

The Shepherd's News

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June 2020 · July 2020 · August 2020



Summer 2020

June 1 marks my 10 year anniversary as your pastor. If you were there on my first Sunday, you may remember that I brought a little red wagon into the sanctuary. I invited our children up for the children's sermon and then I climbed into the wagon and asked them to pull me down the center aisle of the church. They soon discovered that individually, no one could get me down the aisle. They would have to work together if they were going to make it happen. And they did!

Of course it was a metaphor for what I hoped our ministry would be, us working together for the sake of the Gospel. On that day I would never have imagined what a wonderful partnership we would build. Together we have done some excellent work in the name of Jesus. Yes, we have made mistakes, but all in all, as I reflect on our time together, I believe we have been faithful to the mission to which we have been called. One of the highlights for me was our 60th anniversary celebration when we welcomed former pastors, charter members and friends back up to the hill. I was delighted to be part of Good Shepherd's first Global Mission Trip and I am proud that we made the bold move to begin celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion at all of our Sunday morning worship services.

Over the past decade we have had challenges and we addressed them together and came out stronger. As I write this we are in the midst of another challenge, a challenge that none of us have ever experienced in our lifetime. This pandemic has pushed us out of our comfort zone. It has forced us to do things we have never done before and not do things that we did everyday. As always, we are meeting the challenge together and doing it well. We are now worshipping online and conducting meetings and classes through zoom. We continue to open our doors to Alcoholics Anonymous and we are still feeding the hungry once a month. And through it all, our members and friends continue to support our ministry, knowing that even though we are not worshipping in person, we still have ongoing expenses.

While we are eager to be back together again in person, we will do so only when we feel it is safe. Our church council is meeting regularly to discuss when, and how, we will gather again for worship on the hill. When we do gather again in person, we will take all necessary steps to make sure that we are following the guidelines set forth by our governor.

This summer will be different from others. Whatever it may bring, I pray that you will take time to give thanks for all your blessings. I know that I will be giving thanks for you, Good Shepherd.

Yours in Christ,

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

Pastor Julie

GOOD SHEPHERD NEEDS DISINFECTING WIPES!

While we do not know when we will begin having public worship at Good Shepherd, when we do, we will need disinfecting wipes and lots of them! If you are able, please pick up a few for us. You may drop them at the office door. People are stopping by the church regularly and will bring them into the building. Thank you.



JUNE OUTREACH

June outreach funds will go to support Lutheran World Relief. Lutheran World Relief is in need of funding for their outreach to prepare countries in Africa for the COVID-19 pandemic. The money will go to help train health care workers. Currently there are only 1-2 providers to serve several villages. These workers need protective equipment supplies, up-to-date information, and water filtration kits to provide plentiful, clean running water. LWR serves as a bridge between reputable sources of information, such as the World Health Organization, health care systems and workers in vulnerable communities. We can help slow the spread of the virus there and in similar programs in Asia and South and Central America. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and marked "Outreach."*

JULY & AUGUST OUTREACH



July & August outreach funds will go to support Feeding America. During these pandemic times there are more families who are food insufficient. Feeding America is the largest hunger-relief program in the United States. Through their COVID-19 Response Fund they are raising money to support people facing hunger and the food banks that support them. They also are working with school districts and local government to support programs to help the 22 million children who receive school lunches. They provide grants to food banks, emergency food boxes and distribute food and non-food items (such as cleaning supplies, diapers, etc). Let us help Americans get through this crisis. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and marked "Outreach."*

GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL



Although there was an abrupt end to our school year, the teachers at Good Shepherd Preschool still managed to keep the students busy with at home work.

The preschool also had a drive through graduation for this year's preschool graduates and a send off to summer for the younger students.

Good Shepherd Preschool hopes to return in September.

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, Pam Kamat, Erin and Jason Malarchik

Adult Education—Barbara Petroske

Additional Support—Jen Elberti, Peter Fleischer, Heather Francis, Donna Montich, Pastor Julie, Kathy Palmer, Vicar Nathan, and Liz Smith



God's blessings for an enjoyable, restful summer!

PEACEMAKER AWARD

The Peacemaker Award is awarded 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 Mackenzie Sarne

MARY HUNTER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Mary Hunter Scholarships have been awarded to the following recipients.

Matt Bubeck, Lauren Groff, Ryan Lee, Frankie Santini, Courtney Smith

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

UPDATE FROM CECIL AND GRACE BEAN SOUP KITCHEN And GOOD SHEPHERD MEAL MINISTRY

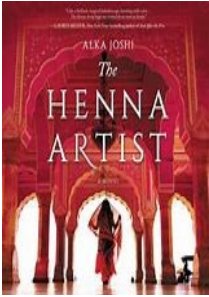
Bill Rinker from the soup kitchen said that the Episcopal Diocese upgraded the dining room recently with a new floor and a coat of paint. They received 2 Covid grants recently that helped pay for new tables and chairs that can be better sanitized between uses. It will also pay for food that they need to provide for several meals a week. They recently lost 2 of their groups of volunteers due to the health risks. We continue to provide a bag lunch meal once per month. We now make the sandwiches and bag lunches on Friday (with a small group of 4-5 volunteers) and deliver them Saturday morning for their breakfast volunteers to distribute through the door with their hot breakfast. This way our cousins only have to come out once to get 2 meals. At times they have lots of cousins and new faces. A couple of times their numbers were lower when stimulus checks arrived. When they do have meals leftover, they take them to the shelter in Norristown. The guests there are not allowed to leave the building as they normally would, so the shelter now has to provide 3 meals a day and they are happy to have what they can get. Bill said they are so very grateful for all that we provide. You can donate to our meal ministry by sending a check to Good Shepherd and label it for meal ministry. Our summer dates are June 20, July 18 and August 15. If you are interested in helping, please email Janice Rackovan at jcrackovan@gmail.com

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Last year we lost many in our faith community. This year we are experiencing a different kind of loss. We are all here for each other as we have always been. We would like to show our appreciation to Joan & John McAleer who donated in memory of Steve Aldworth. Thank you to all our members who gave in honor of loved ones to our faith family.

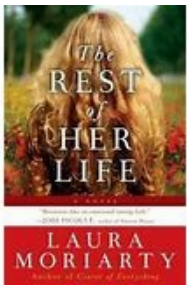
SUMMER BOOK CLUB AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Summer Book Club will begin at 7:00 pm on the below dates, via Zoom. Links and passwords will be sent out before each event via the weekly email blast. *Please join us!*



Monday, June 29— *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi—Escaping from an abusive marriage, seventeen-year-old Lakshmi makes her way alone to the vibrant 1950s pink city of Jaipur. There she becomes the most highly requested henna artist—and confidante—to the wealthy women of the upper class. But trusted with the secrets of the wealthy, she can never reveal her own...

Known for her original designs and sage advice, Lakshmi must tread carefully to avoid the jealous gossips who could ruin her reputation and her livelihood. As she pursues her dream of an independent life, she is startled one day when she is confronted by her husband, who has tracked her down these many years later with a high-spirited young girl in tow—a sister Lakshmi never knew she had. Suddenly the caution that she has carefully cultivated as protection is threatened. Still she perseveres, applying her talents and lifting up those that surround her as she does.



Tuesday, July 21— *The Rest of Her Life* by Laura Moriarty In *The Rest of Her Life*, Laura Moriarty delivers a luminous, compassionate, and provocative look at how mothers and daughters with the best intentions can be blind to the harm they do to one another.

Leigh is the mother of high-achieving, popular high school senior Kara. Their relationship is already strained for reasons Leigh does not fully understand when, in a moment of carelessness, Kara makes a mistake that ends in tragedy—the effects of which not only divide Leigh's family, but polarize the entire community. We see the story from Leigh's perspective, as she grapples with the hard reality of what her daughter has done and the devastating consequences her actions have on the family of another teenage girl in town, all while struggling to protect Kara in the face of rising public outcry.

Like the best works of Jane Hamilton, Jodi Picoult, and Alice Sebold, Laura Moriarty's *The Rest of Her Life* is a novel of complex moral dilemma, filled with nuanced characters and a page-turning plot that makes readers ask themselves, "What would I do?"



Monday, August 24— *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff—1946, *Manhattan*.

One morning while passing through Grand Central Terminal on her way to work, Grace Healey finds an abandoned suitcase tucked beneath a bench. Unable to resist her own curiosity, Grace opens the suitcase, where she discovers a dozen photographs—each of a different woman. In a moment of impulse, Grace takes the photographs and quickly leaves the station.

Grace soon learns that the suitcase belonged to a woman named Eleanor Trigg, leader of a network of female secret agents who were deployed out of London during the war. Twelve of these women were sent to Occupied Europe as couriers and radio operators to aid the resistance, but they never returned home, their fates a mystery. Setting out to learn the truth behind the women in the photographs, Grace finds herself drawn to a young mother turned agent named Marie, whose daring mission overseas reveals a remarkable story of friendship, valor and betrayal.



Summer Music Ministry



I usually begin my summer letter talking about the great year we've had – well, we did have a wonderful start to the musical season with the return of the adult and handbell choirs and our talented instrumentalists offering special music. Christmas Eve was beautiful and went off without a hitch! Then as we entered Lent and our theme was “Wilderness Time” - little did we know how true that was going to be.

We closed our physical doors and our world seemed to change hourly. We then moved our weekly services from in-person to an online format. Some may have felt this was a reminder of what we've temporarily lost – but our online services have been a way to keep us all connected as the Good Shepherd family. Is it different? Yes. But, let's be reminded that while being together for worship is incredibly important and meaningful; true worship is not about a building, the songs we sing (or don't sing), or even having a 5 or 50-person choir – it's about the content of our hearts. If our hearts are set on worship, we can worship anywhere and anytime.

I'm not sure where the summer will take us, when we'll again be able to enjoy each other's company as we worship together, or even what that will look like. But I do know we will be physically together again: worshipping, praying, and offering music. In the meantime, we'll continue to offer our online services for you with scripture, sermons, music, hymns, and instrumental offerings. Our “Wilderness Time” may have lasted longer than expected, but Easter will come, (albeit a little late) and we'll rise from our slumber to a new and joyous morning.

In Song,
Ross



PUB THEOLOGY WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER

Summer Pub Theology gatherings will begin at 7:15 pm on the below dates, via video conference. Links and passwords will be sent out before each event via the weekly email blast.

We would love to hear your thoughts on these questions or you can share time together by just listening to other people's thoughts. ***Please join us!***

- June 1** “Are you satisfied with the way you have, over your lifetime, spent God's gift of time? How have you spent your time in the past and now?”
- July 6** "If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?"
- August 3** "What teacher in school made the most impact on you and why?"

DURING THIS TIME OF COVID-19, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT GOOD SHEPHERD AND ITS MINISTRIES

1. **Give to the Ongoing Expenses at Good Shepherd**—While we are not holding public worship during these days, we have ongoing expenses. We are very grateful for those who are giving through online banking. If you give through the offering plate, we would be grateful for any checks received in the mail. Make sure that you either use your church offering envelopes, enclose a note or state clearly in the memo line if you would like it to go toward regular offering, outreach, casserole day, etc. The mail is being opened and deposits are being made on a regular basis. Consider giving online (see page 7 for information).
2. **Give Globally to the Philippines.** The Congregation Council voted to support an appeal for help with an area in great need in the Philippines. Good Shepherd member Daniel Pirani has shared with us a message from his wife FC, who is from the Philippines and is currently there under lockdown. FC has shared that her neighbors have been impoverished by the effects of COVID-19. Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and mailed to the church marked "Philippine Appeal." You can watch a video from FC either on the Good Shepherd You Tube channel or in the weekly email blasts.
4. **Give Locally to the Upper Merion Assistance Community Cupboard.** During this time of Covid-19 the needs of the Upper Merion Food Cupboard are greater than ever. Presently they are collecting canned tuna and chicken and peanut butter crackers cereal, pasta, pasta sauce – all sizes jars or cans, fruit cans or apple sauce (lunch box size), juice boxes, tortillas or tacos, Salsa, canned meals, canned beans and vegetables– all kinds, crackers/Ritz/Club/Graham, jelly, snack crackers/snack bags, granola/cereal bars and Ramen Soup. HOW CAN I DONATE FOOD TO UMACC? Any and all individual donations of cupboard items from empathetic and concerned neighbors are appreciated and welcomed! There is a drop off bin outside the UMACC doors – 191 Town Center Road, the entrance is off of Independence Road. Please email the UMACC at Contact@UMACC.org with any questions.
5. **Make Masks for Lutheran World Relief**—Staying indoors with little to do? This request goes out to the Good Shepherd faith family and our friends. Lutheran World Relief has challenged the nation to a Face Mask Challenge with 75,000 masks their goal, to be reached by October 1st. (Visit this link for the particulars: <https://lwr.org/masks>) We, at Good Shepherd, have pledged 500 masks towards this goal. If you have a sewing machine and are interested in joining this challenge (fabric and elastic will be provided) you can email the Good Shepherd office at gskopstaff@verizon.net. Let us know how many masks you would like to sew. A pattern is available on the Lutheran World Relief link. If there's a mask pattern you have already been successful creating, your mask is also acceptable. The only requirement is that it must be made with 100%, 2 layered, cotton fabric. The fabric will be delivered to your home and completed masks can be dropped off in the church mailbox. We just ask that you let us know when you're making a drop-off so we can be sure to pick your masks up from the mailbox. The challenge comes to a close on October 1, 2020, but we would like to reach our 500 mask goal sooner. Consider joining us in this important outreach!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE THROUGH JUNE SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/293949103?pwd=eC9pYkY0YkdCeEpWU1lVQnZJTnh1UT09>

The same Meeting Id and Password can be used each week.

Meeting ID: 293 949 103 Password: 666695

If you would like a copy of the printed lesson emailed to you please email the church office at gskopstaff@verizon.net

DO WHAT YOU NORMALLY DO AND HELP GOOD SHEPHERD IN THE PROCESS!

1. **Buying Gift Cards through Good Shepherd.** The amount of the rebate of each card goes to Good Shepherd. Maybe you're occasionally ordering take-out. Or how about paying for your prescriptions with a gift card? CVS, Rite Aid and Walgreens all participate in this rebate program. Consider paying using a gift card! There are also many, many restaurants to choose from: Chili's, Red Lobster, Maggiano's, Olive Garden, Seasons 52, Burger King, Arby's and Wendy's just to name a few. To view a complete list of participating retailers visit ShopWithScrip.com. The next Good Shepherd order will be placed on Sunday evening, June 7th. Email the church office (using GIFT CARDS in the subject line) with your card requests. (Checks, payable to Good Shepherd, will be collected when the cards are delivered.) You will be contacted to set up delivery of gift cards.
2. **Amazon Smile**—Amazon donates a portion of sales made through smile.amazon.com to the charitable organization of your choice. It is the same Amazon you know: same products, same prices, same service. Make sure you shop through smile.amazon.com and select Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd of King of Prussia. If you cannot find us by name, search by location using “Kng of Prussa, PA” (yes, with missing letters!).
3. **Save your Used Ink Cartridges**—Please leave your used ink cartridges in a plastic bag in the church mailbox or in the alcove outside of the office door. The used ink cartridges are turned in to Staples for credit, and save on the church's office supply expense.

ONLINE GIFT GIVING

Have you seen the new Donate Now button on the homepage of the Good Shepherd website? Clicking on it will take you to a new page that will allow you to make your gift online, from the comfort of your home or even your phone.

Good Shepherd has increased the number of ways in which you can give to our church, now including a credit card option. You can even split your gift among several different funds such as the monthly mission fund, a memorial, the capital appeal, the special appeal for the Philippines and your regular giving.

The first time you do this, you will be asked to complete a form including your name and address and enter the card number (debit or credit). You will be asked to create an account if you plan to give this way regularly or even periodically. You will also have the opportunity to cover the fees when you make your contribution (3% of the contribution by credit card and 1% of the ACH contribution) and that will be added to your card. This will help the church tremendously by saving the credit card fees charged for this service.

Please know that your information will remain safe and secure on this site (look for the padlock on the top of the page) and only the financial secretary and treasurer will have access to the information about your gift.

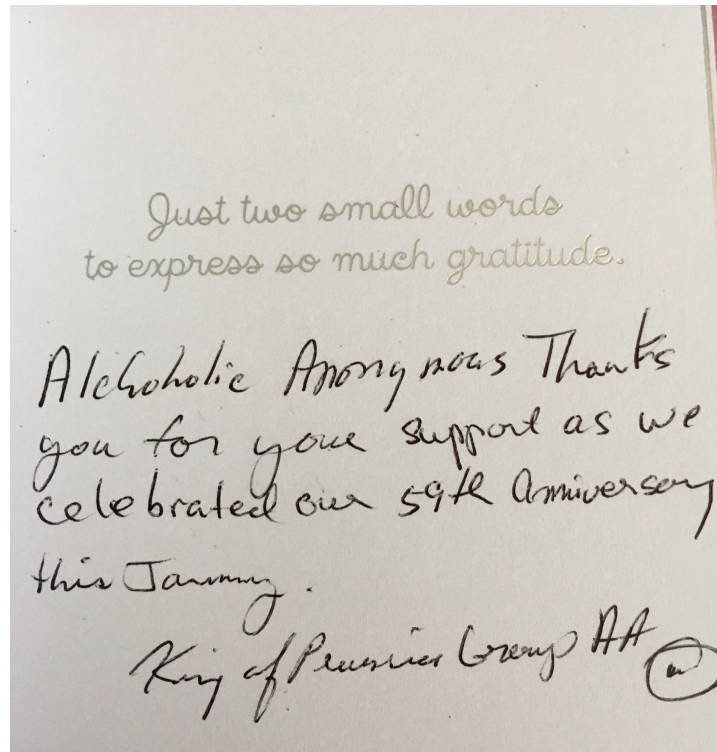
If you normally transfer money from your checking account, you can still do that. This is actually the preferred method because Good Shepherd is not charged a fee for this since the transaction comes directly from your checking account. Please continue to use this method if you are happy with how it works for you.

The new online giving procedures are designed for the people who don't want to make a regular gift from their checking account or only want to give online periodically. This is also for people who are not currently members of the church and may want to give a memorial gift, support one of our many outreach ministries or simply give to our ongoing ministry needs. During the trial process we have had people make gifts after seeing our online worship services or make a memorial contribution in honor of a member.

If you are interested, please check it out. You can take a look by clicking the “Donate Now” button on the home page or clicking this link to go directly to the Good Shepherd Giving page. <http://www.gskop.org/participate/donate-online/>

If you have questions about the process, contact Theresa Haenn at tfhaenn@icloud.com. If you have questions about the categories, contact Bob Irwin at rcirwin@yahoo.com or Karen Lehman at karen_lehman@verizon.net.

THANK YOU FROM AA



SAVE THE DATE FOR MANNA MONDAY

Join us in ***Founders Hall on September 28th***, from 6:15 pm -7:00 pm for a Manna Monday meal (details to follow) or from 7:00 pm -8:00 pm for a very special presentation. Presentation is free. Bring your friends! The cost for dinner is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 max per family.

Watch the gospel come to life before your very eyes. Guy Aiken, a professor at Villanova, doesn't just tell, he reenacts Jesus' life from baptism to crucifixion. This performance grew out of his capstone project while a divinity student at Wake Forest University: it's his own translation, from the original Greek, of passages from all four New Testament Gospels. And it all takes place in under 45 minutes!

Guy is an accomplished actor. He studied in London one summer at Shakespeare's Globe Theater and at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. Highlights from among his dozens of roles include Antony in *Julius Caesar*, Macbeth, Miles Gloriosus in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, Sganarelle in Moliere's *The Imaginary Cuckold*, Preacher Casy in a stage adaptation of *The Grapes of Wrath*, and King Arthur in *Camelot*. And he's performed his gospel in churches and schools all the way from Wisconsin to Florida to North Carolina, to just down the road here at Villanova.

THANK YOU FROM THE UPPER MERION COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

April 7, 2020

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
132 E Valley Forge Rd
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous contribution of **\$481** on April 7, 2020 to once again support the Upper Merion Area Community Cupboard, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We are so overwhelmed by the generosity of our community in these tough times to help us support our most vulnerable residents. UMACC is making a huge difference by helping our neighbors in need to access affordable food in an atmosphere of dignity and respect.

This letter serves as your official tax receipt and certifies that no goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation. Please retain this letter for your records.

With deep appreciation,



Kathy Knoebel
Treasurer
Upper Merion Area Community Cupboard



\$1,342.00 has been received by
Good Shepherd this year through
May on behalf of the Thrivent Financial



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.

JUST A REMINDER ... although the doors are locked we are still checking email and phone messages. If you need us or just want to say HELLO please leave a message at 610-265-4545 or send an email to gskopstaff@verizon.net

We miss all of you and pray we can be together soon.

THANK YOU FROM CHRIST THE KING DEAF CHURCH

May 15, 2020

Ms. Janice Rackovan, Outreach Committee Chairperson
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
132 East Valley Forge Road
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Dear Janice and Pastor Julie:

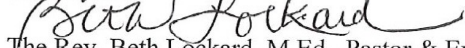
On behalf of our Church Council, staff, and consumers, we thank you for your generous gift of \$285 given towards our DeafCAN! program. For IRS purposes, we confirm that you have received no goods or services in exchange for your generous gift. **During this pandemic, we are doubly grateful!!**

In 2019, with support like yours, we served 278 different individuals and their families. That is a 19% increase over the 231 served in 2018. Most of that increase is from our new services with a large group Deaf Bhutanese who are reconnecting in Harrisburg from all over the United States. Also in 2019, our Fall Appeal increased to \$60,000 from many people like you in support of this work.

Now in 2020, DeafCAN! celebrates TEN YEARS of service to our Deaf Community, and we are even more committed to assisting those who are doubly/triply isolated, forgotten, and most in need:

- **Justice & Mercy** - In February, we delivered a report with recommendations to the PA Dept of Corrections on how they can / should improve conditions for all D/HH men and women in PA (Federal, State, & County) who are either detained or under any kind of legal supervision.
- **Welcoming the stranger** – As we continue weekly classes for those new to the United States in West Chester & NE Philadelphia, we also now serve over 35 new Deaf Bhutanese individuals and families in Harrisburg. (currently on hold as we reconnect remotely)
- **Reaching out, teaching, advocating, & supporting** - Continue to teach weekly classes for intellectually and developmentally disabled deaf workers, provide outreach, education, and case management for Chester and Delaware Counties, teach ASL classes at three different levels, and provide sign language interpreting as needed.
- **Finding a Way** – With no government support, you continue to support 30+ DeafBlind people in six counties with SSP services so they can find their way & inspire us all. (crucial now!)
- **Telling their stories** – we are updating our website to highlight some of the wonderful people we work with so more people will know their stories and help DeafCAN! do even more.

Thank you!!


The Rev. Beth Lockard, M.Ed., Pastor & Executive Director

We are very appreciative

Charitable registration and financial information may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling 1-800-732-0999. Our EIN number is 23-2732797. Choose "DeafCAN!-Christ the King Deaf Church" as your United Way donor choice

during these challenging times!

If you would like to receive the Good Shepherd Weekly Email Blast either call the church office at 610-265-4545 or email the church office at gskopstaff@verizon.net.

THANK YOU FROM THE NIBAKURE COMMUNITY VILLAGE

May 1, 2020

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
132 E Valley Forge Rd
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation on **04/29/20** in the amount of **\$500** to support those who are hungry during this COVID-19 pandemic. Your support of the work of Nibakure Community Village (NCV) during these challenging times is truly appreciated.

As it reads in Luke 12:48 "To whom much is given, much is required". NCV has been blessed through its generous donors like you and our organization must be held responsible for what we have received to bless others.

We are grateful for what you have done, and pledge our best efforts in continuing this service. Please accept our warmest and heartfelt thanks. We look forward to a continued relationship.

NCV is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please consider this letter an official receipt of your tax-deductible donation. Our federal tax identification number (EIN) is 20-1570255.

Sincerely,



Floriane Nibakure
Founder/Executive Director

THANK YOU FROM BEAR CREEK CAMP

May 7th, 2020

Good Shepherd Lutheran
132 E Valley Forge Rd
King Of Prussia, PA 19406-2031

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

As our world goes through unprecedented times, we appreciate the support of the Bear Creek community through many changing seasons over the last nearly 50 years. We cannot predict exactly what lies on the other side of this challenging time. We go forward confident in the knowledge that the BCC Family has always met and exceeded the needs of our organization in support of our shared mission of building a better world by exploring, celebrating, and growing together in God's creation.

Thank you very much for the gift of \$308 that we received in April of 2020.

During this time, we have found more time to spend with our families, catch up with old friends, and the space to do things we wouldn't have found the time for before. We hope that you are finding moments of joy in your lives while staying healthy. If you are an essential worker, we are thankful for all that you do to keep your community safe, and we're thankful for everyone that is doing new and unusually hard things. We'll get through this together.

Thank you once again for your gift! We thank God for you.

Sincerely,



Collin Grooms
Bear Creek Camp Executive Director

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SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER—NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ...Wednesday, AUGUST 12th

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.

For information on office hours and Sunday service hours
please refer the weekly updates from Good Shepherd



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