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Cover image: The members and friends of Good Shepherd praise God on Easter Day through Zoom.

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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, 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!



**Daily Scripture Reading—April and May**

**April**

**Sermon on the Mount**

- 9. Matthew 5:1-5, Humble, Penitent, Thoughtful, Meek
- 10. Matthew 5:6-8, Upright, Merciful, Pure
- 11. Matthew 5:9-12, Peacemaker, Enduring Persecution Gladly
- 12. Matthew 5:48, Perfect
- 13. Matthew 5:13-16, Salt and Light To the World
- 14. Matthew 5:17-20, Eternal Value of God's Law
- 15. Matthew 5:21-26, Anger
- 16. Matthew 5:27-32, Purity
- 17. Matthew 5:33-37, Truth
- 18. Matthew 5:38-42, Vengeance
- 19. Matthew 5:43-48, Love
- 20. Matthew 6:1-4, In Charity
- 21. Matthew 6:5-15, In Praying
- 22. Matthew 6:16-18, In Fasting
- 23. Matthew 6:19-23, In Treasures
- 24. Matthew 6:24-34, In Worship and Worry
- 25. Matthew 7:1-6, In Criticism
- 26. Matthew 6:33, One Dominant Purpose
- 27. Matthew 7:1-11, The Holy Spirit
- 28. Matthew 7:12-14, The Golden Rule and Discipline

**May**

The Character of Jesus: Jesus our Example

- 1. Matthew 4:1-11, The Refusal to Compromise
- 2. Mark 1:32-37, Jesus and Prayer
- 3. John 16:25-37, Serenity
- 4. Luke 4:16-30, Wider Horizon; Vision
- 5. Matthew 8:1-4 Sympathy
- 6. Matthew 14:13-21, Patience
- 7. Mark 10:13-16, Gentle Jesus
- 8. Mark 3:1-6, Indignation
- 9. John 2:13-17, Moral Courage
- 10. Luke 19:1-10, Appreciativeness
- 11. John 8:1-11, Charity of Outlook
- 12. Luke 12:13-21, Doing Without
- 13. Matthew 20:20-28, Duty; God's Will
- 14. Luke 5:27-32, Jesus, Our Brother
- 15. Matthew 22:15-22, Citizenship
- 16. John 13:1-17, Humility
- 17. John 18:33-38, Truthfulness

Jesus, Lord and Savior

- 18. Luke 5:17-26, He Saves by Forgiving Sin.
- 19. John 8:1-11, He Saves by Sympathy.
- 20. John 19:25-30, "It is finished." What?
- 21. 2 Corinthians 5:14-21, Reconciled with God
- 22. Ephesians 2:1-10, Saved by Grace
- 23. Ephesians 2:11-22, Peace with God
- 24. 1 John 1:3-10, Cleansed by His Blood
- 25. Acts 4:5-12, Salvation in One Name Only
- 26. 1 Corinthians 1:17-24, The Cross-The Power of God
- 27. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Jesus Christ and Him Crucified

Surrender: Dedication

- 28. Luke 9:57-62, The Price of Discipleship
- 29. Luke 9:23-27, The Price of Discipleship
- 30. Matthew 10:32-39, The Price of Discipleship
- 31. John 15:10-21, The Price of Discipleship



To Green Pastures and Quiet Waters ...

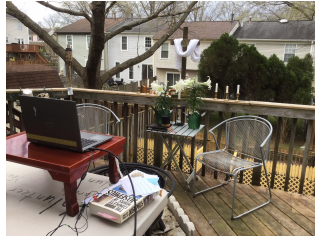
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Easter Celebration from Pastor's Residence Olney, MD



The Upper Room



Easter Day—April 12



Palm Sunday



Virtual Church



Maundy Thursday — April 9



New Hampshire Avenue Sign thru Easter-Tide



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)

Spotlights in Ministries

Cover Story of This Issue: "Worship and Spiritual Formation in the Home"



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WORSHIP & STUDY

Through Live Stream

10:30 a.m. Celebration and Worship

Disciple: Becoming Disciples thru Bible Study

on Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

See other program thru Zoom

On pages 8-9

## “Celebrating...”

“He is risen! He is risen indeed!”

Peace and grace of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ be with you. Day and night I keep each one of you in my prayer that God Almighty be with you - my dear church family members. Stay healthy.

When crisis comes, we shrink from the mysterious force of fear. We defend ourselves from dangers and threats that shake our safety.

We have been quarantined from one another over the last whole month. We love one another. We have to stay away from one another, because we could harm each other. In fact, we are not threats, but Corona Virus 19, I wonder if we as humans caused the virus to dwell among us one way or the other.

You and I—The Easter people are not afraid of things that attack. Our faith in the resurrection of Christ allows us to cope with challenges in our present reality as well as ahead of us.

I claim ourselves as Easter people - the most influential. Let us continue to “run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Heb. 12:1b-2)

The writer of the letter to Hebrews understands challenges in life as “the discipline of the Lord,” and says, “do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord discipline

## Crossing from the Doctor Greetings from the Pastor

those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts.” (Hebrews 12:5-6)

Now, we live in Easter-tide—the Great 50 days of celebration on the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. During the season the church shall rise to the glory of God! Though we cannot meet face to face, let us celebrate what God is doing in our life.

Friends, make efforts to join Easter celebrations and help your family members to encounter the risen Lord Jesus during Easter-tide. It’s a great opportunity for you to talk about faith with your own family members. While staying at home, catch up what you have been behind. Faith talks may be one of them.

Good Shepherd never stops working for you. During the season of Easter, we will reach you out with various online meetings. You will be able to keep more in touch not only with your own family members, but also with church family.

And... let us applaud with our mothers, our children and friends who are going to complete their course of study, those who retire, and those who step forward next level of their life journey.

May God be with your race!



Rev. DaeHwa Park  
Pastor



Jeremy’s Graduation  
Independence Hall,  
Washington, D.C.  
June 1, 2018

## “Annual Conference Postponed”

From [www.bwccumc.org](http://www.bwccumc.org)

The 236th Session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, through Friday, May 29, at the Waterfront Marriott Hotel in Baltimore. Registration, **has been postponed.** In response to the coronavirus, the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore has canceled all groups meeting at its venue through May, causing the Conference to have to postpone its annual meeting.

Current plans call for a one-day session, which is expected to be held sometime between September and November at a site to be determined. At that session, the 2021 proposed budget, nominations, and candidates for ordination and commissioning will be addressed. Conference leaders have stressed that care will be taken to honor the work and ministry of the ordinands and those to be commissioned. Candidates for ordination or commissioning can contact the Revs. C. Anthony Hunt or [John Nupp](#) with any questions or concerns.

**Palm Sunday Service w. DS**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPqmx-qaQ2s>

**Easter Message from Bishop Easterling**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zp65TI6ub3k&t=1125s>

## Connectional

### Upper PG Cluster Churches

Good Shepherd UMC is a part of seven churches known as Upper PG Co. Clusters. We work together to meet the need of the region in which we are. Good Shepherd hosted for a “foot washing service” on Maundy Thursday. It was cancelled with COVID-19.



Cluster meeting at  
Good Shepherd

Cluster churches have started a missional relationship with **The Terp Hub** last Fall. The Terp is a group of college student who gather for worship and fellowship in The University of Maryland, College Park. Some of cluster churches provided them with meal on Saturdays while they met once a week for worship.

Recently, Cristin Cooper a representative, would like each church to join a lily project for each member of the 12; for they cannot meet for worship. We donated \$7.50 one time donation for the Easter gift project.

You can encounter The Terp Hub through their virtual worship service. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDgwTZm3ayw>).

Praise the Lord!







### “Possible steps after General Conference delay”

By the Rev. William B. Lawrence  
March 24, 2020 | CHAPEL HILL, N.C.  
(UM News.com)

Without question, the decision to find another time for the General Conference of The United Methodist Church was the necessary and appropriate thing to do amid a global pandemic.

The Commission on the General Conference announced that the denomination’s global legislative assembly would not meet in May 2020 as scheduled. The commission said the meeting may be delayed until 2021, with specific dates still to be determined.

As a practical matter, the location for the session this May is no longer available. The Minneapolis Convention Center has canceled contracts for using the facility through May 10, which was to have been the mid-point of the General Conference. COVID-19 has forced the convention center to close its doors for at least eight weeks. ...

Delegates might:

- Extend the current church budget to Dec. 31, 2022, or until a new budget is adopted.
- Extend the terms of all current Judicial Council alternates until the end of the next special or quadrennial session of the General Conference, whichever occurs first, when new elections can occur.
- Extend the terms of all denominational officers elected by the General Conference, such as the University Senate, until Dec. 31, 2022, or until their successors are elected.

- Call a special session of the General Conference for the time and place that the commission has identified.
- Include in that call all items of business, such as proposals for a separation of the denomination, which were submitted to the 2020 General Conference. ...

Third, have the first presiding officer —w ho will be constitutionally chosen by the Council of Bishops — invite the delegates participating digitally and in person to respect the extraordinary circumstances under which the 2020 General Conference will meet.

Ask all delegates to refrain from calling for a quorum vote.

Ask all delegates to refrain from any effort to introduce proposals for separation or schism.

...  
And ask all delegates to pray: for the comfort and healing of those who grieve the loss of loved ones victimized by the pandemic; for the health care providers, who sacrificed their time, their personal well-being, and in some cases their lives, to aid the suffering; for those with whom one disagrees on matters of church policy, that the grace of Christian conferencing prevails.

We all are learning a new way to live, until the virus departs.

*Lawrence is an ordained elder of The United Methodist Church, former dean of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University and former president of the Judicial Council.*



### Casting Vision: 4 DX Meeting

By Rev. DaeHwa Park

Over the last several months, a small group of five have gathered to analyze the state of the church and attempt to revitalize our church with a tool, known as 4DX: Four Disciplines of Execution. This exercise is in conjunction with FLA: Financial Leadership Academy, offered to several dozens of pastors serving in the local churches of three Annual Conferences (Baltimore-Washington, Delaware Peninsula, and Eastern Pennsylvania).

Under the leadership of Rev. Park, Priscilla Mitchell (Lay Leader), Nathan Block (SPRC Chair), Eno Ekanem (Young Adult rep.) and Elizabeth (Staff) have met each month for 4DX since last fall. I am glad to have great meetings with these passionate disciples.

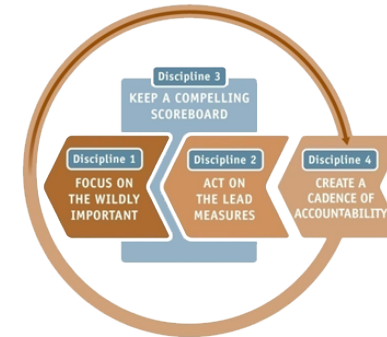
4 DX is a tool to accomplish WIG (Wildly Important Goals) through accomplishing step by step sub goals with Lead Measure and Lag Measures. In 2016 Chris McChesney presented on The 4 Disciplines of Execution at Global Leadership Summit at Willow Creek Church, South Barrington, outside of Chicago, IL. (view for details: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pw1mNSn-HIs>)

While gathering we 4DX group, we visited the mission and ministries of our church. We also reviewed the demographics of our parish, primarily serving US postal zip codes of 20903 and 20783.

We appreciate the rich diversity of our congregation. We also acknowledge the faithful service of the members and friends. The significant number of the members commute miles for their faith journey.



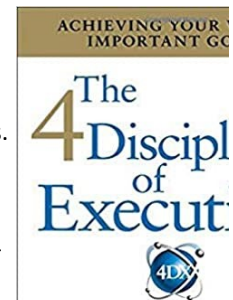
One of the exercises we - the 4 DX team is working is on one or two WIGs—Wildly Important Goals in ministry.



Here we talked about one WIG out of a long list of “what we want to see in five years” - creating “a third place” for all God’s people including members and residents in which our church is located.

For the WIG, we listed several sub goals: 1) How we can offer the gospel of Jesus to young disciples—millennials and post-millennials; 2) How we can meet the spiritual needs of the elderly members and friends in the parish, known as “silver sophisticated;” 3) how we can empower and transform the lives of singles; 4) what we can do for “culturally connected,” meaning immigrants.

For these exciting and concrete goals, we learn that the year 2020 will be a transitioning year that we prepare ourselves to stay relevant to the needs of the flocks, living in our parish. May God grant us a series of “winnable games” for His Kingdom! [LN]



### “The Most Influential: ”



**Eastertide Event Schedules on page 18**

*Who are the most influential? Aren't they ones who overcome challenges in life. The greatest challenge in life is death which destroy it. God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen (Acts 10:40). Many are the Influential.*

*The most influential are Easter people. O you, one of the Influential, why don't you be the Most Influential? Come, bring your family and friends, and empower them with God's mighty act our risen Lord Jesus Christ.*

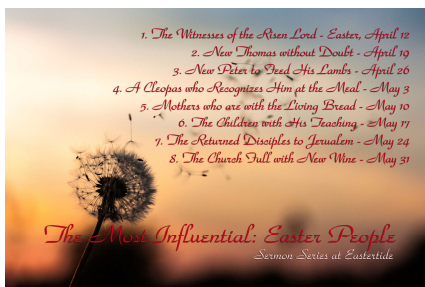
*Join our Sunday worship through zoom or Facebook live stream.*



**Easter Celebration thru Zoom On Sundays at 10:30 a.m. “New Hour”**

**Meeting ID: 566-965-650  
Password: 900361**

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



any financial change at this time without the physical gathering for Sunday worship. For information of the alternative giving methods, here we offer online giving information.

First, visit the church website at “GoodShepChurch.org” and a link for find online giving.

Secondly, you can give with mobile phone through Vanco. Please download the app, “Give Plus+.” Open the app and locate our church name from zip code of “20903.” You will be able to find “Good Shepherd UMC” for online giving.

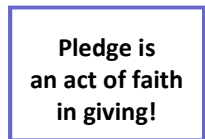
You can mail the personal check or money order, payable to Good Shepherd UMC. Please do not send cash. Make sure that you include your name and address for acknowledgment. Many thanks! [LN]

### “Giving” is an Act of Worship

By Committee on Finance



Your faithful giving even in this difficult time of COVID-19 pandemic. On behalf of the church, I thank you for your love and passion for the gospel.



Your giving at this time truly reflects your act of worship to the glory of God for our never ceasing works of the Lord.



Thanks to your contribution to the mission and ministry of the church, Good Shepherd continues transform the lives of the members and friends. Thank you for your extra effort for mailing of your tithe and other offerings. Your exploration of the alternative giving enable us to cope with

### What's Going On

that the replacement or marketable value of the organ was \$285,000. Since then they have increased that estimate to over \$500,000.

Parts wear out. It was determined in 2012 that the console needed replacing. This work was done by Lewis and Hitchcock for c. \$62,000. At that time the “Memory” function was installed which allows an organist to record music which can then be played by the organ without the organist. Elizabeth Schneider, our current Music Minister, uses this function regularly so she can more easily direct the choir in singing challenging pieces.

We are truly blessed to have such a fine instrument and an excellent organist in Elizabeth.

**ADDITIONAL NOTE:**  
In 1986 the carillon and chimes were installed in the church steeple. Given by members of the Tarbell and Holt families, the carillon is a memorial to Joseph Holt and bears his name. It was dedicated on October 12, 1986. [LN]

#### “Trustees Corner” [Cont'd from page 17]

**Cottage** – In February, the cottage tenants gave notice that they were terminating their lease effective March 10. Thanks to the efficiency of our property management company (Silver River), new tenants moved in April 1. The good news is that the church lost no income from the transition. Outgoing tenants paid through March 31; incoming started paying April 1. The rent was raised to \$2000 per month.

**Heating/Air conditioning system** – Trustees bit the bullet and replaced two poorly functioning pumps in the system. We expect it to run smoothly going forward.

**Piano** – Earlier this spring, Music Director Elizabeth Schneider was offered the opportunity to acquire a used but in-good-condition baby grand piano for the Shepherd’s Nook. With the support of the trustees, the broken piano was removed and this new one acquired for choir rehearsals and other music events that may occur in Lewis Hall.

**Roof Leak** – if you were in the Education Building last summer and fall, you would have noticed ceiling and wall damage in the hallway outside the minister’s office. This was caused by a large leak in the roof. Trustees solicited bids and had the roof repaired and inside walls repainted.

**Parking lot lights** – The majority of the parking lot and outside building lights were burned out. Former Good Shepherd member Mary Lamb volunteered her son and his cherry-picker truck to replace them all. Trustees are very grateful to the Lamb family for this gift.

**Lewis Hall drapery rod** – Donations given in memory of Harry Newman were used to replace the broken rod.

**Kitchen stove** – As mentioned previously, changes to Montgomery County code for church kitchens necessitated that we remove the industrial-size gas stove and replace it with a smaller electric one. This was done last fall and the church kitchen is now fully compliant with county regulations.

A final thought from the trustees: All of us who attend Good Shepherd (yes, **everyone**) is a trustee responsible for the care of our church. We hope that if you see trash lying around, you will pick it up. If you see a problem, report it. If the trustees ask for help, volunteer. We are all responsible for making Good Shepherd a shining beacon of faith along New Hampshire Avenue.



### A Joyful Noise

by Leilani McConnell

The Music Ministry at Good Shepherd has always been an important part of our worship experience. We have had exceptional organists and music directors and fine choirs for Sunday services as well as special concerts,

When the Lewis Building including the Sanctuary was built in 1962-3 the church was using an electronic organ. It was really inadequate for a space the size of the Sanctuary and by 1972 it was proposed to replace it with a pipe organ. Fortunately, during construction, space had been allowed for such an installation including the pipe chase. A campaign was launched in 1972 (a time when our congregation had several hundred persons) to purchase the fine instrument we now enjoy every Sunday.

The congregation was given an opinion and financial support survey and suggestions for individual donations to cover potential cost. The response was quite heartening and a committee was formed to coordinate the effort. Funding was to be spread over a 2-year period and pledges from donors could be paid periodically during that time frame.

The committee was chaired by Dr. Milton Moon, husband of Lee Moon, a former Music Director and included Charter Member John Fountain among others.

Pipe organs are custom-built for specific spaces and intended uses and most of the work is hand crafted by a variety of skilled craftsmen. The committee sought bids and consulted with the Mueller Organ Co. of Hagerstown, MD and Reuters Organ Co. of Lawrence, KA. Both companies had installed instruments in spaces similar to ours and

quoted prices from \$37,000 to \$50,000 depending on the specifications.

A funding goal was set at the latter amount. The Reuters Co. was chosen. The organ was to include 1300-1600 pipes and a 2 – 3 manual console plus pedal keyboard. The acoustics in our sanctuary are very good and a smaller organ could be built, saving space and cost.

As the proposal to the congregation stated, a good instrument should have the “the tonal resources and flexibility to permit its use as a concert instrument” so that a larger repertory of organ literature might be played. As we have often heard, our organ certainly meets that expectation.

Work was completed in 1974 and the new instrument dedicated April 21, 1974. As the dedication program described it, the organ has a two- manual console with three divisions, 26 ranks and 1388 pipes and a stoplist with a breadth of tones. The casework was built to compliment the alter and chancel area. Specifications were chosen in consult with professional organists including one from Reuter.

The final cost was \$40,000, an apparent bargain for the time.

The evening of the dedication the first of two dedicatory concerts was presented by Dr. Dale Krider, organist and choirmaster of the First United Methodist Church in Hyattsville, MD. The second concert was performed by James Moon, son of Milton and Lee, on June 16, 1972.

Pipe organs are hardy but require constant care. They are sensitive to temperature swings and humidity. Constant use requires much maintenance. We engage organ specialists, Lewis and Hitchcock to service and do needed repairs. They perform an annual assessment of the organ’s condition and in 2001 informed us



### The Act of Worship

COVID-19 pandemic caused us not to gather for Sunday service until April 26, Native American Ministries Sunday. This situation keeps us stay home and all the gatherings including Sunday services will be live-streamed through Zoom and Facebook. Through emails the Council came up with a decision for new worship hour at 10:30 a.m. from Easter day.

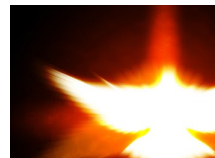
With hope of gathering back to church in the near future, the Worship team releases a series of the liturgical events during Easter-tide.

On Sunday, April 19,, prior to Earth Day on April 22nd, we will have a (virtual) Festival of God’s Creation. An outdoor worship was scheduled. But, we cannot gather with COVID-19.

On Sunday, April 26, the United Methodists acknowledge Native American Ministries with special giving. During the service we will sing “Amazing Grace” in the multiple native American tongues.

We hope Holy Communion to be administered on Sunday, May 3, as we can reopen the church or a communion may be offered drive-thru in the parking lot. Further notice will be sent.

No one shall neglect to honor our mothers. On May 10, there will be Mother’s Day special service, which will followed by a love feast at your home in case the church is closed.



For those who complete a course of study, colleges, online programs, or retired will be recognized on Sunday, May 17, Graduation Sunday. High School graduates will be separately celebrated on Father’s Day, on June 21, along with acolytes. At that time, we acknowledge Choir members who served throughout the year.

On May 24, the people called Methodists celebrate Heritage Sunday, a.k.a. Aldersgate Day, when John Wesley, the founder of Methodist movement in England, on which he had a conversion experience. This day calls the Church to remember the past by committing itself to the continuing call of God.

Then, the Day of Pentecost comes on May 31. We will have Sunday worship, followed by “Jubilee Market Place,” a rewarding event for Children and Youth who have been faithful in their Sunday school and other act of devotion and compassion. The entire church is invited to the congregational field day. Children and Youth will earn bible bucks, with which they can purchase gift items during the event. Please donate some gifts items, such as gift card, stationeries, computer accessories, etc. For those who submit sale receipts, the church will acknowledge as giving to a charitable organization for your own tax credit.

## Experiencing God

### “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. Good Shepherd has offered a variety of learning opportunities for adults—during the Sunday Morning “Study Hour (10-10:50 a.m.) and at other times throughout the week.

Currently, Sunday School events are on hold with COVID-19 pandemic. We are glad to see children and youth seen in our live streaming service at 10:30 a.m. If the situation continues, we will start children’s service through Zoom ASAP, beginning Sunday, April 26 **at 8 p.m.**

First of all, we need contact information of

your children: their emails. Please share it with Mrs. Christiana Campbell or Rev. DaeHwa Park. You as parents can join “Children’s Hour” with your children, which will be primary storytelling and prayers.

**We would like you one of parents to lead a session as you can share a bed-time story for our children.**

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

**Password: 541602**

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

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

### Into the Word In the World - Bible Reading

Today’s Christians suffer from biblical illiteracy. Good Shepherd would like to offer an opportunity to encounter the word. You do not need to read Bible if your situation does not allow to. You can read it with one another through Zoom. A chapter per person will be read. We are going to begin the reading in May on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

We are going to begin with the Book of Genesis. Have your own bible and be ready to join in reading or in listening. The reading will last an hour. For a study, if we keep reading a chapter by chapter without ceasing, we can finish the entire bible

within a week. Join the scripture reading. Encounter the word and you will face your own world with wisdom and power God gives you.

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*“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)*



## EVANGELISM

April-May 2020

### 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

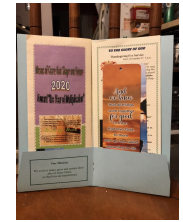
### Inviting Others

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

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

is the best known strategy to bring the gospel. Here is another way that you can be an access to the gospel. We have a magnetic bumper sticker with a domain name of the website, [www.goodshepchurch.org](http://www.goodshepchurch.org).

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



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

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

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

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

**Every 4th Sunday is  
“A Bring a Friend Sunday”**





TOGETHER IN THE TIME OF VIRUS

By Leilani McConnell

What a time we are living through. We pray all of you will stay well. It is strange not to be observing Holy Week together but Easter and its amazing events happen whether we are there or not. Isn't that a comfort? The Lord is always with us even when we cannot officially gather to celebrate Him.

And isn't it wonderful that the elegant cycle of life on earth happens even when we are so stressed. We look outside at the flowering bulbs and bushes and trees and we hear and see the vast variety of birds twittering and visiting our feeders. We had deer napping in our back yard this week and we see the little herd of four quite regularly. The red fox(es) – we can't tell which is male or female – and we heard there were four kits born this spring so mom and dad are busy to feed them.

They manage to get a squirrel now and again but their success will not do much to the overall population of those frisky rodents. The weather is sunny and warm and the days are ever longer. Spring has sprung and the sun will surely come out tomorrow. Hallelujah.

Neighborhood folks walk up and down our street at respectable distances from one another, often accompanied by a dog or two. We chat and collectively thank God we are all still healthy. Our extended family are well, too.

We are learning how to communicate via internet streaming and it is great to have Pastor Park sending his messages on Sun-

days. Some of the choir met on ZOOM the Thursday before Palm Sunday and the Leadership Council had a meeting via ZOOM at the end of March. Technology intimidates me and I ask help from a dear neighbor, but it is such a blessing in these times.

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**Thanks to all the busy bees.**

While the church has been closed several volunteers have taken advantage and have done some much needed cleaning out of accumulated "stuff". Marcie and Dunstan and Pat cleared out the Mail Room and several storage areas. The Agape congregation and we had floors refinished and carpets cleaned and the hallways and Sanctuary really shine. Marcie has been painting as well.

Dunstan and Jahn Knox and others worked on installing the new video monitors in the Sanctuary. We are getting into the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

Thanks to all the busy bees.

Even though we cannot be together in person for a while yet, we are still a family. We will celebrate our reunion when it is possible.

Eager to see you again. [LN]



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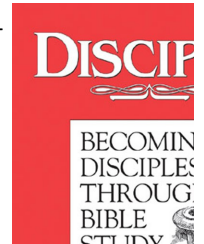
The Act of Devotion

Disciple: Becoming Disciple through Bible Study: Mondays at 7p.m.

The DISCIPLE Bible Study program 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. Disciple is a prerequisite for 8 Assimilation Tracks (See details in "Means of Grace that Shapes Our Future") — discipleship path of for spiritual leadership.

Disciple study includes a video presentation of the biblical scholar for each session, reflections on the daily scripture reading, and the weekly mark of discipleship. For questions, call Pastor DaeHwa Park at 202-277-8553.

Zoom Meeting ID: 961-6016-5713  
Password: 716470



"An Hour with the Pastor"— Mon. & Thurs. at 11 a.m.

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

Meeting ID: 631-887-165  
Password: 375637

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

Meeting ID: 953-5226-0028  
Password: 014740



Want a coffee mug with Rev. Park's name? Come and join "Coffee with the Pastor!"

"Who Are We"— Self-Study

Bishop Eastering published a fabulous online study on our faith tradition and practices as the people called the United Methodists. Admire Russell facilitated the study on Thursdays in the church. COVID-19 didn't allow us to offer. Please visit the conference website at <https://www.bwcumc.org/resources/who-are-we/>. You will be able to follow direction for self study. We will resume the study when we reopen the church.





### Shepherd's Table Needs

*"Please bring them as we reopen the church?"*

Large size containers of: Sugar, Flour, Rice, Hot Sauce, Coffee, Creamer, Tea Bags, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Vegetables, Beans, Corn, Carrots, Tomatoes.

Also donate your time the 1st Monday and 3rd Friday of each month! Some months and times will vary: **Contact Church Office** for exact dates and times at **(301) 434-3331**.

### Sew-What



**3rd Saturdays at 10 a.m.  
in the Parlor.**

Sewing for Mission;  
non sewers can come too!

Due to the COVID-19,  
Currently  
Sew-What is cancelled.

**Christmas in April  
Cancelled!**

Thank you for your interest!

### Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Your generous extra giving on the First Sunday with Holy Communion raise resources for those who are in need. At the spiritual discernment, pastor assist neighbors in crisis.

### Tabitha Pantry: Open 3rd and 4th Tues 10-11 a.m.

*"Please bring them as we reopen the church?"*

Please bring dried beans, rice, coffee, flour (1lb), corn meal (1 lb), boxed cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, canned red/black beans, canned tomatoes, \$10 grocery cards. These are the items our guests prefer. NO home-canned food, perishable food, or expired food.

### Recurring Events

- Sun. 8-10 a.m. *The Comforter's Home Chapel* Rm 8  
*Church of the Messengers of God*  
*Shepherd's Nook*
- 9-10 a.m. **Adult Bible Study** **Cancelled thru Zoom**
- 10:30 a.m. **Worship** **Lewis Hall**
- TBA **Fellowship** **Sanctuary**
- TBD **Angels Voice Rehearsal** **Sanctuary**
- 4-6 p.m. *Agape Seventh Day Adventists* *Lewis Hall*
- 6-9 p.m. *Agape SDA Worship* *Sanctuary*
- 7p.m. **Youth Hang-Out** **Zoom**
- 8 p.m. **Children's Storytelling** **Zoom**
- Mon. "Virtual" Office Hours, 7 a.m. thru 2 p.m.
- 9:30 a.m. **Staff Meeting** **Zoom**
- 11 a.m. **Coffee with the Pastor** **Zoom**
- 7 p.m. **Disciple Study** **Zoom**
- Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. *The Hamptons HOA Meeting* *Lewis Hall*
- Wednesday: **Virtual Church Office Hours 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
- 12 p.m. **High Noon Prayer (Zoom)** **Sanctuary**
- 8 p.m. **Prayer Conference Call (515) 603-3157**  
**(Access Code: 809996, #1)**
- Thursday 11 a.m. **Faith Talk with the Pastor** **Zoom**
- 7:30 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal & Fellowship** **Zoom**
- Friday: **Virtual Church Office Hours 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
- 10 p.m. *Agape SDA Worship Set-up* *Sanctuary*
- Saturday - **Services are cancelled until April 26.**
- 7:30a.m.-noon *Agape SDA Worship* *Sanctuary*
- 6-8 p.m. *K.D.U Meeting* *Wesley Parlor*
- 6-9 p.m. *Agape SDA Worship* *Sanctuary*

### All the Gatherings thru Zoom Meetings

#### Sundays

Worship (Easter Celebration) at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting ID: 566-965-650

Password: 900361

Youth Hang-Put at 7 p.m.

Meeting ID: 633-940-051

Password: 029061

Children with Storytelling

Meeting ID: 964-1021-2427

Password: 541602

#### Mondays

Coffee with the Pastor at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 631-887-165

Password: 375637

Disciple

Meeting ID: 961-6016-5713

Password: 716470

#### Tuesdays

Into the Word Into the World

Meeting ID: 947-5619-4251

Password: 024529

#### Wednesdays

High Noon Prayer at noon

Meeting ID: 409-666-503

Password: 581382

#### Thursdays

Faith Talks at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 953-5226-0028

Password: 014740

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

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





# Easter-tide at

## Good Shepherd during The Great 50 Days

### "The Most Influential: Easter People," Sermon Series

Who are the most influential? Aren't they ones who overcome challenges in life. The greatest challenge in life is death which destroy it. God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen (Acts 10:40). Many are the Influential. The most influential are Easter people. O you, one of the Influential, why don't you be the Most Influential? Come, bring your family and friends, and empower them with God's mighty act our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

#### April 12, Easter Day

Easter Celebration at 10:30 a.m.  
Confirmation (postponed)



#### April 19: Second Sunday of Easter (Thomas Sunday)

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

#### April 26, Third Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Native American Ministries Sunday w. Special Offering

#### May 3, Fourth Sunday of Easter (Meal Sunday)

Homebound Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

#### May 10, Fifth Sunday of Easter: Mother's Day

Festival of the Christian Home at 11 a.m.

#### May 17, Sixth Sunday of Easter: Graduation Sunday

Recognition of the Graduates at 11 a.m.

#### May 24, Ascension Sunday, Aldersgate Day: Heritage Sunday

Fellowship with the Confirmands at 11 a.m.

#### May 31, Pentecost

"Jubilee Market Place,"

Rewarding Fest with Sunday School



## 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.

### Updates on Missions

By Janis Taggart

**Shepherd's Table** - volunteers not serving regular meals. They are giving out box lunches and dinners. They do not want older volunteers helping.

**Christmas in April** is canceled.

**Broadacres** is being taken care of by Montgomery co. Meal for students program.

All other projects on hold for now and Missions is not sending any donations to anyone for the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your support.

### Native American Ministries Sunday With Special Giving Sunday, April 26

(from <http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/native-american-ministries-sunday>)

Today Native Americans—with many unique languages, many unique cultures—honor their heritage, and live as Jesus-followers, led by a rotation of primarily Native American pastors.

Most Americans today recognize that the history following the arrival of the large canoes bore little resemblance to the one all Christians identify as Creator. That's why the people of The United Methodist Church, Native and non-Native, are creating a new history. Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.

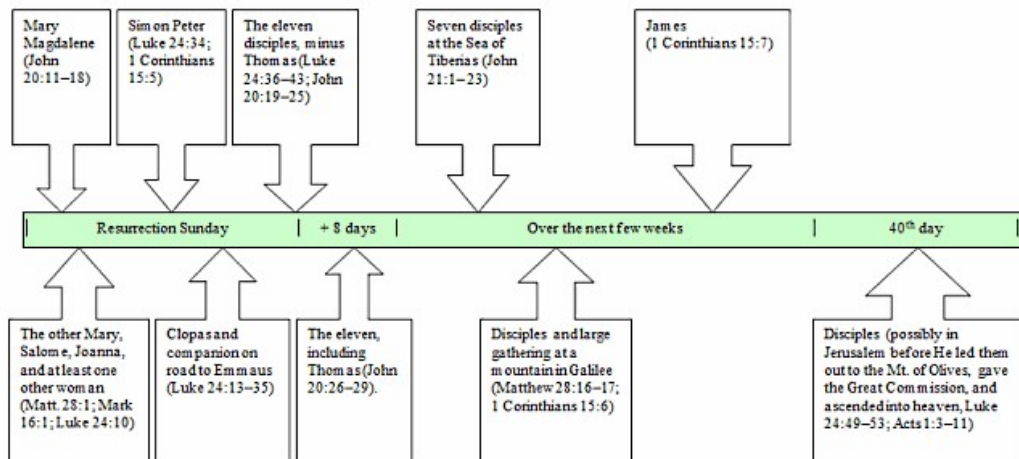
As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, equips Native congregations—like New York's Onondaga Nation UMC and Nebraska's Native American Sacred Winds congregation—to worship and serve as only they can.

United Methodists offer special giving on the third Sunday of Easter to support Native American Ministries.





### Timeline of the Post-Resurrection Appearances



## Trustees' Corner

### Our Church Home Now

By Carol Penne

We are living through an unprecedented event. The coronavirus pandemic brought dramatic disruptions to our normal lives, confining us to our homes and closing our stores and churches. For the first time, possibly ever, we could not gather in our sanctuary to celebrate the risen Lord on Easter Sunday. Yet, we are blessed that, through the resourcefulness of Rev. Park, Music Director Elizabeth Schneider, various choir members and church leadership, we are able to gather online for prayer and worship.

Good Shepherd's Trustees have remained busy, using this down time as an opportunity to complete a number of improvements and prepare for the congregation's return.

**Sanctuary** – The new audio/visual system is installed! (Thank you to John Knox, Dunstan Thomas and Beresford Dakin-Davis for the hours spent on this project.) When we finally return to the building for services, we will find a greatly improved A/V system that allows us to live-stream our services throughout the sanctuary, the building, and possibly to those outside the church. In addition, the center aisle/altar carpeting has been steam cleaned and all flooring has been cleaned and polished. When I visited the other day, the sanctuary was literally sparkling.

**Floor cleaning** – All other floors throughout the building (hallways, Lewis Hall, kitchen, offices, etc.) have been cleaned and polished.

**Financial Relief** – Trustees chairperson Dunstan Thomas and Secretary Carol Penne reviewed options and have signed an application for a Small Business Administration loan to help the church weather the financial crisis resulting from the pandemic.

**Cleaning house** – There are many closets and rooms in our building! Trustees Marcie Burroughs and Pat McConnell tackled the big task of organizing them. Old paint cans were tossed, shelves were cleaned, storage areas were rearranged, old furniture was tossed, better furniture was painted and moved to new rooms. Special thanks goes to Leilani McConnell (church historian) who sorted through boxes and boxes of papers to find the really important ones that relate to church history and to Music Director Elizabeth Schneider who reorganized the upstairs music room. Oh, and new cleaning pails, mops and supplies were acquired for the sexton to use on our freshly cleaned floors.

**Painting** – Check out the freshly-painted railings in the Lewis Hall entrance. Trustees are grateful that Marcie Burroughs is an expert with a paint brush.

**Guest churches** – Especially now that our doors are closed, Guest Church Coordinator Bintu Murphy is staying in touch with the three outside churches who regularly use our building to assure that all of the bishop's and governor's guidelines are followed.

**Key policy** – Vernice Lee is researching and drafting a new policy that will help us better protect the church's property and ensure that keys are issued to the proper persons. Trustees would also like to report on several projects completed prior to the pandemic.

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**On the Occasion of an Illness**

**Gathering**

**Leader:** Dear friends, we have gathered together to pray for [Name], who is ill. We are reminded that Jesus demonstrated great compassion toward the sick. Let us now hear the instruction given by James regarding prayer for the sick:

“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.” (James 5:14-15)

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, we acknowledge your power over sickness and all disease, which you demonstrated when you were among us. Give us hearts that are open to your power. We pray in your name. Amen.

**Hymns**

- “Abide with me”
- “God Will Take Care of You”
- “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

**The Scripture Readings**

- 2 Kings 5:1-2, 9-10, 14-15
- Mark 8:22-25
- Acts 3:1-10

**Prayer of Healing**

O Lord, it is through your power that your Son Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope. Although we cannot presume upon your will, we do offer our prayer in faith for the healing of [Name]. In your will, grant wholeness of mind, body, and soul. Give peace and comfort to both the sick and the well, that we all may give glory to your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**For Mother’s Day**

**Gathering**

**Leader:** Dear family, this day is a very special day for us all, for on this day we honor mother. Here the word of the Lord: “Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you” (Deuteronomy 5:16).

Let us pray: Lord God of the universe, you who created and brought forth all things, you have given us mothers who like yourself bring forth life. Like you our mother has nursed, nurtured, and tenderly cared over us. Feeding and clothing us, our mother has drawn us to her side, giving us her very life. Grant that we should honor her and love her, to her benefit and your glory, through Christ. Amen.

**Hymns**

Your mother’s favorite hymn

**The Scripture Readings**

Proverbs 31:10-31

**The Blessing**

**Leader:** Let us pray: Lord God, you have given mothers to the world and blessed the fruit of their womb. You, Lord, are the mother of Elizabeth, the mother of John and of Mary, our prayer and bless the mother of his home. Grant her strength to fulfill her calling. May she be filled with joy and laughter. May she experience peace of mind and heart, and may her children rise up to bless her, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friends, may God be with you!

**Kids**



Children praise God with Choir



Children are welcome to Sunday School immediately after Children’s Message during 11 a.m. worship

## “Worship and Spiritual Formation in the Home”

By Rev. DaeHwa Park

Not only because I grew up at a Methodist pastor’s family, but also because my mother and father loves to praise God, our family have praised God when we gather. Mother would remind us of a hymn, “All Year in Our Home the Spring Breezes Blow,” Korean Hymnal, No. 305. With words by a pastor, YoungTack Jeon it was composed by Doo-Hoy Koo in 1967—the year I was born! What a special! Somehow the hymn became our family’s favorite. Here is an English translation by John T. Underwood in 1988.

*All Year in our home the spring breezes blow;  
Since God our Father abides with us here;  
Firm faith the bed-rock unshaken below;  
Our home’s a garden of gladness all year;*

*[Refrain]*  
*How we thank Him Immanuel!  
Our home His, His, to serve Christ always!  
How we thank Him, Immanuel!  
Such joy and blessedness, day upon day!*

It was so moving when we, my brother and sister, sang this hymn at the funeral service of our beloved youngest brother, InHwa, died suddenly of brain aneurysm at his age of 36 little more than a decade ago.

My father, 93, the retired pastor of The Korean Methodist Church after service three decades (1960-1997), still loves to arrange several family worship services throughout the year, along with his own hymn selections and bulletin printings. He offers family worship services on birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and the memorial service for InHwa.

Visiting to grand-father was meant for grandchildren there in South Korea to come to a Christ’s church of the Rev. KookWon Park. While worship we feel so home!

The pandemic disease with Corona Virus 19 has kept us from all gatherings for our spiritual journey: praising God, experiencing God, serving God and sharing God. Yet, we have gathered, while scattered, to praise God at work.



Over the last couple of Sundays, however, we

never ceasing of the adoration of God through live streaming. The members and friends make efforts to get connected. The church family miss one another badly. Joy amid frustrations from “social distancing” arouses us to give thanks to God for the gift of closest family: mom, dad, sisters, and/or brothers. While being busy with our daily routine, didn’t give much time to hang out with the family members. Now, college aged children are home. Working moms are at home. Dads come home early. Every room in the house is occupied. Our diner table leaves no empty seat. Perhaps, God gives us an opportunity for family members to express their love for one another deeply in this time of family gathering.

Now, we celebrate Easter-tide that includes Christian Home Month in May. While celebrating God’s mighty act in Jesus through resurrection, family members can share what the risen Lord Jesus can shape their lives. This faith talk can be understood as an act of worship. I would like to resource several pat-

The following liturgies can be used in family celebrations.

### On the Occasion of a Birthday

#### Gathering

**Leader:** Dear friends, today is a special day in the life of our family, for on this day we celebrate the birth of [name]. Let us begin by giving thanks to God Almighty. Let us pray: Father, we praise you for every perfect gift that comes from above. You have gifted us with [name]. Now we bless you for her/his presence in our family. Grant, we pray you, that your blessing may rest upon her/him all the days of her/his life. Amen.

#### Hymns

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”  
“Happy the Home When God Is There”

#### Scripture Readings

Psalm 139:1-24, esp. vv. 13-16  
John 3:1-8  
Ephesians 6:1-4  
Timothy 3:10-17

#### The Presentation of Gifts

(Birthday gifts may be brought.)

**Leader:** [Name], these gifts are tokens of the love and esteem we have for you. Before you open them, we wish to express our love to you in words. Each of us has thought of something about you that we appreciate. We want to acknowledge you in this way.  
(Each person may now state a positive characteristic of the person whose birth is being celebrated by saying: I like ... or I appreciate ... .)

#### Cake cutting

### On the Occasion of a Wedding Anniversary

#### Gathering

**Leader:** We have gathered this day to celebrate the anniversary of [Name] and [Name]. We give thanks to God that they were brought together in holy matrimony [number] years ago, and we offer special thanks to the Father who has granted grace to them over the years. Let us pray: Father in heaven, we praise you for the marriage of [name] and [name], and we bless you for the witness of their life and love. Grant, O heavenly one, that they may be blessed with continued love and happiness together, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Hymns

“Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring”  
“O Perfect Love”

#### Scripture Readings

Genesis 2:18, 21-24  
John 2:1-10  
1 Corinthians 13:1-8

#### The Renewal of the Vows

**Leader:** [Name] and [Name] will now repeat their vows as a sign of their continuing love and fidelity to each other.

**Husband:** it is my will to continue to have you as my wife, and to live with you in the covenant of *marriage*. I will continue to love you, comfort you, *honor* and keep you, in sickness and health, and continuing to forsake all others, to be faithful to you as long as we both live.

**Wife:** It is my will to continue to have you as my husband and to live with you in the covenant of marriage. I will continue to love you, comfort you, honor and keep you, in sickness and health; and continuing to forsake all others, to be faithful to you as long as we both live.

#### Celebrating the Marriage