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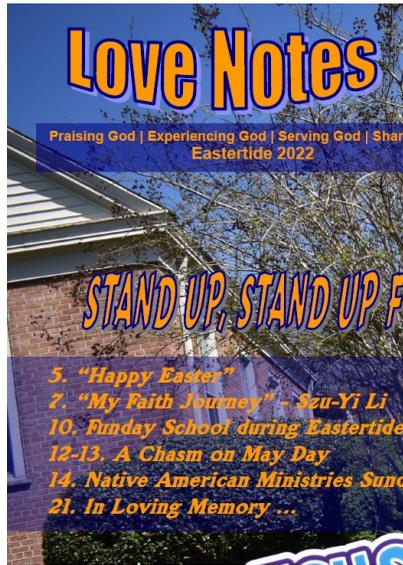
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SEVEN MINISTRY INITIATIVES

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 be 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-edge 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 dependant 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!

Easter-Tide of 2022

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

Mondays

Coffee with the Pastor at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 631-887-165

Passcode: 375637

Becoming Disciple thru Bible Study at 7:30p

Meeting ID: 961-6016-5713

Passcode: 716470

The Holy Club (Young Professionals) at 9 p.m.

Meeting ID: 941-6327-7971

Passcode: 256442

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

Remember Who You Are at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 875-9323-0354

Passcode: 528483

Thursdays

Faith Talks at 11 a.m.

Meeting ID: 953-5226-0028

Passcode: 014740

Christian Believer at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 845-8194-3369

Passcode: 669555

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Confirmation Classes at 1 0:30 a.m.

Meeting ID: 922-3881-6546

Passcode: 007143



Every 2nd Sunday with Lay Preaching!

Rev. Park serves as a part-time ministry. Over the last couple of years, pastor Park had to dash to our church immediately after Sunday worship at Savage UMC, whose congregation never encounter Rev. Park after worship. DS Rev. Green suggested Rev. Park to discuss with SPRC of each church. He did.

The Council approved that Rev. Park stays at Savage until the end of fellowship, beginning Easter.

This means that Rev. Park will NOT preach every 2nd Sunday. He will come arrive later for pastoral roles in the later part of the service and events afterward.

May God bless Savage and Good Shepherd!



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To Green Pastures and Quiet Waters ...

“12 Hour of Famine”



Good Friday Tenebrae Service



Confirmation Field Trip



Easter Celebrations w. Handbell, Chancel Choir, & Hallelujah Chorus



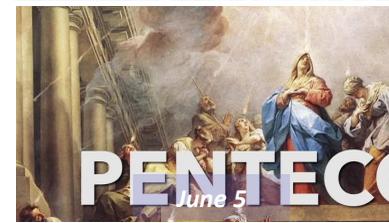
Red flames signify the historic merge of The Methodist Church and The United Brethren in 1968, which gave birth to The United Methodist Church. As a part of UM connection, we would like to bring for the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Green shade of the flames indicates God’s Kingdom 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



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“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

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WORSHIP & STUDY

11 a.m. Celebration and Worship
 Adult Sunday School on Sun. 9 a.m.
 Becoming Disciple on Mon. 7:30 p.m.
 Remember Who You Are on Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 Christian Believer on Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

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Greetings from the Pastor

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!

He is risen. He is risen, indeed.
Alleluia, Christ the Lord is risen!

My dear friends, Easter people!
Christ is risen, not only on the first day of the first Easter, but also Easter this year. For you and me, he is risen each and every day. Therefore, I say He is risen even today!

You are now in Easter-tide—the great 50 days. It is a season to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. It is also a time for us Easter people to affirm the firm faith in the resurrection of the dead, which leads us to envision life beyond death.



Begin each day with the confidence that the Lord is with you. Tell your love ones what the Lord has done for us. He is with them. Those who live with Easter faith can face tomorrow.

Luke, the writer of the Acts, testifies how the early church celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Peter at Cornelius's house speaks up.

"I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accept men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message of God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the

Holy Spirit and power and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses who God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (Acts 10:34-43)

Friends,
Come, gather. Come with your family and friends. Let us celebrate Jesus. Let us lift up the cross that is empty!

Easter-tide at Good Shepherd is filled with celebrations. Praise God, experience God, serve God, and share God!

Acknowledge mothers of faith, congratulate disciples, "learners," who finish their courses of studies, and encourage those who lost their love ones.

Yours in risen Christ,

Rev. DaeHwa Park

Rev. DaeHwa Park
Pastor

Get Connected

Marco Antonio Penne
(Oct. 28, 1989-Dec. 3, 2021)

A Memorial Service
Saturday, May 21
at 3 p.m.

Marco was born in Lima, Peru and arrived in the US on his second birthday. He was raised in the Hillandale neighborhood of Silver Spring. Marco graduated from Springbrook High School, earned an AA degree in digital design at Montgomery College, and a Certificate in Professional Photography from Boston University.

Marco loved being outdoors and hiked, camped and kayaked up and down the East coast from Maine to Florida. He never met a dog he didn't like or who didn't love him. Marco enjoyed music and working with recording artists at his job at EchoStage and Soundcheck. He was an accomplished photographer and took great pride in the photos and videos he produced. He always talked fondly of his swimming and soccer playing days, especially the two-year period when he coached second and third graders for the Takoma Park Soccer League. He had many close friends he cared deeply for and adventured with. His life was short but it was a life well-lived.

Marco is survived by his parents Leo and Carol Penne of Silver Spring and his brother Daniel of Ames, Iowa.

In Loving Memory ...

Dorothy Murphree
(Aug. 17, 1925-Apr.14, 2022)

We sadden the passing of Dorothy Murphree, a long time member of Good Shepherd on Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022.



"Dottie was born August 17, 1925 in Frederick, MD and grew up in Washington, D.C. where she attended Roosevelt High School. She went on to obtain her Associates degree at her beloved St. Mary's Junior College in St. Mary's, MD. Dottie was an active member of the St. Mary's Alumni Association and served on the Board for several years. She was also a past Honored Queen of Jobs' Daughters Bethel #2 where she was also crowned Queen of the Night of Thrills by then Senator Harry S. Truman. She went on to become a member of the Eastern Star Bethany Chapter. During her daughters' growing up years, Dottie served leadership roles in the Girl Scouts of America. She was also active in the Maryland Azalea Society, devoted many hours as a volunteer at Sibley Memorial Hospital and was an active member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church."

(from the Obituary)

Funeral Services was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at Collins Funeral Home in Silver Spring, Md.

May the peace from God our Heavenly Father be with the family, especially to three daughters, Patricia, Peggy and Priscilla.

Condolences may be sent at Patricia's email at pagleason76@gmail.com.

**From Page 13
“A Chasm on May Day...”**

Tensions reached a breaking point after the special 2019 General Conference, by a relatively narrow 438-384 vote, strengthened the church restrictions, hastening resistance and talk of a denominational divorce. For the most part, the people who want to eliminate The United Methodist Church’s bans are not those planning to leave the denomination.

In this transitional time, a number of United Methodist bishops have decided to hold in abeyance complaints related to church law on homosexuality. Abeyance means these cases will be delayed until a later time, not dismissed. The Council of Bishops also has published a narrative that casts a vision for an inclusive church. “We cannot be a traditional church or a progressive church or a centrist church. We cannot be a gay or straight church,” the bishops’ narrative says.

The Global Methodist Church organizers have long championed maintaining the restrictions around homosexuality. The new denomination’s Transitional Book of Doctrines and Disciplines says that sexuality only should be expressed in “a loving and monogamous marriage between one man and one woman.” The transitional book also defines gender as “a person’s immutable biological traits identified by or before birth.” The United Methodist Book of Discipline is silent on the matter of intersex, transgender and non-binary people.

A number of theological conservatives have plans to stay United Methodist for the foreseeable future. Good News, a longtime unofficial conservative advocacy group, plans to continue advocating for fellow conservatives in the church. “Our task is to inform churches and pastors about the options available to them in moving to the Global Methodist Church and to advocate for a fair and practical exit path for local churches and annual conferences to make that move,” said the Rev. Thomas Lambrecht, the group’s vice president and general manager.

He added that Good News and other groups in the Renewal and Reform Coalition “will continue to advocate for the protocol and for other fair withdrawal pathways at General Conference 2024.”

United Methodist bishops have repeatedly expressed hope that they can serve a big-tent church where conservatives, progressives and those in-between can find a welcoming church home. Nevertheless, bishops also have acknowledged that some will want to move to the Global Methodist Church. “My prayer still is that we can bless and send and not burn the house down on the way out,” said Harvey, Council of Bishops president. “There is clearly a process that needs to be followed that protects the future of the UMC. We are the stewards of the past, the present and the future UMC. Mutual recognition is critical so we do not disparage one another in this process.”

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Happy Easter

Godswill Okoji, M.D.
Lay Leader



It’s Easter! Hooray! Death is conquered, our Lord is Risen!

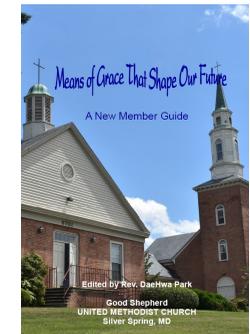
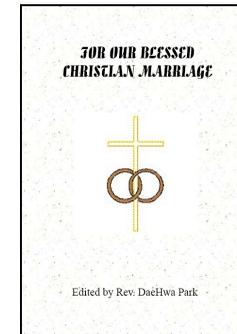
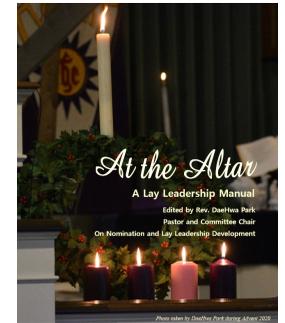
In the Northern Hemisphere, it is also spring time- a time to clean out our homes and environment; a time to open up the windows and refresh. It is more importantly a time to open up our minds; a time to clear the cobwebs of despair. A time to explode to the refreshing good news of the Resurrection – resurrection of the Christ in us- the comforter, the merciful, the counselor, the Prince of Peace. This is the time for our cocooned selves to burst out with exuberant Christhood. Yes, we are the inheritors of the Christ kingdom. Let us remember “Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms” Luke 24:44. We are alive. It is Alleluia again!

As Easter morning wakens us, let us remember our Lenten prayerfulness and spring to action and give of our Time, Talents and Talons to the realization of our mission: “to Make, Grow, Nurture Disciples of Christ so that lives are Transformed.” Yes, the lives of all we meet: at the train and bus stations; in our daily grind. Invite them to our church. Invite them, Home.

Happy Easter friends! The Harvest is full and the workers are ready. Are you? Remain Blessed.



At the Altar: A Lay Leadership Manual.
Edited by Rev. DaeHwa Park
Would you like to serve the Lord and His people as a spiritual leader. Check this out! This manual shows the responsibilities and necessary ministerial skills for laity. There are more than 25 lay leadership job description. Give your time and talents as spiritual leaders— committee chairs, coordinators, and/or administrative officers. The booklet is available in the Upper room information rack.





“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

O Easter people, stand up, stand up for Jesus. Go and tell that the Lord raise Jesus from the dead. Gather on the Day of the Lord and lift up your voices. Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed. We celebrate the Great 50 Days with the resurrection of Jesus. Come, bring your family and friends to the presence of God. Let them stand for Jesus. Like Peter, stand up and bear witnesses: “They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen” (Acts 10:39-40).

+ Special Thanks to Liturgists:

- Apr. 17, Easter: Philip Palmer, Jr.
- Apr. 24, Christian Davies
- May 1, Marcus Davies
- May 8, Simeon Nomo
- Mat 15, Bintu Murphy
- May 22, vacant
- May 29, vacant
- Jun., 5, Christian Davies

Give Thanks in All Circumstances

Count your blessings. Respond them in giving. Give thanks for signs and wonders in life. Anniversaries, birthdays, healing, promotions, retirements are good causes to give thanks. Give thanks in all circumstances is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

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As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
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Celebration of Worship
On Sundays at 11 a.m.
 Zoom Meeting ID: 566-965-650
 Passcode: 900361

1. The Tomb was Empty - Easter Sunrise .. Apr. 17
 2. "I Have Seen the Lord" .. Apr. 17
 3. The Disciples Saw Him and believed .. Apr. 24
 4. "Come and Have Breakfast" .. May 1
 5. Peter and the Beloved Disciple .. May 8
 6. One Flock and One Shepherd .. May 15
 7. The Vine and the Branches that Bear Fruit .. May 22
 8. Be My Witnesses .. May 29

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!

❖ Liturgical Highlights ❖

- + Easter Sunday, Apr. 17**
- Easter Cantata w. Choir and Handbells
- + Second Sunday of Easter, Apr. 24**
(Thomas Sunday)
- + Third Sunday of Easter, May 1**
(Meal Sunday)
- Native American Ministries Sunday
- + Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 8**
- Mother's Day
- + Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 15**
(Good Shepherd Sunday)
- + Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 22**
(I AM Sunday)
- Graduation Sunday
- + Ascension Sunday, May 29**
- Memorial Sunday
- + Pentecost, June 5**
- Confirmation & Jubilee

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In Loving Memory of Marco Penne



Congratulations on the wedding of Tony and Jestina Ojinnaka!

Saturday, April 16, 2022



From page 18 “My Faith Journey”

I invited musicians to play special music for Easter and Christmas services, rearranged the music for a brass quartet, organized rehearsals, and held a joint piano recital for the congregation. I worked with singers and a cellist from the congregation for regular services, and I played the flute to offer a change of pace for several services.

It was also through these experiences that I noticed the effect of music on the fellowship and the service. I believe it is through the power of music that the joy of belief speaks most clearly. I think this observation about music's power still influences me profoundly, and I am more than excited that I now have the chance to glorify God with GSUMC. [LN]

The 238th Baltimore-Washington Conference - June 1-3

The in-person gathering of the 238th Session was canceled. There will be a virtual gathering of the conference.

The theme of this year's session is “Persevere: In Hope, Faith and Joy.” The Scripture passage that will guide the conference is Hebrews 12:1-3. The clergy session will be on the morning of June 1; the laity session will be that evening. A service of celebration is planned for the evening of June 2.

Worship, including the memorial service and the service of commissioning and ordination, will take place at Glen Mar UMC, at 4701 New Cut Road in Ellicott City by invitation only. This facility will accommodate the participants as well as many guests, in accordance with the most recent COVID guidelines at the time. The memorial service will be held mid-day on June 2. The preacher will be the Rev. Frankie Revell. The ordination service will be on the evening of June 3. The preacher will be the Rev. Peter Weaver.

Find details from the Conference website at www.bwcumc.org.



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"My Faith Journey"**

When I was 14, I went to a church with my best friend to join the youth fellowship. I was overwhelmed by the pressure of talking in front of people about my most intimate feelings, so after a while I quit going. But around this time, I started to think about religion in my life—do I believe because I was taught to, or is my belief the product of genuine faith in God? Do I go to church to seek peer connections or to seek connection with God? I attended several different churches in the past few years in the United States to look for an answer.

My experience as a church musician started in 2013 in Philadelphia at three churches—Metro Church of Philadelphia, Taiwanese Grace Church of Christ in Philadelphia, and Bridesburg Presbyterian Church. Before being accepted at the University of Maryland, I was the music director at the Metro Church of Philadelphia. I hired musicians and organized rehearsals for the extra music at our Easter service and worked with the praise band and a guest vocalist. As a volunteer pianist rotating with another musician at the Taiwanese Grace Church of Christ in Philadelphia, I discussed with the pastor and chose music for prelude and postlude, sometimes including a special anthem, according to his sermon of the week.



At the Bridesburg Presbyterian Church, I was mainly a substitute organist when the director was not available; for one Christmas service, I invited another pianist to play Handel's Hallelujah for an organ-piano duet.

After moving to Maryland in 2016, I started playing for Sunday services at the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Washington in Rockville.

My main job here is to accompany the choir, and sometimes to lead sectional practice to help the director; when she was not available, I led the choir rehearsals as well as the children's choir. There is another choir for the elderly which I played for on Friday mornings. During my years at this church, I have accompanied different choirs, ensembles and soloists for the service. I was not paid during these years at this church—it was a service to God, and a gesture to all the Taiwanese

people from this church who helped me with my daily life, especially for my first few difficult years. I continued this service until the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020. In 2019, I was the Music Director of Concord St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Bethesda. Unfortunately, I lost the job due to the church's finances during the pandemic. I mainly played the organ during the service for hymns and played the piano for prelude and postlude.

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The Act of Worship & Music

Join our music ministry

Come to church an hour early on Sundays at 10 a.m., and you can serve as a choir member. Give an hour to the Lord with your voices. Learn choral music each Sunday morning. Chancel choir is a small group you want to be a part. Make your companions in Jesus who love to praise God with choral music.



On Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. stop by the sanctuary, join the praise band rehearsal as your own mid-week praise service. Make a joyful noise. Bring an instrument if you love to play. We need vocals. You can join our praise band singing. Please contact **Szu-Yi Li**, new director of music at mse525025@gmail.com.



Special thanks to:
YoungHoon Park, Interim Dir. of Music & Organist
(Nov. 14, 21-Apr. 17, 22)

WORSHIP

My Faith Journey

Szu-Yi Li

Director of Music and Organist



One of my sweetest childhood memories is of praying with my mother every night before going to bed. I also went to bible studies with her in which I would sing hymns with other children at those gatherings. Most of the participants were from the congregation founded by the English missionary and physician, Dr. David Landsborough III. He also founded Changhua Christian Hospital where my father works as a pediatric cardiologist. This is still the best-known Christian hospital in central Taiwan. The story of Dr. David Landsborough III deeply influenced my family. With his medical knowledge and skills as his ways to serve God, Dr. Landsborough forever changed medical history in Taiwan. Taking him as a model, my father always prayed to save more patients—he would call foundations and pharmaceutical factories in his free time, seeking sponsorships for his patients for their surgeries and medicine. My father still prays everyday to save more lives, and he told me constantly to find my purpose in life through dedication to others, to the world, and to God. I have learned this will to serve society from my father.

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Digital Study Hours That Equip Spiritual Leaders

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.



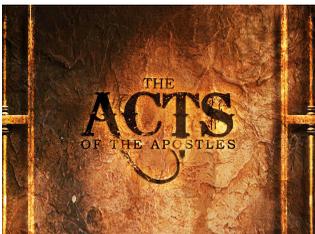
Climate Church
Community Event with a Doctoral Work on “Serving God through Faithful Stewardship on Our Common Home: Equipping Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and The United Methodist Church of Savage for the Anthropocene.”
Presenter: Rev. DaeHwa Park
Date & Time: May 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.
Zoom ID: 878 7664 1091; Passcode:017682



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 (Faith Talk) - 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



Journey Thru the Bible - Tuesdays at 9 p.m.
To cope with biblical illiteracy, Good Shepherd offers an opportunity for you to encounter the word daily. JTB aims at the reading of the whole bible from Genesis thru Revelation at least weekly. If you are too busy to read the bible, plug yourself in this program while resting after work or while doing chores at home after dinner. You can read a chapter, or a passage for others through Zoom. Now we read all four canonical Gospels during the Great 50 days of Easter season: **Acts**.



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EVANGELISM

Easter-Tide of 2022

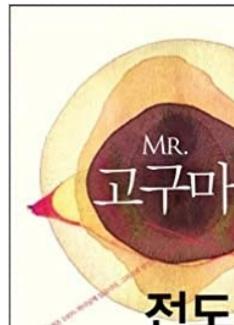
The Act of Justice and Evangelism

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 to 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 by the word of mouth and the demonstration of our examples as the hands and feet of God are 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.**

Potato Evangelism on the Way!

Say to your love one, “Do you believe in Jesus? Just as poking a potato with a fork. See how your targeted individual respond



to your question. If he or she reject you, consider the potato isn’t cooked. With the simple word, you sow a seed of the Gospel. The name of Jesus means “the one who saves.” Let God grow the seed. Praise the Lord!

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 to 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 word of mouth**, which may be required for your own ownership of the mission and ministries of the church.

Committee Members

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

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

Welcome All just as you are!

Door Greeters

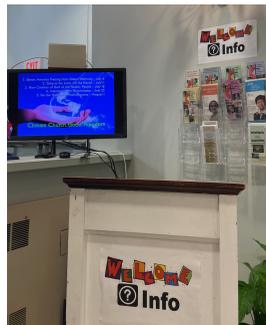


Psalmist sings, "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." (Psalm 84:10).

A family with children and youth can welcome at the door with Mrs. Park. Contact at yhoon12p@gmail.com.

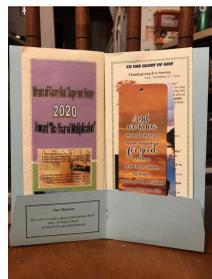
Welcome Table

Please come to the welcome table and find out what you need for the ministries and mission of the church.



Welcome table coordinator (s) prepare welcome bag with the information of the church's ministry and programs.

If you want to serve as a volunteer receptionist on Sunday please contact Wendy in the office.



Our website: www.goodshepchurch.org

Sharing God... Sharing God...



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"

For Faithful Connection

Grab literatures for the mission and ministry opportunities. Get new devotionals. Pick up newsletters, old, new or special issues for your faithful connection in the life of the church. Each Love Notes includes many useful articles and guidelines for a spiritual journey at Good Shepherd. Check the liturgical highlights, sermon outlines, and prayer concerns through the weekly Sunday bulletins.



NURTURE

Thru DISCIPLE Study launch Assimilation Tracks ...

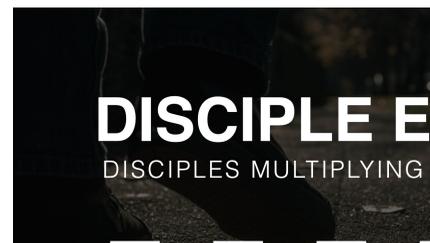
Join small group study for biblical literacy that equips your discipleship adventure at Good Shepherd!



On Sunday, May 22, we recognize graduates during worship. Come, and congratulate those who accomplish their study at school. Let us celebrate many students who have gone through the COVID pandemic years with academic excellence.

Parents, please send the candidates of graduation celebration no later than Sunday, May 15th. Please contact Christiana Campbell or Wendy Barrios, office secretary for the registration at (301) 433-3331.

On Sunday, June 26, Good Shepherd celebrate the completion of several year-long study: Becoming Disciple through Bible Study, Remember Who You Are, and Christian Believer. These courses have been offered for effective Lay Leadership in the area of worship, teaching, and service. Here are candidates: Philip Palmer, Sr., Christiana Campbell, Carol Penne, Idowoo Boss-Cole, Bintu Murphy, Colleen Sampson, and Wilma Baxter (Savage UMC).



Invitation to a bilingual Bible study program (French-English)

By Rev. Simeon Nomo snomo48@yahoo.com



Do you want to bear witness of Jesus to the ends of the earth? We shall overcome a language barrier. Join us our new bilingual fellowship with Scripture.

Here is brief information.

Goal: reach out the French-speaking Christians for their spiritual growth.

Objectives: To reach out the French speaking community in the area of west Silvers Spring Maryland through a dynamic bilingual Bible study and prayer meetings. We will invite our friends and friend's family to participate in an hour Bible study weekly. After 3 months we will organize a graduation program in conjunction with membership service to celebrate those who joined the church.

Interventions: Beginning Easter season, we will hold a 1-hour Bible study at Shepherd Nook downstairs at Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Come and learn gospels in French. Pray the Lord's Prayer in French. Bless your friends in French. Sing hymns in French. Enjoy French fries as well.

Other Plan:

- Prayer Meetings on Saturday 5 to 7 p.m.

Funday School

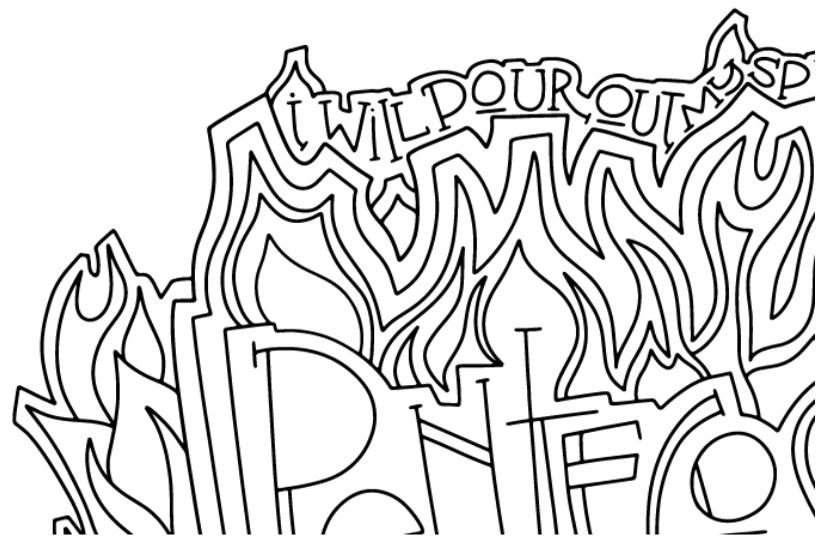
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Tic-Tac-Tournament!

Help the baby birds their way home!

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Children,
 Complete this fun page and bring it to Mrs. Christiana Campbell on a Sunday during the season of Easter. You may receive a gift. Blessings,
 Funday School Faculty

The Act of Compassion (Mission Outreach)



United Methodists continue to pray and respond to the war now being waged in Ukraine. On February 24, Russian military forces invaded Ukraine, causing hundreds of thousands of people to flee their homes. US government [aid officials report](#) that the people of Ukraine have been caught in the middle of conflict for nearly eight years, and there are currently 2.9 million in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. To assist in these efforts individuals and congregations are encouraged to give to The United Methodist Community on Relief (UMCOR) International Response and Recovery fund (Advance #982450). Make a check to Good Shepherd and write this Advance code on the check memo section.



Pastor's Discretionary Fund
 Your generous extra giving makes it possible to relieve life burdens for those who are in need. Rev. Park meets our neighbors in a desperate situation. If you are willing to share your monetary gift. 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.



- Six special Sundays are celebrated by United Methodists with churchwide offerings:
- **Human Relations Day** - Sunday before the observance of MLK Jr. Birthday
 - **UMCOR Sunday**, 4th Sunday in Lent
 - **Native American Ministries Sunday**, 3rd Sunday of Easter
 - **Peace with Justice Sunday**, 1st Sunday after Pentecost
 - **World Communion Sunday**, 1st Sunday in October
 - **United Methodist Student Day**, last Sunday in November.

Alejandro's Story

by Carol Penne

This is the story of Alejandro who once was very ill but is now a healthy, active fourth grader at JoAnne Leleck Elementary School at Broad Acres. This is also the story of how Good Shepherd assisted his family during a difficult time.

Three years ago, as Good Shepherd's Advent Families project was wrapping up, I received a call from Maria, the social worker in the Linkages to Learning program at Broad Acres. She told me about Alejandro, a young boy at the school who had just been diagnosed with a very rare form of brain tumor cancer. Local D.C. hospitals had turned him away because there was no known cure for his cancer but Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore had agreed to take on Alejandro's case at no cost to the family. The hospital's goal was to learn more about this cancer and possibly find a cure. Because the family didn't own a car, the social worker asked if Good Shepherd would volunteer to drive them or knew of ways Alejandro and his mother could travel to Hopkins multiple times a week. She noted there were financial difficulties because his mother had stopped working to care for him full time. The following Sunday I mentioned Alejandro's plight to the congregation and Good Shepherd members responded immediately. Some members made financial gifts, some suggested organizations that provide transportation for medical treatment, some volunteered to drive the family to Hopkins. (In the end, transportation was provided by medical transport groups.)



Over the years, I've asked Maria for updates about Alejandro's health. I learned that his treatment was very difficult with many setbacks but he eventually got better and was declared healthy. A year ago, the tumor recurred and he underwent a second round of treatments. As of today, Alejandro is healthy, active and doing well in school.

I share this story because, when I was at the school recently, Maria introduced me to Alejandro's mother and, a few minutes later, to Alejandro. Maria didn't bother with my name but simply introduced me as "the lady from the church that helped Alejandro get better."

During a recent Bible study with Pastor Park on the book of Jonah, he asked us about how we would introduce ourselves to those in need. Would we say our names? Would we say where we are from? Would we mention our church? I thought to myself that Maria's introduction was most appropriate. My name didn't matter. What was important was that Alejandro and his mother knew and remembered Good Shepherd as the church that helped them at a difficult time and as a church that helps people in their community. I can't think of a better introduction. [LN]

Encounter our partners in Mission! On Sunday, May 1

Dr. Lyle A. Ignace, M.D., MPH
Executive Director of the Gerald L. Ignance
Indian Health Center

Deborah Black, MS, LPC
Dir. of the All Nations Wellness Center

Meet Our Proud Confirmands



Six conformands have met for Confirmation Class on 2nd and 4th Saturdays through zoom meeting. There are: Shuvai Chivange (8th), Earnest (9th) and Chelsea (7th) Okie, Theodore Park (8th), Christian Salcedo (8th), and Aanya Singh (8th). With study on Church's faith in God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, the Church and its mission and ministries, these young disciples learn how to be like Jesus.



During the season of Lent, the confirmands will gather in the church on Friday, March 25 for 12 Hour of Famine (See below). On April 9, they will leave for a field trip to Lancaster, PA for a tabernacle tour followed by viewing live musical, King David at the Sight and Sound Theater. On May 21, the confirmands will participate Confirmation Rally at Lovely Lane UMC in Baltimore one of three main events to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the church, established in 1772. Lovely Lane is a street where American Methodism was birthed.



Shuvai Earnest Chelsea Theodore Christian Aanya

Confirmation Class of 2022

The Confirmation Service on the Day of Pentecost, June 5



Deybin and his family of Honduras give thanks to God for our partnership. With \$38.00 per month, we can send Deybin to an elementary school. 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. During the Pandemic year we supported Deybin with \$494. Questions? Call Christiana Campbell.

Faithful Connection of Children and Youth amid the Pandemic

Funday School For Kids
Now with
Kids Sunday Bulletins!
Available on Sundays

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

Confirmation Class
2nd & 4th Sat. at 10:30p.m.
ZoomID: 933-3881-6546

A Chasm on May Day

Excerpt from UMNews
“What Happens when a New Denomination Launches?”
April 28, 2022
by Heather Hahn

On May 1, according to UMNews, the organizers of the Global Methodist Church plan to mark the official launch of their new, theologically conservative breakaway denomination. Both United Methodist and Global Methodist leaders agree that any separations from The United Methodist Church will take time to sort out.

After all, Methodism’s founder John Wesley instructed: “Do not rashly tear asunder the sacred ties which unite you to any Christian society.” The United Methodist Church by design makes breaking up — and especially taking church property — hard to do. Wesley himself established the forerunner of the United Methodist trust clause, which states that all church property is held in trust for the entire denomination. That means congregations can’t just leave and take church buildings with them.

However, the requirements of gaining release from the trust clause have become a source of contention and confusion as churches plan for the future.

After the third postponement, Global Methodist Church organizers announced they were no longer waiting for General Conference to act and instead moving up their new traditionalist denomination’s

launch date to May 1. However, the organizers are doing so without the formal separation plan they hoped the protocol would provide. The Wesleyan Covenant Association, a theologically conservative unofficial advocacy group in The United Methodist Church, has served as the main organizing force behind the new denomination. The WCA plans to mark the new denomination’s launch at a legislative assembly May 6 and a global gathering May 7 near Indianapolis.

The Rev. Keith Boyette, WCA president and chairman of the new denomination’s Transitional Leadership Council, has served as the designated spokesman for both groups but declined to be interviewed for this article.

On its website under launch information, the Global Methodist Church announced that it would be a church in transition as it prepares for its own convening General Conference in 12 to 18 months.

With no protocol, congregations that wish to depart The United Methodist Church must do so using already existing measures in the Book of Discipline, the denomination’s law book. In practice, that means annual conferences — church regional bodies — are responsible for handling church disaffiliations. There are 53 annual conferences in the U.S., and 80 spread across Africa, Europe and the Philippines. A bishop presides over each annual conference. By an overwhelming majority, the United Methodist Council of Bishops has



affirmed that **conferences should use the Discipline’s Paragraph 2553** as the primary paragraph for disaffiliation and separation.

Passed during the special 2019 General Conference, the church law allows congregations to exit with property “for reasons of conscience” related to homosexuality.

Paragraph 2553 requires that exiting churches meet certain financial and procedural obligations to be released from the trust clause. It also states that annual conferences “may develop additional standard terms that are not inconsistent with the standard form of this paragraph.”

Council of Bishops President Cynthia Ferrero Harvey said the paragraph is the only part of the United Methodist Book of Discipline that clearly spells out a disaffiliation process.

“If a clergy person joins the GMC, they will have to surrender their conference membership and their orders in the UMC,” Bishop Harvey said. “You cannot hold membership or be ordained in more than one denomination.”

The Judicial Council — The United Methodist Church’s top court — ruled in 1993 that the Discipline has no provision allowing an ordained United Methodist minister to hold membership simultaneously in another denomination. When ordained clergy members surrender their credentials in The United Methodist Church, they keep their accrued pension benefits. However, Wespeth is required by the terms of the plan to convert the pension benefit of any active elders or dea-

cons who surrender their credentials into an individual account balance in a defined-contribution plan. This rule does not apply to active clergy members who are licensed local pastors, provisional members or associate members. In addition, the rule does not apply to retired clergy members who are receiving pension benefits.

The Council of Bishops has asked the Judicial Council to decide if annual conferences can leave The United Methodist Church under the current Discipline. The church court, which is meeting periodically online because of the pandemic, has agreed to take up that question in its current docket. Earlier this month, the Bulgaria-Romania Provisional Annual Conference voted to leave The United Methodist Church and join the Global Methodist Church. Bishop Patrick Streiff, whose area includes the conference, said conference members took the vote “without legal basis in the Book of Discipline.” Streiff’s decision of law also will go to the Judicial Council for review.

The United Methodist Book of Discipline commits the church “to supporting those rights and liberties for all persons, regardless of sexual orientation.” However, it also bans clergy from officiating at same-sex unions and prohibits the ordination of “self-avowed practicing” gay clergy. Only General Conference can change the Discipline. Those denominational bans have faced increasing defiance in recent years, especially as countries including the U.S. have legalized same-sex marriage. .

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