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SEVEN MINISTRY INITIATIVES

Sunday Morning

Good Shepherd celebrates Sunday morning as a Sabbath to the Lord and keeps it holy as a day of new beginnings. We would like to begin the first day of the week with the celebration of "Means of Grace" that shapes our future! From the faithful ordinance of Sunday morning, we shape the vital household of God.

Assimilation

We help one another to more like Jesus Christ. Assimilation is an ongoing effort to call, equip and make disciples of Jesus Christ for God's Kingdom. There are 8 assimilations tracks Good Shepherd develops for the joyous work of the Lord, making people blessed. It is a significant part of our Spiritual Journey.

Intergenerational

Blessed by the rich heritage of Good Shepherd for more than 60 years, we would like to continue to develop intergenerational relationship among the members and friends. Honoring each generation, Silent, GI, Boomers, X, Millennials, and post-Millennials we include all generations for their faithful discipleship and leadership to all the aspects of mission and ministry of worship, study, service and sharing.

Technology

Good Shepherd would like to take advantage of the cutting-edged technology to bring the Gospel of Christ for all, to enhance faithful connections of the members and friends of the church, and to bring forth God's Kingdom in our midst. This includes traditional methods of communication for the heavily dependants on papyrus, paper, audio and wired media.

Third Place

Good Shepherd is a third place, like "a city of refuge" (Numbers 35:6), built and consecrated by God for the people of God. It is a place like an oasis with living water. It is a house of prayer for all God's people. Modern sociology demands many of a desperate need of this space, which is missing from home, the first place and from work, the second place.

Glocal (Global & Local)

Outreach from Good Shepherd is not limited to a particular location in the community where it serves. Charity begins at home. At the same time we value the mission and ministry to "the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Accommodation

Good Shepherd seeks out all people just as they are. Everyone is welcome in the name of Jesus Christ—"Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World." (John 1:29b). With radical hospitality we would like to be more like Christ, who healed the sick, ate with the sinners and sought out the lost. Good Shepherd is a household of God that Christ has opened to the children of God of all ages, classes, genders, nations, and races!

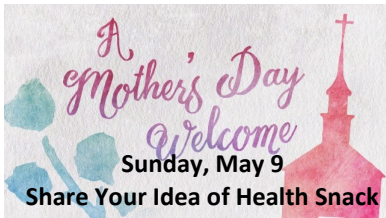
Spotlights in Ministries



Town Hall Meeting



Sunday, April 25, 12:15 p.m.



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**Primary Theme of This Issue:
 "Daily Walk with Jesus"**

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WORSHIP & NEW STUDY

Through online (zoom)

11 a.m. Celebration and Worship

Into the Word Into the World on Mon. 7 p.m.

Jesus in the Gospels on Thurs at 9 a.m.

*Becoming Disciples thru Bible Study
 on Mon. at 7:00 p.m.*

See details on pages 8-9

Greetings from the Pastor

Overcome Difficulties even Death!

He is risen, he is risen, indeed!

Friends,

I would like you to shout for joy with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You can lift up your voice at your place. I would like you to be a part of the Easter people gathered or connected on Sundays for the next 50 days as we celebrate what God has done through Jesus Christ and His church.

What the Apostle Paul wrote in his latter to Romans is sure:

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. (Romans 10:9-10)



The resurrection of Jesus is central to the core belief of our faith as well as of Christians faith communities around the globe regardless their theological preferences. Any faith organization that reject the faith is a false Christian. You shall be away from it.

I believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. What about you? What about your spouse and children? It helps me convince my life with hope of eternal life even before my own death. Our weekly ordinance on Sunday mornings is a celebration of little Easter. Every Christian congregation must be a gathering of Easter people.

People, I mean, humans fear many things.

They fear of a possible loss of their treasures. They fear challenges in life. Some complain fear of poverty, ill-situation, fear of losing human rights. Others fear fears.

Don't be afraid!

The risen Lord Jesus is with you and me to the end of the ages.

COVID-19 Pandemic has weakened our spiritual power over the last whole year! We still shrink from the mysterious power of death. "Together We Will Get Through This!" Yes, together we can set those who fear free.

The resurrection of Jesus brings you the greatest power you cannot buy or earn in your own merits. It is given by God who loves you. The power expel all the

fear even fear of death.

Without faith in the resurrection of Jesus, you cannot anticipate the realization of God's Kingdom and Eternal Life.

Therefore, I invite you to be empowered by the Holy Spirit during this great 50 days. Isn't 50 days enough to bring your dear family members and friend to be empowered over death and any fear from diseases and difficult situations?

Happy Easter!

Rev. DaeHwa Park

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

Happy Easter!

From Priscilla Michell
Lay Leader

Happy Easter!

Wishing you many blessings during this season of new beginnings.

Easter is the fulfillment of the Lord’s promise to us, without which we would not be Christians. It’s the embracing of all people to share in the love and redemption freely given to us by our heavenly Father, through the ultimate sacrifice of His only son, Jesus Christ. Easter is a reminder to us all that we have much to be thankful for amidst the trials and tribulations of the past year. Each of us has experienced it in a different way. Difficult though it maybe if we search carefully we will find something good.



I pray that we all find a way to see something good , some hope amidst any turmoil you have endured. Just as there was a rainbow of hope after the floods in the day of Noah, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior brings us hope that all is not lost. We are the winners. It’s reminder to us that as followers of Christ , we need to be bearers of glad tidings to all who we meet. Let us be a shining light, a voice of hope for those in despair. The wonderful news is, is that we are not alone. All we need do is ask our Heavenly Father to take control, carry us through, help us see light, where there is darkness, joy and inner peace where there is none.

Lay Leader

Strength to carry us on our journey. May we be an inspiration of hope. Let us remain positive knowing that “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him, shall not die but have everlasting life.” John 3:16. May we also remember that we “can do all things, through Christ who strengthens” us. Philippians 4:13. With these two powerful reminders...

As Pastor reminder us let us as Christians remember to - 1. Do No Harm. 2. Do Good, and most important of all, 3. Stay in Love with God, now and always, striving to make our corner of the world a better place for all.

May this season of new beginnings, bring you Joy, Peace and Hope to you and your loved ones!

Stay Blessed and Be safe,
Priscilla Michell





Overcomer, You're Easter People!

Sermon Series during Easter tide

"He is risen, he is risen, indeed," the shout of the Easter people is echoed in our hearts. O overcomer, come and celebrate what God's mighty act in Jesus Christ. Encounter the risen Lord, Jesus who appeared to his followers. May God, who raised His Son, Jesus Christ from the dead, raise you from challenges and circumstances that have kept you from the presence of God. Let your family and friends overcome the mysterious power of death and destruction. Come and sing together "Alleluia, he arose!"

Celebration of Worship
thru Zoom

On Sundays at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 566-965-650

Password: 900361

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



Giving as the Act of Worship

By Rev. DaeHwa Park

Amid COVID-19 you have shown how much you love the Lord through your prayers, presence and gifts. We are filling a heavenly treasury here at Good Shepherd. Praise the Lord!

This year, the committee envisions a full capacity of the spread of the gospel only with the operational budget of **\$341,537** (9,083 less than 350,620 of 2020 budget). As of March 28, the treasury shows \$73,098.27 toward the budget. It's 21.4% achievement on the first quarter. I pray that God bless each one of us accomplish the goal, so that we may transform our lives and the world.

We also had designated giving for special events, mission projects, and memorial funds collected in memory of the deceased .

Special thanks to several individuals who gave special designated giving:

- Nathan Block for Laptop Computer for music ministry, & Pastor's Discretionary Fund;
- Christiana Campbell toward handi-capped rail;
- Carol Penny, Pat & Leilani McConnell: Mortgage and Building;
- Elizabeth Saywerr for Pastor's Discretionary Fund;
- Joseph Potter: Grocery Cards;
- Vernice Lee for special giving for stability of the church;
- Bernadine Frazer: Flowers;
- Sandra Craig: Web Cam.

Trustees never stop working for building upkeep. Your giving helped many improvements. Thank you! You are awesome! Alleluia! We need new sanctuary piano. We need to do something for play ground. We will need outdoor church sign with light from dusk. **[Con't on page 7]**



The Act of Worship &

Elizabeth Schneider

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

On Easter, we will sing together "Hallelujah" chorus during the Easter celebration. Come and worship the

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

+ Special Thanks to Liturgists:

- Apr. 4, Easter: Nathan Block
- Apr. 11, Priscilla Michell
- Apr. 18, *vacant*
- Apr. 25, *vacant*
- May 2, Christiana Campbell
- May 9, Mother's Day: Priscilla Michell
- May 16, Ascension Sunday: *vacant*
- Native American Ministry:
- May 23, Pentecost: *vacant*

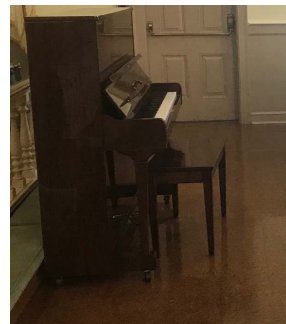
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The whole world will know that Good Shepherd loves God and "tend" His sheep in Silver Spring, MD as we fill God's treasury. Leadership Team meeting started a conversation about faithful stewardship. Please do not hesitate to help the church with wisdom God inspires you to build up His Kingdom here at Good Shepherd! Know that you may be the very person who can help us be a God's vineyard that prospers.

Music News from
 Dr Elizabeth D Schneider

Piano update: we were unable to use our sanctuary piano for 2 weeks in February due to mechanical problems. Our sanctuary piano is a Petrof console-size upright. I could not find records of its purchase, but according to the serial number it is about 35 years old. The piano is tuned about 3 times per year, and since 2018 it has required several extra technician visits for repair. The moving parts are becoming loose and misaligned. This is not due to age, but to wear and humidity changes, and a not-too-sturdy action design. The climate control system, installed on the purchase of the piano, stopped working in about 2015 due to corrosion and cannot be repaired. A local shop called Rick Jones Pianos sells gently used or reconditioned pianos for much less than new, and their contract offers equity for trading up, rather than raising the entire replacement cost in the future. If Good Shepherd were to be able to budget for replacement, then we would be wise to consider this kind of contract for future stewardship. Please contact me if you would like more information!

As always, a huge thank you to Choir and Praise Team members. You are wonderful and we appreciate your efforts in bringing beauty and joy to our worship every Sunday morning!
 Yours,
 Elizabeth





“Digital Study Hour” That Makes Difference

Study is one of the defining dimensions of Christian discipleship. **Knowing God**, Bible Study and theological inquiry help us to grow in our faith, which enables us to claim the Gospel for ourselves and share it with others.



Easter commemorates the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, after he had been in the tomb for three days.(40 hours) Following the crucifixion Jesus’ apostles had been confused and disillusioned by the death of their master; however, the resurrection assured them that he had not died in vain and galvanized them into a band of dedicated people who would carry Christianity to the four corners of the earth.

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

Journey thru the Bible

To cope with biblical illiteracy, Good Shepherd offer an opportunity for you to encounter the word daily. JTB aims at the reading of the whole bible from Genesis thru Revelation at least weekly. If you are too busy to read the bible, plug yourself in this program while resting after work or while doing chores at home after dinner. You can read it a chapter or a passage for others through Zoom. Now we read History: **1 & 2 Kings & 1 & 2 Chronicles.**

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

Meet the Pastor - Thursdays at 11 a.m.

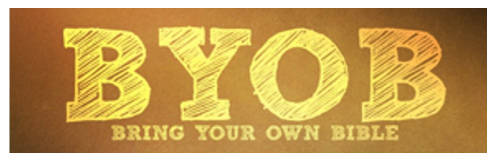
Due to COVID, Cokesbury discontinued to offering FaithLink series. You can “Meet the Pastor” in person with an appointment. For guaranteed appointment please call the office no later than Wednesday 2 p.m.

Beginning on May 2, “Meet the Pastor” will explore “the mission, vision, values and beliefs, and polity of **Global Methodist Church (“GMC”)**, a newly formed Methodist connection by Transitional Leadership Council of GMC.

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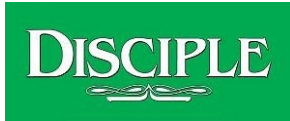
In case 7 p.m. is scheduled for church’s event or administrative meeting. Journey through the Bible will be done at 9 p.m.

This program is for the biblical literacy of the congregation!



Thru DISCIPLE Study launch Assimilation Tracks ...

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

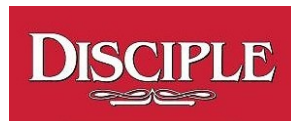


Into the Word Into the World focuses Genesis and Exodus of the Old Testament as well as Luke and Acts of the New Testament, the participants learn the will of God for Jews and Gentiles.

**Candidates for Graduation: Idowoo Boss-Cole
Hugh Holder
Colleen Sampson.**
15-34 auditors through Facebook

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

= Course Schedule =
4/12, 26. Jerusalem
4/19, 27. Antioch
4/26, 28. Philippi
5/3, 29. Corinth
5/10, 30. Ephesus
5/17, 31. Rome
5/24, 32. Priority



Becoming Disciples thru Bible Study is designed to develop strong local churches through the in-depth study of Scripture.

**Wilma Baxtor
Christina Campbell**
Colleen Sampson and two dozen of auditors through Facebook are candidates for graduation.

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

= Course Schedule =
4/7, 25. Conversion
4/14, 26. Justified
4/21, 27. Love
4/28, 28. Freedom
5/5, 29. Training
5/12, 30 . Sacrifice
5/19, 31. Holy
5/26, 32. Victory
6/4, 33. Ministry
6/11, 34. Remember



Jesus in the Gospels is a second generation of bible study with gospel comparisons. The participants zoom in theological insights of each gospel writer, Matthew, Mark and Luke—the eyewitness of Jesus Christ.

**Admire Russell
Elizabeth Sawyerr**
and a 17 auditors through Facebook are candidates for graduation.

**Zoom Meeting ID: 912-9923-1991 | Passcode: 552624 |
Thursdays at 9 a.m.**

= Course Schedule =
4/8, 24. We have seen His Glory
4/15, 25. In Him Was Life
4/22, 26. Yet the Word did not know Him
4/29, 27. That They May Believe
5/6, 28. Jesus' Legacy
5/13, 29. Mission Completed
5/20, 30. Looking Back at Jesus' Future

With Our Young Overcomers



Easter eggs are ready for (Young) Eater people at Easter and following Sundays of Easter. Come and find one for your own Easter eggs, full of goody and the message of the Risen Lord, Jesus.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



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MIRACLES	SIGNS	SHOWED	BELIEVED
DOORS	LIFE	HANDS	DISCIPLES
TOUCHED	THOMAS	SIDE	LOCKED

Collection of 12 Hour of Famine for “Deybin’s Family

The town where Deybin and his family, according to Compassion International was flooded last February. Living in Honduras, Central America, many people enjoy Summer climate while we had very cold winter. Now we are collecting a Easter gift for Deybin and his family. We are thinking about \$50.00 monetary gift, which was collected by children who joined “12 Hours of Famine” on March 19.

Theodore Park, and Nathaniel & Kaitlyn Firth of Savage joined it. If you want to support this project, please make a check payable to GSUMC: Sponsoring a Child. All the donation will be acknowledged as your giving to church. Questions? Please call **Christiana Campbell**.

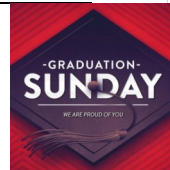
Young Disciples



Three Candidates of UM Scholarship were endorsed by Good Shepherd in March. May God bless these awesome and smart young disciples. We are proud of Edeline Davies, Jeremy Park, and Mekhi Todman.

Special thanks to Shuvai Chivanga, Christian Salcedo, Theodore Atticus Park and Earnest Okorie for their participation of Good Friday Service!

Congratulations on ! Mekhi Todman’s Graduation! Mark your calendar for Graduation Sunday on May 16! We may have digital graduation. If you have graduates of High School or college, please contact **Christiana Campbell**



Pentecost

Find the hidden words

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. Acts 2:3

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Wind
Heaven
House
Tongues
Fire
Spirit
Jews
Jerusalem
Peter
Jesus
Wine
Disciples
Mary
Church

Faithful Connection of Children and Youth amid the Pandemic

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

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

Confirmation Class
2nd & 4th Sat. at 1p.m.
ZoomID: 933-3881-6546
Passcode: 007143

Special thanks to Teachers:

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

Trustees Never Stop Working for Us - Meeting Minutes Summarized

February 21, 2021

Meeting via Zoom and telephone

Attendees: Dunstan Thomas (chairperson), Marcie Burroughs, Julius Campbell, Estuardo (Stuart) Coxic Barrios, Beresford Dakin-Davis, Vernice Lee, Pat McConnell, Bintu Murphy (Guest Church Coordinator), Rev. DaeHwa Park, Carol Penne (Secretary).

Meeting convened at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

Church wedding policy – Unable to find any previously established policy. Rev. Park drafted “Wedding Guideline and Procedures” for trustee consideration.

Action: Trustees agreed this document is needed and suggested additional guidelines: GS should collect a security deposit (a percentage of the final cost) at the first appointment with the pastor. Some weddings are notorious for starting and running late which is unfortunate for the church staff who are officiating or assisting. Trustees recommended adding a financial incentive to encourage timeliness on the wedding day. This would come in the form of a late fee deposit at the couple’s first appointment with the pastor. Trustees thanked Bintu for agreeing to serve as GS’s wedding coordinator. Rev. Park will discuss the “building custodian for a wedding” duties with Peter Ayok.

On Comforter’s House Chapel :

Comforter’s House recently signed a new guest church building use contract with GS. The contract specifies pandemic re-entry protocols and procedures they must follow when holding Sunday worship services.

The contract also raises their rent to account for their chapel expanding into a second room downstairs. Trustees notified Comforter’s that another rent increase will occur when all pandemic restrictions are lifted. Comforter’s House changed the locks on their doors after a recent burglary. As per terms of their rental agreement, they gave copies of these keys to GS.

On Agape SDA Church – Agape notified GS of their intent to resume church services

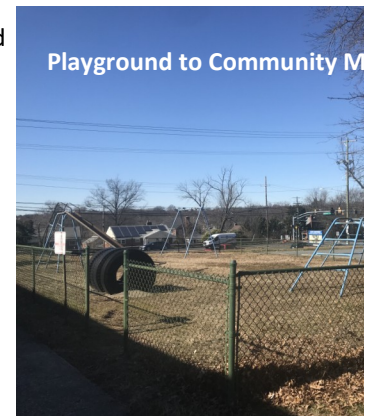
in our sanctuary on March 6. They will hold one service weekly, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays. No religious classes for children or other worship services will occur.

Action: Trustees will address the following with Agape:

Rev. Park will schedule a meeting of GS’s Re-entry Task Force ...

Trustees will prepare a new building use contract. These include the use of Spanish language signage, adherence to attendance limits and seating arrangements as established by GS,. ... Trustees will conclude these matters before March 5.

Parking concerns – Starting last fall, GS’s trustees noticed that non-church vehicles were (and still are) parking for long periods in both our paved parking lot and in the gravel area along Mt Pisgah Road. This likely started when the pandemic caused more people to work from home. The situation is exacerbated by limited parking availability at nearby apartments.



Trustees

On behalf of the trustees, Carol investigated how GS could prohibit neighborhood parking on our property, especially at times when spots are in demand by our own members.

Action: Trustees agreed that we will request parking restrictions be posted for the gravel area along Mt. Pisgah Road. Trustees will provide MCDOT the specific location and requested times for parking restrictions. MCDOT will provide us with a petition that indicates the requested restrictions. ... Signatures from two-thirds of residential owners along both sides of the block is required for MCDOT to implement the restrictions. Stuart and Pat volunteered to visit the required residences to explain our request and solicit their signature of approval.

Status of repairs from January break-in -

On January 26, the church’s financial secretary arrived to find that a door of the church had been pried open, the door to the financial secretary’s office damaged and the office ransacked. Police were called and further examination of the building revealed that a laptop and laptop projector had been stolen from Comforter’s House meeting rooms.

Action: Dunstan has contracted with Mr. Fowler (who rents space in our parking lot) to replace the door to the financial secretary’s office and install a new lock on the exterior door that was pried open.

Status of camera security system – Following the break-in, trustees checked our security cameras only to discover they had failed to capture footage of the culprits. Unfortunately, insufficient memory capacity had shut down the system.

Action: Trustees thank Beresford and Stuart for a number of recommendations that will improve our security system.

While Stuart has already upgraded memory capacity, Beresford, Dunstan and Stuart will explore additions upgrades, including installing more cameras, capacity to access footage remotely, etc.

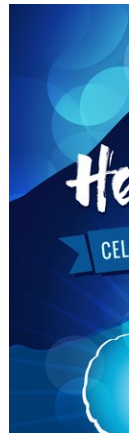
Revitalizing GS’s playground space – At our last meeting, trustees discussed dismantling the playground equipment (in sad shape and not in compliance with current playground equipment standards) and seek ideas for improving this space. At this meeting, Rev. Park offered a suggestion for consideration: turning the area into a performance space for the church and the local community. He and music director Elizabeth Schneider recently spoke with a local contractor who would like to tackle this project.

Action: Trustees endorsed Beresford’s suggestion to request the contractor submit a written proposal defining the scope of the project. Rev. Park will follow up.

Reducing copier costs – Rev. Park asked whether the church needs to continue to pay a \$20 monthly insurance fee on our current copier contract when the same service may be covered by our Church Mutual insurance coverage. This led to a conversation about how much we pay monthly to lease a printer, how many copies we make each month and whether we should investigate alternative leasing contracts.

Action: Rev. Park will further investigate printer contracts.

New officers for 2022 – Chairman Dunstan asked trustee members to consider volunteering to serve as chairman and/or Secretary in 2022. Meeting adjourned at 3:05



A Daily Journey with the Holy Word

The Resurrection of Jesus in the Bible

by Rev. DaeHwa Park

The First Week of Easter

- Easter, April 4: **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**, The Resurrection of Christ.
- Easter Monday, April 5: **1 Corinthians 15:12-34**, The Resurrection of the Dead.
- Easter Tuesday, April 6: **1 Corinthians 15:35-58**, The Resurrection of the Body.
- Easter Wednesday, April 7: **Philippians 3:1-11**, No confidence in the flesh.
- Easter Thursday, April 8: **2 Timothy 2:14-26**, A Man of Faith Approved by God.
- Easter Friday, April 9: **Hebrews 6:1-12**, Go On to Maturity.
- Easter Saturday, April 10: **Hebrews 11:32-40**, A Better Resurrection.

The Second Week of Easter

- Thomas Sunday, April 11: **John 20:24-31**, My God and My Lord.
- Monday, April 12: **1 Peter 3:8-22**, Doing Good.
- Tuesday, April 13: **Revelation 20:1-6**, First Resurrection.
- Wednesday, April 14: **Acts 1:1-11**, Jesus appeared to His Disciples.
- Thursday, April 15: **Acts 1:12-26**, A Disciple to Bear Witness of Resurrection.
- Friday, April 16: **Acts 4:1-22**, Peter and John at Sanhedrin.
- Saturday, April 17: **Acts 17:16-34**, The Good News about the Resurrection in Athens.

The Third Week of Easter

- Meal Sunday, April 18: **John 21:1-14**, A Miraculous Catch of Fish.
- Monday, April 19: **Luke 5:1-11**, The Call of the First Disciples.
- Tuesday, April 20: **Luke 24:1-12**, Remembering of the Resurrection.
- Wednesday, April 21: **Luke 24:13-35**, Encountering the Risen Lord at a Meal.
- Thursday, April 22: **Luke 24:36-49**, Risen Jesus Eats a Broiled Fish.
- Friday, April 23: **Matthew 28:1-10**, A Violent Earthquake at the First Easter.
- Saturday, April 24: **Matthew 28:11-15**, Bribe for False Report of the Resurrection.

The Fourth Week of Easter

- Good Shepherd Sunday, April 25: **John 10:1-21**, Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life.
- Monday, April 26: **Mark 16:1-8**, Disbelief in the Resurrection.
- Tuesday, April 27: **Mark 16:9-14**, Jesus rebukes the disciples for their lack of faith.
- Wednesday, April 28: **Romans 1:1-6**, Jesus becomes the Son of God by resurrection.
- Thursday, April 29: **Romans 6:1-14**, Dead to sin, alive in Christ.
- Friday, April 30: **Mark 12:18-27**, Marriage at the Resurrection.
- Saturday, May 1: **Luke 20:27-40**, He is not the God of the dead, but of the Living.

Reading

The Fifth Week of Easter

- I AM Sunday, May 2: **John 5:35-59**, Bread from Heaven.
- Monday, May 3: **John 8:12-18**, Light
- Tuesday, May 4: **John 8:49-59**, I AM
- Wed., May 5: **John 10:7-10**, Gate for the Sheep
- Thursday, May 6: **John 10:11-18**, Good Shepherd
- Fri, May 7: **John 11:25-44**, The Resurrection and The Life.
- Saturday, May 8: **John 14:6-14**, The Way, The Truth, The Life

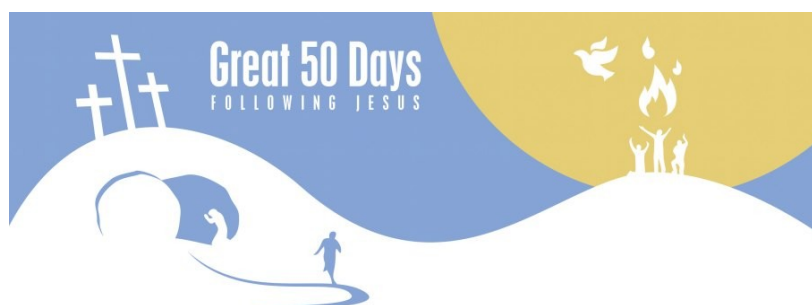


The Sixth Week of Easter

- Sunday, May 9: **John 15:1-17**, True Vine and Branches.
- Monday, May 10: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
- Tuesday, May 11: **Luke 20:36**
- Wednesday, May 12: **Psalm 49, esp. v. 15**,
- Thursday, May 13: **Psalm 71**
- Friday, May 14: **John 5:25**,
- Saturday, May 15: **Acts 24:15**, The resurrection of the Righteous

The Seventh Week of Easter

- Ascension Sunday, May 16: **Mark 16:14-20**, The Ascension according to Mark
- Monday, May 17: **Luke 24:50-53**, The Ascension according to Luke
- Tuesday, May 18: **John 14:5-14**, Jesus the way to the Father
- Wednesday, May 19: **Acts 1:1-11**, The Ascension before Men of Galilee
- Thursday, May 20: **Acts 1:12-26**, Jerusalem Church
- Friday, May 21: **Acts 6:54-60**, Jesus at the Right Hand of God
- Saturday, May 22: **Hebrews 12:1-3**, Jesus sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- **The Day of Pentecost**, May 23: **Acts 2:1-13**, Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



Serving God

Acknowledgements: Good Role Models

Amid COVID-19 Pandemic, **several members and leaders** of the church never stop working for the works of the Lord.

Pat & Leilani McConnell helped mailing of the weekly bulletin at Postoffice at Suburban, MD

Marcie Burrows, painted steps from Lewis Hall to Sacristy area. Beware of Wet Paints!

Special Thanks to **Choir Members:**

Virginia Bacon, Carolyn Brannon, Glee Prahinski, Sandra Craig, Christiana Campbell, Nathan Block, Hugh Holder, Sylvester Lewis, Philip Palmer, Sr.,

Praise Band: John Knox, Kyle Craig, Stacey Matthews, Sunil Christopher, Jason Washburn

Re-Entering Well Volunteers: Philip Palmer, Sr., Admire Russell, Elizabeth Sawyerr, Simeon Nomo, Christiana & Julius Campbell, Elizabeth Lewis, Dunstan Thomas.

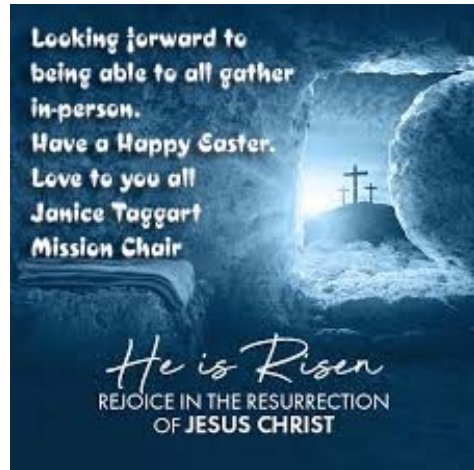
YoungHoon Park - Media Ministry

Wendy Barrios, Prep for Mailing of Weekly Bulletin; Event Parking Signs

Stuart Barrios for Security Camera

Andre Small, Philip Palmer, Jr. for Counting of Weekly Collection.

Trustees (See their service on pages 12-13) and you members and friends.



Sunday, April 18, 2021

The Act of Compassion (Mission Outreach)

Christ invites us to a life of service after His example, living out faith in response to the love of God. By serving others in the community and the world, we experience God at work in our neighborhood.

Because of God's prior love, acceptance, and forgiveness of us, we are called to respond with acts of love, justice, and mercy toward others, honoring the dignity of all persons. The purpose of the Outreach Committee is to manage the charitable donations of the church and to provide opportunities for volunteer service.

The primary service projects follow:

Several projects are on hold due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Service to Local

- Broadacres/ JoAnn Lelecki Elementary School
- Tabitha Pantry—3rd and 4th Tuesday at 10-11 a.m.
- Shepherd's Table - 1st and 3rd Friday
- No Hungry Kids
- Christmas in April
- Sew-What Sewing Group
- Collections: Coats, Shoes, etc.
- Hunger Projects
- Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless
- Advent Mission Projects

Service to Global

- Mission Share (a.k.a. Apportionment Pay through BWC)
- UMCOR
- Support Our Troops
- Sponsoring a Child - Compassion International (Children)
- Heifer Project (Children & Youth)
- Imagine No Malaria
- P.E.T. Projects of Fla
- Hazel Black Mitten Tree
- Rise against Hunger
- Others

(Source, *Means of Grace That Shape Our Future*, 2019, p.32)



Mission Team

Chair: Janis Taggart

Committee Members:

Carol Penne

Leilani McConnell

Phylomena Black

Eleanor Newman

Marcie Burroughs

Idowoo Boss-Cole

Elizabeth Sawyerr

Vernice Lee

Glee Prahinski

Wish to join? Sign in through a tear-off section of the Sunday bulletin or

Call Janis Taggart at (301) 434-2151



Rise of Evangelism Movement at Good Shepherd

Door Greeters Wanted

Door greeters are ones who welcome worshippers at the door. A family with children and youth can encounter visitors as they come to church.

Please sign in through a tear-off portion of the weekly bulletin if you would serve a Sunday as door greeters on a Sunday morning for 30 minutes prior to worship at 11 a.m.

Contact: YoungHoon Park, Pastor's wife at bishopswife@hanmail.net



Welcome Table



Welcome Table Coordinator Wanted

Evangelism & Witness temporarily find a location for the welcome table. Thank you for Trustees. This will be an information booth with welcome bags, and ministry guidelines. Please contact **Elizabeth Sawyerr** if you would like to be on duty on Sunday mornings.

Next Meeting -
Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Id: 928-5860-0929
Passcode: 386158

Committee News -

By Simeon Nomo

We held our first Committee meeting of Evangelism & Witness on Tuesday, March 2. at 7 pm via zoom. Those virtually present were: Rev Park, Elizabeth Sawyerr as the Chair, Dr. Nomo as French ministry, YoungHoon Lee Park as Greeter, Coordinator.

We shared our thoughts and ideas about how to reach people in our parish with the good news of Jesus Christ. Our primary goals during COVID-19 Pandemic is to find the lost souls.

We explored several objectives of the Committee.

- To shepherd new members. The church members will be assigned to chaperone our new members. Elizabeth has shared how this type of Evangelism was successful in the past;
- To introduce both Spanish and French ministry in the church as to reach out to them;
- To continue Evangelization or Communication through the web site;
- To set up and maintain a welcoming table in the Upper Room;
- Working with worship and music to host musical events aiming at Evangelization.
- To invite new persons in the service every 3rd Sunday as "Bring a Friend Sunday," beginning on April 18 2021 (Updates: TBD due to COVID)
- to revisit the Igniting ministry

We couldn't elaborate all the to do list.

Next meeting will be on April 20 2021 at 7:30 p.m. through zoom.

Blessings and Peace in Christ,

Eastertide 2021

The Act of Justice and Evangelism

The primary task of Evangelism is to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the children of God of all ages. We have a variety of media to reach out the seekers in our community. We send out a pastoral letter to new residents each season. Post card and Community Newspapers are also the other media. The survey shows that the word of mouth and the demonstration of our examples as the hands and feet of God

Inviting Others

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

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

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



is the best known strategy to bring the gospel. Here is another way that you can be an access to the gospel. We have a magnetic bumper sticker with a domain name of the website at **www.goodshepchurch.org**.

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

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 3rd Sunday is
"A Bring a Friend Sunday"**

Committee Members Nominated

Chair, Elizabeth Sawyerr
 Door Greeter Coor.: YoungHOon Park
 Lunch with the Pastor Co.: Bintu Murphy
 French District: Rev. Dr. Simon Nomo
 Spanish District: Roberto Velazquez
 Communication Coordinators:
 Webmaster: Neil Spiller
 Recoding Secretary: Leilani McConnell
 Love Notes: Wendy Barrios

Join us as Committee Members! We welcome **young professionals !**

Leadership Team Meeting (aka Church Council)



Tuesday, March 23 7:30 PM

ATTENDING VIA ZOOM – Chair Christiana Tumaku, Pastor Park, Trustees’ Chair Dunstan Thomas, Trustees Carol Penne, Pat McConnell, and Vernice Lee, Finance Chair Andre Small, Financial Secretary Idowoo Boss-Cole, Endowment Chair Paulette Brown, Philip Palmer Jr., Evangelism Chair Elizabeth Sawyerr, Young Adult Representative Suzanne Matthews, Missions Chair Janice Taggart, Pastoral Intern Admire Russell, Gladys Palmer and recording Secretary Leilani McConnell.

The Chair convened the meeting with scripture from John 15:5 “ I am the vine and you the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him, will bear much fruit for you can do nothing without me.” We as leaders and the church do indeed have much to do in in present times of world plague and violence. A moment of condolences for the most recent victims and their survivors of a two mass shooting was observed.

AGENDA:

MINUTES from previous meetings in Jan. and Feb, were approved with one small correction concerning payment of monies to Ignace Clinic in Madison, WI.

TRUSTEES – Dunstan reported that Wedding Guidelines had been drawn up for future ceremonies of which there are three pending for 2021 and 2022. Guidelines include fees and conditions for rental and use of spaces.

Leilani added that she had proposed Kitchen Use Guidelines to be added should the ceremony be followed by reception. Trustee Bintu Murphy had agreed to be the designated Wedding Coordinator.

At the last Trustee meeting a matter of seeking cheaper and more inclusive telephone / internet contract was discussed and representatives from Comcast are to do a survey for possible change at the church on 03/24.

Mr. Fowler who was contracted to repair damage done to doors during a break-in in January has been delayed while waiting for parts. He has also offered to repaint the lines on the concrete parking lot designating spaces.

On other parking matters, Carol said after consult with County and local police, we have no jurisdiction on the graveled spaces along Mt Pisgah Road which have often been filled by non-church people, mainly those from the surrounding apartment complexes, who are working from home during the pandemic and thus need somewhere to park. We are concerned because their vehicles too often block access to our trash dumpster and the Pastor’s space. We are still seeking permission to somehow keep at least these spaces open all the time and designate 7 – 7 on Sat. and Sunday for Agape, Comforter’s House and Good Shepherd worshipers and from 6:30 – 9 PM on Thursdays for Choir practices. As NO Parking times. For other events during the week , we will try to seek cooperation from those who use the spaces.

Leadership Team Meeting (Church Council)

Leilani reported that she and Patrick had cleared the kitchen pantry and refrigerator and freezer of outdated consumables (we have not used the kitchen for fellowship or other food events for a year.) There are many cases of soft drinks left over which, should anyone want them (probably safe to drink but outdated) may be taken, Otherwise all of them will be discarded.

Dunstan inquired about a memorial service held on 03/20 about which the Trustees were not informed. Pastor apologized and said any such future events would be brought to Trustee's attention. [We do have guidelines for such events which may or may not include fees. LMCC]

Carol raised a question about the PPP loan the church acquired several months ago and where we are in seeking loan forgiveness. It is still uncertain but Pastor has talked with new Treasurer Sunil Christopher and Andre said there is a dashboard on the web from which forms may be downloaded. Our time is growing shorter and the Council is eager to be informed as to outcome.

EVANGELISM – Elizabeth said she had held the first meeting and they discussed activities for attracting new members / attendees which would include a hosted Welcome Table in the Upper Room at which visitors would be greeted and given literature about the church and requests for contact information made. However, until the pandemic restrictions are eased, this will be on hold. But with Easter approaching, the Council felt it would seem a good time to facilitate the effort.

FINANCE – Pastor shared financial forms on his screen that came from the Treasurer regarding current fiscal matters. There were no hard copies made available to the Council. It was noted that the Pastor's health and retirement had not been paid for March. Andre said the church's computer programs for finances was up to date but apparently Sunil has had difficulty accessing them from his own computer. It was urged that he dedicate some time at the church to update records for Feb. and Mar '21.

It did appear that other essential bills had been paid including the mortgage., and, as Pastor pointed out, we have an possible "excess" of \$13K+ in part due to an influx of year-end donations. However Idowoo reminded us that many of the numbers reflect "paper funds" and don't necessarily indicate actual resources.

Pastor highlighted some proposals as to re-allocation of cited funds. Those donations called "undesignated" could be zeroed out and the monies assigned to General Funds. Those designated "memorial gifts" but otherwise not specified, might also be reassigned to General Funds and/or to Endowment with permission of donors.

We need to have a Balance Sheet completed by June. Christiana has vowed to meet with Sunil, Pastor and Andre to discuss financial matters and report back to Council.

WELCOME TO SPRING!

by Leilani McConnell

“Without the cold, dark of a long winter Spring wouldn’t be so thrilling. Trust that a kind of spring, with its sense of release, it’s warmth and light - is on its way to you.”

(Maggie Smith as cited on the National Geographic website)

It has been a year none of us could have imagined: a year when nature in the form of a microscopic entity that isn’t even alive, as we understand life, has changed our daily routines and assumptions about norms, caused deep rifts among members of some families, given impetus to creative ways to be educated, to work, to socialize, be entertained, and even to worship. New industries have emerged. There are designer antiseptics and fashionable masks for every outfit and even new menus and outdoor enclosures at restaurants that now cater to carry-out. And there is a whole new dis-information industry to muddle our minds as we mourn those who have succumbed, or tried to assuage our own fears of being afflicted, and seek ways to retain some sense of connection with others as well as to find something to celebrate each day. We were eager for relief be it vaccines, getting our kids back to school and most of us back to work, being able to eat out or see a ball game or entertainment in person and to worship together.

By now many of us have received anti-Covid vaccine and are contemplating coming back to church or gathering with friends we haven’t seen in a year. We have had winter’s ice and snow, and welcome the imminent joy of another Easter season and its promise of renewal of hope.

Our traditions have been glue holding us together for sure.

We are glad to see spring emerging – the elegant cycle of nature – and we have faith that its promise of newness will indeed assuage our concerns.

Meanwhile as we suffered the devastation of a pandemic, we have had severe weather in some places, and we also lost ever more of us to violence, especially gun violence, or carjackings. We’ve heard troubling arguments about voting rights, and a truly distressful situation of hundreds of frantic people trying to cross our SW border. It is hard to imagine having to run for one’s life from one’s home country or to send a child away alone. America is big-hearted in many ways and offers the solace of refuge but the numbers are overwhelming and we may not be prepared to deal with them as many would expect.

I read that some posit the uptick of violence may be a side effect from the job losses, displacements, isolation and despair wrought by the Covid. Perhaps so. Certainly stress upon stress can lead to acting out irrationally. But such events beg further explanation.

I am outraged at the prevalence of gun violence / armed criminal acts, and at our Congress that seems disinclined to ever do anything substantive to address it. How many more of us must be shot and killed? I have written to my senators and representative, urging them to act but expressing doubt that there will be change in current regulations. Guns are an obsession with a huge population.




 Women of Faith

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED REMAIN ACTIVE
VIA WEB CONNECTION**

And I. like Monica Hesse in a recent Washington Post opinion piece, am weary of “thoughts and prayers” and floral tributes at the scenes of slaughters, and whining about losing the 2nd Amendment if ANYTHING is proposed to stop them , We had a shooting in the White Oak area this week. That is close to home, but where is there safety? Schools? Theaters? Night clubs? Grocery stores? Our homes? Even church?

And now our Asian population is under assault. What is it about us that we must find an “Other” to blame, harass, hate, kill? And I sadly acknowledge that too often it is Whites even Christians, demeaning and threatening Black and Brown people. We accept we are imperfect but that is why we seek solace in the tenets of faith and depend on fair laws to keep us in order.

We will cling to the promises of spring and the redemption of Easter because that is what we must do. But God gave us the intellect to reason and to design and live by ethics for us all, and to have compassion. I wish we were better at living up to it.

TO CONTACT OUR MD CONGRESSMEN

I have found all these officials to be responsive to letters and petitions.

Sen. Ben Cardin – 509 Hart Senate Off.
Bldg, Wash. DC 20510 202-224-4524

Sen. Chris Van Hollen – 119 Hart Senate.
Off. Bldg, Wash. DC 20510 202-224-2654

Rep. John Sarbanes – 2370 Russell Hose
Off. Bldg, Wash. DC 20515 202-225-4016

Rep. Jamie Raskin – 412 Cannon House Off.
Bldg. Wash. DC 20515 202-225-5341

For others call the Capitol switchboard at
202-224-3121 and ask for contact info.

The March Universal Day of Prayer was celebrated at an internet session where the nation of Venuatu was highlighted. It is a collection of small islands in the South Pacific where much of the population is Christian in the midst of traditional / tribal religious practices. They have many of the same social concerns as we do – hunger, joblessness, families in disarray, homeless children, and they eventually will face inundation when sea levels rise as predicted. But the video that accompanied the presentation showed happy women singing glory to God and striving to improve their daily lives. It was enlightening to realize we are connected through our faith to such a disparate society.

The next CWU gathering will be Friendship Day, now scheduled for June 4 with the hope it can be an in-person event (as more of us are vaccinated) at a place to be announced. If not, the web meetings will continue.

At Friendship Day, the Eastern Montgomery Unit of which we have been a part for decades, collects least coin donations (pennies for us), toys, books and grooming items for entities like Crossways Community and Central Union Mission and St. Anne’s Center.

If you are interested in donating, please contact Leilani McConnell. 301-445-1241

PASTOR'S REPORT – Services during Holy Week are set for Maundy Thursday at 7 and Good Friday at 7:30. On Easter Sunday Good Shepherd's service is at 11. An outdoor service is planned for April 11.

STATE of UM CONNECTION - The B-W Conference had a recent presentation regarding the future of the United Methodist Church and its struggle with the anticipated split over issues associated with full (or not) inclusion of LGBTQA concerns, including the same sex marriage and the ordination on gay/lesbian candidates.

Amid COVID-19, a 15-member "Transitional Leadership Council ("TLC") was formed for a new Methodist Church, revealed as The Global Methodist Church with an emblem of a cross on a van diagram that signifies triune God. TLC anticipates the Global Methodist Church will be formally launched after the adoption of the Protocol for Reconciliation and Grace through Separation at the United Methodist Church's next General Conference.

But, the postponed 2020 General Conference to summer 2021 was postponed again to late August of 2022. There were many questions related to the state of BWC and that of local churches. One of the questions was about the special Charge Conference to hold under the supervision of the District Superintendent in case a local church will disagree to the decision of BW Conference concerning the schism of the General Conference, esp. for full (or not) inclusion of LGBTQA issues.

For the Annual Conference Pastor Park and Fracess Tagoe, Lay Member of the Church will serve as delegates of GSUMC.

Bishop Easterling announced her Episcopal leadership will be expanded on Peninsula-Delaware Conference of 413 churches as the bishop retires.

The Council of Bishop called a Special Session of General Conference on May 8, 2021 for 12 disciplinary items through a paper ballot to be announced on July 13. (Updates: COB then cancelled it on March 22)

After a long conversation, Philip Palmer, Jr. suggested a town hall meeting. Leadership Team came up with a consensus to hold the town hall meeting on Sunday, April 25 immediately after worship. At that time, GSUMC will explore the polity of GMC. However, before that date, it was requested that our congregation be provided with information in writing, in Love Notes and/or by special letter perhaps included in the Bulletin, outlining the matter and our individual stake in it and responsibility towards it.

Pastor made it clear that GSUMC was to remain welcoming to all in brotherly love and in "friendship and faith" no matter the outcome.

The meeting was adjourned with much to ponder at 10 PM.

Respectfully reported,

Leilani B. McConnell

Holy Conferencing

Town Hall Meeting - April 25.

Mark your calendar for **Town Hall Meeting** on Sunday, April 25 immediately after worship service.

Issues: Recent Bishop's Briefing on the Future of the United Methodist Church with Global Methodist Church ("GMC").

Related Sources:

Bishop Easterling' Presentation (See details at <https://www.bwcmc.org/article/links-from-the-bishops-march-16-state-of-the-church-webinar/>) - (See page 28)
 GMC Website at globalmethodist.org



I called the FDA section that oversees Food Safety and the representative said the FDA does not now have jurisdiction to require consistent dating of products, although they would like it to assure product integrity and customer satisfaction if and when CONGRESS legislates for it. (I wrote a letter about this to our MD Congressmen.) A while ago the nutrition label on products was updated and made consistent so purchasers can more easily determine what is in them.

NOTE: We have quantities of unopened cans of soft drinks in the kitchen pantry, all at least a year old. Should anyone wish to have some of it, you are welcome to carry it off at your own risk. Otherwise all will be discarded by mid-April. The quantities of water may well still be potable. I'll double check on that.

The Trustees have designed Wedding Guidelines, and I proposed adding Kitchen Guidelines for those wishing to have receptions after weddings or memorial services, etc.

In addition to sanitation issues and safe food handling, are instructions to NOT LEAVE LEFT-OVER FOOD ITEMS, TABLEWARE, DRINKING CUPS, FOOD SERVICE TRAYS METAL FRAMES (like the ones used over Sterno) AT THE CHURCH. We too easily accumulate "stuff" and our storage is limited. Plus un-eaten left-overs create a disposal problem.

Bintu Murphy is the Trustee / Wedding Coordinator and she would need someone from the church who is kitchen-familiar to be there with her if food events associated with weddings / funerals / baby showers, etc occur.
 Leilani McConnell

KITCHEN UPDATE

We have not had Fellowship time nor any food events for over a year as you are aware. Recently Pat and I emptied the freezer and refrigerator of outdated food and drink, some of it never opened. We are also sorting the pantry shelf items.

We had a hard time finding dates on items. Each producer does it differently or not at all and it was unclear what the date implied: Sell-by date? Production date? Best-by date? Discard date? I called several producers and got a variety of answers but it seemed to boil down to "don't use after the date on the product" (if one can find it).

To Green Pastures and Quiet Waters ...



Jackie Holder on Palm Sunday Altar Guild



Good Friday Service



5 Lenten Movie Nights



Leadership Team Meeting

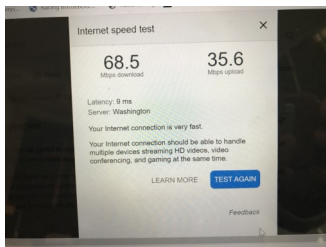


Edwin Ivan Pilchard (9/14/1925-12/23/2020)

21 Questions for Reflection

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am a better person than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all acts or words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence? Can I be trusted?
4. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habits?
5. Am I self-conscious, self-tilting, or self-justifying?
6. Does the Bible live in me today?
7. Do I give the Bible time to speak to me when I do read it?
8. Am I enjoying prayer? If not, am I learning about new ways to pray?
9. When did I last speak to somebody else with the object of trying to be Christ for them?
10. Am I glorifying Christ in all my interactions with others?
11. Do I pray about the money I spend?
12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
13. Do I disobey God in anything?
14. Do I insist upon doing something for which my conscience is uneasy?
15. Am I jealous, reckless, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful?
16. How do I spend my spare time?
17. Am I proud?
18. Do I thank God for second chances? For the chance to serve him instead of myself?
19. Is there anybody whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?
20. Do I grumble or complain constantly?
21. Is Christ real to me?

Inspired by the Holy Club of Oxford



The Holy Club of Good Shepherd of "Young Professionals" Mondays at 9 p.m. Zoom ID: 941-6327-7971 Passcode: 256442


Now Comcast Improves Internet Speed on Online



Red flames signify the historic merge of The Methodist Church and The United Brethren in 1968, which gave birth to The United Methodist Church. As a part of UM connection, we would like to bring for the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Green shade of the flames indicates God's Kingdom like "green pastures" to be unfolded as we do ministry together. The blue shade of the cross is consisted of the first two Greek letters of Christ, Xp. Through Christ the living water (John 7:38) the gathering of the faithful disciples shall bear fruits that last. (John 15:16; Psalm 1:3; 23:2; Galatians 5:22-23; Revelation 22:1-3). This vision of God's Kingdom comes from Jesus Christ, the starting point of our faith journey. Shepherd crook symbolizes our commitment to Jesus Christ—Good Shepherd! (John 10:14) - Rev. DaeHwa Park



Join the Wednesday Night Prayer Conference Call at 8-8:30 p.m.
 Call 1-515-603-3157
 Access code 809996, option #1




Why Aren't We Electing Bishops?

- ▶ The same issues of holy conferencing exist for JC as those articulated for GC.
- ▶ The process of interviewing, electing and consecrating new bishops is severely impacted without in-person gatherings.
- ▶ Secondary Matters:
 - ▶ The recommendation of the COB concerning sustainability of the Episcopal Fund.
 - ▶ The unknowns of how many bishops will be necessary.

THIS IS NOT A MERGER

Affiliation means two conferences are served by the same bishop. There will be committees, boards, task forces, etc. that work together to streamline administrative tasks and leverage strengths and assets. However, both conferences will remain separate entities. There will still be separate Boards of Ordained Ministries, CFA, Trustees, etc.




GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH



Bishop Easterling presents
 What's Going on on Tuesday, March 22

- ▶ Although the aforementioned information is available, the GMC has not officially been instituted.
- ▶ Other streams of Methodism may form and meet the criteria to be recognized by the United Methodist Church.
- ▶ When the GMC or other streams of Methodism are fully instituted and recognized by the United Methodist Church, our Trustees are prepared to work with congregations on matters of disaffiliation and affiliation with these new streams.

All Small Group Gatherings thru Zoom Meetings

Sundays
Celebration of Worship at 11 a.m.
 Meeting ID: 566-965-650
 Passcode: 900361
Youth Hang-Out at 7 p.m.
 Meeting ID: 976-1877-7352
 Passcode: 914966
Children with Sing-Along & Storytelling
 Meeting ID: 964-1021-2427
 Passcode: 541602

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

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

Wednesdays
High Noon Prayer at noon
 Meeting ID: 409-666-503
 Passcode: 581382
Becoming Disciple thru Bible Study at 7p
 Meeting ID: 961-6016-5713
 Passcode: 716470

Thursdays
Jesus in the Gospels at 9 a.m.
 Meeting ID: 912-9923-1991
 Passcode: 552624
Faith Talks at 11 a.m.
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