



The Shepherd's News

132 East Valley Forge Road · King of Prussia · Pennsylvania · 19406

December 2019 · January 2020 · February 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots. (Isaiah 2:1)*

Our focus is often drawn to the large and dramatic. At this time of the year, we gaze at the big Christmas Tree in Rockefeller Plaza, the blinding display of Christmas lights in our neighbors' yards and to the big guy in the red suit bellowing "Ho! Ho! Ho!"

But during this season of Advent, scripture is trying to pull our attention away from the large and obvious and urging us to fix our gaze on the small and subtle. It feels counterintuitive but it is not in the big that we find our hope. It is in the small. It's true. God, who is the creator of our vast universe, comes to us in the small and vulnerable. But if you have your eyes fixed on shiny things, you may miss it altogether.

During these dark December days we hear the words of Isaiah ringing out, "A shoot shall come out of the stump of Jesse." From the seemingly dead, decayed stump, life will spring forth. Dare to look for life amongst the dead. You may find yourself surprised!

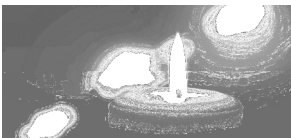
During the four Sundays of Advent we will light the candles on the Advent wreath. First one, then two, three, and four. The candles are small but in faith we believe that they are bright enough to pierce the darkness of our world. Hope is not found in the garish Christmas light displays, but in a single candle on the simple, evergreen wreath.

On Christmas, we will again dare to stoop down and look into the manger. In the quiet of the night, far from the mall and the 24 hour Christmas music that is piped into almost every place we go, we will see the babe of Bethlehem wrapped in swaddling clothes, born to a teenage mother in the cold dark night. God comes to us in the small, tender and vulnerable. It is in Him that we place our hope.

During this season of Advent keep your eyes focused on the shoot that springs from the stump and on the single candle that pierces the darkness. But most importantly, keep your eye on the babe born in the manger for it is in Him that we find our hope.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Julie DeWerth



Advent Vespers—Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 PM

Find haven in a candlelit evening of Advent Prayer Around the Cross

Prayer Around the Cross is a meaningful devotional prayer service. It is a contemplative worship service filled with music, scripture and silence. It is reminiscent of Taize style worship. We hope you will find this Advent service meaningful and engaging. A beautiful Advent reception will follow in the Narthex.



OUTREACH IN DECEMBER—The December Outreach funds will support the Women’s Resource Center. The mission of the Women’s Resource Center is to support, strengthen and serve women and girls as they journey through transitions in life. They provide counseling, a help line, family law counseling and they direct women to community resources. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and placed in a pew envelope marked “Outreach.”*



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OUTREACH IN FEBRUARY– Outreach funds for the month of February will go to support **Bear Creek Camp and Conference Center**. **Bear Creek** is a ministry of the Northeastern and Southeastern Pennsylvania Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The facilities are open year-round; as a co-ed resident Summer Camp during the summer months, and as a Conference and Environmental Center the rest of the year. **Bear Creek** has a traditional camp program centered on spiritual growth, outdoor exploration, and small group development. The camp serves children who have completed 1st grade through 12th grade. Please visit bearcreek.org for more information.

It isn't too soon to start thinking about Summer Camp. Remember...there is a discount for those who register by April 30th. There is an additional discount because Lisa Santini and Liz Smith are Bear Creek Camp Ambassadors. Please contact Liz Smith at elizziew16@aol.com or Lisa Santini at lsanrn@yahoo.com for more information or contact the church office. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and placed in a pew envelope marked “Outreach.”*



RECOGNITION OF BAPTISMS AT GOOD SHEPHERD



November 3, 2019

*Brynn Josephine Kempa and Grace Lorraine Kempa
Daughters of Zachary and Ashley Kempa*



BAPTISM AT GOOD SHEPHERD



November 10, 2019

*Leo Michael Cangiano
Son of Michael and Rebecca Cangiano*



 **The Norristown Choral**

Ross Boerner, Artistic Director
Laurie Mueller, Accompanist



Snow Angels & Snowflakes

*Featuring the work "Snow Angel" by Sarah Quartel
and many more songs of the season!*

Saturday, December 7, 2019	Tuesday, December 10, 2019
4:00 PM	7:30 PM
Victory Church 2650 Audubon Road Audubon, PA 19403 Free-will Offering Accepted	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 132 E. Valley Forge Road King of Prussia, PA 19406 Free-will Offering Accepted

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

Breakfast will be from 10:00-11:00 am in Founders Hall. Come enjoy Kerstin's yummy pancakes with lots of toppings, scrumptious bacon and sausage, fluffy scrambled eggs and delicious cold cereal, and of course, juice, coffee and tea.

Santa will visit from 10:15am-10:45am.

Helga will be taking professional quality photos which will be available for you to download or you may bring your own camera. Those with no kids are also joyfully invited.

Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, December 10th at 610-265-4545 or email the church office at gskostaff@verizon.net. Donations will gratefully be accepted at the event.



GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 15th

(10:45 A.M. Christmas Pageant in place of the sermon)



The Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 15th during the 10:45 A.M. Service. All children are invited to participate. Rehearsals will take place during Sunday School on December 8th and 15th from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

(On December 15th the 8:30 AM service will be traditional Advent 3 worship with Holy Communion)



Audubon Symphony Orchestra—Sunday, December 15th, 4:00 PM

The Audubon Symphony Orchestra will present their winter concert in the Sanctuary at Good Shepherd on Sunday, December 15th at 4:00 PM. The concert will include pop, classical, and Christmas favorites. Admission is free with a goodwill offering taken.



ALTAR FLOWERS and CHURCH BULLETINS

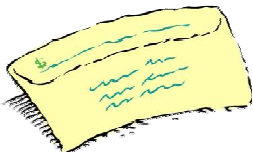
The 2020 flower and bulletin charts have been posted in the Narthex. The cost for altar flowers is \$20.00. The cost of the bulletins is \$10.00. Each week, the flowers are available for you to bring home or deliver to a friend following the 10:45 AM. worship service. Donation envelopes for the flowers and bulletins are under the flower chart in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Is there someone you would like to remember or honor this holiday season? You can do so by ordering a **poinsettia plant** as a memorial or in honor of someone special. Envelopes for the poinsettia plants are in the bin under the flower chart in the Narthex. Please include the names of the people you would like to remember or honor. The cost of each plant is \$10. Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate. The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Sunday, December 15th.

OFFERING ENVELOPES



The 2020 offering envelopes are available for pick-up now in the Narthex. If you do not see a set of envelopes with your name, please contact the church office at gskopstaff@verizon.net and we will be happy to provide you with a set.

Gift Cards Requested from the Upper Merion School District for 2019

We have once again joined forces with the Upper Merion School District in order to meet some needs that have come to our attention. Last month food was collected to complete Thanksgiving baskets for families in the district. The final request this year is for gift cards for the upper level students who might otherwise have a very sparse holiday. We will be providing between \$10 and \$25 gift cards to Target and Walmart. If you are able, please remove an envelope from the Christmas tree located in the Narthex and include your cash or check (payable to Good Shepherd) and place it in the offering plate so that we can purchase the gift cards. We will be collecting until Sunday, December 15th. Thank you for your continued generosity!

DECEMBER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT GOOD SHEPHERD

December 1st—1st Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion at 8:30 & 10:45 A.M.
Lighting of 1st candle on Advent Wreath

December 8th—2nd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion at 8:30 & 10:45 A.M.
Lighting of 2nd candle on Advent Wreath

December 15th—3rd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion at 8:30 A.M (traditional Advent worship)
Holy Communion at 10:45 A.M. (Christmas Pageant in place of the sermon)
Lighting of 3rd candle on Advent Wreath

Wednesday, December 18th

Advent Vespers Prayer Around the Cross-7:00 P.M.

December 22nd—4th Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion at 8:30 & 10:45 A.M.
Lighting of 4th candle on Advent Wreath

Tuesday, December 24th—Christmas Eve

5:00 P.M. — Family Worship with Holy Communion Candlelight Service
This abbreviated service will include a children's message and the singing of favorite Christmas Carols.

7:30 P.M. — Holy Communion Candlelight Service

(7:15 P.M. Special Prelude music offered by the Good Shepherd Orchestra, Good Shepherd Choir and Bells)

10:00 P.M. — Holy Communion Candlelight Service

(9:45 P.M. Special Prelude music offered by the Good Shepherd Orchestra, Good Shepherd Choir and Bells)

December 29th—1st Sunday of Christmas

Holy Communion at 9:30 A.M. (Lessons and Carols)

JANUARY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT GOOD SHEPHERD

January 5th—The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 12th—The Baptism of Our Lord

January 19th—2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26th—3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

FEBRUARY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT GOOD SHEPHERD

February 2nd—4th Sunday after the Epiphany-Souper Bowl Sunday

February 9th—5th Sunday after the Epiphany—Scout Sunday

February 16th—6th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23rd—Transfiguration of Our Lord—lay preacher Pam Kamat

February 25th—Fasnachts and Fun followed by burning of the palms.

February 26th—Ash Wednesday, 7:00 PM



The Music Ministry of Good Shepherd



We've had another great start to our music year! The Chancel Choir is back in action, the Chancel Ringers are ringing to God's glory, and our talented instrumentalists have been filling the Sanctuary with their music!

As we approach Advent, our music will turn a touch more somber and reflective, as we await the arrival of the baby Jesus. We will be offering an **Advent Prayer Around the Cross** service on **Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00pm**. This service will be in the same style as the Lenten services in past years except for additional text and music from the "Of the Land and Seasons" liturgy we've used this fall. An elegant reception will follow. More details on this service will be announced in church. But, be sure to mark your calendars now!

There are also several opportunities to get involved as we approach Christmas Eve:

The Chancel Choir will begin working on the music for Christmas Eve in earnest on Thursday 12/5 at 7:30pm; this would be a great time to come sing with us for this special season! Come sing with us!

The Orchestra will also be playing on Christmas Eve, so if you play an instrument, this would be a perfect time to play with us. Rehearsals will begin in December.

The Families of Good Shepherd Choir will again be singing at the 5:00pm service. This is a great time to sing a song with your little ones for the congregation. See either Karen Lehman or myself for more details! If you have questions about our music ministry or would like to get involved, please see me following worship or contact me at via email: GoodShepMusic@yahoo.com

Thank You!!

~Ross

WINTER MEAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

It is just one meal, but it fills the body and, we pray, the soul, for at least one afternoon. It has been a blessing both to those who are food insufficient and to those of us who serve. We are looking for volunteers on **Saturday, January 18** to make and serve meals to our "cousins" in Norristown at the **Cecil and Grace Bean Soup Kitchen** held at St John's Episcopal Church on Church St. We need volunteers to make the casseroles and the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on Saturday morning beginning at 8 am at Good Shepherd (done by 9:30). Two drivers are needed to transport the food from Good Shepherd to the soup kitchen in Norristown at **11:30 am**. Ten people are needed at the soup kitchen to serve beginning at **12 noon**. You will be finished by 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, jcrackovan@gmail.com, with any questions or to sign-up.



A NEW MEMBER CLASS will be held on **January 19th and 26th from 9:45 A.M. to 10:30A.M. in one of the classrooms in the Education Building.** Pastor Julie will be holding the classes for people interested in exploring membership at Good Shepherd. While new members will be received into membership at the 10:45 am service on **January 26th**, *attending these classes does not commit you to joining.* Please contact the church office at 610-265-4545 or email gskopstaff@verizon.net if you are interested in attending or have any questions.



PUB THEOLOGY

Please join Good Shepherd Church for **God on Tap**
Mondays, January 6th and February 3rd—6:30pm to 8:00pm

CHECK THE WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR THE TOPICS WE WILL BE DISCUSSING

McKenzie Brew House, 324 West Swedesford Road, Berwyn, PA 19312
 (only 5 miles from Good Shepherd)

All ages are welcome who are interested in engaging in this conversation.

The Saison Room at McKenzie Brew House has been reserved starting at 6:30 PM for anyone ordering food. At 7:15 PM we will begin the discussion. If you can't join us for a meal, please come at 7:15 PM for the discussion. Please Note: The servers will issue a separate check for each person in attendance with an 18% gratuity added on. Appetizers range from \$8 to \$12—Burgers & Sandwiches range from \$10 to \$18—Entrées range from \$18 to \$33

For a full menu please check their website at www.mckenziebrewhouse.com

Please contact Karen Reimet with any questions: karenreimet@gmail.com
 Pub Theology description from website: pubtheology.com



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING * SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

Following the 10:45 A.M. church service

All are invited to attend. The meeting is held in Founders Hall and a light lunch will be served. Details regarding the luncheon and meeting will be included in a January mailing.

Saint Michael's in Kensington, our Partner Congregation An opportunity to give and an opportunity to serve!

Saint Michael's has a "Hope Chest" which serves their community. They give away clothing, sheets, pillowcases, towels, pillows, and kitchen items (pots, pans, utensils etc). If you are able to donate, there is a large box in the narthex marked "Saint Michael's Hope Chest." **On Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 20th from 9am - 1pm** we will send a group down to Kensington (carpooling from Good Shepherd) with the items and help members of their congregation sort. The day will conclude with lunch. If you are interested in helping (or have any questions) please email the church office at gskopstaff@verizon.net. There is a sign up sheet on the card table in the narthex.



GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will begin in January. Morning classes are available for children ages 2-5. Please contact Diane Smith at 610-265-0733 or gskoppreschool@verizon.net.



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:

Joanne Kerr † Ruth Richardson † Tacey Sava † Marilyn Vaccarello

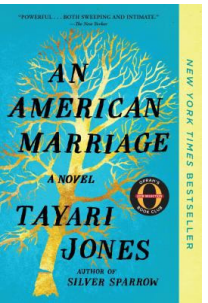
WINTER BOOK CLUBS at GOOD SHEPHERD (7:00PM in the church library)



Tuesday, January 28, 2020 — *A Well Behaved Woman* *A novel of the Vanderbilts* by Therese Anne Fowler

Alva Smith, her southern family destitute after the Civil War, married into one of America's great Gilded Age dynasties: the newly wealthy but socially shunned Vanderbilts. Ignored by New York's old-money circles and determined to win respect, she designed and built 9 mansions, hosted grand balls, and arranged for her daughter to marry a duke. But Alva also defied convention for women of her time, asserting power within her marriage and becoming a leader in the women's suffrage movement.

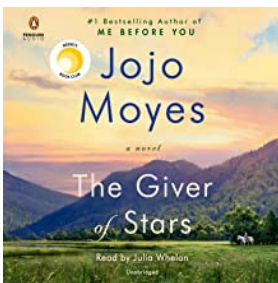
With a nod to Jane Austen and Edith Wharton, Therese Anne Fowler paints a glittering world of enormous wealth contrasted against desperate poverty, of social ambition and social scorn, of friendship and betrayal, and an unforgettable story of a remarkable woman. Meet Alva Smith Vanderbilt Belmont, living proof that history is made by those who know the rules—and how to break them.



Monday, February 24, 2020 — *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones

Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive, and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. But as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined. Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn't commit. Though fiercely independent, Celestial finds herself bereft and unmoored, taking comfort in Andre, her childhood friend, and best man at their wedding. As Roy's time in prison passes, she is unable to hold on to the love that has been her center. After five years, Roy's conviction is suddenly overturned, and he returns to Atlanta ready to resume their life together.

This stirring love story is a profoundly insightful look into the hearts and minds of three people who are at once bound and separated by forces beyond their control. *An American Marriage* is a masterpiece of storytelling, an intimate look deep into the souls of people who must reckon with the past while moving forward—with hope and pain—into the future.



Monday, March 30, 2020 — *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes

Set in Depression-era America, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond, from the author of *Me Before You* and *The Peacock Emporium*.

Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic, especially living alongside her overbearing father-in-law. So when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically.

The leader, and soon Alice's greatest ally, is Margery, a smart-talking, self-sufficient woman who's never asked a man's permission for anything. They will be joined by three other singular women who become known as the Horseback Librarians of Kentucky.

What happens to them—and to the men they love—becomes a classic drama of loyalty, justice, humanity and passion. Though they face all kinds of dangers, they're committed to their job—bringing books to people who have never had any, sharing the gift of learning that will change their lives.

Based on a true story rooted in America's past, *The Giver of Stars* is unparalleled in its scope. At times funny, at others heartbreaking, this is a richly rewarding novel of women's friendship, of true love, and of what happens when we reach beyond our grasp for the great beyond.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY—February 2, 2020

While many of our families will be celebrating “Super Bowl” on Sunday, February 2nd, countless families will not. They will be wondering and worrying about where their next meal will be coming from. Please help us to help them. Please bring a can of soup and/or make a donation to Good Shepherd's Souper Bowl fund, which enables us to not only help alleviate hunger, but also provides a gift card to families who come to our door in need of groceries during the week. Donations will be collected at church and Sunday School. We need your help! (Look for the “Souper Bowl Bank” in the Narthex.)



Scout Sunday, February 9, 2020 at both the 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM Services

We will be recognizing the Scouts on Sunday, February 9th at both services. Leaders and Scouts are asked to wear their uniforms to church and to come forward for a special prayer during the Prayers of Intercession.

UNWIND AND PAINT in FOUNDERS HALL FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Immediately following the 10:45 AM service on Sunday, February 9th we will be hosting a painting party in Founders Hall. Proceeds will benefit Good Shepherd's Capital Appeal (which pays off our loan.)


The cost is \$40.00 per person. Reservations will be required.

We will be having a light lunch along with a fun-filled afternoon of painting on canvas.

Release your inner artist. This event is open to both men and women, so don't be shy. Come out and enjoy an entertaining afternoon as you discover your hidden artist. Please look for updates in the upcoming bulletins. If you have any questions, please email the church office at gskopstaff@verizon.net.

FASNACHTS AND FUN

SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 7:00—8:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

 Traditionally, on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, Christians eat Fasnachts (donut like pastries). They do this to use up whatever sugar, fat and eggs are left in the kitchen before Lent a season associated with simplicity and dietary restrictions. In addition, it is a time to enjoy oneself before entering into this penitential season. Come out and observe this tradition with your brothers and sisters at Good Shepherd. In addition to eating Fasnachts, our members will be featured in a variety show. People from ages 2 - 102 are invited to share their talent. Share a poem (original or someone else's), magic tricks, songs, dance, instrumental solo or ensemble. We are open to anything (ok ... almost anything!). Those who perform will be presented with Mardi Gras beads! The evening will conclude with the burning of the palms in preparation for the following evening's Ash Wednesday service. We know our members have lots of talent - hidden and otherwise. There is no need to sign up - just come prepared to perform. And for those of you who are shy - we look forward to seeing you in the audience.

Lent at Good Shepherd

Our Lenten season at Good Shepherd begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 pm

Pastor Julie DeWerth is presiding and there will be Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

Soup supper begins at 6:00 P.M.

Each week during Lent a different Good Shepherd Committee will prepare soup and bread for all.

The meal is held in Founders Hall. All are invited!

Following the meal, we will have a worship service and welcome a guest preacher. The music will include congregational singing, as well as special music by soloists or ensembles each week.

We hope you will find these Lenten services meaningful and engaging.

Manna Monday Dinner

“Topic: Being Hindu”

***Come learn about the Hindu faith and about being Hindu
from members of our Upper Merion community.***

Monday, January 27, 2020

Dinner 6:15pm to 7:00pm (*please RSVP*)

Speaker 7:00pm to 8:00pm (*no RSVP necessary*)

Join us for either or both parts of the evening.

All Good Shepherd events are open to the community.

Presentation : Free/No Charge

Dinner: \$5.00 per person/\$20.00 max per family

Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Mac n Cheese, Salad and Dessert

RSVP with the church office for dinner or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Please make vegan/vegetarian option request in advance

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WANT TO SAVE ON TAXES? WANT TO HELP GOOD SHEPHERD AT THE SAME TIME? WIN WIN FOR ALL!

As you plan your donations to Good Shepherd, here are a couple of tax strategies that might benefit you either now or in the future...

1. If you are older than 70 1/2 years and you draw down your Traditional IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), the amount you take will be counted as taxable income to you. However, if you give a portion of your RMD to Good Shepherd (up to \$100,000) that amount will not count as taxable income to you, which could save you money and at the same time help Good Shepherd. You would simply have the company holding your IRA send the amount you desire directly to Good Shepherd. *Win-win situation for you and Good Shepherd!*
2. The stock market has done pretty well over the last few years, so if you have appreciated stocks that you have held for longer than a year, you can direct shares to Good Shepherd and take a charitable contribution and avoid paying taxes on the capital gain of those shares. *Win-win situation for you and Good Shepherd!*
3. You might consider whether it makes sense for you to make two years worth of your giving to Good Shepherd in one year, as that may give you the opportunity to take a charitable deduction this year. If you are interested in that, please let us know so that we can apportion your gift for 2020 and 2021.

As with all matters involving your financial plans, it is suggested that you speak to your financial advisor since everyone's tax and financial situation is unique.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

For the Women of Good Shepherd and their Friends

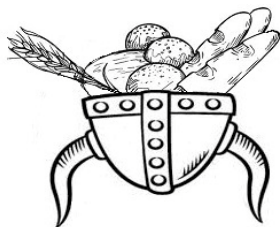
March 27-28, 2020

The retreat will begin on Friday evening at 7:00pm and end Saturday afternoon at 2:30pm. It will be held at the Franciscan Spirituality Center, 609 S. Covent Road, Aston, PA - about 25 miles from Good Shepherd. The cost is \$80 which includes lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Space is limited, so please contact the church office at gskopstaff@verizon.net to make your reservation!

This year's theme is **Ch-ch-ch-changes....Resting in God.** "Be present, merciful God ... that in the changes and chances of life, we may find rest in you." Life is full of transitions. Some more joyful and some more painful than others. Where and how do we find our place in the journeys? During our time together we will think and pray about making each transition. Please bring something that represents a joyful transition and a challenging (or painful) transition that you are willing to share.

This year's speaker is Pastor Ghislaine Cotnoir.

Pastor Ghislaine Cotnoir received her M. Div. in 1986 from the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary). She was ordained the following year accepting a call to a congregation in Rochester NY. Most of her ministry has been in chaplaincy sites spanning the age range. She is trained as an Interim Pastor and has served in many congregations and agencies in Upstate New York and Southeastern PA synods. Pastor G is mom to two grown daughters.



UPPER MERION COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

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Good Shepherd has been asked to collect **CANNED FRUIT AND CANNED MEALS** (spaghetti O's, Raviolio's as an example) in addition to **PASTA SAUCE AND SNACK CRACKERS**. These items may be placed in the gray, collection box under the coat rack in the Narthex. (We no longer have separate collection receptacles.) Those items for the Community Cupboard will be sorted at the time of delivery. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Julie.

Monday's at Good Shepherd

First Monday of the Month is Pub Theology.
December 2nd, January 6th and February 3rd

Second Monday of the Month is Committee Meetings
Please check if your committee is meeting.
December 9th, January 13th and February 10th

Third Monday of the Month is Council Meeting
January 20th and February 17th

Fourth Monday of the month is Manna Monday
January 27th





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The Shepherd's News Winter 2019-2020

MARCH • APRIL • MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE...MONDAY, February 10, 2020

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 9:00 A.M. – Noon

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 and 10:45 A.M. Worship Services
Education Hour—9:30 A.M.



THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

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