

The Shepherd's News

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Summer 2019

I don't know about you, but I am ready for summer! Not for the heat and humidity which, unless I am sitting by the ocean, lake, or pool, I can do without. What I am ready for is the different pace from the rest of the year. Summer is a bit slower. More relaxed. Fewer meetings. Time away from the usual routines. Maybe even a few moments of blessed boredom. I hope the same for you this summer.

What if instead of thinking about the upcoming couple of months as *Summer Time* we thought of it as *Sabbath Time*? What if we thought of it as a time when we intentionally carve out a few moments for rest from the busyness and business of life? What happens if we were to live differently during these next few months, bringing a different attitude, a sabbath outlook? Maybe we could use this time to replenish our energy, renew our creativity, and do more than just the next thing on the list.

This idea of rest, of Sabbath, is nothing new. It is one of the "Big 10." Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Our Jewish friends do a better job of Sabbath keeping than most of us do. I have to confess I'm a bit jealous of those who are able to completely unplug for one day a week. Maybe there is something holy about unplugging?

I look forward to seeing you this summer. In addition to our weekly Sunday worship at 9:30am we will be having movie nights and book club discussions. There will also be opportunities for service as we help to build homes with Habitat for Humanity in Philadelphia and feed the hungry in Norristown. I hope you make Good Shepherd part of your *Summer Time* ... your *Sabbath Time*.

Happy *Summer Time*! Happy *Sabbath Time*!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Julie".

Pastor Julie

CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIME FOR THE FALL

It is with great excitement that we announce a change to the worship service schedule for the fall. Church Council has voted to move the 11am service to 10:45am as of September 8th 2019.

The Sunday School hour will be moved back to 9:30am to accommodate the new worship time. Many families have afternoon activities on Sunday and it is our hope that this extra 15 minutes will help people to fit church, and everything else, into their busy schedules.



JUNE OUTREACH

June outreach funds will go to support Best Buddies Pennsylvania. Best Buddies is dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Best Buddies is the world's largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Our programs empower the special abilities of people with IDD by helping them form meaningful friendships with their peers, secure successful jobs, live independently, improve public speaking, self-advocacy and communication skills, and feel valued by society. You can learn more at <http://www.bestbuddies.org>

Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and placed in a pew envelope marked "Outreach."



JULY & AUGUST OUTREACH

July & August outreach funds will go to support Neighborhood Meals on Wheels. The mission of Neighborhood Meals on Wheels is to provide nutritious, well-balanced meals to the aged, convalescent and handicapped in our township without regard to race, religion, creed, nationality or economic need. Since its inception in 1974, Neighborhood Meals on Wheels has grown steadily, both in the number of patrons we serve and in the number of volunteers needed to keep the organization running smoothly. You can learn more at www.neighborhoodmealsonwheels.com

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Good Shepherd will be involved in a build for Habitat for Humanity.

The build is located in Philadelphia at 2300 Oxford Street.

This is the beginning of a build, the work scope is mostly framing and decking.

The date of the build is Saturday, June 15th from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM.

There is a sign up sheet on the card table in the Narthex if you are interested.

See Pastor Julie if you have any questions.



2019 SYNOD ASSEMBLY May 3rd and 4th

Good Shepherd Attendees:

Theresa Haenn, Courtney Smith, Pastor John Kerr,
Pastor Julie, Lisa Hand and Sue Groff. (left to right)

Pictured with Bishop Patricia Davenport.



Sunday, April 28th was an exciting day at Good Shepherd as
Mallory Elizabeth Boyd, Nola Jean Elberti, Rebecca Frances Montich and Stella Corinne Rebain
 received their First Communion.
God's blessing to all as they continue on their faith journeys!

BAPTISMS

Peter James Campagna
grandson of Helen Purdum
April 8

Logan Evelyn Roosenkranz
daughter of Jamie and Tracey Rosenkranz — great granddaughter of Betty Locker
May 19



Wedding
 Announcement

Tim Glickman and Kate McGovern
June 9th

In sure and certain hope of the
 resurrection to eternal life we remember the following
 Good Shepherd members who have recently passed into God's Kingdom:

Preston King † Helen Purdum † Evelyn Stambaugh



GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

This Fall & Winter Good Shepherd was blessed by gifts given in memory of Carol Murphy, Preston King and Helen Purdum.

Yola Satterfield honored Carol Murphy's memory with a donation to the Vacation Bible School ministry.

Preston King was fondly remembered by Ms. Edith M. Pochettino, Kerstin Zadrejko, Betty Locker, Hearts & Hands Women's group, Ursel Sandt, Linda Quam, John & Joanne Kerr, Eva Wynn, Joan Banas & Janet King.

Gifts that were given in memory of Helen Purdum will be presented to the Hearts & Hands Women's group. We would like to thank the following members & friends: Susan & Ed Helenski, Richard & Kerstin Zadrejko, Linda Quam, John & Joanne Kerr, Linda Mack, Patti Freed, Edith Procopio, Fred & Nancy Brown, Bob & Cindy Burke, Anna Cressman, Mrs. Betty Heim, Mervin & Louette Cressman, Hearts & Hands group of GSLC, Nancy Sheedy, Ms. Grace D. Scharff, Jeannette B. Pachella, Albert & Eiko Ikeda, Pamela Biasi, Harry T. Collier, Betty Locker, Bob & Kim Irwin, Janet B. Apel, Geraldine P. Walker, Janet King, Betty Sprague, Eva Wynn, Ursel Sandt & Lucy Sweeney.

We are extremely grateful for all those families who designated Good Shepherd to receive the memorial gifts made in honor of their loved ones. A heartfelt thanks to all members who gave so generously to remember these friends.

THANK YOU FROM VICAR ZACH

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." (Hebrews 12:1, adapted).

Witnesses. That is what we are. Since September, being surrounded by all of you, the witnesses to the Gospel at Good Shepherd, has been a tremendous joy. Although I won't be with you all each Sunday as I had been, you surround me in a great cloud of memory, love, and fellowship that I shall not soon forget! I have already read my "memory book" that so many of you wrote wonderful things in, and for sure those messages will give me a boost in moments of difficulty that lie ahead in ministry. The generous gift, collected by so many of you, will go a long way in helping me too. Thanks be to each of you for your contributions to these gifts, and to my ministry - I have been impacted in ways that you will never know! You are all missed already. Indeed, I hope that our paths cross again soon.

Peace,

Vicar Zach



THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

Superintendents—Sue Groff and Karen Lehman

Preschool & Elementary—Beth Bullwinkle and Karen Lehman

Middle & High School—Jen Lehman, Erin Rackovan, Jason Malarchik and Pam Kamat

Adult Education—Barbara Petroske

Additional Support—Amanda Fleischer, Peter Fleischer,

Donna Montich, Pastor Julie, Kathy Palmer

Vicar Zach, Liz Smith and Hele Vondra

God's blessings for an enjoyable, restful summer!



Summer Music Ministry



We've had an exciting year of music here at Good Shepherd, and it's going to be equally as exciting this summer.

We will again continue the tradition of the **"Summer Singers" Choir**. We will meet at **8:30am** on **July 7th** and **August 4th** to learn an easy anthem and offer it *that Sunday* in worship. If you've not sung with us this past year, **NOW'S THE TIME!** I'll have music and a seat just for you! Let's try to fill the loft with the singers of Good Shepherd.

Another special music offering this summer will be the **Bell Choir** ringing on **June 16th**. The rest of the summer will feature instrumental and vocal solos each week along with other musical moments.

Good Shepherd will also host the 8th Annual Community Hymn Festival, **"Sing of Wondrous Love"** on **Sunday, August 4th at 4pm**. Singers from many local churches will again join together to form a festival choir that will lead all in attendance in song. Last year, the festival choir had close to 60 singers and was well attended by Good Shepherd members along with people from the community. So, I hope that you will consider attending again this year. The festival will focus on the wondrous love of Jesus and how that is represented throughout the church year. More information on the Hymn Festival can be found at www.MontCoHymnFest.com

There are many opportunities to be involved over the summer (and of course in the fall). I hope that you will either participate or simply attend worship this summer as you are able - I'm sure you will find our summer musical offerings to be meaningful, exciting and uplifting.

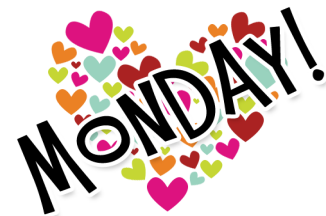
In Song,
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Mondays at Good Shepherd

Second Monday of the Month is Committee Night
Please check with your committee chairperson to see if your committee is meeting. June 10th, July 8th and August 12th.

Third Monday of the Month is Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
June 17th and August 19th.

Fourth Monday of the Month is Book Club at 7:00 pm
June 24th, July 29th and August 26th.



MEAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Please join us for a rewarding experience on **Saturday, July 20th** to make and serve meals to the hungry in Norristown. We have partnered with the **Cecil and Grace Bean Soup Kitchen** held at St John's Episcopal Church on Church Street. We need volunteers to make the casseroles and the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on Saturday morning beginning at 8 am at Good Shepherd. Two drivers are needed to transport the food from Good Shepherd to the soup kitchen in Norristown at 11 am. We will need about 12 volunteers to meet us at the soup kitchen to serve the meals beginning at 11:30. That will give us enough time to bake the casseroles, set up the room, serve our "cousins" at 1 pm and then clean up (finishing around 2:30). Youth ages 12 and up can help us in the kitchen. We also need volunteers to bake cookies to serve as dessert. Please drop cookies off at the church that week no later than Saturday morning by 11 am. **We need to know who will help prepare, drive or serve so please sign-up in the narthex.** Please call or email Janice Rackovan at 610-715-2601 or email at jcrackovan@gmail.com, with any questions or to sign-up in the Narthex.

THE UPPER MERION AREA COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

The Upper Merion Area Community Cupboard (UMACC) is open to anyone who lives within the bounds of the Upper Merion Area School District and is hungry or food insufficient. They presently serve 150 families. The cupboard is located in the Valley Forge Presbyterian building (191 Town Center Road, KOP) and is open to those in need on Tuesday mornings and evenings. UMACC is in need of **PASTA SAUCE**. In addition, they currently have some families with infants and are in need of **DIAPERS (any size but not pull-ups), WIPES AND BABY FOOD**.

These items may be placed in the gray collection box under the coat rack in the narthex.

The operation of the (UMACC) is sustained by caring and compassionate community volunteers. The hope is for neighbors of every background, age, and creed to join in UMACC's collaborative community efforts! Volunteers are urgently needed to help support UMACC's service in our community.

Tuesday volunteers manage check-ins, help patrons shop, act as hosts and visit with the patrons, deliver to those patrons unable to pick up, and provide baked goods for our patrons. Tuesday volunteer shifts are 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. or 5:15 - 7:45 p.m.

Thursday volunteers receive donations, restock, date check and inventory. Thursday volunteer shifts are 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. or 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

To volunteer, visit www.umacc.org/volunteer. *Please note, volunteers must be 18 years or older and no longer a high school student*

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES



Please continue to bring your old toner and ink jet cartridges. There is a bin that is marked on top of the coat rack area of the Narthex where you can deposit your used cartridges. Good Shepherd receives \$2 for each cartridge which enables us to offset the cost of our office supplies.

SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS SUMMER

**Beginning May 26th our Sunday Worship Service of Holy Communion will be held at 9:30 A.M.
June 2nd—Recognition of Graduates**

A special blessing will be offered each Sunday at the conclusion of the worship service for those who will be traveling in the coming week.

Our summer schedule concludes on Labor Day Weekend, September 1st.



**Worship
Schedule
for the
Summer**

FALL EVENTS...

PUB THEOLOGY RESUMES on Monday evening October 7th. We gather at McKenzie Brew House in Berwyn, PA. Dinners are ordered at 6:30 PM and the evening's discussion begins at 7:15 PM. Join us for stimulating conversation and fellowship. Pub Theology is scheduled for: October 7th, November 4th and December 2nd (Christmas Caroling).

MANNA MONDAY RESUMES on Monday September 23rd. Join us in Founders Hall from 6—8PM for dinner and a program. The event will be held: September 23rd and October 28th (Haunted Hallways).



MARY HUNTER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

On May 12th , the Mary Hunter Scholarship was awarded to the following recipients.

John Bubeck, Matthew Bubeck, Lauren Groff, Andy Junttonen, Dan Junttonen, Julia Loane, Dan Reinbold, Frankie Santini and Courtney Smith

A special thanks to Bill Hunter for setting up and maintaining this scholarship in honor of his mother, Mary Hunter.

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT LISA HAND

Recently we have had some changes to our Church Council. Amanda Fleischer has resigned from council and her position as Council Secretary. Daniel Pirani has stepped down as Council Vice President to take on the position of Council Secretary. The Church Council has unanimously nominated and approved Ivana Anderson as Council Vice President. Theresa Haenn has accepted and been appointed to Church Council to take Amanda Fleischer's spot. Thank you Amanda Fleischer for your many years on Church Council and especially for your attention to detail!

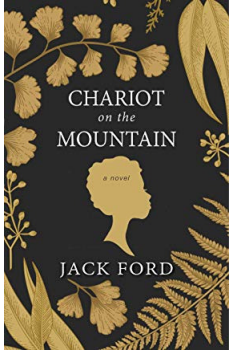
PEACEMAKER AWARD

On June 7th, Pastor Julie will present the Peacemaker Award to a graduate of Upper Merion High School.

The Peacemaker Award is presented annually to the graduating senior who “has demonstrated excellent compassion and fairness and has promoted justice and harmony in the school and community.”

This year’s Peacemaker Award recipient is Bridget Power.

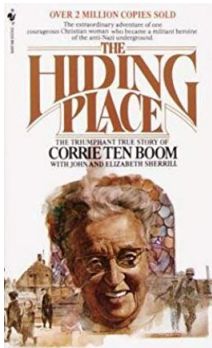
SUMMER BOOK CLUBS at GOOD SHEPHERD (7:00PM in the church library)



Tuesday, June 24th—Chariot on the Mountain," by Jack Ford.

I was stunned to learn through reading *Chariot on the Mountain* that this fierce young woman challenged a white slaver in court - years before the Civil War. To find out how she won her freedom in court made me proud to be a lawyer. But even apart from an incredible piece of history, this novel is a great read and so cinematic that I would be surprised if this story doesn't eventually explode on the large or small screen.

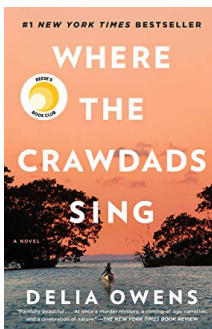
What the young slave Kitty has to do to save herself and her children is dramatic enough, but the journey of her white mistress from plantation owner to abolitionist is just as powerful. I loved both of these women and the lawyer who helps them. Reminded me a little of the journey of Huck Finn. I highly recommend this breathtaking true story of antebellum South. The emotion doesn't end with the last chapter, but continues as you follow up by finding out the rest of the life stories of these two strong and loving women.



Tuesday, July 29th—The Hiding Place: The Triumphant True Story of Corrie Ten Boom by Corrie ten Boom.

At one time Corrie ten Boom would have laughed at the idea that there would ever be a story to tell. For the first fifty years of her life nothing at all out of the ordinary had ever happened to her. She was an old-maid watchmaker living contentedly with her spinster sister and their elderly father in the tiny Dutch house over their shop. Their uneventful days, as regulated as their own watches, revolved around their abiding love for one another. However, with the Nazi invasion and occupation of Holland, a story did ensue.

Corrie ten Boom and her family became leaders in the Dutch Underground, hiding Jewish people in their home in a specially built room and aiding their escape from the Nazis. For their help, all but Corrie found death in a concentration camp. *The Hiding Place* is their story.



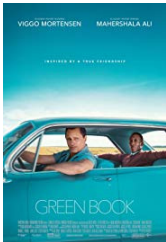
Tuesday, August 6th—Where the Crawdads Sing by Della Owens

For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver and Karen Russell, *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Each movie night begins at 6:30pm with pizza. The movie will begin promptly at 7:00pm and conclude with a short discussion. Please reserve your spot with a \$5.00 donation to defray the cost of the pizza. Call the church office to make your reservation. Popcorn will be supplied! Stay tuned ... the number of reservations will determine exactly where we will show the movie at church.



Showing Monday, July 15th — *Green Book*

A 2018 American biographical comedy-drama film directed by Peter Farrelly. Set in 1962, the film is inspired by the true story of a tour of the Deep South by African American classical and jazz pianist Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali) and Italian American bouncer Frank "Tony Lip" Vallelonga (Viggo Mortensen) who served as Shirley's driver and bodyguard. The film was written by Farrelly, Brian Hayes Currie and Vallelonga's son, Nick Vallelonga, based on interviews with his father and Shirley, as well as letters his father wrote to his mother. The film is named after *The Negro Motorist Green Book*, a mid-20th century guidebook for African-American travelers written by Victor Hugo Green.



Showing Monday, August 5th— *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*

An exploration of the life, lessons, and legacy of iconic children's television host, Fred Rogers.



FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE

Tentatively Scheduled—Saturday, September 14th—9AM-2PM

Mark your calendars for this year's flea market. There will be tables to rent (\$20) for anyone who chooses to display and sell his/her own crafts or wares. Space is available inside and out. Set up will be Friday, September 13th 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. This year we will **NOT** be accepting any donations from the congregation. Please call the church office to reserve your table today!

GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL

Openings are available in our Two Day Class for young three and older two year olds. Children must be two years old by September 1. Please contact Diane Smith at 610-265-0733 for more information.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS and OTHER SUNDAY MORNING HELP NEEDED

If you would like to help during our church service, there are many positions available including acolyte, lector, communion assistant, worship assistant, usher, greeter, nursery staff and altar guild. Please contact the office if you have an interest in serving. No prior experience necessary.



ENGRAVED BRICKS

If you would like to honor or memorialize a friend or a loved one with a brick to be placed in the outdoor sanctuary you may do so by ordering an engraved brick. The bricks are 4 X 8 and the cost is \$60.00.

The order forms are on the credenza in the Narthex.

If you have any questions please contact the church office at 610-265-4545 or email at gskostaff@verizon.net.

HEARTS & HANDS

Please join the ladies of Hearts & Hands each Wednesday from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. as we plan activities and work on mission projects. Our patterns for blankets, afghans, sweaters and pillow cases designated by Linus, World Vision and Ryan's Case for Smiles are simple. If you enjoy sewing, knitting or crocheting please consider joining us in creating these worthy projects.

The third Wednesday morning of each month we are truly blessed to have Pastor John Kerr lead us in Bible study in the church library.

For more information please contact Barbara Schneider at 610-265-5976 or schn2@webtv.net or the church office at 610-265-4545 or gskopstaff@verizon.net.



REMEMBER GOOD SHEPHERD THIS SUMMER!

Although travel plans and visits with friends and family are highlights of the summertime, please know that bills continue to arrive monthly at Good Shepherd...and they need to be paid!

And so, although you may be on vacation, we need to continue to meet our financial obligations. Please consider having your donation automatically drafted from your account so that we can continue to count on your support, even while you are away!

\$1,307.00 has been received by Good Shepherd this year through May on behalf of the Thrivent Financial



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans®

for Lutherans Thrivent Choice program to help further the work of our ministry at Good Shepherd. Thank you to the folks at Good Shepherd who have designated this church as the recipient of their outreach grant dollars from Thrivent. If you are a Thrivent member and would like more information on designating your outreach dollars, contact Barbara Petroske at 610.631.9392 or bpetroske99@gmail.com.

BEAR CREEK CAMP

Have you signed up for camp? If not check our our Lutheran Church camp at <https://bearcreekcamp.org>
 Pastor Julie will be serving as Chaplain and Lisa Santini will be serving
 as camp nurse July 8th -July 13th
 Don't miss the fun with this dynamic duo!!



UPPER MERION AREA COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

Established 2018

Friends of the Upper Merion Area Community Cupboard,

On behalf of all of us on the Board of the UMACC, we wish to extend our sincere gratitude for your help in making this new adventure such a success since June of 2018. We can joyously say that we are assisting over 100 families in Upper Merion Township who are food insufficient! We couldn't have done it without your contributions and support along the way. All of the donations of food and other household necessities, the shopping carts that have made it so much easier for persons to collect their items and then transfer them to their cars or homes, and the hours of time volunteers have given to sort, stack, and assist persons has been so overwhelming! So many have been working collaboratively together to make this worthwhile project such a tremendous triumph for all involved. We have watched our prayers and dreams come to fruition over these past months, thanks be to you all! We hope we can continue to count on your love and support as we move forward in 2019!

As Nelson Mandela has said, "What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

Thanksgiving, Peace, and Love to all,

The Board of the Upper Merion Area Community Cupboard

Nurturing a Compassionate Community Response to Food Insecurity in the Upper Merion Area
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LIGHTING UPGRADE IN FOUNDERS HALL

The Board of Supervisors and the Board of Community Assistance has selected Good Shepherd as the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 to upgrade the lighting in Founders Hall.

Founders Hall is used by many organizations and is in need of a lighting upgrade.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this grant happen, especially to Theresa Haenn our grant writer!

Pastor Julie and Lisa Hand will accept the grant at a reception hosted by the Board on June 5th.

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SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER—NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ...Wednesday, AUGUST 7th

Please submit your articles to the Church Office using pink form in “forms” slot in front of mail cart. Place forms in “Office” slot or email your print ready article to gskopstaff@verizon.net.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday
9:00 A.M. – Noon

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Memorial day through Labor Day weekend

Summer Schedule—Service of Holy Communion at 9:30A.M.
(through September 1, 2019)



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