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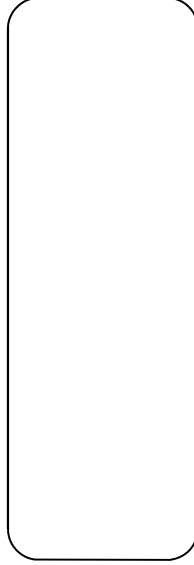
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LOVE NOTES is a newsletter published by Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Silver Spring, Maryland. It aims at faithful connection of the followers of Jesus Christ.

Cover image: Light has shone from the steeple of the Church since the first day of Advent this year. May the light from Good Shepherd expels darkness! May the light guide the children of God of all nations! Photo taken by DaeHwa Park on December 31, 2019 at 6 p.m.

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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!

— Season after Epiphany

FEBRUARY

The Life of Jesus, According to the Gospel of Mark

- 1. **Mark 1:1-8**, John, the Baptist (Matt 3:1-12; Luke 3:1-20; John 1:19-28)
- 2. **Mark 1:9-15**, Baptism, Temptation, and Preaching (Mt 3:13-17, 4:1-17; Lk 3:21-22, 4:1-15; Jn 6:29-34)
- 3. **Mark 1:16-20**, The Call to 4 disciples, "Follow me." (Matt 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11)
- 4. **Mark 1:21-34**, A Busy Sabbath (Matt 8:14-17, 4:23-25; Lk 4:31-44)
- 5. **Mark 2:1-12**, Conflict – Forgiving Sins (Matt 9:2-8; Lk 5:17-26)
- 6. **Mark 2:13-17**, Conflict – Friend of Sinners (Matt 9:9-13; Lk 5:27-32)
- 7. **Mark 2:18-22**, Conflict – New and Old Methods (Matt 9:14-17; Lk 5:33-39)
- 8. **Mark 2:23-3:12**, Conflict – The Use of Sabbath (Matt 12:1-21; Lk 6:1-11)

The Training of the Disciples: Discipleship

- 9. **Mark 3:13-19**, Choosing the 12 Disciples (Matt 10:1-4; Lk 6:12-16)
- 10. **Mark 3:20-30**, Warning the Scribes and Pharisees (Matt 12:22-32; Lk 11:14-23)
- 11. **Mark 3:31-35**, True Kindred of Jesus (Matt 12:46-50; Lk 8:19-21)
- 12. **Mark 4:1-20**, The Parable of the Sower (Matt 13:1-23; Lk 8:4-15)
- 13. **Mark 4:21-34**, More Parables (Lk 8:16-18; Mt 13:31-32; Lk 13:18-19)
- 14. **Mark 4:35-41**, The Stilling of the Storm (Matt 8:23-27; Lk 8:22-25)
- 15. **Mark 5:1-20**, Perfect Love Casts Out Fear (Matt 8:28-9:1; Lk 8:26-39)
- 16. **Mark 5:21-34**, The Faith that Makes Whole (Matt 9:18-26; Lk 8:40-56)
- 17. **Mark 5:35-43**, Fear Not, Only Believe
- 18. **Mark 6:1-6**, No Faith, No Mighty Works (Matt 13:54-58; Lk 4:16-30)
- 19. **Mark 6:7-13**, The Twelve Sent Forth to Preach (Matt 10:5-15; Lk 9:1-6)
- 20. **Mark 6:14-29**, Conscience and Sin (Mark 14:1-12; Lk 9:7-9)
- 21. **Mark 6:30-32**, The Need for Rest and Quiet
- 22. **Mark 6:30-46**, Feeding of the 5000 (Mark 14:13-21; Lk 9:10-17; Jn 6:1-14)
- 23. **Mark 6:45-52**, Walking on the Sea (Matt 14:22-23; Jn 6:15-21)
- 24. **Mark 6:53-56**, Jesus among the People (Matt 14:34-36)
- 25. **Mark 7:1-13**, God's Commandments and Tradition (Matt 5:1-20)
- 26. **Mark 7:14-23**, The Heart is the Essential Part
- 27. **Mark 7:24-30**, The Syrophenician Woman (Matt 15:21-28)
- 28. **Mark 7:31-37**, Healing of the Deaf (Matt 15:29-31)

Daily Scripture Reading-

JANUARY

God

- 1. Psalm 19:7-14, The Value of the Law (Psalm 119:1-16)
- 2. Exodus 20:1-3, One God (Luke 18:18-27)
- 3. Exodus 20:4-6, No Idols (Acts 17:16-31)
- 4. Exodus 20:7, Swearing and Blasphemy (Matthew 5:33-37)
- 5. Exodus 20:8-11, The Sabbath (Matthew 12:9-13)
- 6. Exodus 20:12, Filial Piety (Mark 7:1-13)
- 7. Exodus 20:13, Murder, Anger, Revenge (Matthew 5:21-26)
- 8. Exodus 20:14, Adultery (Matthew 5:27-32)
- 9. Exodus 20:15, Stealing (Acts 5:1-11)
- 10. Exodus 20:16, False Witness (Matthew 26:57-68)
- 11. Exodus 20:17, Coveting, Envy, Jealousy (Luke 12:13-21)

Prayer

- 12. Matthew 6:5-8, Sincerity and Truth are First Essentials
- 13. Matthew 6:9-15, The Lord's Prayer and Forgiveness
- 14. Matthew 18:21-35, Prayer and the Forgiving Spirit
- 15. Matthew 18:19-20, Where True Prayer Is, Jesus Is
- 16. Matthew 17:14-21, The Need of Prayer
- 17. Luke 18:1-8, Importunate Prayer
- 18. Luke 18:9-14, Humility and Prayer
- 19. Matthew 26:36-46, Prayer and God's Will
- 20. Philippians 4:4-9, No Worry, Share All with God
- 21. James 5:13-18, The Value of Prayer

The Word of God, Bible Study

- 22. Psalm 119:9-16, Power to Keep Me
- 23. Psalm 119:41-48, Courage to Witness
- 24. Psalm 119:97-104, Wisdom and Enjoyment
- 25. Psalm 119:105-112, Light for the Daily Path
- 26. Psalm 119:161-168, A Rich Treasure Store
- 27. Mark 7:1-3, The Meaning Hidden by Our Tradition
- 28. Acts 8:26-39, Understandest Thou?
- 29. Luke 4:1-13, Use of the Bible in Temptation
- 30. 2 Timothy 3:14-17, The Bible in the Home (2 Tim. 1:5)
- 31. 2 Peter 1:16-21, Inspiration

Good Shepherd would like to live each day with a scriptural guidance. *The Disciplines of the Christian Life: Twelve Months of Daily Bible Readings and Devotions*, written by Eric Liddell, the 400-meter dash athlete in the 1924 Olympic Games and missionary in China and Japan in WW II period. Liddell's insight is powerful. I hope your daily life be blessed by encountering these selections of the scripture and 15 minute of your daily *Kairos* moment with God.



Chariots of Fire is a 1981 British historical drama sports film directed by Hugh Hudson, produced by David Puttnam, and written by Colin Welland. It tells the fact-based story of two athletes in the 1924 Olympics: Eric Liddell (1902-45), a devout Scottish Christian who runs for the glory of God, and Harold Abrahams, an English Jew who runs to overcome prejudice.

Spotlights in Ministries



"Owlah Service of Repentance"

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"Finding God-Fearers in Our Parish"

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

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 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.

“Receiving...”



Rev. & Mrs. DaeHwa Park

Dear Children, born of God:

Christmas story is more than the birth account of Jesus Christ. It tells of the manifestation of God among us. I can say - God among His creature, including our “common” home, the planet earth and the universe, both the known and the unknown.

In his gospel, John begins with a spiritual frustration on the failure in the recognition the manifestation of God by the people.

*“He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.”
(John 1:10-11)*

To the point: I hope many people welcome God in Christ Jesus during this season. By the time when we celebrate the transfiguration of our Lord Jesus on Sunday, February 23, all your beloved may accept Jesus as their personal savior. We become the children of God, born anew of God!

Therefore this season is a good opportunity to bear fruits. Bring your friends and family members back to faith. Each Sunday you shall have an opportunity to help others receive God.

Rekindle a flame of God’s love on

Greetings from the Pastor

the hearts of those who are about to acknowledged God’s grace once again.

More importantly, this season will allow us to understand that our life with God is much different from life without God.

I want every one of you to receive God as your source of strength and wisdom. I pray that you would inspire others including your spouse, your children, your parents, or your friends to “receive” God as true Creator, Deliverer, and Sustainer.

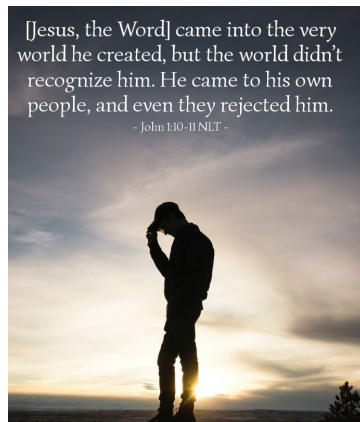
May God be with you and your love ones.

Peace,

Rev. DaeHwa Park
Pastor

Happy New Year!

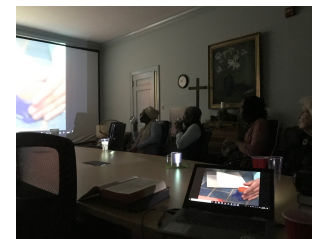
[Jesus, the Word] came into the very world he created, but the world didn’t recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.
- John 1:10-11 NLT -



Christmas



Nine Lessons and Carols
Dec. 29



Christmas Eve at 5 p.m.



To Green Pastures and Quiet Waters ...

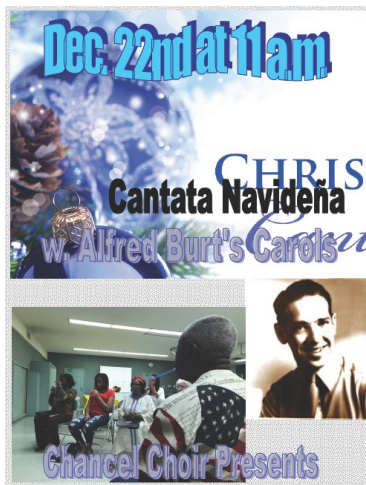


Red flames signify the historic merge of The Methodist Church and The United Brethren in 1968, which gave birth to The United Methodist Church. As a part of UM connection, we would like to bring for the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Green shade of the flames indicates God's Kingdom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

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Heavenly Banquet w. New Members and Confirmands on Dec. 8



With Angel Voices Choral Society Dec. 15, 3 p.m.



VISION

Casting Vision: Toward the Year of Multiplication

By Rev. DaeHwa Park

For our journey – praising, experiencing, serving and sharing God during the season after Epiphany shall focus on helping others know that we are truly God's people—"a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation a people belonging to God! We shall declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 1:9).

Now is good time to cast vision to build a church that multiplies, not simply adding. In fact, many churches are declining in membership. Their discipleship and mission capacity are dwindle. Many churches do not struggle with the problems. By its own nature, the church is supposed to grow. The church without growth may be like a person with diseases or with something overwhelmed circumstances. The church Jesus established is not merely to add its members, rather to **multiply**. One personal brings two to faith. Two inspire four. Four make a difference of multiple family. The sixteen believers can save a small community of 256.

Good Shepherd gathers 100-125 each Sunday. If we committed little more to the observance of Sunday worship, we will easily

If this gathering of 300 would be like Gideon's 300 warriors, our parish—the greater Silver Spring area will get closer to the realization of God's kingdom.

Toward the Year of Multiplication, I would like to challenge each one of worshipers that include members and regular attendees.

First, give a complete Sunday morning to the glory of God through your own act of worship, discipleship, fellowship, and service. This observance may include your own preparation for the day, your study of the scripture, your own service on the day of the Lord in the area or worship, study or mission. You may spend some time to help your friends to come to church. You may teach in Sunday school. You may sing in choir. You may welcome worshipers at the door. You may visit the hospitalized on your way home. Committing only a singly hour won't help you to bear much fruits. It will make you to maintain your own faith. Give time to the Lord and to His people!

Secondly, give your treasures. Honor God with first fruits, not after thoughts. Good Shepherd truly appreciate your monetary giving. Giving the first fruits will deepen your faith. You will appreciate your being as faithful children of God. **Can each one of us bring two other disciplers to faith?**

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“New Creation: Rescued in the Present Evil Age”

During the season of Advent, the worshipers will hear the witness of the Word, with the sermon series, “New Creation: Rescued in the Present Evil Age!” The congregation will begin New Year with the Apostle Paul’s letter to Galatians.

On Epiphany Sunday, January 5th, the worshipers acknowledge God’s presence among us. He empowers us. While receiving Jesus as the Son of God at His baptism, on January 12, we will reaffirm our faith in Jesus. Come and be sprinkled by water and appreciate you as being born from above. On January 19, we will celebrate “multi-contextual ministries.” There will be the

Commissioning service for lay leaders, nominated at Church Conference. Then our worship event will continue in February with various acts of worship to receive God as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Come with your friends and be created with New Year’s Resolutions God wants you to consider from Paul’s admonition!



“Giving” is an Act of Worship

Last November 24, during Leadership Team meeting, we joyously approved \$350,620 as the missional budget for 2020. We will make disciples of Jesus Christ through the ministerial programs and mission (\$28,1000) The vibrant ministry will be led by Pastor and Staff (\$57,872 for Clergy Support; \$76,163 for 3 other part-time staff). Our mission share of \$38,485 will be given to United Methodist Connectional Ministries. For the sacred space (Building Maintenance and Utilities and insurances) we will need \$150,000 including \$30,000 mortgage.

Last year we have 12 new professing members joined. 8 youth will complete their confirmation class and join as the professing members at Easter. During Thanks in Giving Sunday, Nathan Block, one of “cheerful giver” share his testimony on giving of time, talents and treasures. Goodwill Okoji, spoke about joy of giving. Giving as an act of worship. During Advent, Carol Penne on behalf of Mission Team, share what God is doing through our giving for needy families. We hope God provides all we need more than enough for His own ministry. [LN]



Next “Lunch with the Pastor” February 23, 2020

Event Schedules on page 18-19



Social Principles—2020

By Leilani McConnell

The 2020 General Conference (GC) will review and consider the proposed revised Social Principles of the UMC. The church has always been dedicated to social justice since our founder, John Wesley’s time. He recognized that the gospel of Jesus was both personal and social. In 1908, the original Principles, in the form of a Social Creed, was declared at a time when society was experiencing “rural displacement, mass migration, and industrial urbanization” (Social Principles 2013-2016 p.6)

At the time alcoholism was a big issue as were labor laws that did not protect minor children. Cited was a story of a 14-year old Irish girl who worked a 56-hour week in a woolen mill in Lawrence, MA for \$3.50 less \$0.10 for drinking water from a polluted canal. She witnessed older workers being injured by the dangerous mill machinery because they were forced to work too fast. (In our time, workers at chicken processing plants have faced similar problems.) The church, sensitive to the Social Gospel, advocated for a living wage, a stop to sweatshop labor and recognition of human rights across class divisions as a response to unsafe and cruel working conditions, the challenges of assimilating the hordes of European immigrants and loss of communal values in fast-growing cities. The specifics of that initial document and all subsequent ones are in the history included in the 2013-2016 version published by Cokesbury (1-800-672-1798 or www.cokesbury.com)

The 1908 Social Creed was accepted unanimously at GC in Baltimore , and was presented to Pres, Theodore Roosevelt and within two years the Federal Council of Churches – now the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA– would adopt the Methodist Episcopal Social Creed as its own. At the 1972 GC the first edition of the modern Creed and Social Principles was approved. Each GC since have reviewed and/or revised the SC’s.

The six focus areas of the Natural World, the Nurturing Community, the Social Community, the Economic Community, the Political Community and the World Community will be replaced by four: Creation, Economic, Social and Political. The proposed 2020 version is meant to be more globally ecumenical and more sensitive to the ethnic differences. At the October assembly who finalized the new version, issues of violence and sexuality were the most controversial. But issues such as polygamy, child marriage abortion and treatment of immigrants were also challenging.

The entire proposed version may be viewed or down-loaded from www.umcjustice.org/sp2020 News of the activities of the Methodist church may be accessed via www.umnews.org.



Next meeting will be at The First UMC at Hyattsville on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 11 a.m.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

By Leilani McConnell

May 2020 be a year of renewed dedication to our church and refreshed spiritual rewards. We were extremely generous all 2019 for our partnership with Broad Acres school. shoe box and mitten tree projects and so many other special appeals. But our work is really never done and with a new year come new challenges that I am confident we can meet.

Thank you to all who reached out and to those who consistently make Good Shepherd function so well. It may be an understatement to say that 2019 was a year of many frustrating political and social issues. I encourage us all to make our views known to our elected officials. They really do respond, at least do some federal cabinet secretaries and those in Maryland who represent my zip code. While some of us may be uncomfortable when social and justice issues are discussed on Sunday mornings, Jesus was certainly not reticent to speak truth to power of his day. It ultimately got him into trouble but he did not shy away from it. And his message of doing something because it is the right thing to do still resonates. May we all have as much courage as He.

We look forward to coming events and more opportunities to gather and enjoy and serve each other. We were blessed with a dynamic new pastor and his family and several new members in 2019. May we live up to his and their expectations of us as the new year unfolds.

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Women's News

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GATHERING IN JANUARY

01/09 – Rachel Circle at McConnell home 10:30

01/12 – Tabitha Circle after worship

01/13 – Deborah Circle at 1 PM in Parlor

Washington Region
“Connect Leadership Summit”
SATURDAY, MARCH 07, 2020, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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January-February 2020

The Worship Pattern We Adopt

The basic pattern of worship we adopt is deeply rooted in Scripture and in the United Methodist heritage. We hope all worshipers to experience life-transforming moments on the day of the Lord through **the biblical and theological integration** of Christian worship.

We gather with praises and prayers. One or two hymn singing help the worshipers understand the very nature of each Sunday with liturgical emphasis. There are three sets of prayers—opening/ corporate, personal and pastoral. Each pattern of prayer as God's help for the various needs. Children are invited to the worship as we foster **intergenerational** ministry. “Children's Message” will shape the lives of young disciples with the weekly lesson of the message. The Gospel is read among the people, as crucifer carries the cross. Bearer

Join as Liturgical Ministers

If you would like to serve as one of the liturgical ministers, please contact Wendy Barrios at (301) 434-331, send email at goodshepumc@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.

of the gospel carry the book of Gospels. Reader read the gospel in the middle of multitude. The pastor will deliver sermon as **“Witness to the Word,”** to which the congregation responds with various act of life applications. This includes Holy Communion, Baptism, Healing Service, and other commissioning events.

Chancel Choir and Praise Band (2nd Sundays, except for this January. The band will play on the 19th) raise their voices. Children are an integral part of the service. They participate as acolytes, children's choir. The service follows by weekly **fellowship**.

Sunday morning service is a prime time of the mission and ministries of the church. The act of worship in our daily life between Sundays are more crucial. [LN]



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WORSHIP

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Acolytes

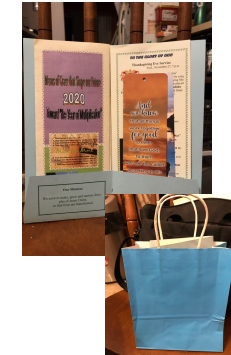
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Frances Ike

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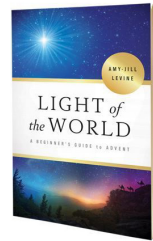
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Welcome bag for Visitors and new friends!



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



Study Materials
Want to join?
See Philip Palmer, Sr.

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.

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. [LN]

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”**

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.

On Mondays at 11 a.m. you can come without appointment for “Coffee with the Pastor.” On Wednesday, at noon, come in to the sanctuary for a short High Noon Prayer.

On Thursdays you want a morning out on your way to a grocery shopping for Faith Talk with the Pastor at 11 a.m., Religion and Science at 6 p.m. on your way home from work.

Thanks to Gideon and Jeremy Park, now we have a cross shape of the liturgical space in the sanctuary, where baptism is administered and gospel will be read.



“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and Ven gan 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

Sharing God!



Welcome New Families On December 8

Colleen Sampson joined on Sunday, December 8. She is coming from an Anglican Church of Trinidad. Colleen sings in Chancel Choir. She also participates in Disciple study. We welcome Colleen.

Rev. Simeon Nomo and Celine Alima joined on Sunday, December 8. Simeon recently earned Ph. D. degree in Psychology at the University of Honolulu. He is an ordained pastor from Central Conference. With his fiancé, Celine Alima, Rev. Nomo is planning to get married at Good Shepherd UMC on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 3 p.m. Please welcome.

Works of Discipleship Committee

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

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

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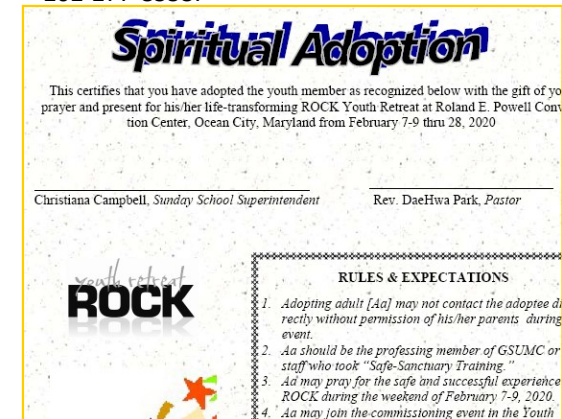
Wesley Parlor

ROCK Youth Retreat as Confirmation Rally

All the youth members (6th thru 12th) are invited to ROCK Youth Retreat to be held in Ocean City, MD on February 7-9, 2020. It is three days and two night program. We have a few openings.

Safe Sanctuary training shall be offered on Sunday, January 12. Subject to approval of the parents, the adopter will be able to obtain the certificate from Sunday, January 19. For questions, call Pastor DaeHwa Park at 202-277-8553.

There will be an Orientation meeting on Sunday, January 26, at Youth Room upstairs. Parents and chaperons are required to participate. The professional members of the church with Safe Sanctuary training are able to serve as chaperons. For questions, call Pastor DaeHwa Park at 202-277-8553. Those who would like to adopt a student as a sponsor, please find Spiritual Adoption Certificate.



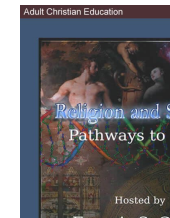
Other Discipleship Programs at Pastor’s Study



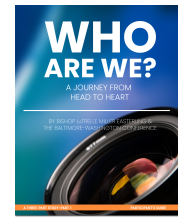
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Thursday. 11 a.m.



Thursday. 6 p.m.



Thursday. 6 p.m. From March 5th



Mon. 6 p.m.



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**.



Sew-What
3rd Saturdays at 10 a.m.
in the Parlor.

Sewing for Mission;
non sewers can come too!

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

We are having a shoe drive for children in Sierra 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.



(No boots or heels)



January-February 2020

Recurring Events

(The **boldfaced** indicate Good Shepherd UMC Events.)

Sun.	
8-10 a.m. <i>The Comforter's Home Chapel</i>	Rm 8
Church of the Messengers of God Shepherd's Nook	
9-10 a.m. Adult Bible Study	Wesley Parlor
11 a.m. Worship	Sanctuary
12:15p.m. Fellowship	Lewis Hall
4-6 p.m. <i>Agape Seventh Day Adventists</i>	Lewis Hall
6-9 p.m. <i>Agape SDA Worship</i>	Sanctuary
Mon.	
9 a.m. Staff Meeting	Pastor's Study
11 a.m. Coffee with the Pastor	Pastor's Study
6 p.m. Disciple Study	Pastor's Study
Tuesday,	
6:30-8:30 p.m. <i>The Hamptons HOA Meeting</i>	Lewis Hall
Wednesday: Church Office Hours 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.	
11 a.m. Meet the Pastor	Pastor's Study
12 p.m. High Noon Prayer	Sanctuary
8 p.m. Prayer Conference Call	(515) 603-3157
(Access Code: 809996, #1)	
Thursday	
10 a.m. Faith Talk with the Pastor	Pastor's Study
6 p.m. Religion and Science	Pastor's Study
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Lewis Hall
Friday: Church Office Hours 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.	
10 p.m. <i>Agape SDA Worship Set-up</i>	Sanctuary
Saturday	
7:30a.m.-noon <i>Agape SDA Worship</i>	Sanctuary
6-8 p.m. <i>K.D.U Meeting</i>	Wesley Parlor
6-9 p.m. <i>Agape SDA Worship</i>	Sanctuary

Weather Inclement:
 The operation of Church office during the week follows the weather inclement of the Montgomery Co Public School. 2 hour delay means office opening at 10 a.m. At any condition, sunny or blizzard, no power no service. In case of cancelation of the service, there will be a phone message taped at the church's office phone no later 6 a.m. in the morning on Sundays. Also, watch WTOP closings or delays updates.

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



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

The Season after Epiphany :

JANUARY, 2020

Wed., Jan. 1, New Year's Day: Church Office Close

- Thu., Jan. 2 □ 6 p.m. Religion & Science at Pastor's Study
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Lewis Hall

Sun., Jan. 5 - "Epiphany Sunday"

- 11 a.m. Holy Communion
- Thu., Jan. 9 □ 10:30 a.m.—Tabitha Circle at MeConell's
- Sat., Jan. 11 □ 10 a.m. Confirmation Class at Pastor's Study

Jan. 12. Baptism of the Lord

- 11 a.m. - "Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant"
- after worship – Tabitha Circle
- Mon., Jan.13 □ 1 p.m.—Deborah Circle in Parlor
- Sat., Jan. 18 □ 10 a.m. Sew-What at Parlor

Jan. 19, Second Sunday of Advent

- 11 a.m. - "Multi-Contextual Ministries"
- Special giving for "Human Relations Day"
- 12:30 p.m.— Leadership Team Meeting (?)
- Mon., Jan. 20 - Office Closed in Observance of MLK Jr. Day
- Wed., Jan. 22 - 3p.m. GW District Board of Ordained Ministry
- Sat., Jan. 25 □ 10 a.m. Confirmation Class at Pastor's Study

Jan. 26, Third Sunday after Epiphany

- 11 a.m. "Commissioning of Spiritual Leaders"
- 12:30 p.m.— Orientation of ROCK Retreat
- 12:30 p.m.— UMM Meeting at Parlor

FEBRUARY —"Black History Month"

Feb. 2, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- 11 a.m. - "Holy Communion"
- Wed., Feb. 5 □ 7 p.m.— 4 DX Meeting
- Fri., Feb. 7 □ 4 p.m. Commissioning of Youth to ROCK Retreat

Feb. 9, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

- 11 a.m. - "Worship with the Praise Band"
- 3 p.m. - "ROCK Participants Return"
- Sat., Feb. 15 □ 10 a.m. Sew-What at Parlor

Feb. 16, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

- 11 a.m. "I Have Dream" Speech—Children-Youth Led

Feb. 23, Transfiguration Sunday

Wed., Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday: Imposition of Ashes at 7:30 p.m.



Works of Mission (Outreach) Committee

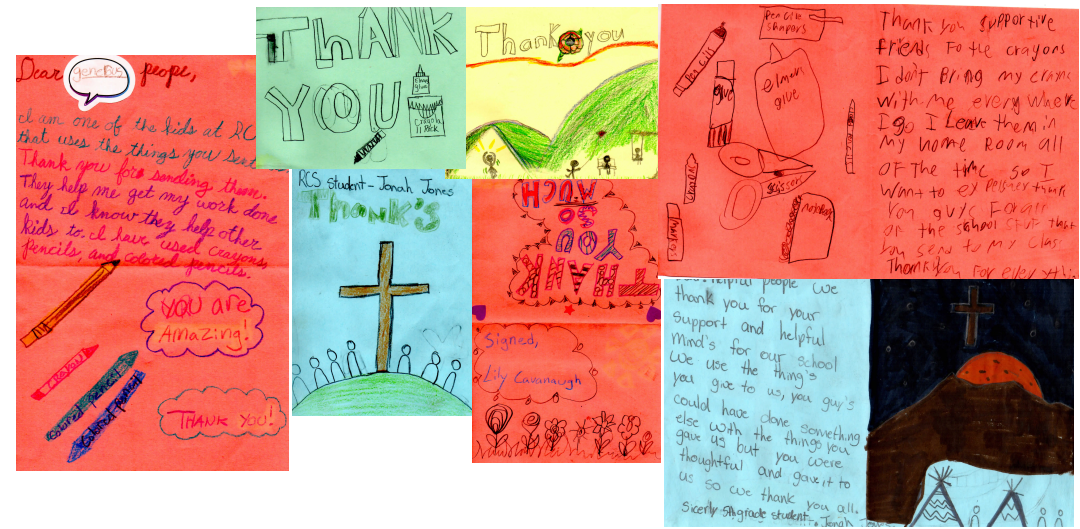
Christ invites us to a life of service by His example. Service is the Christian's response to the love of God made known to us in Christ—as God has cared for us, we care for one another. Service is the way we live our faith. We serve God by sharing our time, talents, and treasures—financial resources with others in our congregation, community and world.

Annual Holiday Shop for Children at JaAnn Leleck ES (Broad Acres ES)



Our Partnership Est. since 2007


Advent gift for family



Several Thank you cards from Students at Rehoboth Christian School in New Mexico. More cards are on display on the bulletin board!

20 Fun Facts of the Bible

1. The Bible consists of 66 books, divided into two sections: The Old and New Testament.
2. There are 39 books in the Old Testament.
3. There are 27 books in the New Testament.
4. The Bible was written by over 40 different authors.
5. Moses contributed the most books to the Old Testament and wrote the first five books of the Bible (called the Pentateuch).
6. The Apostle Paul contributed the most books to the New Testament with 14 books.
7. The Bible was written over a period of some 1,500 years from around 1450 B.C. to about 100 A.D.
8. The Bible is written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek.
9. The first translation of the Bible made into English was in 1382 A.D., by John Wycliffe.
10. The Bible was printed in 1454 A.D. by Johannes Gutenberg who invented the "type mold" for the printing press.
11. The longest book in the Bible is the book of Psalms with 150 chapters.
12. The shortest book in the Bible is 2 John with just one chapter.
13. The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119 with 176 verses!
14. The shortest Chapter in the Bible is Psalm 117, only having 2 verses.
15. The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9.
16. The shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35.
17. In the book of Esther, it does not mention the word "God."



The Old Testament

The Old Testament of the Bible contains the story of creation, history, words of prophets, God's law, songs, poems, stories of adventure and stories of love.

Find the books of the Old Testament hidden below. Use your Bible or the list below for the names. There are 39. You will find 3 books are listed 2 times each.

Find them → ← ↓ ↑ ↘ ↙

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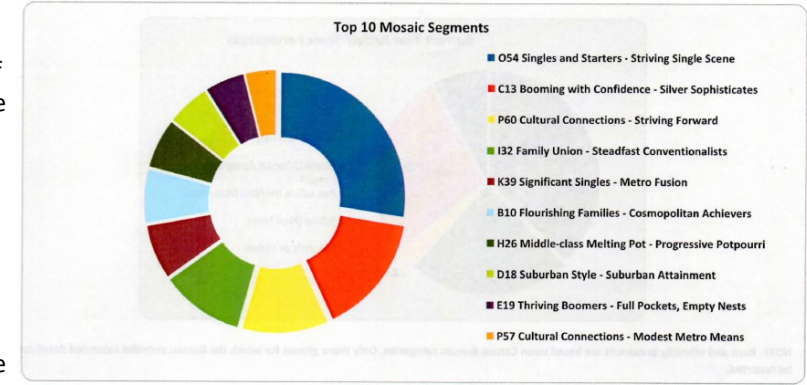
Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, (1) Samuel, (2) Samuel, (1) Kings, (2) Kings, (1) Chronicles, (2) Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

18. The oldest man that ever lived was Methuselah, who lived to be 969 years old.
19. Two men in the Bible that never died but were taken up to heaven: Enoch, who walked with God and was no more (Genesis 5:24), and Elijah who was caught up by a whirlwind into heaven (2 Kings 2:1).
20. The Holy Bible has been translated into 2,018 languages. <http://www.onelightcommunity.com/blog/2015/5/1/20-fun-facts-about-the-bible> accessed on January 1, 2020

Our Parish (con'd)

Community Diversity Theme

Mosaic Lifestyle Segmentation Types
Mosaic Lifestyle Types provides insight into the behaviors, attitudes and preferences of the households within the Study Area. The result is a fuller multidimensional understanding of a community, neighborhood, zip code or other geography.



Mosaic	Study Area	State	Comparative Index		
O54 Singles and Starters - Striving Single Scene	9,422	22.8%	116,964	5.6%	407
C13 Booming with Confidence - Silver Sophisticates	5,349	12.9%	148,928	7.1%	181
P60 Cultural Connections - Striving Forward	3,829	9.3%	6,163	0.3%	3136
I32 Family Union - Steadfast Conventionalists	3,696	8.9%	13,972	0.7%	1335
K39 Significant Singles - Metro Fusion	2,416	5.8%	15,890	0.8%	768
B10 Flourishing Families - Cosmopolitan Achievers	2,371	5.7%	35,829	1.7%	334
H26 Middle-class Melting Pot - Progressive Potpourri	2,179	5.3%	35,874	1.7%	307
D18 Suburban Style - Suburban Attainment	1,891	4.6%	251,453	12.0%	38
E19 Thriving Boomers - Full Pockets, Empty Nests	1,739	4.2%	37,825	1.8%	232
P57 Cultural Connections - Modest Metro Means	1,349	3.3%	19,380	0.9%	351
Total	34,241		682,278		

What I concern about is whether most of us are aware of the state of our church. We can solve the problems when we are aware of them. If we don't care about the problems and challenges, our future is pessimistic.

"Mosaic Lifestyle Types" herewith reveals the very nature of our parish. We have vast majority of singles and starters living in our parish. We see then many silver sophisticates, who are clever senior groups who must be great contributors in our golden days of 60s and 70s. People with emerging culture are the next. What a laboratory of great potentials.

Good Shepherd can be crowded not only by hardworking and professional singles, but also the most experienced wise men and women.

Therefore, I would like you, the members of the church and 225 recipients of this newsletter to stand up for Jesus and His Kingdom.

I was surprised when I was told we've been mailing out Love Notes for 225 individuals and families, yet I have never had one single worship event with more than 150 attendance since July 5th. Less than 100 on Christmas Eve. 112 on New Year's Eve.

I miss God-fearers. Early church was crowded with the countless god-fearers who gathered every day and broke the bread and shared everything in common. (Acts 2:14) even in the midst of persecution.

I want you to have at least one New Year's resolution, declaring that you are holy Thine. Hope to see you, God-fearers, soon. [LN]

Notes: all the diagrams and surveys are taken from US Census Bureau, Synergos Technologies, Inc., Experian, DecisionInsight/MissionInsight within 2.5 mile radius of

About eight-in-10 American congregants still attend services at a place where a single racial or ethnic group comprises at least 80 percent of the congregation, according to findings from the most recent (2012) National Congregations Study, as cited by the Pew Research Center.

Compared to the racial concerns in today's church, Good Shepherd has been much blessed.

We've been facing new reality with the rapidly increasing number of the Latino neighbors.

We have had the Hispanic and Latino ministry over the last server years without fruition. We hope and pray that God will provide with the workers of "the vineyard."

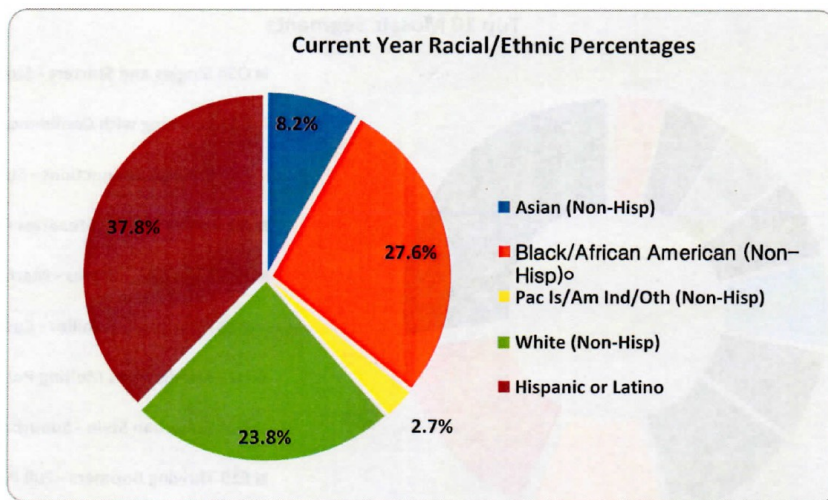
A few weeks ago, Trustees agreed to allow Comforter's House of Hope, a Ghana congregation to enlarge their worship space with their own expense and labor. I happened to meet the pastor and several young members of the church came and had sleepless modification of the building

The pastor was happy to enlarge the worship space. One of the church members told me that they have the Spanish-speaking members. Now they have to equip disciples who will disciples the Latino Pentecostal.

Pastor Manuel of Agape Seventh Adventist says that now is the time to reach out. The congregation had another revival service during Advent. A few weeks after his trip to El

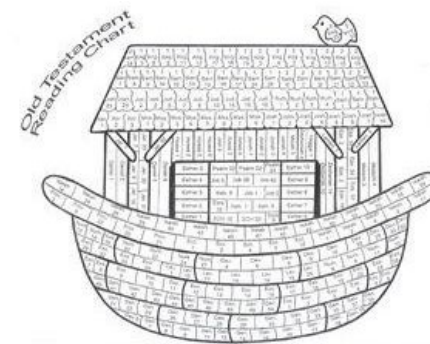
Salvador for nationwide revival service during Thanksgiving season. Two Pentecostal churches seem to be in competition in their own evangelism works.

I've never been in the right middle of the worship service of Comforter's Hope Chapel and of Agape either. I have seen a multitude come on Saturdays. Food service seems to be very attractive to the needy in our neighborhood.



Becoming a Biblically Literate Young Disci-

Children who finish New Testament reading during the season after Epiphany, beginning **January 5 thru February 25** will earn **\$27 bible bucks**. There will be Old Testament reading guide for Lent and Easter season. Children can make another \$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 New Testament. Good luck!



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 Date started: _____
 Date finished: _____

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11 12		Ephesians	1 2 3 4 5 6	Philippians	1 2 3 4 3 4 5 6
13 14		Colossians	1 2 3 4	1 Thes.	1 2 3 4 5
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		Jude	1	Philemon	1
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The Wise Still Seek Him
 New Testament Reading Chart

Finding “God-Fearers” in Our Parish

Rev. DaeHwa Park

Many Christians find rationale for the primary tasks of the church from The Great Commission, (Matthew 28:19-20). “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I [Jesus of Nazareth] have commanded you [the church].”

The mission of the United Methodist Church hangs on the Commission, “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Our mission is not so different from it, as we declare it each Sunday prior to departure.

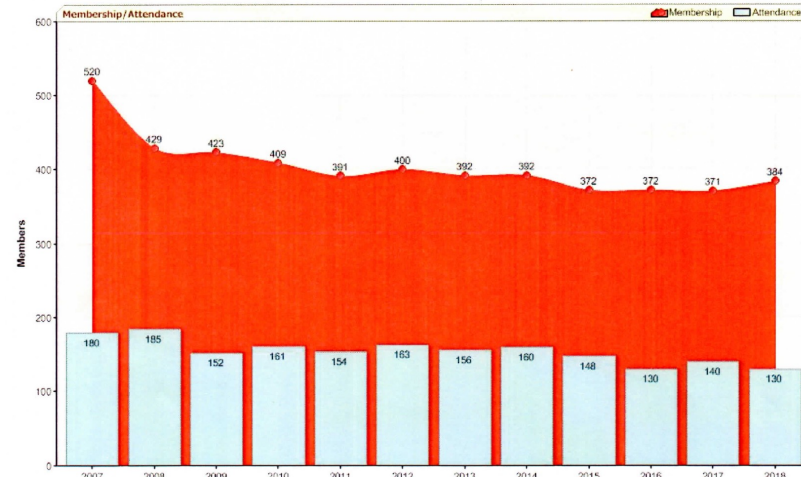
The targeted group for an act of evangelism seem obscure if we are not attentive closely to the Commission. The Commission includes several primary actions to be taken for “making disciples.” The church—you and I—shall go, and make disciples. Baptism and teaching or discipleship upon the gospel of Jesus are crucial.

Baptism is not merely a registration or admission process of a believer to the church. It is to demonstrate free grace of God through the redeeming death of Jesus Christ. There shall be no restrictions to reach out in order to save souls.

Making disciples of all nations implies even the very nature of the church goes beyond political and social boundaries. The church should be inclusive.

Furthermore, discipleship process shall be focused on everything Jesus commanded—blessings of the outcast, feeding of the hungry, healing of the sick, and helping demon-possessed. Jesus’ special concerns for the prisoners and sinners draw our attention.

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Our Parish

Who are the ones we reach out? Jesus’ public ministry reveals good clues. But here is most powerful clue:

“Jesus said, **“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.”** (Matthew 9:12) Well, every one may need such welfare from God Source of all.

The preferential option of God is for the needy. “Those who do not welcome” the evangelists and their act of evangelism, mentioned in Matthew 10:14, might have their own salvation.

Living in the greater Washington areas for more than two decades, I am acquiring clearer sense for the preferential option for the needy.

I do love all. I am intentional about offering of the gospel to “all the nations.” Often I find myself who never meet the needs of certain individuals. I have to “shake the dust off my feet” when I with the gospel of Jesus am not welcome. The moment is very difficult to discern. Most case it turns to a prayerful decision, not to evangelize.

As the pastor here at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, I’ve learned about many people who need the Lord. These people live in the community where our church is located. Namely they are among us! They are under the same climate I am affected. They are (my) our contemporaries. What we have seen, what we have heard, and what we have felt shall be what they have seen, heard and felt. So, I am so persuaded by a call to

reach out to the needy, preferentially.

I love the members of the Church as Christ love them “to the end.” Some may claim that they deserve “a better seat” in God’s Kingdom. But, I hear what Jesus clearly mentioned in the parable of vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16).

The Kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning [“Go”] to hire men to work in his vineyard [“Make disciples”]. He agrees to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. Little later, the landowner goes out to others standing in the market place doing nothing. He goes back to see others even at the eleventh hour, especially for those whom no one hired. At the end of the day, all the workers are paid a denarius - daily pay. With the same amount, the early hired complain. But the faithful followers of Jesus figure out what’s the wage. Salvation is what each obtains.

This teaching isn’t motivating later coming to faith. Earlier you are hired, more blessed in the earthly Kingdom of God. earthly Kingdom.

Good Shepherd UMC is richly blessed by the gift of diversity. Some say the homogeneous church brings forth effective ministries. It creates Sunday morning as segregated hours of the week, once Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke.

“It is appalling that the most segregated hour of Christian America is 11 o’clock on Sunday morning.”