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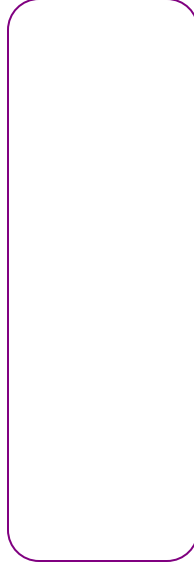
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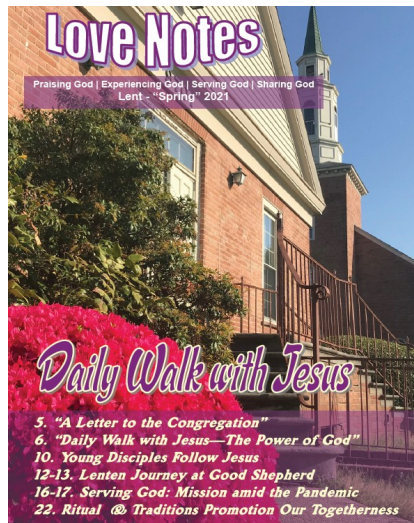
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Articles due on Sunday,
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SEVEN MINISTRY INITIATIVES

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 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!



Seventy Apostles Are Sent

On Sunday, January 24, Seventy spiritual leaders were commissioned for the mission and ministries of Good Shepherd. Rev. Dae-Hwa Park and Priscilla Michel, Lay Leader provided Christiana Campbell and other "seventy" apostles with this pin.



Pastor's Study Now Opens.



Farewell to Maggie

In loving memory of Margaret Sumner Howard one of the founding members of Good Shepherd, a memorial service was held on Sunday, January 31, 2021. Maggie was a faithful member, musician and educator. We will miss her. For memorial fund for outdoor church sign, a check may be made to Good Shepherd. Write: Maggie Howard Memorial Fund.



All Small Group Gatherings thru Zoom Meetings

Sundays

Celebration of Worship at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 566-965-650

Passcode: 900361

Youth Hang-Out at 7 p.m.

Meeting ID: 976-1877-7352

Passcode: 914966

Children with Sing-Along & 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

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

Becoming Disciple thru Bible Study at 7p

Meeting ID: 961-6016-5713

Passcode: 716470

Thursdays

Jesus in the Gospels at 9 a.m.

Meeting ID: 912-9923-1991

Passcode: 552624

Faith Talks at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 953-5226-0028

Passcode: 014740

Saturdays

Confirmation Classes at 1 p.m.

Meeting ID: 922-3881-6546

Passcode: 007143

To Green Pastures and Quiet Waters ...

In-person Worship & Prayers

New Year & the Season after Epiphany

Online Worship, Study, & Service

“Renewal of Marriage Covenant” Feb. 14

“Unveiling the Gospel” by Admire Russell Feb. 14

16 People Hope for a Savior



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

Spotlights in Ministries



Bishop LaTrelle Easterling and Bishop Julius Trimble talk about Racism, Peace and Justice, The January 6 insurrection at the Capitol, and a Future Hope for the United Methodist Church. Listen podcast at <https://unitedmethodistpodcast.com/archives/902>

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 “Daily Walk with Jesus”

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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.

Becoming Disciples thru Bible Study

on Mon. at 7:00 p.m.

See details on pages 8-9

Creations from the Pastor Greetings from the Pastor

“In the Wilderness ...”

How can you acknowledge your journey amid the pandemic? On the last issue, I talked about “Leaving the Land of Goshen.” As an exodus people, we left the land of Goshen, full of oppressions. The excitement from evacuation from the land would be powerful enough to set out a journey for the Promised Land. Yet, you have a desert on your way. How would you get through it—a wilderness in your spiritual journey!



Are you seeking a short-cut to the Promised Land?

The Israelites took the journey in the desert. They marched into the desert - the unknown.

Under the leadership of Moses, the people of God moved closer and closer to the land, flowing milk and honey. It was a journey of 40 years!

There in the desert a great multitude of the multi-contextual, learn from one another about how to overcome challenges, how to avoid things that displease the Deliver, and eventually how to become the holy nation.

Friends, in this season of Lent, I want you to join in our daily walk in a desert. I want you to walk in the desert, just as Jesus Christ went through it, just prior to His public ministry.

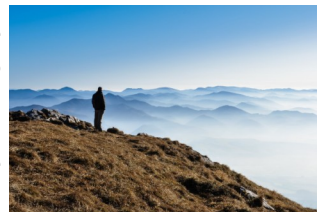
There, we will have to learn about how to survive from the wild. We will have to find out how to get along with the wild. We will miss what we had enjoyed in our mundane lives.

No one wants to live a life in a desert. However, there, we can learn about how to live without dependence upon so much abundant resources around us. In the desert we will appreciate the fact we lack. Then we will find out ourselves relying on God.

Lent is a time for us to be in a wilderness—a locale where we can encounter God and learn His will that wants His creation to be good. I pray that our journey in the wilderness will allow

us take care of “the earth” our common home as a paradise where all people live in harmony without hatred, but love for one another.

Our Lenten journey lead us to the cross a place of forgiveness, reconciliation and redemption. Without love there is no salvation. Find Jesus Christ the power of God from your own spiritual journey. Demonstrate to the world what God is doing in your journey.



Yours in Christ,

Rev. DaeHwa Park

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

HOLY CONFENCING

We also tabled discussion of rehabilitation of the playground area. We ran over Christiana’s hoped-for one hour meeting time to adjourn at 9:45 PM.

Next meeting was to be scheduled in March but may be held earlier as there were so many issues raised this evening.

Respectfully submitted,
Leilani McConnell, Secretary

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“Musical Season” - Schneider

January 3: "Each Passing Year" Text by Mark Fotherington: With the passing of another year, glancing back, I see a blessing clear: with Thy aid I navigated through the darkness to the light of everlasting love . . . "

January 17: "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" is from our hymnal no. 170. Each verse is a meditation on a different scene of Jesus' life; Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, and Calvary . . .

January 24: "Gift of Love" is a classic musical setting from 1 Corinthians 13 "Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love - my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain."

February 21: Ain't That Good News" is a Spiritual telling us "I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross, gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't that good news!"

March 14: Our Praise Band is singing Andrae Crouch's "Soon and Very Soon: we have come from every nation, God knows each of us by name . . . " Also prepared are "Give Me Jesus" and "O Happy Day."

March 21: choir preparing J. S. Bach's setting of Psalm 103; "Bless the Lord, My Soul, bless His holy name . . . He forgives all wrong, saving health bestows. He redeems my life from death; His love is ever sure."

March 28, Palm Sunday: "O the Lord of Hosts Will Come" with text adapted from Isaiah 2, "The proud will be humbled, every tower will fall down, the Lord will come with majesty His crown!"

April 2, Good Friday: "Before the Throne of God Above" text by Charity Bancroft: "When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free, for God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me."

Choir and praise band members should know how dearly they are loved and their service is appreciated. Whether or not you sing or play in our music ministry, or know any music volunteers, please pray for us that we return in praise some of the beauty, joy and truth that come from Him.

Yours sincerely,
Dr Elizabeth D Schneider

Leadership Team Meeting Minute (Con'd)

EVANGELISM – new Chair woman Elizabeth Sawyerr has not met with her team yet.

FINANCE – the 2021 Budget has yet to be formally approved so Chair Andre was urged to hold a meeting to finalize it. Little will change from 2020 he said. The Pastor's compensation was approved at Charge Conference in October.

Andre also needs to complete an audit that Treasurer Victor had hoped would be done before he turns over his duties to his successor.

Finance Sec. Idowoo reminded us that pledge envelopes are ready for pick-up. A few have been mailed to those housebound or living away from the area but many more are left. Since few come in person to church, envelopes may be left-over. The cost of mailing them has steadily increased. She said few pledges had been received for 2021 but she is getting donations, while inadequate to meet Budget, that are gratefully accepted. She mailed the 2020 Year-end statements of giving recently.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Victor is retiring from his position, after ten years, at the end of January. It is with concern that he reported he had not met with his successor, Sunil Christopher, yet although Sunil has told him he is familiar with the fiscal management program, Quick Books, Victor has used. They have not discussed the intricacies of the position. This was not happy news for the Council. We expressed our dismay to Pastor and it is hoped the situation can be resolved ASAP.

Victor shared the year-end Profit-and-Loss and Balance Sheets. He has been able to pay our mortgage and utility bills and staff salaries BUT we are months behind in Apportionment payments to the Conference due to inadequate funds.

This obligation, based on a percentage of a church's Budget, provides funding for mission outreach, pastoral support beyond individual salaries (paid by congregations), scholarships and projects. When a congregation is in arrears, it cannot request financial aid from the Conference. While there is a grace period when payments are missed, it is unclear what possible penalties may be incurred. However, while the Conference does not determine nor interfere with a church's financial management, it does note those who fail to meet this obligation. Persistent non-payment by a congregation could cause the Conference to designate it as a "part-time" ministry which would impact its status in the Conference.

Victor also raised concern about the poor performance of our **Endowment Fund**, modest though it is, after having been reduced when the new entry, Upper Room, and restrooms were created in the 1990's. The Fund has barely grown even as the current stock market is on a significant upward swing. The Endowment Committee has not met and its chairwoman will be asked to do so to reassess the Funds management.

The matter of considering a second PPP loan was tabled. We will be obligated to repay the first loan if we fail to request forgiveness. This action is still pending.

A Letter to the Congregation

From Christiana Campbell
Council Chair

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I bring you warm greetings as the Chair of Leadership Council blessings and peace to all. My sincere thanks to the Nomination Committee for all the work that was done to put together a Leadership Team for 2021 and for the members of the Good Shepherd United Methodist (GSUMC)'s acceptance of the team at Charge Conference. It is a great honor to serve GSUMC and to work with Pastor Dae-Hwa Park to accomplish planned goals.



God has a plan for everyone and everything and that includes every single member of GSUMC and everyone who comes through the doors of the church. We do not fully know God's plan for us however, all we can do is continue to be steadfast, pray always, and listen for clarity. Our church Leadership Team has been doing just that. The leaders and members of each committee are very enthusiastic and are hard at work thanks be to God for His boundless grace and mercy.

In fact, just this evening the budget for 2021 recommended by the Finance Committee was approved by the Leadership Team. The budget includes proposed costs for various ministries of the church that includes but not limited to; missions, worship, evangelism, and education for all ages. With the approved budget, I am asking and pleading for full commitment from all members of GSUMC, your talents, your presence (in-person, via Zoom, or Facebook), we miss YOU.

Council Chair

We also need your tithes and offerings. Sincere thanks and appreciation to all who continue to give, but the laborers are few. We not meeting our weekly offerings currently estimated at \$6,568. In order to continue to turn on the lights at the "beacon on Mount Pisgah Road" we need support from every member. I know and understand times are hard, but every little bit helps. Let's work hard to meet the total budget for Year 2021. It's more about coming together as a community united behind GSUMC's common cause, to make grow and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ to transform lives.

We need every single member to come together to ensure that goals set and visions, and missions are put into action, Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, plans to give you hope and a future. We need to continue to work hard to keep the lights on at our beloved church. We need to continue the visions and hopes of GSUMC's charter members some of whom are now heavenly saints like Mrs. Margaret Howard. You are needed to keep the "holy fire" burning. We all agree, 2020 was a very difficult year but 2021 is full of hope and God's unending promises. We must continue to 'Stand Firm' and stay connected with other members of GSUMC - this is our shared purpose.

Come let us all work together to spread God's word to fulfill GSUMC mission to make, grow, and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ to transform lives within the church, our community, and our world. With God's help this shall be done!



“Daily Walk with Christ—the Power of God”

Join our Lenten journey with Jesus Christ – the Power of God and the Wisdom of God. Encounter the followers of Jesus Christ from the gospel of Mark.

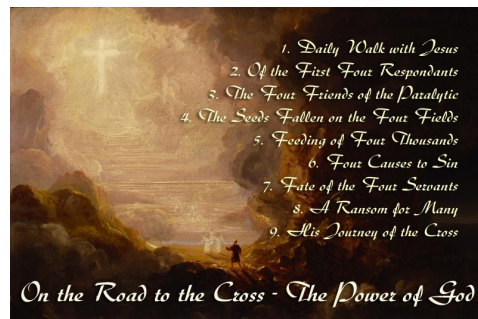
Begin your own journey on this season of 40 days of Lent. Come and overcome any challenges that hinder your journey amid the pandemic. “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18).

You can make a difference of the lives of your love ones. Come to worship with your friends. Lent is also a great season that you sow a seed of gospel. May God grow the seed you sow on the heart of the soul you would like to save!

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



Faithful Stewardship amid the Pandemic

By Committee on Finance

On Tuesday, February 9, the Committee on Finance drafted the annual budget for the mission and ministry of the year of 2012. Andre Small, Committee Chair motioned the annual budget for approval at a Leadership Team meeting (a.k.a. Church Council) on Tuesday, February 16. After a Q & A session, the budget was approved unanimously. Praise the Lord!

On behalf of the church, the committee give thanks to God for the committee chairs and coordinators who came up with faith-based budget for God’s Kingdom through Good Shepherd. The total budget amount is **\$341,537** (9,083 less than 350,620 of 2020 budget), which indicates full capacity of our Work of the Lord and His people.

The committee acknowledges about 50 regular giving units, an individual or spouse, while reaching out 250 constituents each week. We appreciate all other givers. We also acknowledge many others who gave their time and talents, along with donations for the various mission projects. The committee understands that \$6,568 weekly giving will reach our goal, and prays that all the constituents can **get through this together**, as we lifted it up as Stewardship Campaign last October. May God bless Good Shepherd, that we may fill up a barn like Joseph (Genesis 41:49).

Here is a break down of the budget.

<i>Works for Transformation of Life</i>	25,727
<i>Salary & Benefits for Part-time Pastor</i>	58,344
<i>3 Paid Staff Salary & Benefits</i>	74,445
<i>Building Upkeep</i>	120,000
<i>Mission Share for UMC</i>	33,021
<i>Mortgage Payment</i>	30,000

RITUAL AND TRADITIONS PROMOTE OUR TOGETHERNESS

OPINIONS

By Leilani McConnell

My almost-3-year old great-great-nephew Miles was just baptized by his grandfather who is a Deacon of the Catholic church. Usually he would have had this done as an infant but since he is older, he may well remember the ritual. How much he understood of its significance is unclear but he was prepared for the water on his head. I know he was told stories about baby Jesus this past Christmas and, before that, the dress-up and trick-or-treating traditions of Halloween (he was a Fire Chief). Like so many of his age, he is a little sponge, learning his world and its language in gulps..

I was reminded of my own baptism when I was 12. I was immersed three times in the manner of the Disciples of Christ Church I attended at the time. Just like Jesus, I thought. I am reminded again at the annual remembrance of His event, when pastors sprinkle us with holy water to assure us we are [still] God’s beloved, just like Jesus.

We soon will enter the Lenten season when, on Ash Wednesday, we experience another ritual, the imposition of ashes. In an article on the UMC Communications network the history of this ritual was discussed. In Genesis is the story of man being created of ashes. It makes sense as we learn more about the cosmos. As Carl Sagan told us we are made of “star stuff”. We are genetically connected to that great, wondrous vastness which surely touches Heaven. Symbolically, the writer of the article pointed out, ashes remind us of our humanity, our mistakes, and our eventual mortality when we “return” to ashes.

Once poured over the head and body as a sign of repentance by the guilty, by the 10th century ashes were poured over all Christians. Not until the 20th century did the Methodist church adopt the ritual of imposing ashes on the forehead in the shape of a cross. When we receive them we are reminded of who we are and the hope for who we may become.

As you know, the ashes we use are traditionally made of last year’s palms recalling those waved at Jesus when he arrived in Jerusalem before his trial and execution.

In times like these of social and political disease compounded by the threat of the virus, keeping ritual is so important. We need the anchor of traditions and the sharing even if we have to do it remotely. We need order to cling to and whatever happens, the seasons of the church year occur in their comfortably predictable cycle. We need the comfort of the eternal church and its cycle of seasons. We need the hope of better times to come.

This year of Covid. we may have a parking lot drive-through to receive our ashes as Pastor Park has suggested. He will let us know.

The UMW is still on hiatus but Church Women United is active and the organization is offering a series of on-line seminars called “Win Wednesdays” at 1 PM via [info.churchwomenunited.@gmail.com](mailto:info.churchwomenunited@gmail.com). Next dates are 02/03, 02/10, 02/17, and 02/24.

Please stay well and stay in touch,

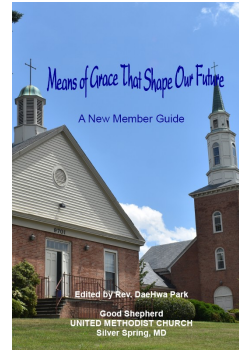
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Useful Ministry Resources

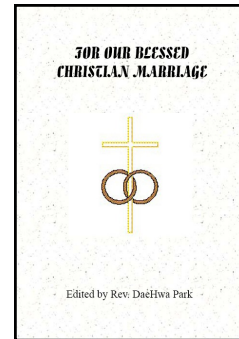
Means of Grace that Shape Our Future

This is a church ministry catalog that includes the mission, vision, values and beliefs of the church. Published for the purpose of new member class, known as "Lunch with the Pastor," Rev. Park call, equip, and send the exploring members of Good Shepherd. This 52 page booklet elaborates how to serve the Lord and His people in a joyous life of the church.



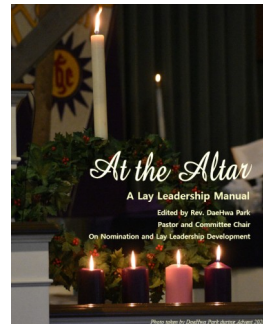
For Our Blessed Christian Marriage: A Marriage Counseling Guideline, edited by Rev. DaeHwa Park, not published. 43 pages.

Before they say "yes," the marring couples should review 1) where they begin, 2) what they are going to bring, and 3) what they will see in their wedding. Rev. Park uses this guideline for marriage counseling for the engaged couples as well as for those who would like to renew their marriage relationship.



At the Altar: A Lay Leadership Manual.

Edited by Rev. DaeHwa Park
Do you like to serve the Lord and His people as a spiritual leader. Check this out! This manual shows the responsibilities and necessary ministerial skills for laity. There are more than 25 lay leadership job description. Give your time and talents as spiritual leaders—committee chairs, coordinators, and/or administrative officers.



Christ Time for the Church:

Good Shepherd Mission Calendar for 2021
75 copies of the church calendar was printed and distributed. This planner includes the sermon series, major Christian holidays, and church events. Out of print. Don't miss four seasons at Good Shepherd and awesome faces of Good Shepherd. For your own copy, please call Wendy in the office.



The Act of Worship &

Elizabeth Schneider

While offering offertories during Lent, **Chancel Choir and Praise Band** rehear Easter music on Thursdays. Please join this great opportunity to praise God with your voices for joyful and uplifting hymns. Special thanks to the Band members and Chancel Choir.

Shaw's "With a Voice of Singing" (a two part adaptation)

Handel's Messiah solo "the Trumpet Shall Sound" - Sylvester

Mozart's "Alleluia" from *Exultate, Jubilate* (also a scaled back two part version)
"Glorious Day" "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" with Sunil and Stacey

Come, and worship! Praise Him without ceasing. We will sing "The Palms" on Palm Sunday. On Easter, we will sing together "Hallelujah" chorus during the Easter celebration.

CHOIR Rehearsal
"IN-PERSON PLUS"
on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.
GoToMeeting: # 937-140-485

+ Special Thanks to Liturgists:

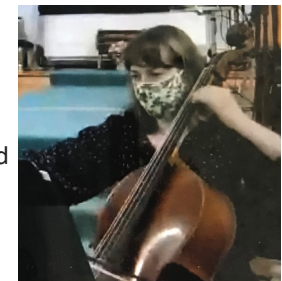
- Feb., 17 Ash Wednesday: Priscilla Michel
- Feb. 21, TBD
- Feb. 28, TBD
- Mar. 7, Philip Palmer, Jr.
- Mar. 14: Elizabeth Sawyerr
- Mar. 21, TBD
- Mar. 28, Palm Sunday : Priscilla Michel
- Apr. 1, Maundy Thursday: TBD
- Apr. 2, Good Friday: Christiana Campbell
- Apr. 4, Easter: TBD

MUSICAL SEASONS: thoughts from Good Shepherd's music ministry

Elizabeth Schneider

As we have finished Epiphany and observe the season of Lent, music is a way to celebrate seasons of our Christian life. The readings and rituals of the liturgical year parallel the life of Christ and remind us of His saving work in our earthly time. As created beings, we also feel closer to God and one another with some of our cultural and seasonal traditions. Black History Month helps bind our fellowship and reminds us that racial identity is a sacred gift. The music volunteers of Good Shepherd have prepared wonderful Spiritual and Gospel praises to share, not only in February, but several times during the year. It is always a challenge when snow interrupts our plans to sing in person. Some of our bulletins recently have published music which was not possible because we could not gather! Our volunteers are faithful, though, and we prepare with joy to sing in person every week, with Praise band resuming its schedule of offering music every second week of the month.

It is good for the congregation to know how our musical offerings commemorate each season and feed our spirits. Here are some excerpts of texts we have offered recently and are preparing.



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“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.



Lent begins with the imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the season of 40 days, not counting Sundays, before Easter. It comes from the Anglo-Saxon word “lencten,” which means “spring.” The season is in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Historically, it was the time of preparation for the baptism of Christian converts. It is a season for all Christians to engage in self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial; and reading and meditating on God’s Holy Word.

Coffee with Pastor - Mondays at 11 a.m.

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

Meeting ID: 631-887-165
Passcode: 375637

Meet the Pastor - 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

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: **1 & 2 Kings & 1 & 2 Chronicles**.

Meeting ID: 947-5619-4251
Passcode: 024529
Tuesdays at 7 p.m.



Leadership Team Meeting (Church Council)

TRUSTEES – report given by Carol as Chairman Dunstan Thomas was unable to participate in this gathering. She reported that we have reduced trash pick-up to once a month since we are generating far less disposables during the virus semi-lock-down. A padlock has been placed on the access doors to the large collection receptacle because outsiders throw their own trash in. Wendy Barrios, our Office Manager, opens it before scheduled pick-up.

Unhappily the church had a break-in in late December and the Jackson entry doors, door to the Counter’s space off the Adult Library, and that of the Comforter’s House rooms were damaged. Nothing taken from the Counters’ room but camera equipment and a laptop was taken from Comforter’s House space.

The security camera that overlooks the Jackson entry was out of “memory” and failed to see the intruder(s) but has since been updated by Trustee Stuart Coxic. Police investigated but were doubtful we would identify the perpetrator(s). It was assumed their goal was to find cash since they targeted the

Counter’s Room (where there is never any cash nor checks held). It would also suggest they had some knowledge that Counters use that space. Fortunately the Office was not breached.

A question was raised regarding adding cameras to the New Hampshire side of the building, matter to be further considered.

We have had an ever-increasing proliferation of non-member vehicles being parked in our lot and especially along Mt. Pisgah Road. They block Pastor’s designated space and access to the trash bin in spite of our signage not to park there. Carol and Dunstan have con-sulted our local police and Montgomery Co. traffic overseers and representatives have come to the site. Although we use the Mt. Pisgah graveled spaces, it turns out that the county actually owns them. The church does NOT have easement to restrict parking just for us.

We can apply for easement but it would no doubt involve legal action which could be expensive and lengthy. Meanwhile we cannot arbitrarily have cars towed UNLESS they are left there without no or out-of-date tags or for longer than 7 days. We have had cars with out-of-state tags parked for extended periods of time. Most vehicles are thought to be owned by residents of the apartment complexes near-by.

We may be able to get permission to restrict parking for the critical spaces cited above and for Saturday (for Agape congregation) and Sunday worship periods.

Carol added that all our electrical lights throughout the church have been changed to long-lasting LED bulbs by PEPCO as a cost-saving measure.

The Guardian Fire Protection Co. that services our kitchen fire suppression system and portable fire extinguishers has submitted work requests which are still pending.

Meeting Minutes

Leilani McConnell, Secretary

ATTENDING: Chair Christiana Tumaku, Pastor Park, SPRC Chair Nathan Block, Missions Chair Janice Taggart, Treasurer Victor Cole, Finance Chair Andre Small, Trustees Carol Penne, Vernice Lee and Pat McConnell, Sandra Craig, Finance Secretary Idowoo Boss-Cole, Gladys Palmer, Philip Palmer Jr., Lay Leader Priscilla Michell, Ministerial Assistant Admire Russell, Evangelism Chair Elizabeth Sawyerr, Hugh Holder, and Secretary Leilani McConnell.

Chairwoman Christiana opened her first meeting of the Council with a prayer and thank-yous to her predecessor. Philip Palmer Sr. ,and retiring Trea-surer Victor Cole. Attendees then identified themselves and shared their particular roles.

Minutes from the previous (Nov. 15, 2020) meeting were approved.

PROGRAM MINISTRIES:

Pastor Park said he meets with staff every Monday. Due to the continued prevalence of the corona virus, we are asked to double mask and follow other safety precautions. (The church has held in-person worship for many weeks with a smattering of attendees plus a small choir. Most are "attending" via ZOOM or Facebook.) He thanked those who volunteer for set-up and clean-up.

He is presenting themed sermons on "Stand Firm" since Christmas and looking forward to the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday Feb. 17.



Due again to the virus, imposition of ashes may not take place in the sanctuary. An alternative scenario is to have a drive-through at noon time that day. Decision to be announced.

Students and interested adults may sign up for "ROCK 2021" to be held via streaming on Feb. 05 and 06.

Celebration of the life of Maggie Howard, a long-time member, will be held on Feb. 07. Pastor suggested the church purchase a memorial plaque for her (cost = \$200).

Feb.07 is also the deadline for the Lenten season Love Notes.

MISSIONS Chair Janice said we had sent \$300 to the Gerald Ignace Indian clinic in Madison, WI in lieu of sending mittens and hats through the "Mitten Tree" project.

Carol told us Broad Acres School is still shuttered due to the virus and for Advent family project we gave gift credit, grocery, and clothing cards rather than presents to the two families we supported. Since then, food items from the Tabitha Food Pantry (with Coordinator Paulette Brown's blessing) and more that have since been donated. to a representative from Broad Acres. The latter distribute food from their parking lot on Wednesdays. As Carol said, a lot of outreach is happening "below the radar" in our time of virus precautions.

Christiana, also the Education Coordinator, reported that the Sunday evening remote gatherings from 7 – 9 PM of primary and middle school-age kids with herself and Pastor Park has been very successful. Parents enjoy the sessions as well.

Thru DISCIPLE Study launch Assimilation Tracks ...

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



Into the Word Into the World focuses 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
Mondays at 7 p.m.

= Course Schedule =

- 2/22, 21. The Way
3/1, 22. Kingdom
3/8, 23. Humility
3/15, 24. Resurrection
3/22, 25. Holy Spirit
3/29, 26. Jerusalem



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. Strongly recommended for all disciples. You can read the entire bible.

Zoom Meeting ID: 961-6016-5713
Passcode: 716470
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

= Course Schedule =

- 2/24, 19. Threat
3/3, 20. Good News
3/10, 21. Least
3/17, 22. Life
3/24, 23. Assurance
3/31, 24. Power



Jesus in the Gospels 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 |
Thursdays at 9 a.m.

= Course Schedule =

- 2/18, 19. Signs of Danger
2/25, 20. Destiny Seized
3/4, 21. Destiny Achieved
3/11, 22. Jesus Raised Up
3/18, 23. In the Beginning
3/25, 24. His Glory
4/1, 25. Life in Him

Young Disciples Follow Jesus!

Through prayer (P); fasting (F) and service (S) and throughout 40 days of Lent! Join us!

40 DAYS OF LENT

HE IS RISEN!

ASH WEDNESDAY 1: choose 3 books to give to charity

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 2: no singing today (Psalm 103:11-12)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 3: draw a picture for someone (Psalm 145:9)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 4: write someone a thank you note (Matthew 5:16)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 5: drink only water today (Philippians 4:13)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 6: sit in silence for 15 minutes (Isaiah 43:5)

GOOD FRIDAY 7: take Gus for a walk (Psalm 46:10)

HOLY SATURDAY 8: clean room

HE IS RISEN! 9: do something for a stranger

HOLY THURSDAY 10: call someone & tell them you love them (Matthew 28:19-20)

GOOD FRIDAY 11: no juice today

HOLY SATURDAY 12: no coloring today (Luke 6:31)

GOOD FRIDAY 13: no TV today

HOLY SATURDAY 14: say something nice about everyone in family (Matthew 5:14)

GOOD FRIDAY 15: smile at everyone (Philippians 4:13)

HOLY SATURDAY 16: no ketchup today (Matthew 5:14)

GOOD FRIDAY 17: choose 5 toys to give away

HOLY SATURDAY 18: no being carried today

GOOD FRIDAY 19: sit in silence for 15 minutes

HOLY SATURDAY 20: say something nice about everyone in family

GOOD FRIDAY 21: smile at everyone

HOLY SATURDAY 22: no ketchup today

GOOD FRIDAY 23: choose 3 books to give to charity

HOLY SATURDAY 24: no being carried today

GOOD FRIDAY 25: smile at everyone

HOLY SATURDAY 26: no ketchup today

GOOD FRIDAY 27: say something nice about everyone in family

HOLY SATURDAY 28: sit in silence for 15 minutes

GOOD FRIDAY 29: smile at everyone

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GOOD FRIDAY 40: smile at everyone

HOLY SATURDAY 40: say something nice about everyone in family

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EVANGELISM

Lent & Holy Week 2021

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 at www.goodshepchurch.org.

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

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.

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!

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.

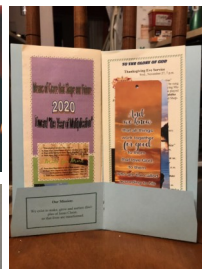
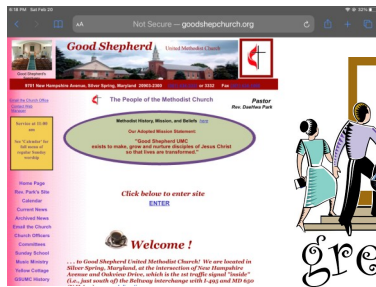
Invite others for worship, study and service opportunities. No greater evangelism than **the words of mouth**, which may be required your own ownership of the mission and ministries of the church.

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





Welcome All just as you are!



Published

Sharing My Soul, ISBN: 978-0-939423-43-9

Congratulations on the first book that Hugh Holder published. As a retired internist physician and man of faith, Holder shares his witnesses to God's grace and mercy he has experience from five countries.

+ Agenda +

- Welcome Bag & Welcome Table
- Door Greeters
- Lunch with the Pastor
(Online—New Member Class)
- Vacation Bible School
- Church Sign
- Website & Media Ministries
- Use of The Upper Room
- Banners

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To "Deybin" with Love

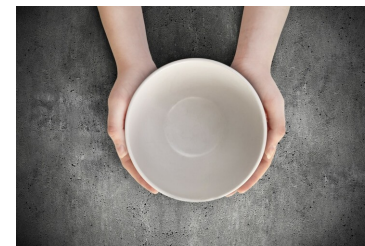
One of the mission projects of our children is to **sponsor a child** with the monthly financial support for schooling and happy life. Since December 11, we the children of Good Shepherds have sponsored Deybin. He is 4 years old born in **Honduras** on July 19, 2016.

Deybin loves to help mom with animal care and errands. He goes to Sunday school. Our monthly support will help him go to school and learn all he needs.

KIDS



In 2020, we have collected more than \$350. Praise the Lord! If you want to support this project, please make a check payable to GSUMC: Sponsoring a Child. All the donation will be acknowledged as your giving to church. Questions? Please call **Christiana Campbell**.



Special giving to sponsor Deybin!

12 Hours of Famine at Good Shepherd

ZoomID: 976-1877-7352

Passcode: 914966

Every session last 45 minutes.

11 a.m. Join it with Fasting of your Lunch

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- 4 p.m. Gathering with Praise, Prayers & Offerings
- 5 p.m. Anti-Racism vs. Cultural Competency
- 6 p.m. Why Do You Come to Church?
- 7 p.m. Keeping a Prayer Journal
- 8 p.m. Movie "Selma" - PG-13
- 10:30 p.m. Reflections on "Selma"
- 11 p.m. Healthy Snack for Break-Fast

Faithful Connection of Children and Youth amid the Pandemic

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

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

Confirmation Class
2nd & 4th Sat. at 10:30p.m.
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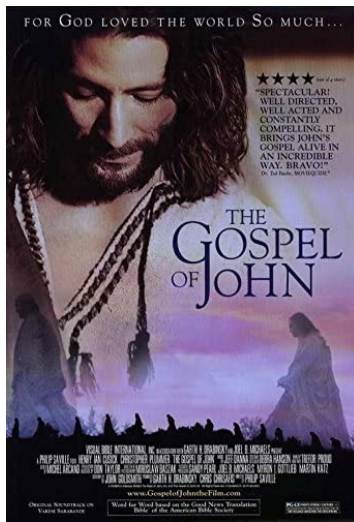
Special thanks to Teachers:

Mrs. Christiana T. Campbell; Dr. Elizabeth Schneider; Rev. & Mrs. Park

A Lenten Journey

Lenten Movie Night – Wednesdays at 9 p.m.
(Zoom Meeting ID: 964 1866 0868; Passcode: 935995)

Beginning Wednesday, February 24, you are invited to half an hour movie night through zoom with "The Gospel of John," 181 minutes PG-13, starring Henry Ian Cusick playing the role of Jesus. There will be 10 minute reflection times immediately after the show. Mark your calendars on Wednesdays, **February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31.** You may bring your own popcorn, drinks and your own witnesses on Jesus.



Fasting on Fridays, Voluntary
Freewill offering from the cost of the meal(s) from fasting on Fridays may be brought on Sundays for a special offering for the hungry. **The collection will sponsor a child adopted with the program, "Sponsoring a Child" through Compassion International.**



based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches initiated and directed by James Bevel and led by Martin Luther King Jr., Hosea Williams, and John Lewis. PG-13, 128 minutes.

Join this movie during 12 Hour of Famine on Friday, March 12, 2021.

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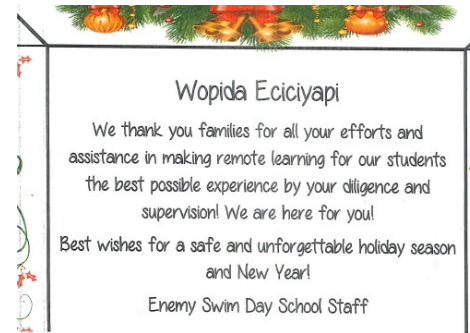
Join the Wednesday Night Prayer Conference Call at 8-8:30 p.m.

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

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.



IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON, WE EXTEND A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY

WE WISH YOU THE BEST FOR A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

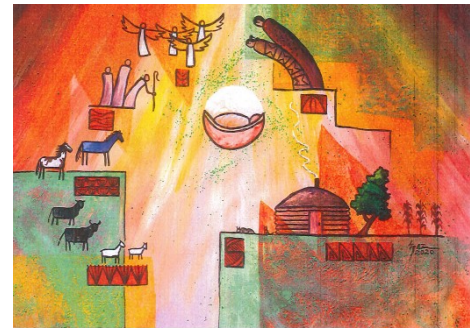
I am grateful for your ongoing support. It has been especially important in this difficult time.

Susie Sinclair-Smith
Chief Executive Officer

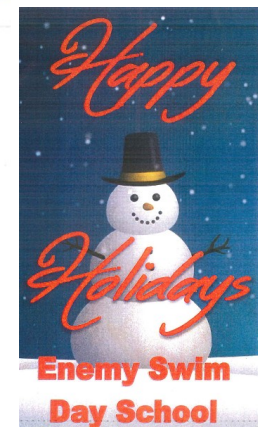
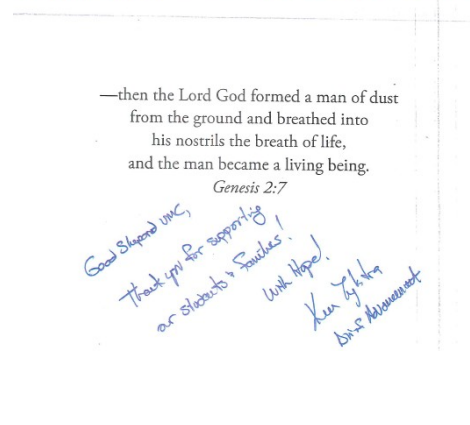


HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless



Thank you, Good Shepherd for your generous giving and support!
May God continue to bless you!
Praise the Lord!



Sending you warmest wishes

for a joyful holiday season and a safe and healthy



Thank you Letters from Organizations We Helped



Global Ministries
The United Methodist Church

UMCOR
Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church

October 7, 2020

Good Shepherd
9701 New Hampshire Ave
Silver Spring, MD 20903-2334

"...when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." - Jesus (Matthew 25:40 ECB)

Dear Friends in Mission,
Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - *Thank you!*

And through your financial support you are serving within a vital web of interactive relationships, partnering to engage globally in direct ministry to people in need.

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,

R. Fernandez
Roland Fernandez, General Secretary

Supporting Imagine No Malaria	Gift Amount \$ 135.00
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Date Received 09-18-20
Account #16860

Please retain this letter as your receipt. In compliance with IRS regulations, no goods or services were provided by the General Board of Global Ministries in consideration of your contribution.

Shepherd's Table
TOGETHER MEETING NEEDS. CHANGING LIVES.

November 11, 2020

Dear Good Shepherd United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$300.00 to Shepherd's Table. Through your contribution, you are a hero to the thousands of individuals in our community who are struggling with homelessness and poverty. Your support ensures we have the resources to continue providing access to hot, nutritious meals and other basic services to people in need.

Recently, we heard from Chuck who used to work for the government, lost his job, and despite his best efforts, could not secure a job in time to save his home. He ended up at a County shelter, feeling very discouraged, not knowing what to do next. He heard that the food was good at Shepherd's Table, so he decided to try it out. He quickly found it helpful to be able to access multiple services in one building. When the pandemic hit, he secured a place in the overflow shelter run by our partner organization and has since relied on the meals we serve even more. While Chuck continues to look for jobs and waits his turn for housing, he is so grateful that we are here, open, and serving delicious meals and providing social services every single day.

Your generosity allows for people like Chuck to continue having access to hot, healthy meals and other critical services as they work towards their path to self-sufficiency. We have had a busy year in 2020, with more people experiencing homelessness, unemployment, and poverty than ever before. This year, thanks to supporters like you, we have served over 84,500 meals, provided 131 eye exams, handed out 932 bus tokens and paid for 320 medical prescriptions for our clients.

Shepherd's Table is fortunate to have so many passionate individual donors and volunteers. Without your dedication and commitment, we simply could not operate.

Thank you for your support! We hope you are staying healthy and safe!

With gratitude,
Manny Hidalgo
Manny Hidalgo
Executive Director

P.S. No goods or services were provided for this donation.

8106 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910 Tel: 301-585-6463 Fax: 301-585-4718
www.shepherdstable.org

Rehoboth
Rehabilitation School

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
9701 New Hampshire Ave.
Silver Springs MD 20903

Date Processed: 11/18/2020
Receipt Number: 340904
Your gift has been applied to: \$400.00
Covid-19 Educational supplies

From: Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 9701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Springs, MD 20903

Dear Good Shepherd United Methodist Church,

Thank you for helping to share in the needs of our school and community. Months before the pandemic dominated our lives, the Rehoboth staff was looking at a theme for the 2020-21 school year. The theme of "Preparing a Table" based on Romans 15:7 was chosen.

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

As we have all been accepted by the unconditional love of Jesus Christ, we want to welcome our community to be part of the family where we can celebrate with each other the joys of life and cry with each other when confronted with sorrow. Please continue to pray for our students and families as they walk through this challenging season. Thank you again for providing encouragement and support!

But a blessing your gift is at this time!
Thank you!
R. Ippel

Blessings,
R. Ippel
Bob Ippel
Executive Director

Please detach this section and place it in the enclosed envelope with your next gift. Thank You!

Please use my gift where needed.
 I want to designate my gift for: (Sponsorship, Tuition Assistance, etc.)
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Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
9701 New Hampshire Ave.
Silver Springs MD 20903

Please send me information on how to provide for Rehoboth in my estate plan.
Silver Springs MD 20903

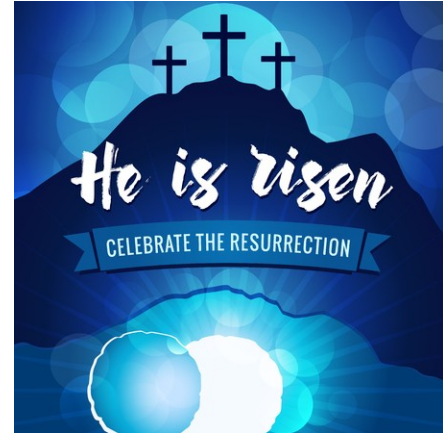
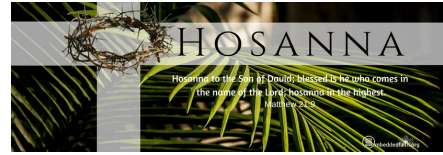
I have named Rehoboth Christian School in my will or estate.

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Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Esp. COVID 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.

A Day at GSUMC



Liturgical Highlights
"Daily Journey with the Power of God"
40 Days of Lent - 2021

Feb., 17, Ash Wednesday
7:30 p.m. Imposition of Ashes

Feb., 21, First Sunday in Lent

Feb., 28, Second Sunday in Lent



Mar., 7, Third Sunday in Lent
11 a.m. Holy Communion

Mar., 14 Fourth Sunday in Lent
Daylight saving time starts
UMCOR (UM Commission of Relief) Sunday



Mar., 21, Fifth Sunday in Lent
Mar., 28, Palm/Passion Sunday
Maundy Thursday, April 1
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service*
Good Friday, April 2
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross*

Easter Sunday, April 4
11 a.m. Easter Celebration
w. Congregational Hallelujah Chorus

*tentative schedule.

A Daily Journey with the Holy Word

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time for reflection, repentance, and renewal, when Christians are invited to prepare themselves spiritually for the celebration of the Lord's resurrection. Throughout the forty weekdays of Lent and the six Sundays in Lent, pray and reflect on the renewing power of God's Word. Scriptures are selected by John Lockhart, founder of Vision2Hear. Fill in the blanks with your own title or favorite verse you highlight.

Lord God, by Your Word Fill Me with Your Life-Giving Spirit

- 1. Ash Wednesday, February 17: **Luke 4:1-13**, _____.
- 2. Thursday, February 18: **Romans 8:1-17**, _____.
- 3. Friday, February 19: **Galatians 5:16-26**, _____.
- 4. Saturday, February 20: **Ephesians 4:17-24**, _____.

First Week in Lent: Lord God, by Your Word Fill Me with a Spirit of Repentance and Forgiveness

- ❖ First Sunday in Lent, February 21: **Psalm 51**, _____.
- 5. Monday, February 22: **Matthew 6:5-15**, _____.
- 6. Tuesday, February 23: **Matthew 18:21-35**, _____.
- 7. Wednesday, February 24: **Luke 15:11-32**, _____.
- 8. Thursday, February 25: **Ephesians 4:25—5:2**, _____.
- 9. Friday, February 26: **1 John 1:5-10**, _____.
- 10. Saturday, February 27: **Psalm 130**, _____.

Second Week in Lent: Lord God, by Your Word Fill Me with a Spirit of Hope and Trust

- ❖ Second Sunday in Lent, February 28: **Genesis 12:1-9**, _____.
- 11. Monday, March 1: **Genesis 22:1-19**, _____.
- 12. Tuesday, March 2: **Isaiah 51:1-16**, _____.
- 13. Wednesday, March 3: **Luke 12:22-34**, _____.
- 14. Thursday, March 4: **Romans 4:13-25**, _____.
- 15. Friday, March 5: **Hebrews 6:13-20**, _____.
- 16. Saturday, March 6: **Psalm 62**, _____.

Third Week in Lent: Lord God, by Your Word Fill Me with a Spirit of Gratitude and Thanksgiving

- ❖ Third Sunday in Lent, March 7: **Luke 17:11-19**, _____.
- 17. Monday, March 8: **2 Corinthians 9:1-15**, _____.
- 18. Tuesday, March 9: **Ephesians 5:6-20**, _____.
- 19. Wednesday, March 10: **Philippians 4:1-9**, _____.
- 20. Thursday, March 11: **Colossians 3:1-17**, _____.
- 21. Friday, March 12: **1 Chronicles 16:7-36**, _____.
- 22. Saturday, March 13: **Psalm 103**, _____.

Lenten Reading



Fourth Week in Lent: Lord God, by Your Word Fill Me with a Spirit of Love and Servanthood

- ❖ Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 14: **Matthew 23:1-12**, _____.
- 23. Monday, March 15: **Mark 10:35-45**, _____.
- 24. Tuesday, March 16: **John 15:1-17**, _____.
- 25. Wednesday, March 17: **Romans 12:9-21**, _____.
- 26. Thursday, March 18: **Romans 13:8-14**, _____.
- 27. Friday, March 19: **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**, _____.
- 28. Saturday, March 20: **1 John 4:7-21**, _____.

Fifth Week in Lent: Lord God, by Your Word Fill Me with a Spirit of Discipleship and Commitment

- ❖ Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 21: **Luke 5:1-11**, _____.
- 29. Monday, March 22: **Luke 9:22-27**, _____.
- 30. Tuesday, March 23: **Matthew 10:16-33**, _____.
- 31. Wednesday, March 24: **Matthew 10:34-42**, _____.
- 32. Thursday, March 25: **John 15:18-27**, _____.
- 33. Friday, March 26: **Timothy 2:1-13**, _____.
- 34. Saturday, March 27: **2 Timothy 3:10-17**, _____.

Sixth Week in Lent: Lord God, by Your Word Fill Me with a Spirit of Obedience and Humility

- ❖ Palm/Passion Sunday in Lent, March 28: **John 13:1-20**, _____.
- 35. Holy Monday, March 29: **Philippians 2:1-11**, _____.
- 36. Holy Tuesday, March 30: **Psalm 22**, _____.
- 37. Holy Wednesday, March 31: **Isaiah 52:13—53:12**, _____.
- 38. Maundy Thursday, April 1: **Luke 22:39-71**, _____.
- 39. Good Friday, April 2: **Luke 23:1-56**, _____.
- 40. Holy Saturday, April 3: **Hebrews 4:14—5:10**, _____.

Easter Day, He is risen! He is risen indeed! Lord God, we praise you for your might act in Jesus.

- ❖ Easter Sunday, April 4: **Mark 16:1-8**, _____.