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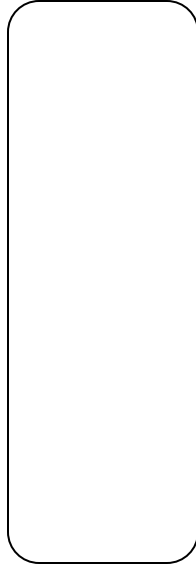
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New Year & the Season after Epiphany 2021

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**SEVEN MINISTRY INITIATIVES**

**Sunday Morning**

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

**Assimilation**

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

**Intergenerational**

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

**Technology**

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

**Third Place**

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

**Glocal (Global & Local)**

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

**Accommodation**

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

**The Season after Epiphany 2021**

**Daily Reading during the Ordinary Season**



On Sunday we hear the word of God from the pulpit. Beginning January, you are invited to a daily scripture reading between Sundays. This is a daily reading carefully selected for the knowledge of salvation from the bible. Encounter the Lord daily with His Word. You can fill in blank with your favorite verse, your own title or key words. In the end you will have your own biblical foundation for a life walking with the Lord.

**January: Epiphany and the Season after Epiphany**

- 1. Revelation 21:1-27, \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Genesis 12:1-20, \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. **Epiphany Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-22**
- 4. Exodus 3:1-22, \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Numbers 9:1-23, \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Numbers 11:1-35, \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Deuteronomy 1:1-46, \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Deuteronomy 6:1-25, \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Deuteronomy 14:29, \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. **Baptism of the Lord: Matthew 3:1-17**
- 11. Isaiah 40:1-31, \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Psalm 2:1-12, \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. 1 Peter 1:1-25, \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. Acts 8:1-40, \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. 1 Corinthians 10:1-33, \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Galatians 3:1-29, \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. **Multi-Contextual Ministry Awareness Sunday: Mark 3:31-35**
- 18. Genesis 6:1-22, \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. Ruth 2:1-23, \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. Isaiah 56:1-12, \_\_\_\_\_
- 21. Jeremiah 31:1-40, \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. Jonah 4:1-11, \_\_\_\_\_
- 23. Colossians 1:1-29, \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. **Commissioning of Spiritual Leaders: Matthew 10:1-42**
- 25. Matthew 9:1-38, \_\_\_\_\_
- 26. Luke 5:1-39, \_\_\_\_\_
- 27. Luke 19:1-48, \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. John 21:1-25, \_\_\_\_\_
- 29. Acts 6:1-15, \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. Philemon 1:1-25, \_\_\_\_\_
- 31. **Fourth Sunday of Epiphany: Psalm 111:1-10**

**February**

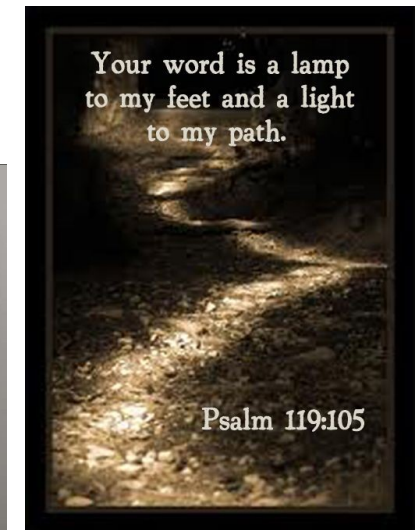
- 1. Isaiah 51:1-16, \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Galatians 3:26-4:7, \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Mark 7:1-23, \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Genesis 19:1-23, \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Hebrews 11:1-40, \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. 1 John 3:11-24, \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: Psalm 40**
- 8. Isaiah 58:1-12, \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. 1 Corinthians 2:1-16, \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Matthew 5:13-20, \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Mark 1:29-39, \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Luke 5:1-11, \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Galatians 6:1-18, \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. **Transfiguration Sunday: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

*"Handel's Messiah"  
Advent Cantata*

Arranged and selected by L. Pugh;  
Conducted by Karl Schneider;  
accompanied by Elizabeth Schneider, organist

Featuring the Chancel Choir of Good Shepherd UMC and Soloists\*

**Soprano:** Clara Schneider\*, Virginia Bacon; Carolyn Brannon,  
Marcie Burroughs, Glee Prahinski, Christiana Tumaku Campbell;  
**Alto:** Donna Simonton\*, Saundra Craig, Kimberly White;  
**Tenor:** Raymond Mason\*, Philip Palmer, Sr., Ayo Bailey;  
**Bass:** Egerton Peters-John\*, Nathan Block, Hugh Holder.





**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)

- Designed by Rev. DaeHwa Park



**Spotlights in Ministries**



**Primary Theme of This Issue:  
“Stand Firm”**

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**WORSHIP & NEW STUDY**

Through online (zoom)

**11 a.m. Celebration and Worship**

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

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

*Becoming Disciples thru Bible Study*

*on Mon. at 7:00 p.m.*

See details on pages 8-9

# Creations from the Pastor Greetings from the Pastor

## “Leaving a Land of Goshen...”

People are on the move! The ordinary people move to a better place from the worse. They are too busy to look after themselves. Some extend their helping hands with priority, beginning with home. They celebrate what they accomplish.

The extraordinary go beyond their own acquaintances. While on the move, they adapt new realities and make them their life’s companions. They celebrate the changes they make.

The righteous opt a daily walk with God. Even in dangerous path in life, they understand challenges as lessons. They not only learn the lessons but also apply them “properly” (1 Timothy 1: 8)



out the ages, many people, known as pilgrims took such a journey.

Hebrews or Israelites, namely the entire household of Jacob (whose new name Israel) left their home from famine. Their life in a refuge in Egypt—the land of Goshen for 430 years, approximately for 10 generations was not the permanent settlement. They, more than 600,000, a nation! had to leave the land for the Promised Land.

Christians have learned such a journey from many literary works, especially from *Pilgrim’s Process* by John Bunyan, pastor, poet and writer from England (1628-1688).

The major theme in John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress* is the cost of salvation. As Christian's journey proves, the road to Heaven is not easy, the cost is great, and the true Christian must be willing to pay the cost no matter what. You may enjoy explore the Pilgrim’s Progress with characters in the story, such as Evangelist, Mr. Light-minded, Christiana and her boys, etc.

Friends, our journey is to leave a land of Goshen to a Promised Land God prepares for you. Join us.

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. DaeHwa Park*

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

I want you to join the journey.

The journey is so peculiar, because it leads travelers to the joy of salvation. Through-

## “Around the Cluster”



Encounter our Bishop **Rev. LaTrelle Easterling!** at <https://www.bwcumc.org/about/bishops-office/>



### All active and retired bishops in The United Methodist Church

#### What is a bishop?

- Bishops are elders who oversee the mission and ministry of an episcopal area.
- They provide spiritual leadership to the global denomination and episcopal area to which they are assigned.
- Bishops are elected by members of their jurisdictional or central conference.



#### What does a bishop do?

- Provides day-to-day leadership
- Presides over annual conference sessions
- Appoints district superintendents and appoints ministers to local charges
- Serves four-year terms in episcopal areas

#### What does the council do?

- Provides guidance in executing of the church’s mission
- Teaches, equips and advocates for justice and unity
- Assigns bishops to general agencies and other ministerial bodies
- Strives toward relationships with churches of Methodist traditions and others



From Discipleship Council of Baltimore Washington Conference

Dear Beloved Antiracist Church Leader, This is a gentle reminder to join us at the start of the new year for the **30 Minute Boost on Tuesday, January 5 from 12-12:30 pm**. This lunchtime boost is designed to help orient people to the Anti-racist Church Commitment. Please share this link with others in your church or community who are wondering what this is about and who might have questions about next steps.

<https://bwcumc.zoom.us/j/98646978711?pwd=cE1KNkZiVnk3VGRPR1RITkRXVkdtdz09>

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Council of Bishop 2020





Council of Bishops  
The United Methodist Church



December 15, 2020

Dear Fellow United Methodists:

It is the season of Advent, a time of anticipation and longing. We bask in the hope that something new is coming and in the promise that we can face the future unafraid. As people of faith, we stand in the confidence that God, who began a good thing in us, will see it to fruition.

As United Methodists we, along with siblings across faith communions, acknowledge that 2020 has been a time of trial for not only our churches but the world as we have faced the COVID-19 pandemic. There have been few instances in our lifetime when the whole world has faced a crisis at the same time. COVID-19 has stretched our health systems, our economies and even our faith. For those of us in the United States, we have also witnessed a season of discontent as the call for racial justice and an end to racism has resounded loud and clear.

Most of our local churches have been on the front lines and at the center of this liminal time. As we yearn to come together to praise God, to hear the Word, to pray, to mourn, and to bear witness to God's promises together in our own buildings, we have come to learn that we can approach the throne of grace anywhere we are. Indeed, the church is not a building.

We recognize that uncertainty will accompany us into 2021. As the Council of Bishops, we must remain on our knees in prayer, asking God to open our minds, thoughts, and hearts to discern what God would want us to do and who God would want us to be as we lead this global denomination.

So, let us look to God who began a good thing in us and let us continue to be people of love, joy, hope and peace.

Come, thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.



Editor's Notes:

Here is an epistle from one of overseers of United Methodist Church share a message of optimism and hope. The Council of **Bishops** consists of all active and retired **bishops** in the **United Methodist church**. In 2020, the church has 66 active **bishops**. Let us keep the bishops in prayer for their servant leadership for the people called United Methodists and all of lives in our parish - World as Parish.

In Christ's love,

Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey  
President  
Council of Bishops  
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Seasons' Greetings from Priscilla Michel

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

We give thanks and praises to our heavenly Father for all His mercies for the countless blessings showered on us, seen and unseen during 2020 amidst this pandemic. Yes, there have been many!

All you have to do is ....

*Count your blessings;  
Name them one by one.  
Count your blessings;  
See what God hath done.  
Count your blessings;  
Name them one by one.  
Count your many blessings;  
See what God hath done.*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSjkJiuCaVI>

Another year has come to a close, and a New Year is being ushered in. It's **a time to reflect on the pass year**, think of the good and the bad. 2020 has touched everyone's lives in a way no other year has. A desperate situation we find ourselves in through no fault of our own and over which we have no control. Each one of us has experienced this pandemic in a different way. Some have lost loved ones, others have fallen ill, recovery complete for some, while others still suffer the devastating aftereffects.

Some have lost their livelihoods, homes, joined food lines again or for the very first time. For many the isolation has been devastating to the psychic. Yes, some fared better than others, but this journey has not ended. What we can say is, we at Good Shepherd are united in in this struggle, we will get through this pandemic together as a family as best we can, with what we have.

Lay Leader

The question is how did we get through 2020 and how will we get through 2021?

We as the body of Christ, have our Lord and heavenly Savior, Jesus Christ whose birthday we have just celebrated to remind us that we are not alone. We have a heavenly Father who loves us so dearly. Our Lord sent His Son to earth, to live amongst us, to suffer and show us that He truly understands the pain we go through every day. While bad things may happen to us, our heavenly Father is here to support us and carry us through not by our own strength but relying on His strength and wisdom. In the words of Psalm 91, Book of Exodus 19, and the Gospel of Matthew 13. We are reminded what to do and given assurance in this beautiful hymn. "On Eagle's Wings".

Please sing this beautiful anthem to lift your spirit, remind yourself you are not alone, you have a warrior King and Father fighting on your behalf to get you and your loved ones through 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSjkJiuCaVI>

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

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### “Stand Firm in What You Have Learned”

Our pulpit is burning with a proclamation of the gospel for a faith journey. Worshipers are invited to read an apostolic epistle to 1 and 2 Timothy— Spiritual guideline for faith journey.

Come , O the faithful, and hear the word that shapes you with scriptural illumination. Come and share what you have learned from your own life - from failures, frustrations, and fight against COVID-19 pandemic and a serious chain of the acts of injustice.

While praising, celebrate God who rescues and call you set our a new journey. Stand firm. On your mark. Go!

#### Celebration of Worship thru Zoom

**On Sundays at 11 a.m.**  
Meeting ID: 566-965-650  
Password: 900361

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



### Faithful Stewardship amid the Pandemic

By Committee on Finance

On behalf of the church, we give thanks to God for your generous giving for the mission and ministry of the church. COVID-19 does not allow us to gather in the sanctuary for Sunday worship. Many programs were postponed or offered in online.

*We give thanks to God for the abundant blessings amid COVID-19 Pandemic. Your faithful giving allows us to continue in the vibrant mission and ministries of the church. From the Sunday, March 15 thru August 23, we were unable to gather in person. Thanks to the hard work of Re-entering Well Taskforce and volunteers we have resumed the in-person worship as we offer online worship through Zoom and Facebook Live.*

With COVID-19 our Pledge reached only 20 giving units. Please turn in our **Pledge Card** for the year of 2021.

*It is impossible to measure our giving in a numeric way, because of the countless costly giving of your time and talents on top of treasures. Compared to our giving around this time last year, we are reaching out the goal for this year. The big gap is primarily from rental income significantly reduced. Here we share a giving summary as we give thanks to God for your faithful giving.*

Giving Year-To-Date  
(As of December 30, 2020)  
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## EVANGELISM

### The Season after Epiphany 2021

#### The Act of Justice and Evangelism

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

#### Inviting Others

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





[Seasons' Greetings, from page 5]

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Psalm 91 Michael Joncas

Brothers and sisters in Christ, yes it's been a tough 2020, and it's not yet over but we will surely get through this. We have to continue believing; all we need is the "faith of a mustard seed....and nothing shall be impossible to you."

In Mathew 17:20 we are also cautioned "Don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you" (1 Peter 4:12). All we should focus on is using our faith to help ourselves and others get through these uncharted waters.

We are nearly there.... We can pray, we can praise our Lord by singing and strengthen our faith by continuing to read the bible. Be a source of support for those in need and stay positive knowing you will get through this.

Wishing you a blessed 2021.

Priscilla Good Shepherd Lay Leader



The Act of Worship

"Music Program Highlights"

By Elizabeth Dumas Schneider Director of Music

Thanks to all our musical volunteers, who have helped overcome many challenges, and blessed the congregation with beauty and encouragement. On Sunday, December 20th, we offered selections from Handel's Messiah, with soloists Donna Simon-ton, Clara Schneider, Raymond Mason and Egerton Peters-John. This was a great celebration to the glory of God and the health of our musical activities. Choir has been greatly curtailed by the absence of many dear and talented members who are not able to be present, but we offer the chance for all to participate online with our rehearsals to exercise the voice, learn anthems which are often rotated and repeated, and to join us in prayer.

The use of online meetings has provided another much-needed musical opportunity: part of the Sunday evening Children's Hour is spent in singing Biblical songs and hymns. Scheduling has posed barriers to developing a children's music program. While we do not have a regular children's choir, we have enjoyed Sunday School joining the adult choir on 4 to 5 occasions in 2018-19. We hope this may continue: music teaches God's truths and provides beauty in the lives of all ages. Singing gives children a wonderful outlet for sharing, deepening their understanding, and giving them beauty and truth which they will carry into the challenges of adulthood.

We hope soon to provide each child with a hymnal and a packet of current music materials to allow them to better enjoy our Sunday evening meetings.

This effort will be coordinated with Mrs Campbell, Sunday School, and Elizabeth Schneider, Music, so please contact either if you wish to be included.

Recurring meeting times and code-numbers are published in our bulletin, both for Thursday evening choir (GoToMeeting) and Sunday evening Children's Hour (Zoom). If you are not involved in either, please check it out: visitors are welcomed with love and prayer! If you are already participating we thank you, we treasure your presence, and we hope these online meetings enhance our connections even once we are again allowed to meet in person.

- 1. Praise the LORD. God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. 2 Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. 5 praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. 6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD! - Psalm 150, NIV

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



## "Digital Study Hour" That Makes Difference

Study is one of the defining dimensions of Christian discipleship. **Knowing God**, Bible Study and theological inquiry help us to grow in our faith, which enables us to claim the Gospel for ourselves and share it with others. COVID-19 Pandemic never stop Good Shepherd to offered study. Currently, Sunday School events are on hold with COVID-19. We are glad to see children and youth seen in our live streaming service at 11 a.m.

Please send us contact information of your children: their emails or your emails. You as parents can join "Children's Hour" with your children. After VBS in July of 2020, children wanted to include "sing along." Elizabeth Schneider immediately responded to the request. Children with

## Journey thru the Bible

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

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

One of ways you live out scriptural ways of life is to carry your own bible. Some of you have bible app on the mobile phone. I pre-

Storytelling is ready for an act of children worship in the near future.

**Meeting ID: 964-1021-2427**  
**Passcode: 541602**

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

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

**Meeting Id: 633-940-051**  
**Passcode: 029061**

fer bible in print. Begin a day with 15 minute reading of the scripture. Read a chapter from Proverbs each day. 31 chapters of Proverbs will suit you with reading each day with each chapter, for example reading chapter 15 on the 15th day of each month.

The best bible translation is NIV: New International Version, 1984. ESV, English Standard Version (2001), has been alternative by many when NIV distorted nearly 4,000 verses with bias on gender issues. NKJV (New King James Version) is a good choice. [LN]



## A Day at GSUMC

### All Small Group Gatherings thru Zoom Meetings

#### Sundays

Celebration of Worship at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 566-965-650

Passcode: 900361

Youth Hang-Out at 7 p.m.

Meeting ID: 976-1877-7352

Passcode: 914966

Children with Sing-Along & Storytelling

Meeting ID: 964-1021-2427

Passcode: 541602

#### Mondays

Coffee with the Pastor at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 631-887-165

Passcode: 375637

Into the Word Into the World at 7 p.m.

Meeting ID: 912-9923-1991

Passcode: 552624

#### Tuesdays

Journey thru the Bible at 7p.m.

Meeting ID: 947-5619-4251

Passcode: 024529

#### Wednesdays

High Noon Prayer at noon

Meeting ID: 409-666-503

Passcode: 581382

Becoming Disciple thru Bible Study at 7p

Meeting ID: 961-6016-5713

Passcode: 716470

#### Thursdays

Jesus in the Gospels at 9 a.m.

Meeting ID: 912-9923-1991

Passcode: 552624

Faith Talks at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 953-5226-0028

Passcode: 014740

#### (2nd & 4th) Saturdays

Confirmation Classes at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting ID: 922-3881-6546

Passcode: 007143

### Recurring Events

Sun.

8-10 a.m. *The Comforter's Home Chapel* Rm 8

9-10 a.m. **Adult Bible Study**

**Canceled**

11:00 a.m. **In-Person/ digital Worship**

**Sanctuary/zoom**

TBA **No Fellowship**

**Lewis Hall**

7p.m. **Youth Hang-Out**

**Zoom**

8 p.m. **Children's Storytelling**

**Zoom**

Mon. **Office Hours, 7 a.m. thru 2 p.m.**

9:30 a.m. **Staff Meeting** Zoom

11 a.m. **Coffee with the Pastor** Zoom

7 p.m. **Into the Word Into the World** Zoom

Tuesday, Rev. Park works at Savage Campus

Wednesday: **Church Office Hours 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

12 p.m. **High Noon Prayer (Zoom)** Sanctuary

7 p.m. **Becoming Disciple ...** zoom

8 p.m. **Prayer Conference Call** (515) 603-3157

(Access Code: 809996, #1)

Thursday

9 a.m. **Jesus in the Gospels** Zoom

11 a.m. **Faith Talk with the Pastor** Zoom

7:30 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal & Fellowship** Zoom

Friday: **Church Office Hours 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

TBD **Agape SDA Worship Set-up** Sanctuary

Saturday - **In-person Services are cancelled**

10:30 a.m. **Confirmation Class (2nd & 4th)** Zoom

6-9 p.m. **Agape SDA Worship** Zoom



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

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



# The Season after Epiphany

## Liturgical Highlights

**“STAND FIRM in What You Have Learned”  
The Season after Epiphany  
2021**

**Jan. 3, Epiphany Sunday**

11 a.m. Holy Communion

**Jan. 10, Baptism of the Lord**

11 a.m. Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

**Jan. 17, Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**Multi-Contextual Ministries Sunday  
Homan Relations Day with Special Giving**

11 a.m. Service with Your Own Context  
“Choose your own **Virtual Background** with national flags of your home country or other background images that represent your own life context.”

**Jan. 24 Third Sunday after Epiphany  
Commissioning of Spiritual Leaders**

11 a.m. Celebration of Worship with Spiritual Leaders

**Jan. 31 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

11 a.m. Sermon in Poetry, “Creation”  
by James Weldon Johnson

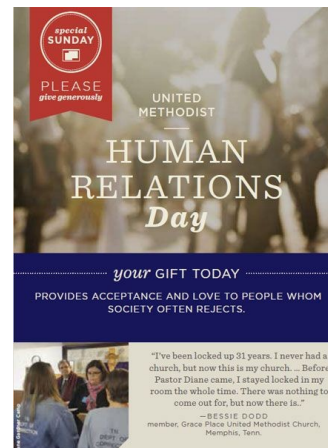
**Feb. 7 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

11 a.m. Celebration of Worship w. Spirituals

**Feb. 14 Transfiguration Sunday**

St. Valentine’s Day; Scouting Sunday  
11 a.m. Celebration of Worship with the Praise Band

Feb. 17. Ash Wednesday - Lent begins  
8:30 p.m. Imposition of Ashes



## NURTURE

### Thru DISCIPLE Study launch Assimilation Tracks ...

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

**Into the Word Into the World** focuses on Genesis and Exodus of the Old Testament as well as Luke and Acts of the New Testament, the participants learn the will of God for Jews and Gentiles. Through the study, the participants will explore the signs and wonders at work in their service as fishers of men. New course for Evangelism and Witnessing team!

Prerequisite: Becoming Disciples ...

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

**Becoming Disciples thru Bible Study** is designed to develop strong local churches through the in-depth study of Scripture. Through DISCIPLE, persons are strengthened in their faith and guided into service and ministry. Strong, biblically nourished leadership will help your church grow in vitality and Christian discipleship. Strongly recommended for all disciples. You can read the entire bible.

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

**Jesus in the Gospels** is a second generation of bible study with gospel comparisons. The participants zoom in theological insights of each gospel writer, Matthew, Mark and Luke—the eyewitness of Jesus Christ. During the first 20 weeks, the participants will learn how to read the scripture with the theological contexts of Jesus’ days. With the synoptic understanding they will read the gospel of John, known as the fourth gospel. Great opportunity for Sunday School teachers.

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

### Coffee with Pastor - Mondays at 11 a.m.

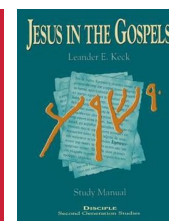
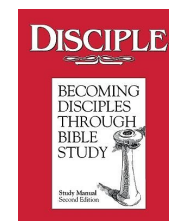
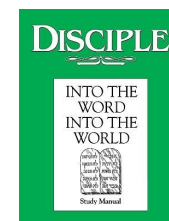
Take advantage of this time with a cup of coffee. Meet the pastor for your own prayer concerns, comments on church’s mission and ministries. Those who come to the meeting get a coffee mug with our church logo and Rev. Park’s name on it as souvenir.

**Meeting ID: 631-887-165**  
**Passcode: 375637**

### Meet the Pastor - Thursdays at 11 a.m.

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

**Meeting ID: 953-5226-0028**  
**Passcode: 014740**



# Serving God

## Advent Families 2020: A Pandemic Didn't Stop Good Shepherd

By Carol Penne

Thank you to everyone who contributed to 2020's Advent Families project. Because of health concerns related to COVID-19 transmission via direct contact and because so many of our congregation are closely following social distancing guidelines, this year's project focused on giving gift cards, not wrapped presents.

Your continued generosity made it possible for the Missions Committee to provide Visa, Target, Safeway and Giant grocery gift cards to two Broad Acres Elementary families deeply affected by the pandemic. On Friday, December 18, these gifts were delivered to the school's Linkages to Learning staff who then delivered them to the families later that afternoon. Thank you to all the faithful who contributed to this year's project.

Questions?

Call Carol Penne (301) 434-7415 or Janice Taggart (301) 434-2151.

### For Proper Acknowledgements

Please mark your name and address on an envelop when you donate something other than monetary donations, such as grocery cards, gift cards, donated items. We would like to acknowledge all your giving as donation to charitable organization. Many thanks!



### Pastor's Discretionary Fund Esp. COVIND COMMUNITY FUND

Your generous extra giving makes possible to relieve life burdens for those who are in need. Rev. Park meets our neighbors in desperate situation, who especially are not eligible for government aids during COVID-19 Pandemic. According to recent report from the Committee on Finance, we are very low on the Discretionary Fund without having Holy Communion, where extra giving raised the fund. Make a check payable to Good Shepherd UMC and write a note: Pastor's Discretionary Fund. 100% goes to our neighbor at the spiritual discretion of the pastor. All the disbursement records have been kept in the office. Do good for the least! Praise the Lord.

## Servant Leaders

Welcome our servant leaders! During Sunday worship on January 24, we will commission them.

### Worship Team

<i>Sunil Christopher, Chair</i>	<i>Vacant, Altar Guilds</i>	<i>Jackie Holder, Communion Steward</i>
<i>Sandra Craig, Sponsor of Praise Band</i>	<i>Timothy Afolabi, Head Usher</i>	<i>Matt Letts, Multi_Contextual</i>
<i>Abie Ngala, Acolyte Scheduling</i>	<i>Caroline Brannon, Acolyte Coordinator</i>	<i>John Knox, Media Ministries</i>
<i>Frances Ike, Book Bearer</i>	<i>Dunston Thomas, Fellowship Co.</i>	<i>Bintu Murphy, Welcome &amp; Hospitality</i>
<i>Stacey Matthews, Nursery Coordinator</i>		
<i>Milford Doherty, Crucifer</i>		
<i>Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor</i>	<i>Dr. Elizabeth Schneider, Dir. of Music</i>	<i>Admire Russell, Pastoral Intern</i>

Praise Band : Stacey Matthews (vocal), Carlyle Craig (vocal), Jason Washburn (guitar), Sunil Christopher (percussion), John Knox (Bass guitar & Sound Tech), Elizabeth Schneider (Team Leader)  
Saundra Craig, PD & Rep to Worship Committee

Chancel Choir : Sopranos: Ngozi Arinze, Virginia Beacon, Frances Bakarr, Carolyn Brannon, Marcie Burroughs, Glee Prahinski, Frances Ike, Colleen Sampson

Altos: Sandra Craig, Ciprian Davies, Leilani McConnell, Priscilla Michell

Tenors: Peggy Andrews, Carlyle Craig, Philip Palmer, Sr., Christian Davies, Synvanus Scott

Bass: Nathan Block, Marcus Davies, Hugh Holder, Sylvester Lewis, Patrick McConnell, Joseph Porter

Acolytes and Crucifers : Carrington Cline, James Sawyerr, Karina Palmer, Keanen Thompson, Jelani Davis, Mekhi Todman

Liturgists : Saundra Craig, Sunil Christopher, Matt Letts, Archie McCormack, Philip Palmer, Jr., Christiana Tumaku-Campbell  
Nathan Block, Leilani McConnell, Pat McConnell, Frances Tagoe, Carol Penne, Glee Prahinski

Ushers : Eugene Maddy, Glenn Palmer, Janet Marke, Juah Nimely, Selena Fitzjohn, Vera Davis, Mariama Anderson  
Valerie Campbell, Arthur King, Jr., Bintu Murphy, Jackie Holder, Collinian King, Florence Kanu,  
Vacant (Team Leader), Julius Campbell, Sarah Jones, Philip Palmer, Jr., Elizabeth Lewis, Isata Roberts,

### Discipleship Team

<i>Christiana Campbell, Chair and Sunday School President</i>	<i>Jason Washburn, Multi-Contextual w. Latino Ministries</i>
<i>Philip Palmer, Sr. Adult Sunday School</i>	<i>Valerie Campbell, Youth Ministry Coordinator</i>
<i>Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor &amp; Facilitator</i>	<i>Andrew Zac-Williams, Young Adults Council Rep</i>

### Mission (Outreach) Team

<i>Janice Taggart, Chair</i>	<i>Leilani McConnell</i>	<i>Eleanor Newman</i>
<i>Carol Penne</i>	<i>Marcie Burroughs</i>	<i>Vernice Lee</i>
<i>Phylomena Black</i>	<i>Glee Prahinski</i>	<i>Elizabeth Sawyerr</i>
<i>Idowoo Boss-Cole</i>		

### Evangelism & Witnessing Team

<i>Elizabeth Sawyerr, Chair</i>	<i>Roberto Velazquez, Mexican District</i>	<i>Bintu Murphy, Fellowship</i>
<i>Simeon Nomo, French District</i>	<i>Hugh Holder, Communication_Men</i>	<i>Leilani B. McConnell, Action &amp; Advocacy</i>
<i>Wendy Barrios, Love Notes</i>	<i>YoungHoon Park, Greeters</i>	<i>Selina Fitzjohn</i>

### 4 DX Group (Four Discipline of Execution)

<i>Priscilla Michell</i>	<i>Nathan Block</i>	<i>Elizabeth Schneider</i>
<i>Enoabasi Ekanem</i>	<i>Rev. DaeHwa Park</i>	

### Small Group Coordinators

<i>Prayer Team</i>	<i>Paullette Brown</i>	<i>Palmer, Sr.</i>	<i>Admire Russell</i>
<i>Holy Club (Young Adult)</i>	<i>Vacant</i>		
<i>Communication</i>	<i>Neil Spiller</i>		
<i>Dove</i>	<i>Vacant</i>		



“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”  
Romans 12:4-8

**Good Shepherd Lay Leadership Roster - 2021**

Nominated and Approved on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7 p.m.

**Leadership Team (a.k.a. Church Council)**

Chair	<b>Christiana Campbell</b>	Rec. Secretary	<b>Leilani McConnell*</b>
Lay Leader	<b>Priscilla Michell</b>	Lay Member	<b>Frances Tagos</b>
UMM, president	<b>Philip Palmer, Sr.*</b>	UMW, President	<b>Priscilla Michell*</b>
SPRC, Chair	<b>Nathan Block</b>	Trustee, President	<b>Dunston Thomas</b>
Finance, Chair	<b>Andre Small</b>	Financial Secretary	<b>Idowoo Boss-Cole</b>
Endowment Chair	<b>Paulette Brown</b>	Treasurer	<b>Sunil Christopher</b>
Worship, Chair	<b>Sunil Christopher</b>	Discipleship, Chair	<b>Christiana Campbell</b>
Mission, Chair	<b>Janis Taggart</b>	Evangelism, Chair	<b>Elizabeth Sawyerr</b>
Young Adult Rep	<b>Stacey Matthews</b>	Youth Rep.	<b>Keanan Thompson</b>
Prayer Coordinator	<b>Paulette Brow, Admire Russell</b>	Historian	<b>Leilani McConnell*</b>
Communications	<b>Neil Spiller</b>	Multi-Contextual Vision	<b>Philip Palmer, Jr.</b>
Members at Large	<b>Suzanne Matthews-Williams</b>	Members at Large	<b>Xochilt Martinez</b>

ex officio, **Elizabeth Schneider**, Music Director & Organist, **Wendy Barrios**, Administrative Sec., **Peter Ayok**, Custodian

**Nominations and Leadership Development**

<i>Class of 2021</i>	<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>
<b>Elizabeth Sawyerr</b>	<b>Gladys Palmer</b>	<b>Valery Campbell</b>
<b>Peggy Andrews</b>	<b>Suzanne Matthews-Williams</b>	<b>Youth: Jalen Davis</b>
<b>Francess Tagoe, Lay Member</b>	<b>Hugh Holder</b>	<b>Frances Bakarr</b>
<b>DaeHwa Park, Pastor &amp; Chair</b>	<b>Priscilla Michell, Lay Leader &amp; Vice Chair</b>	

**Staff Parish Relations**

<i>Class of 2021</i>	<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>
<b>Sandra Craig</b>	<b>Francess Tagoe, Lay Member</b>	<b>Nathan Bloch, Chair</b>
<b>Keanan Thompson, Youth Rep</b>	<b>Philip Palmer, Jr.</b>	<b>Christiana Campbell</b>
<b>Frances Bakarr</b>	<b>Priscilla Michell, Lay Leader</b>	<b>Stacey Matthew, Young Adult Rep</b>

**Board of Trustees**

<i>Class of 2021</i>	<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>
<b>Dunston Thomas</b>	<b>Stuart Coxic</b>	<b>Pat McConnell</b>
<b>Joseph Porter</b>	<b>Vernice Lee</b>	<b>Bresford Dakin-Davis</b>
<b>Bintu Murphy</b>	<b>Marcie Burroughs</b>	<b>Julius Campbell</b>
<b>Carol Penne</b>		

**Committee on Finance**

<b>Andre Small, Chair</b>	<b>Elizabeth Lewis, Vice-Chair</b>	<b>Idowoo Boss-Cole, Financial Secretary</b>
<b>Sunil Christopher, Treasurer</b>	<b>Carol Penne, Rep of Trustees</b>	<b>Christian Campbell, Leadership Team</b>
<b>Philip Palmer, Jr. Counting Coordinator</b>	<b>Priscilla Michell, Rep of SPRC &amp; Lay Leader</b>	<b>Paulette Brown, Endowment Chair</b>
<b>Christian Davies</b>	<b>Francess Tagoe, Lay Member</b>	
<b>Godswill Okoji</b>	<b>Marcie Burroughs</b>	

**Counters** : Josephine Palmer, Eugene Maddy, Mable McCormack, Roseline Seweje, Philip Palmer, Jr. (Team Leader), Vernice Lee, Guelda Hendrickson, Reginald Spaine, Vicor Cole, Andre Small, Selena Fitzjohn

**Endowment Team**

<b>Paulette Brown, Chair</b>	<b>Jacqueline Jones-Dove</b>	<b>Godswill Okoji</b>
<b>Philip Palmer, Sr.</b>	<b>Carol Penne</b>	

**The Act of Compassion (Mission Outreach)**



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

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**“Faithful Stewardship amid the Pandemic”**

**Monetary Giving Total: 284,437.46**

- General (Mail-in) Offering to date: 181,166.28
- Online giving (Vanco/Give Plus): 54,713.69
- Mortgage & building: 3,120.00
- PPP & Savage’s portion to Clergy benefits: 22,848.49
- Rental revenue (Agape, CFC, Farmers, Truck Parking): 15,520.00
- Miscellaneous: 290.00

**Total: 277,658.46** (Budget for 2020: \$350,620)

We also gave extra giving for special projects this year.

**Giving for Designated Giving for Special Projects - Not Budgeted**

- Pastor’s Discretionary (incl. Communion & Thanksgiving Eve): 1,934.00;
- 6 UMC Special Offerings: 380.00;
- Christmas in July (School Supplies): \$710 ;
- Afolabi Love Offering: \$945.00;
- Afolabi Memorial Fund: \$440.00;
- Sponsoring a Child & Heifer: 170.00 ;
- Imagine No Malaria: 75.00;
- Masks: 20.00;
- Advent Family Project: 790.00;
- Food Pantry & Thanksgiving Eve: 1,285.00;
- UMW Love Offering (Shepherd’s Table): \$30.00

**Total: 6,779.00**

We have giving envelopes for our continuous participation of God’s work through Good Shepherd. Please come on Sundays or during the week and pick up the giving envelop.



**To God be the Glory!**

# Christmas with Children & Youth

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our children and youth have met on Sunday evenings. Children met with Sing-Along and Story-telling. Youth met with weekly talk on how to improve the learning skills as well as to find their future. During Advent 15-minute short movie night with reflections. Now, youth watch—The Gospel of John. On the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, the confirmation class is being offered. From **Committee on Discipleship**



(←) Children, it's a time to envision New Year with good goals. Some of you have set great goals in mind in digital school or in Sunday school online. You may complete this page for a good start of new year.

(↓) Several children received a gift of ginger bread house kit from Santa Christmas this year.



Theodore Park, 7th grade

## Faithful Connection of Children and Youth amid the Pandemic

<p><b>Children w. Story telling</b> Sun. at 8 p.m. ZoomID: 964-1021-2427 Passcode: 541602</p>	<p><b>Confirmation Class</b> 2nd &amp; 4th Sat. at 10:30p.m. ZoomID: 933-3881-6546 Passcode: 007143</p>	<p><b>Youth Hang-Out</b> Sun. at 7 p.m. ZoomID: 976-1877-7352 Passcode: 914966</p>
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### Special thanks to Teachers:

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

## Welcome and Love "Deybin"

One of the mission projects of our children is to **sponsor a child** with the monthly financial support for schooling and happy life. Since December 11, we the children of Good Shepherds have sponsored Deybin. He is 4 years old born in **Honduras** on July 19, 2016.

Deybin loves to help mom with animal care and errands. He goes to Sunday school. Our monthly support will help him go to school and learn all he needs.

## Kids



In 2020, we have collected more than \$350. Praise the Lord! If you want to support this project, please make a check payable to GSUMC: Sponsoring a Child. All the donation will be acknowledged as your giving to church. Questions? Please **call Christiana Campbell**.



## ROCK(ish) 2021—Feb. 5-6

Released from **Youth Council of Baltimore-Washington Conference**

ROCK(ish) 2021 will be a free interactive online event for youth Feb 5-6. **Friday night** features an interactive time with Bishop Easterling, as well as music by Urban Street Level and the ROCK Mass Choir. **Saturday** will offer a range of virtual interactive breakout sessions. **Topics** will include addressing racism, human rights, mental health, life after high school and regional breakouts. At 9 a.m. there will be a youth leader training.

**The event is free.** However, for \$3, you will be able to purchase an iron-on decal with this year's theme and logo. For \$10, you will get the decal as well as a box of ROCK swag.

Arrangements are already underway for

The information about Zoom id and passcode will be released shortly.

Parents, if you would like to know more about ROCK and Conference's Youth Ministries, please check the Conference's website at <https://www.bwcumc.org/>

