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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 understand that God wants us to be: "Becoming 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—"A Journey from Afar."

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. Everyone is welcome. The 3rd place is a concept of the church, as we understand our family home as the 1st place and our work environment as the second. Savage is "a house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7). Modern sociology demands many of a desperate need of this space, which is missing from home, the first place and from work, the second place.

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

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

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during Lent

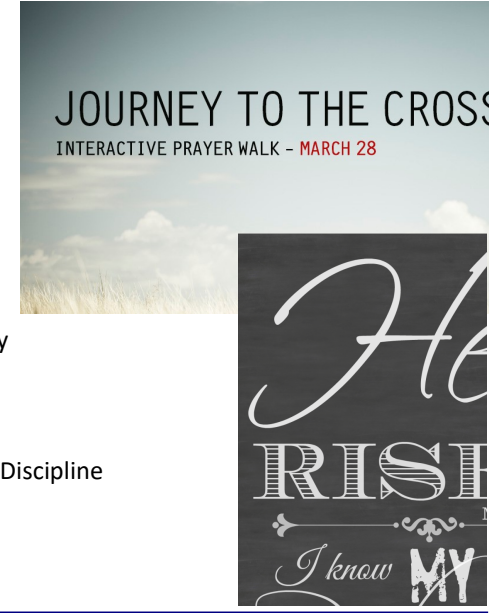
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God's Moral Law

- 1. Exodus 20:1-17, The Ten Commandments
- 2. Micah 6:6-8, Righteousness, Mercy, Humility
- 3. Psalm 51:10-19, A Contrite and Broken Spirit
- 4. Matthew 9:8-13, Mercy not Sacrifice
- 5. Luke 6:1-10, The Spirit, not the Letter of the Law
- 6. Luke 10:25-37, Love God and Love Your Neighbor
- 7. Luke 18:18-27, God Must Come First
- 8. Psalm 119:1-16, Blessed Are Those Who Obey God's Law

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 (Easter)
- 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
- 29. Matthew 7:15-20, A Warning
- 30. Matthew 7:21-29, Doing God's Will



Daily Scripture Reading

March

The Deeper Training of the Disciples

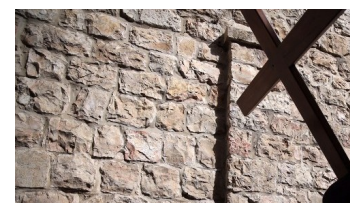
- 1. **Mark 8:1-26, Signs and no Signs (“Eyes no see”) -Matthew 15:32-39**
- 2. Mark 8:27-9:1, “You Are Christ” & Self Denial (Matt 16:13-20; Luke 9:18-20)
- 3. Mark 9:1-13, Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13; Luke 9:28-36)
- 4. Mark 9:14-29, Prayer, the Secret of Power (Matthew 17:14-21; Luke 9:37-43)
- 5. Mark 9:30-37, The Greatness of Humility (Matthew 18:1-6; Luke 9:46-48)
- 6. Mark 9:38-50, Tolerance and Strictness (Matthew 18:7-9; Luke 9:49-50)
- 7. Mark 10:1-12, Marriage (Matthew 19:1-12)
- 8. **Mark 10:13-16, The Value of a Child and Child-Heart (Matthew 19:13-15; Luke 18:15-17)**
- 9. Mark 10:17-31, Riches of Christ (the Great Refusal) (Matthew 19:16-30; Luke 18:18-30)
- 10. Mark 10:32-45, One Who Never Turned His Back (Matthew 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-34)
- 11. Mark 10:46-52, Bartimaeus—The Blind See (Matthew 20:29-34; Luke 18:35-43)

Passion Week: The Last Week of Jesus’ Life

- 12. Mark 11:1-11, Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (Matt 21:1-11; Lk 19:28-44; Jn 12:12-19)
- 13. Mark 11:12-19, Judgment and Courage (Matthew 21:12-17; Luke 19:45-48)
- 14. Mark 11:20-26, Faith and Faith’s Hindrances (Matthew 21:18-22)
- 15. **Mark 11:27-33, Christ’s Authority Challenged (Matthew 21:23-27; Luke 20:1-8)**
- 16. Mark 12:1-12, Parable of the Wicked Tenants (Matthew 21:33-46; Luke 20:9-19)
- 17. Mark 12:13-17, Duty to God and the State (Matthew 22:15-22; Luke 20:20-26)
- 18. Mark 12:18-27, Question Jesus about the Resurrection (Mat. 22:23-33; Luke 20:27-40)
- 19. Mark 12:28-37, The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:34-40)
- 20. Mark 12:38-44, Leaven of Pride and Perfume of Sincerity (Mat. 23:1-12; Luke 20:45-47)
- 21. Mark 13:1-13, No One Knows When—“Be Prepared” (Matthew 24:1-25; Luke 21:5-24)
- 22. **Mark 13:14-37, Watch and Pray (Matthew 24:26-30; Luke 21:25-33)**
- 23. Mark 14:1-11, Devotion and Treachery (Matthew 26:1-5; Luke 22:1-2)
- 24. Mark 14:12-31, The Last Supper (Mtt 26:20-30; Lk 22:14-30; Jn 13:21-30)
- 25. Mark 14:32-42, Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46)
- 26. Mark 14:43-52, The Arrest (Mtt 26:27-56; Lk 22:47-53; Jn 18:1-11)
- 27. Mark 14:53-72, Trials & Peter’s Failure (Mat 26:57-68, 26:69-75; Lk 22:43-65; Jn 18:25-27)
- 28. Mark 15:1-20, Trial before Pilate (Mt 27:11-26, Lk 23:1-25; Jn 18:28-19:16)
- 29. **Mark 15:21-47, The Crucifixion and Burial (Mt 27:32-61; Lk 23:26-56; Jn 19:17-42)**
- 30. Mark 16:1-13, The Resurrection (Easter) (Mt 28:1-7; Lk 24:1-12; Jn 20:1-9)
- 31. Mark 16:14-20, Great Commission, Ascension (Jn 20:10-31; Lk 24:13-35; Mt 28:16-20)

Spotlights in Ministries

Lent



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OUR JOURNEY: Praising God, Experiencing God,
Serving God, Sharing God!

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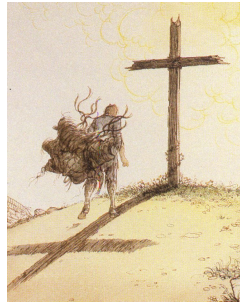
WORSHIP & STUDY

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Adults!
11:00 a.m. Celebration and Worship
Followed by Fellowship after worship
in Lewis Hall

Disciple: Becoming Disciples thru Bible Study
on Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

“Following...”

Dear Friends,



Peace and grace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you, my dear friends in Jesus Christ.

As we begin our Lenten journey I would like to invite you to join a series of events that help us learn the vary nature of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lent is a period of penitence and preparation for Easter. While preparing for Easter, you and I are expected to revisit what God has done through Jesus Christ. I want you to set aside time for your own disciple path. Join bible study and prayer groups.

The church is also asked to reach out people who don't know about Jesus Christ and His gospel. Lent is a great opportunity for believers to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. It is great time for evangelism. Offer the gospel of Jesus to your neighbors. I hope each member of our church family and friends have good opportunities to experience the love of God revealed in the life of Jesus Christ.



During the 40 days and 40 nights, we will follow the way of the cross Jesus Christ gone before us.

Greetings from the Pastoon after Epiphany...

Jesus said, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24)

For the first disciples, following Jesus was not easy. In fact at the moment of Jesus’ arrest, all the followers fled and deserted him. (Mark 14:50).

We the Christians in the 21st century may feel relieved from the harsh tension that the first disciples faced, yet what God anticipated from the faithful followers of Jesus still remained.

Let us not flee from the primary tasks of the church. Let us not forget what Christ wants us to do for the transformation of the world. Let us step forward our own path to the cross.

Remember what Jesus in the gospel of Luke reminded: “And anyone who do not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:27)

May God be with your Lenten journey!

Peace,

Rev. DaeHwa Park
Pastor

New Creation

ROCK Youth Retreat
Ocean City, MD
February 7-9

Black History Month
“I Have a Dream” Speech
February 16



Sunday Mornings w. Children
February 23



To Green Pastures and Quiet Waters ...



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

During the Season



Epiphany Sunday on January 5

Baptismal Covenant Renewal on January 12

Multi-Contextual Ministries Sunday W. Holy Matrimony (Simeon & Celine) January 19



Holy Baptism January 26



Commissioning of Spiritual Leaders On Sunday, January 26

VISION

Greetings from Priscilla Michell, Lay Leader

On behalf of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, I would like to thank Francess Tagoe for her invaluable contribution as Lay Leader. Although she has stepped down from this position, she will service as our Lay Member to the Annual Conference. I asked Francess to share her thoughts and reflect on her time serving as our Lay Leader.

In her own words she says, "I have been the church Lay Leader for the past several years. I have had the privilege to serve under three different types of leadership styles. People usually ask, what does a Lay Leader do? I embody my leadership around Ephesians 4: 11-12 "And He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, to the building up of the body of Christ."

As the former Lay Leader, what I liked best about the position was the opportunity to bring "the message" on Laity Sunday. Some of the other duties I enjoyed were helping to coordinate advent worship, listening to people's concerns, being a motivator and encourager and for the past few months, working alongside Pastor Park with baptism and new membership services. The Baltimore-Washington Conference Lay Leader, Ms. Delores Martin stated that "Everyone should be working toward the same vision and dreaming dreams that work for the vitality of the church."

It should no longer be an environment where pastors hamper or stifle dreams of the parishioners, but we must all work as One". This vision is what Rev. Park brings to our congregation. He has been modeling the sentiment of our Bishop and Conference Lay Leader."

I have been handed this torch and given the opportunity to pick up the mantle and represent the members of our church. As Lay Leader my duty is to work with Pastor DaeHwa "to fulfill the mission and vision" of our congregation. I ask my church family for your prayers, that the Lord, will in words of the great Gospel song, and I paraphrase, "Order my steps in Your word dear Lord. Lead me, guide me every day. Send Your anointing, Father I pray. Order my steps in Your word...Humbly, I ask Thee teach me Your will, while You are working, help me be still. Order my steps in Your word." This is my prayer that the Lord will "hold us tight" and move our church in His direction so that we can make true disciples of Jesus Christ. I pray our congregation be a welcoming light and example of Jesus Christ love for our entire community to be drawn to. Let us "Love the Lord "our" God with all "our" heart and with all "our" soul and with all "our" mind.' 'Love "our" neighbor as "ourselves" Mathew 22:37 and 39.NIV. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Wishing you many blessings.



Priscilla Michell



Francess Tagoe Lay Member of the Conference

“Journey to the Cross”



During Lent - 40 days of penitence and prayer - worshipers are invited to join a spiritual journey to the cross.

The cross is the significant locale where the sinners have a glimpse of salvation through Jesus Christ the Son of God who shed his blood to take away the sins of the world. By his death on the cross Jesus reconciled his followers with God.

Jesus asks the church not only to join the journey to the cross, but also to carry each one’s cross and follow him. (Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23) Even Jesus in Luke, speaks, “Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:33)

UMCOR Sunday– March 22

On the Fourth Sunday in Lent, The United Methodists gather their special offerings for those who suffer from natural disasters.

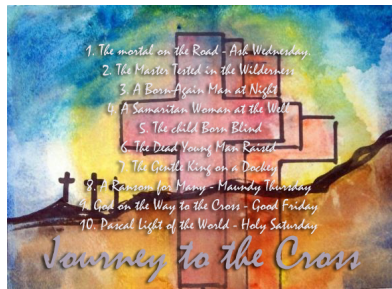
Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), we can make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upended by storms, wars, climate change, and displacement.

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Praising God's

Through the journey each Sunday, worshipers will encounter the faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who followed Him.

Come and hear “The message of the cross,” Apostle Paul wrote, as “foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:18)



(see details at www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/one-great-hour-of-sharing)



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Next **Cluster Church meeting** will be at Mowatt Memorial UMC in Greenbelt, MD, 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 11 a.m.



The **236th Session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference** will be Wednesday, May 27, through Friday, May 29, at the Waterfront Marriott Hotel in Baltimore. Registration is scheduled to open March 11.

The **Pre-Conference Session** for laity and clergy will be held Saturday, April 18, at the Ranson Civic Center at 432 W 2nd Ave. in Ranson, W.Va. from 9:30 to noon. **The laity and clergy executive sessions** will be held after the Pre-Conference briefing from 1:15 to 4:30 p.m. Clergy will meet at Asbury UMC at 110 W. North Street in Charles Town, W.Va., across the street from the Civic Center.

This year's theme is **"We Are One: Going Out in Mission."** At the Annual conference Session, the Rev. Evan Young will speak at the Ministry Beyond the Local Church dinner. Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, the presiding bishop of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, will preach at the opening worship service on the evening of May 27. The Right Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland will be the preacher at the Ordination Service on May 28. The Rev. Rudy Bropleh of Asbury UMC in Shepherdstown will preach at the Memorial Service on May 29. The Bible study leader on May 28 and 29 will be Dr. David Scott, Director of Mission Theology with the General Board of Global Ministries. A series of mission events will be layered into the annual Conference session with a focus on mission, movement and momentum. On Wednesday, May 27, a work day at the Susanna Wesley House in Baltimore, a home for women and children, is planned. A candlelight vigil to address violence in Baltimore will follow the Ordination service.

IS THERE ANYTHING MORE HUMBLING THAN SERIOUS ILLNESS?

The end of year 2019 proved very challenging to several of us at Good Shepherd and some of my friends who experienced falls, or illness requiring hospital and extended recovery. We are still recovering. We thought, despite our advanced years, we were pretty fit and then found we do not heal as fast as we used to. In my own case I was shocked how much strength and stamina I lost after 9 days in hospital. Thank goodness for caring and concerned medical providers in and out of the facility and especially thank goodness for all the encouragement and well wishes and prayers emanating from our church family. Every card and phone call touched my heart and I know the others who are still ailing, appreciate them as well.

I, who pretty much live, in my head, in my forties, realize now in my eighties, I can see my twilight if not sunset from here and I began to think about my obituary and goodbye service, thoughts most of us of a certain age eventually have. I remember my mother's asking me if it would be alright if she were buried in a lovely blue nightie and negligee her sister had given her. It seemed she was saving them for such an occasion. It was okay and she did wear them, looking very pretty I might add.

I plan to put my final wishes down on paper and have them filed in the church office. I know of others who have done so and I suggest we all consider it and don't be afraid to talk about it with family.

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Women's News

Apart from recognizing one's mortality, being ill certainly makes one appreciate the good days – every day, truth be told. But part of healing is hopeful thinking as well as determination that one will get better and looking towards the future, however long that may be. The body is a marvelous machine that can overcome a lot of assault. Thanks be to our Creator.

May all of you be well and may you know you are treasured. As Steven Pastis, the cartoonist for "Pearls Before Swine" put it, "...love everyone you are with, because comforting each other on this journey we neither asked for nor understand is the best we can do...and laugh as much as you can."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GATHERING IN MARCH

03/08 – Tabitha Circle after worship

03/09 – Deborah Circle at noon place TBA

03/12 – Rachel Circle at McConnell home at 10:30

03/05 – Maryland Legislative Advocacy Day 2020 –

Baltimore-Washington Conference meet at Asbury UMC Annapolis at 8:30 AM. Hear issues, speak with legislators, attend Assembly hearings.

03/06 – Church Women United "World Day of Prayer" 9:30 AM at Allen Chapel AME UMC on 2518 Fairland Road, silver Spring. (Take Rt 29 to Fairland Rd, go left, cross Old Columbia Pike then turn R into the church parking lot. Breakfast served.

Look for upcoming event in May

Leilani McConnell

March-April 2020

March - "Women's History Month"

March is Women's History Month. During Sundays, worshipers will celebrate the vital role of women in American history as well as in the history of Methodism.

Good Shepherd honors mothers and daughters during worship. The mission of the United Methodist Women will be celebrated.

Come to worship with the women of faith in your neighborhood.

On Sunday, March 29, Rev. Joye Jones, former pastor—the first clergy woman appointed at Good Shepherd will provide pulpit supply. Rev. Jones is a retired elder. She served as the senior pastor from 2004 thru 2016.



If you would like to serve as one of the liturgical ministers, please contact Wendy Barrios at (301) 434-331, send email at goodshpumc@verizon.net. For music ministry, please call Dr. Elizabeth Schneider at (301) 385-4156 or come to Choir rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. You can call Pastor Park at (202) 277-8553, cell.

Special Worship during Holy Week

Do not miss several worship events during Holy Week, beginning with **Palm/ Passion Sunday on April 5**. The Holy Week inaugurate Easter-tide with God's mighty act in Jesus at Easter. During the week, worshipers will experience two different joys: temporary joy with Jesus' triumphal arrival in the holy city and eternal joy with Jesus' resurrection from death on the cross.

Come, celebrate the triumphal advent of Jesus in the holy city on Palm Sunday. Without the faithful observance of the Holy Week between Palm Sunday and Easter, people miss true meaning of joy.

Do not miss "foot-washing" service, a Lenten event 7 cluster churches host on **Maundy Thurs-**



Come, join **Tenebrae Service** ("the Service of Shadows") on **Good Friday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.** This year, the followers of Jesus will experience Jesus who carried his own cross at Calvary through a movie "The Gospel of John" (The Visual Bible, 2003). Nailing and carrying the cross with "Via Dolorosa" will help today's Christians encounter Jesus through a spiritual journey.

Please join a worship team to prepare the event. We need handy persons to make a cross to be used for the event. Those who would like to help, please call Wendy at (301) 434-3331.



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Sun. Morn. & Mon. 7 p.m.

Want to help? Call at (301) 434-3331

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“Study Hour” at 10 a.m. That Makes Difference



Come to church on Sundays an hour or more early, and you will have a great time for discipleship. 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.

Experiencing Gr...

Good Shepherd offers a variety of learning opportunities for adults—during the Sunday Morning “Study Hour (10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.) and at other times throughout the week. For questions, please contact Philip Palmer, Sr. Adult Sunday school meets in Wesley Parlor. [LN]

Bring Your Own Bible on Sundays



Biblical literacy is important for our discipleship path. It begins with our companionship with the Holy Bible. Many people have a digital bible on the phone. Bring your own bible to the act of worship and devotion is recommended.

Our pew bible is **New Revised Standard Versions** (1989). The ideal translation for worship, bible study, and meditation is **New International Version of 1984** translation. Bring your own bible when you come to church.

“Jubilee Market Place” for Children and Youth



“All children and youth will join “Jubilee Market Place” - an year-end rewarding event **on the Day of Pentecost—May 31** during fellowship hour. Children with good behavior and participation in the various activities will receive a talent from teachers. Parents or legal guardians may join this program for their after Sunday school activities.

Those who would like to support the program, please donate a gift items, such as stationeries, toys for the appropriate ages, game

cards, etc. While donating items, please bring a receipt for any purchase. The church will acknowledge your giving, so that you may obtain tax credit.

Children’s Sunday School begins immediately after “Children’s Messages” during Worship at 11 a.m. There will be no Sunday school on the First Sundays. All children are invited to Holy Communion.

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Works of Evangelism Committee

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.

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.

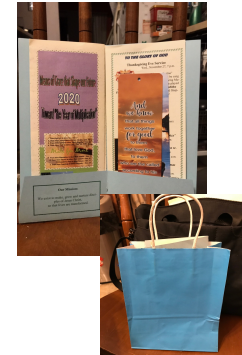
For any other question or comments on Evangelism activities, please contact, Matt Letts at matthew.a.letts@verizon.net or Rev. DaeHwa Park at (202) 277-8553.

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”



Welcome bag for Visitors and new friends!

Thank-You

We Nomo are really and deeply appreciative for your act of love, that you all have manifested in the wedding on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at Good Shepherd UMC. You have provided us with so many gifts and love,
Thanks,
From
Simeon and Celine
Nomo

Learn from me, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. le y humilde de corazón, y encontrarán descanso para su alma. Porque mi yugo es suave y mi carga es liviana. (Matthew 11:28-30)

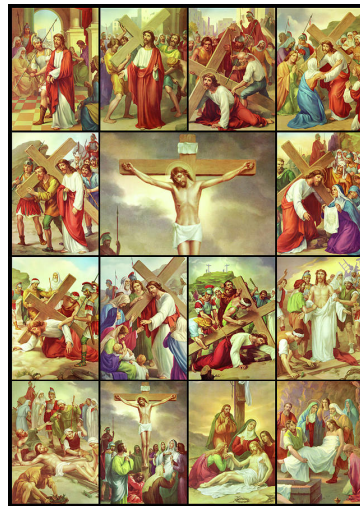
“A Third Place” is Launched

Our church lobby area, known as “The Upper Room” has welcome banner. Now we have a nice place to take a picture with visitors.



The Upper Room is a sacred space for faithful connection among the people of God. Now, we have a TV you can watch for free. Use free WiFi for your own search of wisdom and truth! From the TV monitor, you can review sermon outline.

During Lent “14 stations of the cross” will be presented on the monitor. Please feel free to come and have meditation with the cross.



“Lunch with the Pastor” New Date On Sunday, March 22 12:30 p.m. At Wesley Parlor

Lunch with the Pastor is a 90-minute new member class. It is a time for visitors to explore the mission and ministries of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. Mark your calendar. Invite your neighbors who would like to find a church home. Use invitation card at the narthex for your own invitation.



“Lunch with the Pastor –2019”

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and Vengan a mí todos ustedes que están cansados y agobiados, y yo les daré descanso. Carguen con mi yugo y aprendan de mí, pues yo soy apacib

Works of Discipleship Committee

Participation in an ongoing group study provides the opportunity for you to grow in your faith and be connected to the Body of Christ. Good Shepherd offers year-long or short-term study opportunities for small groups. These groups meet regularly from September—May. To learn more attend an Adult Study Opportunities contact Rev. Dae-Hwa Park at (301) 434-3331 or email at daehwa@gmail.com.

Good Shepherd offers fun and fabulous Sunday School for children and youth. We also would like to have teachers for young disciples.

For those who would like to serve the children’s ministries, please do not hesitate to contact Sunday School Superintendent Christiana Campbell at (301) 518-1953.

12 Hours of Famine—March 13, 11 a.m. thru 11 p.m.

During Lent, youth (6-12th graders) are asked to join 12 hours of famine. It is a comprehensive program for young disciples to learn about the core teaching of Christianity. Beginning with the voluntary participation of fasting of lunch at school, the participants gather at the church and join 12 hours of study, prayer,

and prayer. During the Holy Communion young disciples will give special offering of the price for the meals they fasted. The special giving will be given for “sponsoring a child program” that Compassion International provides. For RSVP, contact Christiana Campbell at (301) 518-1953 or Pastor Park at (202) 277-8553.



Disciple Study

Other Discipleship Programs at Pastor’s Study



“Mon. 11 a.m.



Mon. 6 p.m.



Thursday. 11 a.m.



Thursday. 6 p.m.
From March 5th

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Shepherd's Table Needs

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**.

You monetary donation at the time of Holy Communion will help our needy neighbors with financial assistance on utilities, rental assistance, emergencies.



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

Shoe Drive (No boots or heels)
We are having a shoe drive for children in erra Leone. Any donations can be dropped in the collection box located in the upper room. We are collecting shoes in all sizes, either gently used or new.



Mitten Tree Update - Janice Taggart

This year the Hazel Black Mitten Tree collected 54 scarves, 62 hats, 72 pairs of gloves, 14 turtlenecks, 18 lap robes, 53 socks, 8 hat/scarf sets, 13 hat/gloves sets, 15 sweaters vests and miscellaneous items. We sent 7 large boxes – 4 to the General L. Ignace Indian Health Center in Milwaukee WI, and 3 to a reservation in Eagle Butte SD.

Thank to everyone who contributed items, to Laura Kane who knitted 13 hats and scarf sets and to the ladies of Riderwood knitters who knitted lap robes sets and scarves. Also thank you to those who contributed money for shipping and/or purchasing items and to Pat McConnell who helped mail our boxes Janice and Lani packed.

40 Days of Lent



Lenten Journey at Good Shepherd 40 days of Penitence

Ash Wednesday Service: Imposition of Ashes, February 26, 7:30 p.m.

New Sermon Series – “A Pilgrimage to the Cross”

Let us prepare for a Lenten journey with the scriptural guidance. Beginning the first Sunday in Lent, our pulpit will be filled with the messages that will shape our life with a spiritual pilgrimage. Worshipers will follow a foot step of Jesus Christ, who came to the world for a specific purpose – His way to the cross for the salvation of the world. Come and experience the Lord at work in our way of the cross.

Carbon Fast, a congregational Lenten daily discipline! (See insert)

Fasting on Fridays, Voluntary

Freewill offering from the cost of the meal(s) from fasting on Fridays may be brought on Sundays for a special offering for the hungry. Special collection will be made to sponsor a child adopted with the program, “Sponsoring a Child” through Compassion International.

12 Hours of Famine - Youth Event

Youth members start it at school, beginning lunch hour around 11 p.m.. and gather at the church after school for their act of fasting with program until 1 p.m. when Holy Communion is celebrated. Parents, please bring your children to the church by 4p.m.

Meditations on the Stations of the Cross in the Upper Room

During Lent, congregation and friends may have a personal meditation in the Upper Room.

Holy Week at Good Shepherd

Palm Sunday, April 5, at 11 a.m.

Foot-Washing, Cluster Church Event on Maudy Thursday, April 9, at 7p.m.

“Tenebrae Service” on Good Friday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Celebration, April 12, 11 a.m. “He Is Resin!”

Festival of God’s Creation - Outdoor Worship, April 19, 11 a.m.



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

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



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**Sew-What
3rd Saturdays at 10
a.m.
in the Parlor.
Sewing for Mission;
non sewers can
come too!**

Advent Came and Went but Love Remains—Carol Penne

One last thank you to Good Shepherd for your support of the church's Advent projects with Broad Acres Elementary School. Your gifts and support of these projects showed that when we put our faith into action, we can accomplish so much. Here's how we showed our love for others during Advent 2019: We collected 225 coats for the children and their families (the most ever collected in a single year!). We contributed to and help run a Holiday Shop for children. More than 80 children shopped because you generously donated beautiful gifts. Those of us who participated on the day the shop was open saw how carefully each child selected and wrapped their presents for mom, dad or grandparents. We saw how much it to

Christmas in April - Janice Taggart

Christmas in April is on the last Saturday of April- the 25th this year. We will again join forces with people from B Frank Joy Construction Co to work on the home of someone who due to illness, handicap, age or finance is unable to maintain their house. We normally do a little of everything from yardwork to repair, painting, and cleaning.

show their love to their families. Our Advent Families Project provided presents, Christmas stockings stuffed full of goodies (toys, toiletries, socks, games, books, etc.) and grocery store gift cards to 4 families who needed extra help through the holidays. Each of the families were struggling. Two were coping with heaving burdens: one mother is raising her siblings as well as her children, one grandmother is raising her four grandchildren because their parents are deceased. Your financial generosity extended to a fifth family where a child's illness (childhood cancer) is devastating the family. Thank you, Good Shepherd, for supporting these Advent projects and sharing your love.

There are jobs for everyone no special skills necessary. All you need is the desire to help one of our neighbors in need. See **Janice Taggart** to sign up and to get details. Youth get Community service hours for school. Anyone who has participated in the past (we've been doing this 30 years) will tell you how fulfilling it is.

LOVE NOTES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Honor the Lord's day (and the Lord's Creation) by walking, biking, or taking public transportation to church today! Planning a trip? Fund a project that helps offset your travel-related carbon footprint: NativeEnergy.com	Is your local stream clean enough for baptisms? Locate your waterway and its condition: bit.ly/watershelfinder Pray: God of sacred waters, may we be a blessing to your waters.	"As he was coming up out of the water ... - Mark 1:10 Choose one way you can restore God's sacred waters: bit.ly/actonmenu Share your Lenten commitment with others to inspire them to make their own.	Use cleaner energy at home. Support 100% wind power through your energy bills: PLdnv.org/CleanEnergy/ or go solar through a purchasing group or subscribe to a community solar project: Ldnv.org/go-green/solar-at-home	Green grass lawns are not so "green." Learn how to cultivate grounds that are good for people, plants, and creatures at home: bit.ly/greengrounds and at church: bit.ly/sacredchurchgrounds	As you fast from meat today, consider plant-based dishes for Easter Sunday: SfrfranceAlliance.com/recipes	In the US, > 30% of all food is wasted. Reduce your food waste by planning well and eating leftovers. Consider composting what's left at home or get table scraps picked up: CompostCrew.com , VeerantCompost.com , KeyCompost.com
"You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord..." Read Ephesians 5:8-14 and "live as children of light" without electricity! As a Sabbath practice, turn off or unplug everything you can.	Organize a congregation and community stream cleanup for Earth Month in April. Participate in Project Clean Stream: bit.ly/projectcleanstream	What role does your church community play in repairing our climate? Get involved with our green work and look together with other "green sheep" through IP_LDMV ; bit.ly/PLSLgroup	"Whoever serves me must follow me..." - John 12:26a Pray for all our neighbors who face environmental devastation and for the courage of Jesus to sustain your commitment to environmental justice. Read more: bit.ly/IPCej	"God's promise depends on faith and rests upon grace to be guaranteed to all descendants of Sarah and Abraham." - Romans 4:16 Join IPC to protect your watershed for your descendants: bit.ly/ippnewletter	Planning to make Easter baskets? Purchase Fair Trade Certified™ chocolate, which is free from child labor and supports farmer communities such as: EqualExchange.coop/products/chocolate	At 8:30 pm, join hundreds of millions of people around the world who will be switching off all lights for one hour to commit to global climate action and more mindful energy use: EarthHour.org
Read Matt 5:43-48 and reflect on our call to love our "enemies." Pray for all those, especially business or elected leaders, who stand in the way of climate action or perpetuate injustices. Call or write to express your concerns: JDElectret	"On either side of the river is the tree of life... and its leaves are for the healing of the nations." - Rev. 22:2 Plant trees for healing during Earth Month! Use this coupon to buy a tree: bit.ly/IDtreecoupon	"You will be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in." - Isaiah 58:12b Take time today to repair something that you might otherwise have discarded and replaced.	Read "Letter to a Young Climate Activist on the First Day of the New Decade" and reflect on the beauty that still surrounds us and the hope we can find through collective action: bit.ly/RebeccaSolnter	In your home, replace incandescent and compact fluorescent lights with LEDs. Each bulb replaced will save hundreds of pounds of climate pollution over time. Google your utility for rebate and incentive programs.	Fast from meat today and read aloud "Prayer After Eating" by Wendell Berry: "I have taken in the light that quickened eye and leaf, may my brain be bright with praise of what I eat... May I be worthy of my meat."	Learn about how our Jewish neighbors give thanks before and after meals, praising the One who "brings forth bread from the earth": bit.ly/foodblessings
Rest today. Take a break from the TV and internet. Turn off everything and unplug it if you can. Play a game, go for a walk, or read a book! Read Blessed Earth's resources on Sabbath living: SabbathLiving.org	On average, a family of four in the US uses 40 gallons of water per day just in the shower! Set a timer for 5 minutes and consider installing a low-flow shower head: EPA.gov/WaterSense/ showerheads	How will you continue to seek God through Creation? Although we have done everything we can to separate ourselves from other(s) ... from the land and its waters and from God, God has never left us." - Bahinno & Witzra, Molding Peace with the Land	Talk with your family about your Lenten Creation care journey. What ideas do you have to continue your stewardship into the Easter season?	Maudy Thursday Today we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples and his prayers in the garden of Gethsemane. Following Jesus example, take time today to pray outdoors, remembering all who suffer.	Good Friday "At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two... the earth shook, and the rocks were split." - Matt. 27:51 Contemplate destruction already caused by climate change through wildfires, floods, and stronger storms.	"God looked at everything that God had made, and indeed it was very good." - Gen. 1:31a Take a walk and notice signs of new life. Celebrate resurrection, and spring in your neighborhood. Take pictures or notes in a journal of what you see.

12 Easter Sunday

"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace by the blood of his cross." - Colossians 1:19-20

"The New Testament does not only tell us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout Creation by his universal Lordship." - Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*
Trusting in the words of Philipians 1:6, "that the One who began a good work in you will bring it to completion," take time to give thanks for the changes of heart and habit you have taken on since Lent began, and continue to live out your call to Creation stewardship with the hope of the resurrection always in your heart.



Take some time today to reflect on all of the activities that you have performed during Lent, and how they have brought you into greater harmony with the earth and with all life. Conclude your Lenten Creation care practice by making a personal pledge to serve God and serve others by pursuing a more sustainable way of life.

For God so Loved THE WORLD that he gave his One & Only Son Believes in him should not perish, but have ETERNAL LIFE JOHN 3:16

Rejoice always. Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

I can do all things through CHRIST who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of

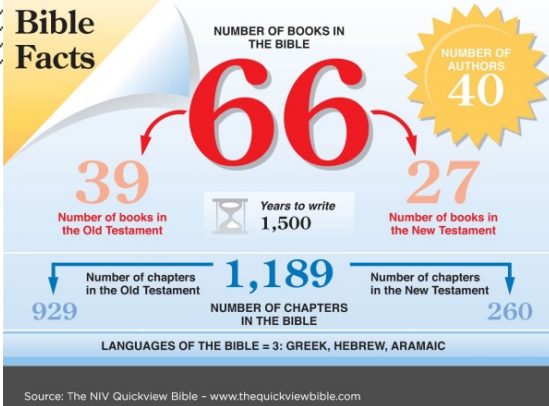


Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

NEW TESTAMENT I

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Maryland Because the world can change a lot in 40 days. Lenten Creation Care 2020

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and more intentional sharing. This year, our church is joining with many others in heeding the call to be stewards of God's Creation throughout this season. May this calendar remind us to be more mindful of the ways that our daily habits impact both our common home and all those with whom we share it. On behalf of future generations and all living in poverty—those most harmed by our damaged climate—may we answer God's call to be faithful stewards, speaking out for Creation care.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARCH 1 Connect outdoors today! Church of the Wild gathers at Daydrapping in Germantown at 3 pm. CenterForSpiritualityInNature.org/church-of-the-wild	FEBRUARY 2 Need help bringing Creation care to your church? Check out IPC's trainings and learning labs: interfaithchesapeake.org/greenteams and sign up for more info: bit.ly/IPCgreenteam	FEBRUARY 3 In Maryland, we are still burning coal for electricity. Speak out for a clean energy future and just transition for workers: bit.ly/MID-coalbill	Ash Wednesday 4 Tomorrow, United Methodists in the Baltimore-Washington Conference will be advocating in Annapolis for stronger climate policies. Pray for them and learn more about priority environmental legislation: bit.ly/legislativebriefing2020	Plastic bags are both wasteful and harmful. Fast from plastic bags this Lent, and opt for reusable ones instead. Let your state legislators know that you support reducing our reliance on single-use plastics: bit.ly/MDBagban	Christians have fasted from meat during Lent for centuries. Try eating vegetarian today and check out Oxfam's Eat for Good online for other ways to use your fast to bless others: bit.ly/eat4good	Talk with your church about ordering "eco palms" for Palm Sunday. These palms help improve workers' living standards and protect forests in Mexico and Guatemala. Order by 3/13 to receive them in time: EcoPalms.org
8 "For God so loved the Cosmos..." - John 3:16 God's circle of love is infinite and all-inclusive. Reflect and open your heart today to those in Creation, human or non-human, who sometimes fall outside your circle of love.	9 Care for Creation and support clean energy by divesting from fossil fuels and reinvesting in ways that support people and the planet: GreenAmerica.org/divest-reinvest and choose a bank that aligns with your values: GreenAmerica.org/better-banking	10 Wash laundry in cold water this week and hang it up to dry to save energy and money. Read more here: bit.ly/DitchYourDryer	11 How will your church celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day? Invite a guest speaker: IPLdm.org/speakers and find worship resources: InterfaithChesapeake.org/materials, CreationJustice.org/urgency	Maryland has an opportunity to guarantee all residents the right to a healthy environment through a constitutional amendment! Read more and get involved: bit.ly/healthygreenMD	Purchase locally-grown food this weekend. Walk to a farmers' market or join a community-supported agriculture group: LocalHarvest.org or sign up to receive rescued produce weekly: HungryHarvest.net	"I am establishing my covenant with you, your descendants, and with every living creature..." - Gen. 9:9-10 Take a walk and observe the interdependence of God's Creation. Use IPC's Spiritual Walk guide: bit.ly/IPC-Walk
7 Turn down your thermostat by at least 1 degree. In cold weather, aim for 68° during the day and 60° at night. Buy a programmable thermostat if you can. Always turn the heat off when you leave home.	5 Join your church green team, or start one! Tonight at 7 pm, call in to IPC's Learning Lab webinar on how to plan green team actions at your congregation: bit.ly/greenteamactions	4 Methodists in the Baltimore-Washington Conference will be advocating in Annapolis for stronger climate policies. Pray for them and learn more about priority environmental legislation: bit.ly/legislativebriefing2020	Join your church green team, or start one! Tonight at 7 pm, call in to IPC's Learning Lab webinar on how to plan green team actions at your congregation: bit.ly/greenteamactions	"My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." - Psalm 121:2 Care for all of God's Creation by fighting for cleaner air and water throughout our state. Support the ban on chlorpyrifos: bit.ly/MDchlorban	6 "My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." - Psalm 121:2 Care for all of God's Creation by fighting for cleaner air and water throughout our state. Support the ban on chlorpyrifos: bit.ly/MDchlorban	7 Turn down your thermostat by at least 1 degree. In cold weather, aim for 68° during the day and 60° at night. Buy a programmable thermostat if you can. Always turn the heat off when you leave home.

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With God’s help, I believe that we can offer a vibrant ministry for our young disciples. Here is what I pray: Beginning Easter season, Good Shepherd will start the United Methodist Youth Fellowship either on Sunday afternoon or in the evening at 6 thru 8 p.m. Sixth through twelfth graders are welcome to join. The primary purpose is to have fellowship that helps nurture Christian faith among the teenagers. All the youth will be invited.



Gathering with a prayer, the youth will engage sports activities such

as ping pong, basket ball or foot ball. Then young people will have a time for faith talk with refreshments. At that time, they will encounter men and women of faith from the church and learn how to become faithful and fabulous young disciples of Jesus Christ!

UMYF is both about serving the community as well as growing in fellowship with other youth. They will stay busy with various service projects. During Summer, the youth group will find local and regional service project such as Appalachian service project. And then the youth group will enjoy trips



together. They will visit historic sites of United Methodism in the Baltimore-Washington area as they also have Lock-Ins, Christmas Caroling, and seasonal events. Our youth are each assigned a Prayer Partner who prays for them during the school year. There will be movie nights and game nights, through which the young disciples learn from one another’s views on media resources. Eventually, the youth will find their discipleship path at Good Shepherd through fun and fabulous activities.

For this exciting vision, the whole church shall work hard with the intentional effort for discipleship of young people.

I encourage our youth to be active in all aspects of our youth ministry. Through learning, serving and enjoying Christian fellowship with one another, our youth have a strong spiritual foundation on which to grow.

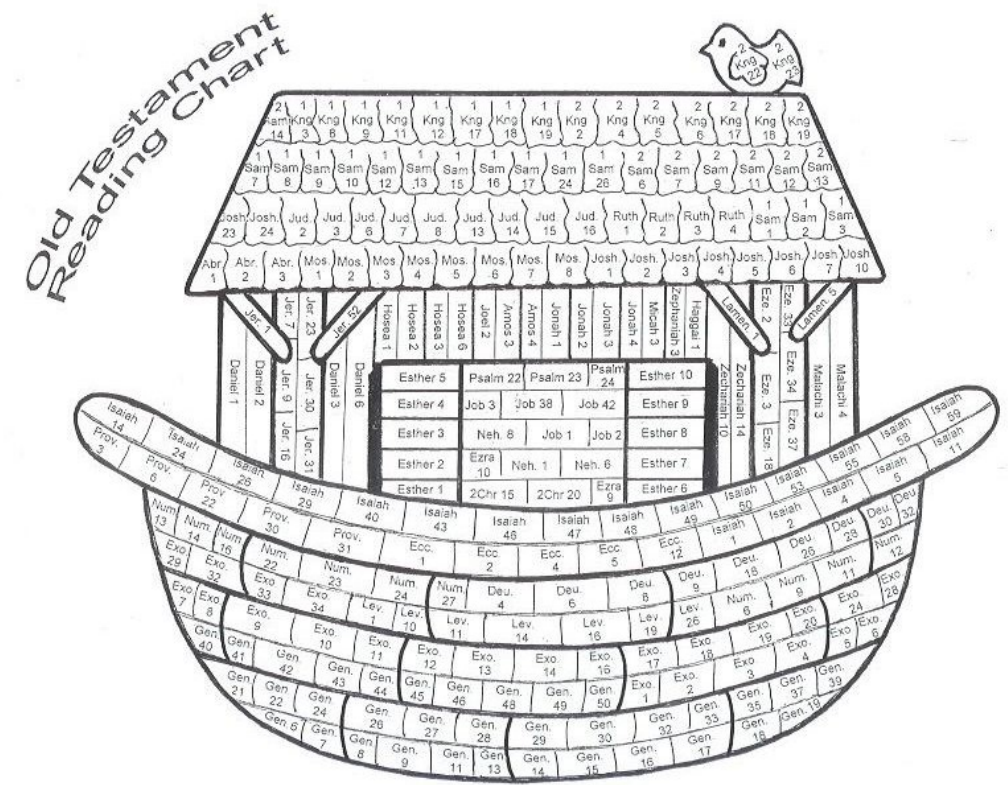
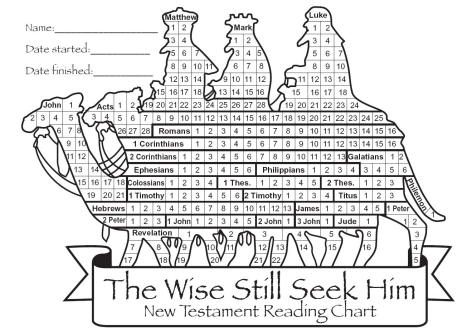
We would like our youth to use Youth room in Jackson building. We hope the room to be used for all kinds of youth activities. The church will improve all the facilities to meet the need of the young disciples.

Our UMYF year will culminate with Youth Sunday in May of each year on the day of Pentecost—May 31st.

May God bless Good Shepherd. May God bless our young disciples! [LN]

Becoming a Biblically Literate Young Disci-

Children who finished New Testament reading during the season after Epiphany can challenge for the Old Testament reading from Ash Wednesday on **February 26, thru Ascension Sunday, May 24 will earn \$39 bible bucks.** What a fabulous opportunity to read the entire bible at your young age. Please use the reading chart. You may color each blank space with number as you finish the reading of each chapter. The number in the blanks indicate chapters of each book of the Old Testament. For those didn’t finish New Testament, go ahead.



Finding and Keeping Young Disciples

Rev. DaeHwa Park

Not so long ago, we the young disciples of Jesus Christ loved to gather in the church on Sundays and between Sundays. Not a single friend of mine had a device like i-Phone or cell phone. Yet there was no problem in communication among the contemporary young friends—youth members of the church I grew up with.

Growing up in South Korea, late 70s and early 80s, we the young disciples of Jesus Christ loved to gather each Sunday. Sunday school was where we made friends. Sunday worship was where the family of God of all ages lifted up their voices to praise God and prayed for spiritual needs.

During Advent and Christmas, we the young disciples were busy with Christmas pageant. I still remember the longest sleepless night, chatting with other friends prior to Christmas caroling that began midnight on Christmas day. Easter was the other big celebration with musical event. Kids from each church loved to invite other friends at school for their own concert near to Thanksgiving season. We at that time put many local talents on church stage with prose and prayers. What we believed were presented in a various form of performing arts on stage. We visited other churches for the annual show.

Here in the United States, I miss the vital role of young disciples in the life of the church. I don't see many young disciples

in the local church. The biggest group of young people whom I saw was about several dozen from a church I served as the associate pastor. A youth choir drew attention of young people in the greater Olney area back in the 2000s.

After then, I haven't seen many young disciples in the churches I served. Each church has youth group organized primarily by the children of the adult member of the church. Hundreds of young people are enrolled at Junior and Senior high schools. Not many people are seen in the life of the church. These are millennial and post-millennial.



Recently, I read an essay, entitled "12 reasons Millennials are Over Church." Sam Eaton explore why young people do not come to church any more, because 1) they feel that nobody is listening to them. 2) They are sick of hearing about values and mission statement of the church. 3) Helping the poor is not a priority of the mission of the church. 4) They are tired of church's blaming the contemporary culture. ... (www.recklesslyalive.com/12-reasons-millennials-are-over-church/)

But, I question if these reasons actually cause our young people stay away from the church.



student attend at our Sunday

This year, for young people—teenagers, Good Shepherd offers nothing but confirmation class for 8 high school students. None of them live within 2 mile radius of the church. These are children of the adult members who are faithful commuters. Without parental support the confirmation class shall be impossible. Since October 2019, we've gathered every other Saturdays. Busy schedule of these students don't allow weekly gathering. The confirmands were able to learn about faith tradition of the United Methodism and Christian message through various programs. (see syllabus→)

Early last month, these confirmands participated in ROCK youth retreat in Ocean City with 5,000 other young disciples of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. We appreciated several church members who adopted these young disciples as their children in Christ. We were unable to bring many other young people who could join the event. Hopefully, Good Shepherd will provide them with such an event in the near future.



Currently, Good Shepherd doesn't offer the full capacity of the weekly Sunday school for youth. I mean offering the gospel of Jesus Christ for all the youth who can to walk in from where we are. We have local public schools. Not many enrolled

CREDO: Know Your Story; Confirm Your Faith; Live Your Commitment		
Confirmation Class – 2019-20		
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Silver Spring, MD		
When: Saturday, October 12, 2019 thru Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020		
Where: Good Shepherd UMC, "Sight and Sound Millennium Stage, and Methodist Historic Sites		
Who: Youth		
Instructor: Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor & Chaperons		
Date	Topic/Events	References
10/12/19 (Sat) 10a-noon	The Spiritual Practice of Journaling "Creating God"	Crede, 5-11 Disciple, Chap. 2 Genesis 1-2 Psalm 8
10/26/19 (Sat) 10a-noon	Sin and Redemption Jesus Christ – The Savior of the World My Lord and My God	Crede, 12-19 Disciple, Chap. 3 Genesis 3 & 11 Psalm 51
11/9/19 (Sat) 10a-noon	The Works of the Holy Spirit	Crede, 20 Acts 1-2
11/23/19 (Sat) 9a-5p	"The Miracle of Christmas," – Sight and Sound, Lancaster, PA	Field Trip Matthew 1-2 Luke 2
1/11/20 (Sat) 10a-noon	The Church: Worship & Sacraments • Baptism • Holy Communion	Crede, 24-27; 48-51 Disciple, Chap 7 Matthew
1/25/20 (Sat) 10a-noon	Way of Discipleship & Salvation • "Means of Grace"	Crede, 32-39 Means of Grace that Shape Our Future, 2019
2/7-9/20 (Fri-Sun)	ROCK Retreat, Ocean City, MD Holy Life: Reject, Accept & Confess Gather at 3:30 p.m. and leave at 4 p.m. Return at 3 p.m.	Crede, 52-63 Sleeping gears, etc.
3/13/20 (Fri) 11a-11p	I Believe 12 Hour of Famine, Good Shepherd UMC: Beg. with lunch at school; gather at 4 p.m. • "The Gospel of John," Movie • Write My Own Creed • Faith Talks • Holy Communion at 10:30 p.m.	Crede, 68-80
4/12/20 (Easter Sun)	Confirmation during Easter Worship	Celebration at Fellowship Hour

school. In fact, no Sunday school program is offered for many other teenagers besides confirmation class. We love to see these young disciples who are present Sunday worship with their family members. Most of them is heavily depended on the transportation of their parents.

I give thanks to God for the hard work of the teachers and the prayerful support of the parents for children. I strongly feel that Good Shepherd must revisit the children and youth ministry for the transformation of the life of young disciples.