

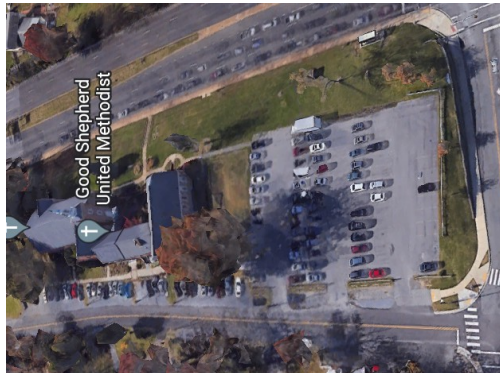
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 Theme: You, A Great Cloud of Witnesses.  
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**SEVEN MINISTRY INITIATIVES**

**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 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

**Every 3rd Sunday (New) with Lay Preaching!**

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

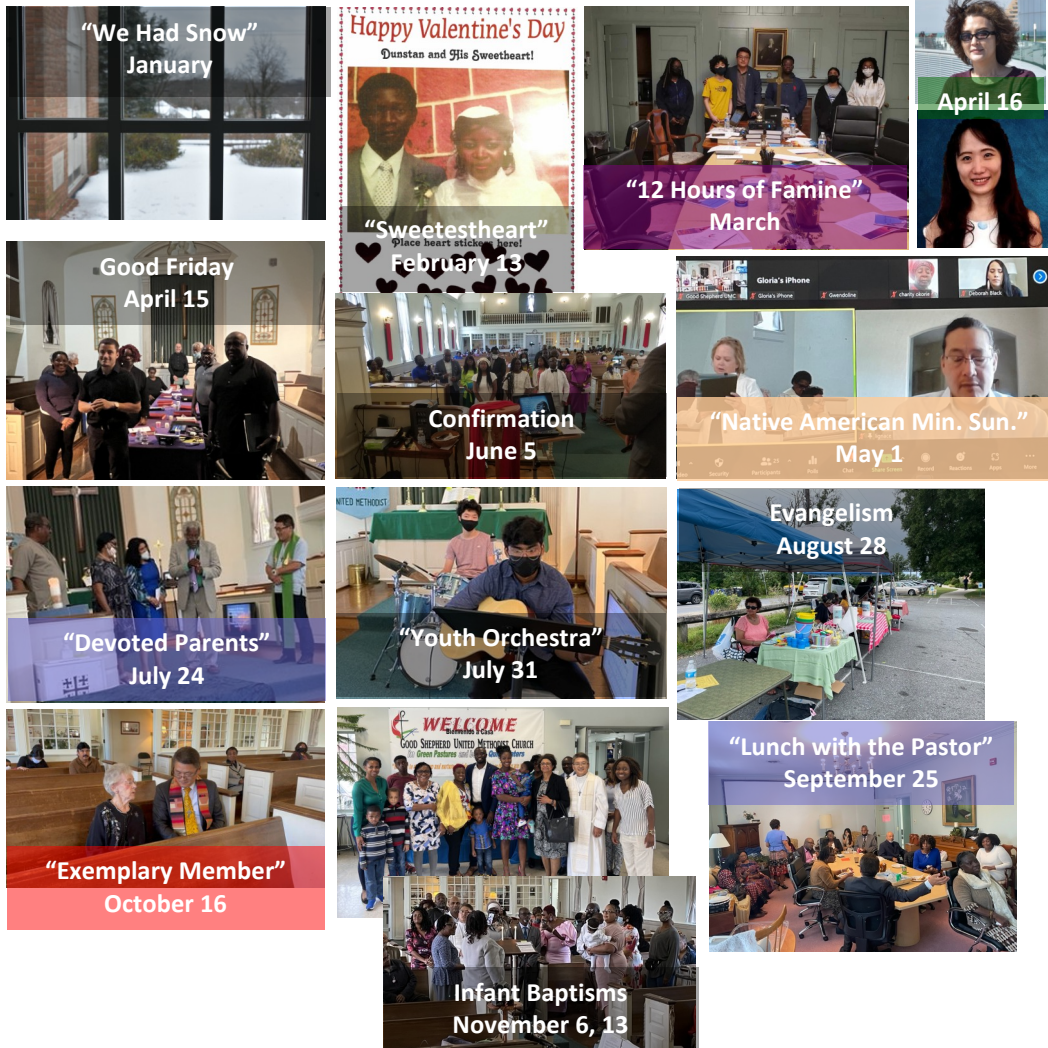
The Council approved that Rev. Park stays at Savage until the end of fellowship, beginning Easter. After a few months tried, we learn more pastoral coverage on the second Sunday with the Praise Band. This means that Rev. Park will NOT preach every 3rd Sunday instead of the 2nd Sundays.. He will come arrive later for pastoral roles in the later part of the service and events afterward. May God bless Savage and Good Shepherd!



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



To Green Pastures and Quiet Waters ...



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)

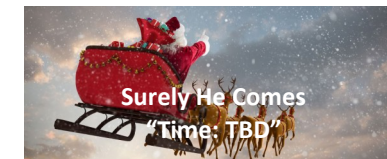
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Primary Theme of This Issue:

**"Glory in the highest Peace on Earth"**

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**WORSHIP & STUDY**  
 11 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

## What about God's "YoYo?"

Friends,

These days, either when I drive all by myself or when I am home alone, I discover myself humming a carol, "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas; just like the ones I used to know; where the tree tops glisten and children listen to hear sleigh bells in the snow, oh the snow." Suddenly, I startle awake to the reality with raindrops on the windshield, "Oh, no. Let it snow." Our planet earth is getting warmer. I need my white Christmas back!

Just as a dog in Disney's animation, *Once upon a Christmas* (1999, G, 66 min.), crying "What about my yoyo?," I cry out "where is my white Christmas?" The dog in the animation cannot but admitting a Christmas without yoyo. So must we, living in the post-Pandemic?

Over the last few years, I've missed many important things I would enjoy in my life: travel at the most, many social gatherings, going concerts, and many other fun activities. I discover myself crying "Where is my yoyo?" Wait a minute, should I not deserve such yoyos this Christmas? Let me put it this way: I pant for Jesus, just as "a deer pants for a brook" (Psalm 42:1). And for the Magi someone so special as eager as they follow the star all the way. This Christmas, if these yoyos are not with me, I am not going to be happy. I don't want to ruin my Christmas.

During the season of Advent, we all wait yoyos that make us happy. You and I de-



serve a good present, don't we?

I would like you to grab the yoyos you wish in this season rather than crying out "Where is my yoyo?"

Advent is a season that all may wait for an yoyo, for me, it is obviously Jesus Christ, the greatest gift - He who saves me from troubles and turmoil. He is my personal Savior and the Savior of all!

I think **Jesus is God's yoyo** - releasing it [Jesus] to His children with problems. This Christmas, I pray that each and every one

of you get God's yoyo. Receive Him, or you won't be fun. See, what the gospel writer John said to his audience: "He was in the world, and though the world was made through him the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those

who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God" (John 1:10-13).

My dear friends, receive it[Him]. Ask God to give you Jesus. Say "Give Me Jesus." Sing it like Abbie Gamboa by the Upper-room: "I don't want anything but Jesus." DO NOT PASS BY HIM this Christmas. Loving you,

*Rev. DaeHwa Park*

Rev. DaeHwa Park  
Pastor



Greetings from the Pastor

Get Connected

### [GOALS 2023 ... Cont'd from Page 13]

During Easter-tide I will integrate the celebration of worship into joyous giving for the revitalization of the church.

By the end of Easter-tide, fundraising strategies will be developed from parking and rentals.

During Kingdom-tide, working with a steward time, I will raise fund for outdoor church sign.

In October-November, through the annual financial stewardship I will strengthen a congregational culture to generate the joy of give-away of our time, talents, and treasures for others. This year, with theme of "Thrive and Surpass: Good Shepherd Renaissance."

### Goal 5: During the Pandemic era, youth and children's ministry were weakened.

Good Shepherd started "Funday School" in October 2021 to attract young disciples.

For Youth (Junior High and Senior High) a weekly Youth Hang-Out has been offered through zoom on Sunday evening at 7 p.m.; Story-telling with Children at 8 p.m. through zoom.

During Lent and Easter-tide, the children and youth will learn about Jesus with Funday School lessons and home assignments for their faith life between Sundays.

I am planning "Jubilee Market Place," a rewarding program for young disciples celebrate achievements on the day of Pentecost. May 28, 2023.

During Kingdom-tide, working with teachers and parents, I would like refurbish Jackson Building for children and youth friendly environment.

### Epilogue

Good Shepherd will continue to "make people blessed with the gospel of Jesus Christ" as a part of Greater Washington District. Our journey, praising God, experiencing God, serving God, sharing God, as we pray, will continue with our commitment to develop the "uniquely better" ministry that will sift and prune, reproduce, and multiply the fruits of the Spirit. Through the "uniquely better" ministry, as I strongly believe, Good Shepherd will revive its continuous work of the Lord and His people. [LN]

### [Christmas in July ... from page 16]

Rehoboth again extends an invitation to visit their school and gymnasium. The Missions Committee once again expresses our sincere thanks for your support in 2022's "Christmas in July" initiative. And thank you for your continued generosity throughout the years! [LN]

### [Advent Family ... from page 16].

To contribute, please write a check earmarked for "Advent Families 2022" and place it in the collection plate over the next few Sundays. Missions will work with our church treasurer Sunil to keep track of these contributions.

Missions will also accept grocery store gift cards. Please obtain these from a nearby grocery so that families can easily purchase groceries. Missions is also collecting warm throws, blankets, gloves, scarves and hats which will be shared with Advent Families and with the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center in Milwaukee and the two Indian reservation schools we support.

Missions greatly appreciates your support and contributions to the annual Advent Families drive. Please make all contributions by Sunday, December 18. [LN]

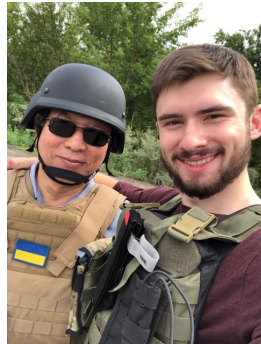


### Love Offering for Missionary Hun Choi in Ukraine

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

Dear Members and Friends:

As I shared updates on **Rev. Hun Choi** a missionary to Ukraine. Rev. Choi and his wife Anna Choi have been supported by several local churches from South Korea and UMCs of USA, whose supported has been dropped since the Russian invasion to Ukraine on February 24, as other missionaries of the entire nation were **evacuated** last spring.



Rev. Choi, US Citizen and an ordained elder of Overseas' Conference of The Korean Methodist Church was unable to leave about 30 families behind in an apartment complex in Kyiv. These remnants did not desert their hometown and decided to stay for a peaceful end of the war. With limited resources from missional support of the churches, Rev. Choi had to sell his car for funding for groceries for these 30 families.

Recently, on his way to deliver food for the isolated families in the area of Donetsk, Ukraine, Rev. Choi injured his left knee. He hopes for a surgery either in Poland or in USA in December when the rainy season begins; for the war might be slow it down. He sent a letter to the US secretary of the States to inform that he laid down his life for these innocent people under his pastoral care.

**We kept Rev. Choi and his missionary work in prayer over the last several months.** I asked this time again if he needs any support.

According to Rev. Choi, there have been a few individual members of the Korean Methodist and United Methodist Churches, who asked him to travel to Romania to get support. The travel was impossible. None of them would like to travel to a city of Poland near to the Ukraine border, where Rev. Choi had to use a 17 hour of train trip to get help. The wire transfer has been delayed by international banking system due to a possible hacking or risks of transfer to the Russians. According to Rev. Choi, he has used debit card for his personal saving from Wells Fargo Bank. While I keep Rev. Choi in prayer, I decide to write this letter to you. If you would like to support Rev. Hun Choi, please **make a check payable to Good Shepherd UMC and write a note: Support Ukraine Mission.**

100% of your giving will be sent to Rev. Choi for his missional work. I will post the updates as I can get updates from the pastor who love Ukrainians more than Ukrainians do! Thank you for your attention. **[LN]**



### Happy Advent Season!

by **Dr. Godswill Okoji**  
Lay Leader

Advent represents the beginning of the Spiritual Calendar for us Christians. This year begins on November 27<sup>th</sup> and includes the four Sundays of watching and expectancy leading up the Birth of Christ and the second coming of Christ.

May this season bring to birth of our new selves in Christ! May we leave behind our old selves of doubt, of hurt, of anger and bickering. May our faith be reborn in Christ!

It has certainly been a tough year: emerging from the pandemic, through rising inflation, loss of jobs through deaths and losses of loved ones. But the Advent season calls for a holy revival of Christ's Church.

Let us like the Good Shepherd find the single lost Sheep and return them to our fold, rejoicing and celebrating once again with spiritual gladness. As in Luke 15: 7 "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent"

Happy Advent Season. Let us watch and pray together, heal together and celebrate His birth for we are Good Shepherd!



by **Christiana Campbell**  
A Servant in the Master's Vineyard

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Master's Vineyard,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Grace, and peace to all in this Advent season.

"As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. (Luke 3:4)'"

Advent is a time of waiting, a time of preparation, a time of expectation, a time of hope, a time of renewal, and a time of peace. How are we spending this time of preparation to welcome the "Promised One"? The One who came into this broken world to save us.

HE claimed us for HIS own. What gifts are we going to bring to celebrate the coming of our Messiah? Are we bringing, frankincense, myrrh, gold, a brand-new laptop, a brand-new Tesla? Are these what we need to bring HIM? No, instead, HE needs us to bring our humble spirits and to walk humbly with HIM. **[Cont'd on page 12]**

“Glory in the Highest, Peace on Earth”



Friends, come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ New-born King! Christians begin a liturgical year - Christ's time for the church with anticipation of the indwelling of God of Immanuel, meaning God-with-us. Mark your calendar Sundays during Advent and the twelve days of Christmas. Start your journey toward the Year of the Lord's Favor. Encounter glory in the highest. Let there be peace on earth. Let it begin with you and your beloved!



+ Special Thanks to Liturgists:

- Nov. 27: Bintu Murphy
- Dec. 4: Augustine Roberts
- Dec. 11: Nathan Block
- Dec. 18: Bintu Murphy
- Dec. 25: Sandra Craig Janet Auber
- Dec. 31: Simeon Nomo
- Jan. 1: Simeon Nomo

First Sunday of Advent

- Ayodele Bailey & Kimberly White

Second Sunday of Advent

- Melvin & Tiffany Kusi-Davies

Third Sunday of Advent

- Tony & Jestina Ojinaka

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Avnish & Eden McGregor

Christmas Day

- Amit & Alka Singh and Aakash & Aanya.

Lighting Advent Candle.



- 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



❖ Liturgical Highlights ❖

+ Sun., Nov. 27, First Sunday of Advent

- Lighting of the Advent Wreath
- United Methodist Student Day

+ Sun., Dec. 4, Second Sunday of Advent

- Holy Communion
- Lighting Chrismon Tree

+ Sun., Dec. 11, Third Sunday of Advent

- Advent Celebration with Praise Band

+ Sun., Dec. 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Heavenly Banquet and Christmas Caroling

+ Sat., Dec. 24, Christmas Eve at Savage Campus (9050 Baltimore St., Savage) at 7p.

- Holy Nativity & Candlelight Service

+ Sun. Dec. 25, Christmas Day, 10:30 a.m.

- The Present Noel, Celebration of Christmas Morning

+ Sun., Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Service at 10:30 p.m.

- Family Game Night at 7:30 p.m. & Piñata after the service

+Sun., Jan. 1, 2023, Epiphany Sunday

- Covenant Renewal Service
- Holy Communion

The Act of Justice (Action & Advocacy)

Door Greeters



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 YoungHoon Park at yhoon12p@gmail.com.

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.



La vérité nous rend libres.

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

at snomo48@yahoo.com.

Welcome Table

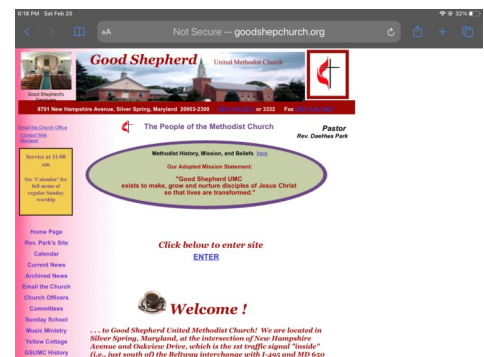
Please come to the welcome table and find out what you need for the ministries and mission of the church.

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

If you want to serve as a volunteer receptionist on Sunday please contact Wendy in the office.



Visit our website at [goodshepherdchurch.org](http://goodshepherdchurch.org)



Questions? Contact Neil Spiller  
Webmaster & Communication Coordinator



LOVE NOTES  
**Sharing God**

**Heavenly Banquet - December 18 at 12:30 p.m.**



New members/Confirmands and the family and friends are invited to “the Heavenly Banquet” on Sunday, December 18 immediately after Sunday worship. HB is a Lunch with the Pastor, quarterly new member class. Those

who join as the professing members in 2021-2022 are invited. Come and enjoy your first Christmas at Good Shepherd.

A greatest gift for your friends is to offer Christ. Advent and Christmas is a gift-giving season. Invite your loved ones—family members and friends come to faith. If there is anyone who is away from faith journey, Advent and Christmas season is the best time for them to reengage in faith.

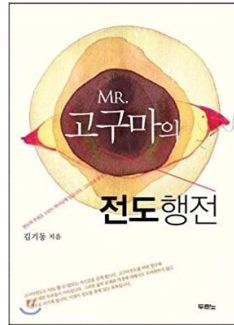
Begin with your children and spouse. You may or may not change them. God can change. Your job is to bring them to the presence of God! **Every 4th Sunday is “A Bring a Friend Sunday.”**

**Glory in the Highest,**  
 Wait  
 Get ready  
 Anticipate the Lord's Favor.  
 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."  
 Be their Peace:  
 Festival of Holy Nativity  
 Be at the Present Noddy  
 Anticipate the Lord's Favor.  
**Peace on Earth!**

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**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!



**Christmas Caroling - Sunday, Dec. 18**

Join Christmas caroling in the afternoon. The singing group will gather at the Upper Room immediately after the Heavenly Banquet. Drink **hot chocolate** and get ready for a mile walk around the church.



Come, join a company of messengers of Christmas. Sing a few carols at the doorstep of our neighbors and say “**Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Noel.**” Receive a free Christmas Carol song book as souvenir.

**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.

**WORSHIP**

by Szu-Yi Li  
Director of Music

**The Act of Worship (& Music)**

**Celebration of Worship**  
 On Sundays at 11 a.m.  
 Zoom Meeting ID: 566-965-650  
 Passcode: 900361

**Worship Committee** learned 45 thru 111 worshipers are gathering in inperson service in the post-Pandemic era. 21-25 people still use online worship service through zoom, though this option was left for only those who travel.

**Giving is an Act of Worship**  
**80% to the Budget**

Thank you for your gift of time, talents and treasures for the mission and ministries of the church. As of October 31, we gave **279,519.86**. Praise the Lord! The total expenditure of 276,049.41 gives net income of \$3,149.71. The total budget we committed for the full capacity of the mission and ministry for this year was **348,633.00**. Our current giving reaches 80% of the goal. Let us reach the goal, so that we may glorify God in all that we do for changing lives. If you would like to have treasurer’s report please contact Wendy in the office at (301) 434-3331. (from Treasurer’s Report)

Use “**vanco**” app for your giving to God for the edification of God’s Kingdom through our ministry and mission for transforming all of lives.

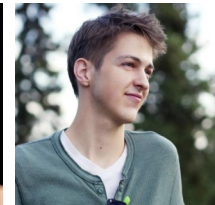
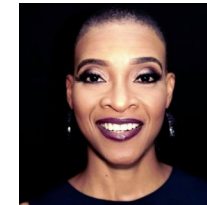


Merry Christmas, Good Shepherd! May your heart be lifted in praise this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus and the joy He brings to our lives. This year, we are having a **Christmas Day service at 10:30am.**



I would like to invite you and your family to join us in worship. We will celebrate the birth of Jesus with a lot of great music! At the beginning of the service, we will have volunteers from the congregation sharing their musical gifts with us. If you are interested in playing for us, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me. Your voice is always appreciated.

I am happy to let you know that **soprano singer Chinwe Enu** will perform several solo vocal pieces for us, and join the chancel choir to present *O Holy Night*. **Violinist Alan Tilley** will provide a solo piece, and join Chinwe and I for a trio. Handbell choir will present a lovely version of *Away in a Manger* for us.



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### Digital Studies Equip Spiritual Leaders

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

#### “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**

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 disci-

pleship. This Fall, we have **young adults in class. Valerie Campbell, Kevin Zac**

**-Williams, Kayla.** 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**  
**Passcode: 428914**

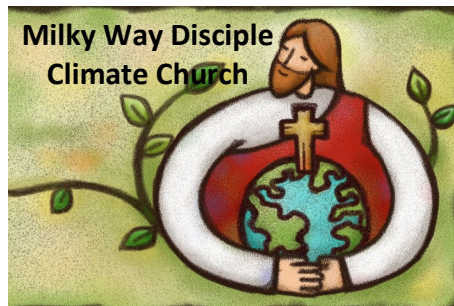
Let us meet disciples with scientific mind: **Christiana Campbell, Carolyn Matthews, Carol Penne, and Colleen Sampson** completed the **10-week pre-requisite course for “Milky Way Disciple, Climate Church.”**

If you review “Religion and Science” offered on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m., find its recording at Facebook.com/DaeHwa.Park.



**A New Congregational Study** will be offered in the “Season after Epiphany” in 2023. Through Climate Church, the participants will learn a new way of a missional works of the church at the verge of Anthropocene.

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Facilitator  
Date & Time: Mondays beginning January 2 at 7:30 p.m.  
**Zoom ID: 878 7664 1091**  
**Passcode:017682**



### The Act of Compassion (Mission Outreach)



**Mission Share for UMC: 23,728.26**  
**Remaining balance: 12,439.74**

The BWC members passed a **\$18,223,006** budget for 2023 that helps in the recovery from pandemic challenges and addresses the uncertainty of future changes in the denomination. The budget is based on the 90 percent collection rate proposed by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration, an increase from the 89 percent collection rate assumption in 2022.

According to Baltimore-Washington Conference, **89% of the mission share stays with Local Church**, 11% goes toward Mission Share as follows: \$3.90 goes toward BWC Ministries. \$2.90 supports the General Church for the World Service Fund, Africa University Fund, Black College Fund, Ministerial Education Fund and Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

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**2022 Monetary Supports  
for Other Organization  
(as of October 31)**

Shepherd’s Table	1,200.00
MC Coalition for the Homeless	900.00
UMCOR (United Methodist Commission of Relief)	600.00
Gerald L. Ignace	
Indian Health Center	300.00
Rehoboth School	
Renovation Support	500.00
Mobility Worldwide	300.00
Praise the Lord!	

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#### Mission (Outreach) Committee

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

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

- **Human Relations Day** - Sunday before the observance of MLK Jr. Birthday (\$65.00)
- **UMCOR Sunday**, 4th Sunday in Lent (\$419.02)
- **Native American Ministries Sunday**, 3rd Sunday of Easter (\$70.00)
- **Peace with Justice Sunday**, 1st Sunday after Pentecost
- **World Communion Sunday**, 1st Sunday in October (\$42.00)
- **United Methodist Student Day**, last Sunday in November.

**Food Pantry: 580.00; PET Mobility: 30.00**  
**Sponsoring a Child: 317.00**

**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. As of October 31, 1,025.00 was collected. Several people received monetary support for utility this year.



### Christmas in July

by Vernice Lee

This year's "Christmas in July" special project was very successful, thanks again for generous monetary gifts from Good Shepherd's congregation! Many students and teachers enjoyed a good start to the school year in three different ways.

School supplies were provided from a wish list from **Enemy Swim Day School in South Dakota**, who has approximately 220 students. They were sincerely appreciated and were/will be distributed to teachers and students throughout the school year.

Target gift cards were donated to **Broad Acres Elementary School**, enrollment of approximately 850, for various school supplies, clothes, and other necessities for the school year. Attached is a photo of **Freddy Climaco** graciously accepting the gift cards on behalf of Broad Acres. (It was always a pleasure to interact with him!)



**Rehoboth Christian School in New Mexico**, who has approximately 480 students, requested that we contribute to one of their three fundraising projects. Good Shepherd decided to contribute funds towards their Gymnasium upgrade/remodeling, since it is very important for students to exert some of their endless energies while in school, especially during the long winter months.

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## Serving God

### Advent Families 2022

by Carol Penne



Please join the faithful as we launch Good Shepherd's Advent Families project, an annual effort to support families in our community during the Christmas season. We are working closely with the staff

at JoAnne Leleck Elementary School at Broad Acres – staff are identifying families in need and Good Shepherd will provide financial resources to these families so that parents can provide presents and food for their children at Christmas. This year's project (our 16<sup>th</sup>) will kick-off on Sunday, November 27 and run through Sunday, December 18.

Good Shepherd will help four families - two single-parent families and two extended family groups. Due to security and privacy concerns and health restrictions, our direct engagement with the families is limited. (The school told us that they are dealing with many health issues – Covid is on the rise again, flu and RSV are prevalent.)

#### Here's how you can help:

Please make a financial contribution to purchase Visa or Mastercard gift cards for each family. Families may use these cards to meet a variety of financial needs – buying Christmas for their children, covering the costs of food, clothing, and medicines, or even helping pay utility bills.

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#### The Act of Devotion

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.

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. Praise the Lord! **Meeting ID: 947-5619-4251 Passcode: 024529**

#### 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  
**Naya Okoji, Paulette Brown, Irene Mendez, YoungHoon Park**, Funday School Staff.

### NURTURE



Christmas is the birthday of Jesus Christ - the true light of the world. In the beginning God created heavens and earth, beginning with "light." Jesus wants all His followers to live as light. As little light of Jesus, the children of Good Shepherd would like to shine forth. One of the awesome tradition for the church that waits the coming of Jesus is to light Christmas tree. Hey guys, why don't you light your own tree here with colored pencils or highlighters.



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

Bring your Christmas tree (colored) to the church on a Sunday during Advent and Christmas season for a nice present.

Notes from Us

Good Luck, You, College Students!

Good Shepherd is not far from colleges.

We also have more than a dozen of college students in the church. We would like many other college students to find Good Shepherd as their church home and spiritual center.



We pray that all college students have a successful final exam season. We love freshmen: **Karina Nicol-Wilson, Rianee Sonnie-Aiyibi, Elizabeth Abban and Jada King.** May God bless other college aged students: **Joyce Campbell, Edline Davies, Milford Doherty, Jasmin Maddy, Jordan McGreger, Ola Odujirin, Jonis Palmer, Karina Palmer, Jeremy Park, Mandisa Taylor-Perce, Jared Sawyerr, James Sawyerr, Aakash Singh, and Mekhi Todeman.** Congratulations on the completion of graduate study: **Gideon Park and Valerie Campbell.** We will send a college care gift card on the first week of December. [LN]

Sympathy

We sadden the passing of our loved church family:

**Brian Brannon**, Nov. 15; **Memorial Service** to be held on Sun., Jan. 8, 2 p.m.

**John D. Fountain**, Last Founding member on Oct. 16.

**Marvin "Red" Williams**, founding member on Jul. 13.

"Blessed be to the God who console us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation" (2 Cor. 1:3a, 4).

**[Christmas Day Service from page 7]**

I want to take this chance to thank all the members of our musical groups. Chancel choir and handbell choir have been working diligently, and have made a lot of happy progress through the year. Although the praise band won't perform this Christmas due to multiple members' traveling plans, I really appreciate their dedication to worship in joyful sounds on Wednesday evenings.

December is a time of joy and hope, and a great time for reflections. I invited several members of the chancel choir, the handbell choir, and the praise band to share some thoughts about their experience with GSUMC musical groups. Come join us! Everyone's voice is unique and appreciated. Remember that you are welcome anytime!

May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of His love at Christmas and always. [LN]





### Call to Ministry Opportunities

by Alka Singh  
member of handbell choir

Dear Church Members,  
I would like to share my thoughts with you as part of our church hand bell choir. Last year when Pastor Park announced during the church service to join hand bell choir, me and my family decided to move forward and thought we are not good singers so at least we can give praise to our God in this way.

We are also not from any musical background so know nothing about the melody, chords or even the different kinds of bells. We have never seen these bells before in our life. But God always help if move forward to do something for him. It is just a very small way of giving thanks to our Lord for his countless blessings.

I would like to thank Pastor's wife **Young-Hoon** for making us understand everything and it is because of her efforts that we were able to play the bells last Christmas.

Moving forward now we have **SzuYi** who is also amazing and so patient with us. We are all beginners with different age groups but joined together as a team. In the end I would like to invite you all and feel the joy of this wonderful experience. The sounds of the bells will make you feel as if you are in heaven. When I play the bells, I could feel the presence of thousands of Angels singing praises for the Almighty God.

Come and join, it is not difficult at all. God has given us so much now it's our turn to give our time and talent. God bless you all. [LN]

Notes from Christiana Tumaku,  
member of the chancel choir:

Come let us sing hymns and songs in praise to our God. The choir needs you. Please join GSUMC Choir. We rehearse **every Thursday night from 7:30-9 p.m.** and **Sunday morning at 10:15am.**



#### [Advent Season ... from page 5]

Christmas is not about giving and receiving of gifts. It is about loving our neighbors as we love ourselves by providing for those who need help and to treat one another with dignity and respect.

Let us welcome our Messiah by doing good deeds. Let "the peace of Christ rule in all our hearts now and always, let us continue to be thankful for all that God has given us (cf. [Colossians 3:15](#)).

Warm wishes for a blessed Christmas and wonderful 2023 filed with hope and laughter. [LN]

Let's sing Carols in our neighborhood - Dec. 18



Mark your calendar on Sunday, December 18 for **Christmas Caroling**. Come to church for worship and join Heavenly Banquet, a Christmas party for brand new young disciples. And go and tell of Jesus' coming like the great company of the heavenly host of the first Christmas 2022 years ago.



Children, **Santa Clause is coming to town on Sunday, December 25. When? TBD: To be determined.** Come early and meet him and receive a present if **you have been NICE!**

**A Tip to stay "NICE!"**  
"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." (Ephesians 6:1)  
Ho, ho, ho.



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



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

## Pastoral Goals\* for Christ's Time for the Church

by Rev. DaeHwa Park

### Preamble

The one-on-one meeting between the newly appointed pastor and members of the church done in 2019, unveiled the congregational wishes to reclaim the golden days of Good Shepherd back in 1980s. From October 2019, I set a wildly important goal, namely, **Good Shepherd Renaissance**. Ever since I have started a path to



GSR, along with **1) transforming message; 2) financial stability; 3) evangelism and witnessing**, especially for/with young people.

All the pastoral goals will focus on passion for the innovative outreach toward all God's people, particularly 1) the Silver Sophisticated; 2) the Single Starters, and 3) the Culturally Connected.

Despite the COVID Pandemic, Good Shepherd worked hard to find out the lost sheep, to remedy biblically illiterate discipleship, and to tear down the leadership silos, so that we the Good Shepherd may thrive the mission and ministry of the church.

It has been a part-time ministry that huddle this journey to Good Shepherd Renaissance. District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Gerard Green was confident with that pastoral appointment, the full-time ministry in six month will prosper Good Shepherd.

\*Working with the SPRC, every appointed clergy writes pastoral goals"

Through Disciple Study in the first year, produced a small group, called out "**Four First Respondents**" like Andrew and Peter as well as Philip and Nathanael, to reinstate Evangelism Committee, inactive for more than a decade.

Then, the whole world shut down by the COVID Pandemic. However, Good Shepherd did not give in the wicked Pandemic. Good Shepherd reopened its in-person service along with other

online activities as early on Sunday, August 30, 2020 with hard-working **Re-entering Well Task Force**. Thus, Good Shepherd began to reclaim its renaissance, beginning with the full-time pastoral min-

istry. Then, the Doctor of Ministry project was associated with the vision and complete in April 2021 that perfects church's discipleship pathway, by adding the 9<sup>th</sup> assimilation track of **Action and Advocacy** in Creation Care. These pastoral goals were born during the Pandemic. There are five goals. Each goal is consisted of several benchmarks, as guided by the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

**Goal 1: Heading toward the Year of Multiplication**, I will lead the congregation to move to "Ownership" phase of ministry, leaving beyond "Awareness" Phase. Our ultimate goal is to jump in "Fruit-bearing" phase within next 3 years.

By the end of January, the congregation will be ready to engage in the church wide evangelism work - bring one soul to faith! We have a few new families attending who are not coming from congregational evangelism work.

## 2023 Goals

By February 22, Ash Wednesday, greeters - a family or a circle of friends, will be organized to serve at the entrance of the church to welcome new visitors and their continuous settlement in their new church home.

Since Easter-tide of 2022, in agreement of SPRC of Good Shepherd UMC ("Good Shepherd Campus") and The UMC of Savage ("Savage Campus"), I've stayed a Sunday of each month at Savage campus until the end of fellowship. This means developing lay ministry at least one Sunday a month with pulpit supply and other related liturgical ministries.

The first full-time ministry task force was held in September 2021 with its potentials and brainstorming. Further exploration will be made with Sunday morning patterns, the parish development, and the financial resources.

**Goal 2: As a congregational level of assimilation process**, I will grow spiritual leaders.

Each year, I facilitate a few Disciple study courses as fundamental guidelines to equip spiritual leaders. Now, 1) Becoming Disciples through Bible Study for biblical literacy, 2) Under the Tree of Life for lay leadership development, and 3) Religion and Science for advocacy are being offered.

Beginning Advent of 2023, the weekly moment of commitment as "Response to the Word," will call and send the worshipers to the various areas of mission.

During the season of Epiphany, the members and friends will explore the role of the church at the verge of Anthropocene" through a short study as the doctoral project guides. The study will train the participants to create the rituals that will shape them as "Milky Way disciples of Climate Church."

In February, a "Sweetheart Luncheon" may be offered to celebrate exemplary ministries of the elderly members.

By the end of March, Holy Club, an Young Adult Fellowship will be activated.

### Goal 3: Establish Multi-contextual Ministries

Explore the spiritual needs of the community with rapidly increasing Spanish-speaking constituents.

Develop French-speaking fellowship in the church.

Working with Health and Wellness ministry coordinator, by the end of Easter-tide, a care ministry for the aging or "the silver sophisticated" will be explored.

By the end of Kingdom-tide, I will organize a college-aged fellowship.

By the end of Kingdom-tide, an after-school program, ESOL program, etc for the culturally connected.

Working with the clergy leaders, I will seek out the collaborative work of the church to gospel of Jesus Christ in the community.

Working with cluster churches, Good Shepherd will seek out the lost in the community.

The Master's Plan will be Through Fiesta at New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD.

### Goal 4: Financial stewardship toward tithing

At the moment of offering on Sundays, I will encourage the generous and joyous giving toward tithing.

During Lent, I will enlist a tither circle that will affect others in faithful giving.

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