Words)

#### Mary Gbee Russell

by Admire Gbarleh Russell

The late Mary Gbee Russell was a mother of two girls and four boys but mothered many others. She was kind, courageous, humble, and loving beyond measure.

One of her favorite quotes was from Micah 6:8, “What does the LORD require of you? Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God, (NIV).” Those who had the opportunity to interact with her can attest to her character. She was also honest and charitable. She was not perfect and was never afraid to apologize.

DewyDee (meaning Mother), as we commonly called her, was our family detective; in 1968, a TV series called “The Invaders” had a detective named David Vincent who had the knack for solving all crimes. Our mother was nicknamed “Vinco,” after the detective because she kept us her children, family members, and friends in check with her investigative attributes.

Another vital lesson our mother taught us is how to live with others. She opened our home to a mentally challenged individual who lived with us for many years until his demise in 1975. A lesson well learned and cherished by all of us. She is gone, and the foundation she laid is still thriving. Thanks, DewyDee, aka David Vincent; we miss and still love you. Written by Admire Gbarleh Russell, on behalf of my sibling. (218 words)

### Our Mothers

#### Nam Ok Ko

by YoungHoon Park

### 365 Words about Mother

She always taught me that showing kindness can make a big difference in someone’s life. Her positive attitude and outlook on life has helped me see the bright side of things, even through tough times.

She puts her heart and soul into everything she does, whether it's her job or taking care of her family. She is a very ambitious and determined person, and she always encourages me to be the same.

She is also an excellent role model. She has always been kind, compassionate and honest. She taught me to be a good person, to treat others with respect, and to always do my best at anything I do. She's always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it, even if it means putting her own needs aside.

My mom is also a great cook. She can whip up a delicious meal out of the simplest ingredients. I have always admired her cooking skills and have learned so much from her. It's not just about her satisfying our hunger, but the love and care she puts into every dish. She has shown and taught me how food can bring everyone together.

In conclusion, my mom is an extraordinary person who has touched and made my life better in so many ways. Her love, care and selfishness are unmatched and I'm truly blessed to have her as my mom. I hope to be like her, a person who is always there for others, full of love and compassion. (395 words)

As a mother comforts her child,  
so will I comfort you; and you will be  
comforted over Jerusalem."  
Isaiah 66:13

Adventurous, Curious: Always eager to explore new places and learn about the world around her. That's one of the reasons how I came to America.

Honest: That's what I got from her and my children too

Polite, Quiet: Her friends want to be with her

Brave: That's how I married a man who was a candidate for a pastor

Cautious: That's why she hesitated before making a decision about my marriage

Cheerful: She still cheers us up whatever we do

Artistic: She likes to draw. She wants to be a home designer

Young: Her young mind is always ready to listen

Loving, Selfless: Always putting the need of her family first

Nurturing, Supportive, Encouraging, Dedicated: Always pushing us to be the best we can be. That's how I was raised with music although I had a job in a different area

Strong: She was strong and is strong and she will never give up on us.

I am grateful for the incredible mom and the countless ways she has enriched my life. (172 words)

### “Sacrificial Love

**Jaswanti Singh**

By Amit Singh

I CAME TO THIS WORLD BY MY MOM'S WILL, I think because of her love I got a life, from the beginning she started caring for me when I was not known to this world. I don't know when I wasn't able to walk on my feet, she took care of me showing me this unknown world. I wasn't able to feed myself but she fed me the food which she can only provide me. she acted in my life as a guide and nurtured me to live in this world by adopting all those things which was just a magic to me in the beginning. Maybe I was scared and surprised but I still have those faded memory that she had always hidden me in her arms when I was scared of something. she is a lovely world to me.



She took me to my school every day holding my finger and keeping an eye on me till the time I disappear from her eyes. Each afternoon she was at my school gate, maybe before the school bell rang. I don't have to worry about my clothes, my shoes, my bag, and my homework. She had been taking care of everything. After reaching home she served me food that I like, she knows me more than myself I had known myself. She is a lovely world to me.

As I grew up she was my companion and my friend. She had taken care of all my needs from clothes to shoes, from books to school trips, forgetting anything she was a mediator between me and my father, and she knew how to get them arranged for me. She had given me everything

that I need by avoiding the things which she needed. Now, when I had children, then I realized how in so small earnings she had managed so many things for me. She is a lovely world to me.

I grow big and started taking my decisions but she always supported me. She always stood by my side and tried to correct me even though I was adamant about certain wrong things. she never left me alone she still kept me in her arms in the way she kept me when I was scared when I was not able to talk and walk. She is a whole world to me.

I left her and moved to the big city, for my future forgetting that she was my past and my future to me.

When I was small, I was not aware of what love is, but from her, I learned the meaning of love which she had shown me till now, and that is what Jesus showed us the way, I had experienced through my mother. I think so **God has created a woman who is full of love and that is my mother. she is a lovely world to me.**

She was my educator and my mentor when I started learning things and going to school. she showed me the different colors and taught me the alphabet before anyone can teach me. when I started going to School, she brushed my teeth and gave me lunch to me so that I won't be hungry in school.

### of Our Mothers”

But she supported me and wanted me to become some big officer and might be she must have prayed to God all the time for me. I got lost in the city and couldn't give her the time but she never said anything to me. She is a lovely world to me.

Because of her prayers, guidance, teaching, and support, I was something and was able to stand on my feet. But I am far away from her and her love was away from me. I can imagine while writing these words how lonely she might have been. she is a lovely world for me.

My Mom is my everything, I came far away from her but she still loves me and this distance is nothing to her. because for her my happiness is her love for me. She is my Love first and last she is my adorable mother and she is a lovely world to me.

I love you, mummy. (701 words)

### Grace Esther Means Bidle

By Leilani McConnel

Born in Tiomore Indian Territory, later Oklahoma in 1900 as the third of the eight, she never lost her Okie Twang. Met her favorite husband there and married in her parents' home in 1922. She moved with dad to Illinois, where I, Leilani, was born, when she was 37 and my sibling 14 and 12. She loved us all equally even though my sister and I teased her about liking Jerry best.

### Love of Mother

She was avid gardener so our home always had flower beds and fresh veggies. She loved birds and once sent me a birth announcement when a nest of robins hatched along with a wilted red tulip she admired for its color and wanted me to see.

She made all my clothes well into my high school years including a lovely gold prom dress. She fed us well from the garden or dad's fishing trips and helped me bake our signature angel food birthday cakes.

My friends liked her and she sometimes had visits from them without me. She often volunteered was a U.S.O. mom during WWII, and was active in PTA and the churches we attended. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a guttural laugh that here grandchildren found hilarious. She liked and was sell liked by almost everyone she met and had many close friends. I miss her hugs, her warmth, her generous spirit so many years since her passing in 1974. I bet she is glowing flowers in heaven. (245 Words)



I Pray That God Will Make My Dearest Mom Happy And Keep Her Healthy All The Time. Have A Very Happy Mother's Day.