



# The Shepherd's News

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Fall 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“But we had hoped ... “ These were the words uttered by Cleopas and his travel companion to the stranger on the road to Emmaus. They were telling this “stranger” (who we later learn is Jesus) all that had happened in Jerusalem. They tell him that Jesus had been crucified and how they hoped that he would be the one to redeem Israel.

How many times over the past months have you uttered the words, “But we had hoped ...”

... but we had hoped that our kids would be back at school with no masks.

... but we had hoped to travel without giving it a second thought.

... but we had hoped to have the big wedding we had planned.

... but we had hoped that we could have a big Rally Day at church and welcome everyone back!

... but we had hoped that we wouldn't have another wave, compromising our health care system.

... But we had hoped ... But we had hoped ... But we had hoped ... These are the words of not only Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus, but they are our words as well.

Even the most hopeful among us have had our hope tested over the past 18 months.

What did Jesus say to the disciples when they expressed their disappointment and grief and said, “But we had hoped he would be the one to redeem Israel?” Well, he *didn't* say, “Can I just stop you right there, because you've got it all wrong! I'm Jesus and I'm alive and everything is fine!”

Instead, what he did was walk with them and listen to them. He listened to them pour out their hearts to him. Even when they didn't know it was him with whom they were speaking, he was with them; walking, listening and accompanying them on their journey.

Christian hope is not the same thing as optimism. Optimism is a feeling that everything is going to be ok. Christian hope is not reliant on a feeling but is built on the person of Jesus Christ who was raised from the dead. We have hope because we worship a God who, in Jesus, knows what it is to suffer, and yet was raised to life.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus said, “But we had hope ...” In faith we say, in the midst of this pandemic, “But we *have* hope!” At times hope can feel fragile, but we carry on. Like the disciples, we may at times have trouble recognizing Jesus, but he is with us. And so we carry on knowing that while there is much about the future that is unsure, the one thing we can know for certain is that Jesus is with us and we have nothing to fear.

Peace,

Pastor Julie DeWerth

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## GOOD SHEPHERD MONTHLY OUTREACH

**SEPTEMBER OUTREACH**—The September Outreach funds will support **Neighbors in Need: Afghan Allies Fund.** The crisis in Afghanistan is going to leave many of our Afghan friends in need of our help when they arrive. SEPA Bishop Patricia Davenport recently sent out this request for our help. “For two decades, the U.S. Government has employed Afghan allies to serve alongside U.S. troops, diplomats, and other government employees as interpreters, translators, cultural advisors, drivers, and more. Because of their service to the U.S. mission, our allies and their families soon became the targets of anti-American violence. As the U.S. armed forces rapidly withdraw from Afghanistan, more than 20,000 Afghans who served alongside them face a severe backlog in the processing of their Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs). Our Afghan allies and their families are in grave danger and at risk of retaliatory attacks from the Taliban. When our Afghan allies and their families arrive as “walk-ins,” they often have no money, nowhere to stay, and nothing to eat. Unfortunately, there is typically a 5-7 day gap between the families’ arrivals and the services they are eligible to receive through the United States resettlement program.” Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services is there to help through their “Neighbors in Need: Afghan Allies Fund.” Donate through our monthly Outreach Funds in the month of September to help. Use an Outreach funds envelope or just mark your check to Outreach Funds. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and designated for “Outreach.”*

**OCTOBER OUTREACH** —The October Outreach funds will support **Women’s Bridge of Eagleville.** Women’s Bridge of Eagleville serves women in 6 Southeastern PA counties. Their mission is to help women in transition achieve financial security, find adequate housing, obtain sustainable employment and gain emotional stability. They assist women in forming an action plan, job and interview skills, making productive life choices and referrals to other social service agencies and professionals. They offer classes in budgeting/money management and parenting. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and designated for “Outreach.”*

**NOVEMBER OUTREACH** —The November Outreach funds will go to support **Habitat for Humanity.** Habitat for Humanity recognizes that a decent home provides the strength, stability and independence that families need. Habitat for Humanity’s vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat homeowners pay an affordable mortgage, receive financial education and help build their homes alongside volunteers. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and designated for “Outreach.”*

### SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL

*All services are in person (masks are required) and will be live streamed on the Good Shepherd YouTube Channel and will be available afterwards for viewing.*

*If you log into YouTube and search for GSKoP it will take you to the Good Shepherd YouTube channel.*

**September 12th**—Blessing of the Backpacks.

**September 26th**—Baptisms—Heidi Helen Boyer, Cali Ann Dingman, Hallie Inicki & Quinn Lillian Rosenkranz

**October 3rd**—St. Francis of Assisi—Blessing of the Animals at 11:00 am in the outdoor sanctuary. If the weather is bad the event will be held in the Narthex

**October 31st**— Reformation Sunday—**WEAR RED**

**November 7th** —All Saint’s Sunday — The names of those who have been baptized at Good Shepherd during the past year and those who have entered the church triumphant this year will be recognized during the Prayers of Intercession.

**November 14th**—Veterans will be recognized during the Prayers of Intercession.

**November 21st**—Christ the King Sunday—Commitment Sunday

**November 28th**—1st Sunday in Advent



### GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are pleased to announce that the Good Shepherd Preschool is back. Morning classes are still available for children ages 2-5. Please contact Diane Smith at 610-265-0733 for more information.

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd at 11:00 AM



This special event will take place in the outdoor sanctuary on October 3rd at 11:00 AM weather permitting. If the weather is bad the event will be held in the Narthex. We will have a short liturgy. No pet is too big or too small, too slimy or too furry. Even if you don't have a pet, come out and enjoy other people's special friends! *Come one ... come all!* This special event honors St. Francis of Assisi.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—Friday, October 22nd



Good Shepherd will be hosting this important mission on Friday, October 22nd from 2:00—7:00 P.M. In addition to the regular blood donors in the King of Prussia area, the Red Cross would like to find some 'new blood'! We ask that you consider becoming a blood donor and if you are not able, perhaps there is another family member, neighbor or friend, who you know that may be a willing donor. **The Red Cross is taking every precaution to keep everyone safe.**

Please do not wait to be called to volunteer! If you are willing and able, contact the church office as soon as possible and we will schedule a time for you to donate. You can also register on the Red Cross website [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Kendra Zadrejko Thomas is coordinating this event and can be reached at 484.213.7023

### OPERATION SHINING STAR

Operation Shining Star will begin in November.

Additional information will be in the Sunday bulletins and the weekly email blasts. Thank you



In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life we remember *Pat Morgan*, Good Shepherd member who recently passed into God's Kingdom.

### Monday's at Good Shepherd

**First Monday of the Month is Pub Theology.**  
October 4th, November 1st and December 6th  
(Christmas Caroling)

**Second Monday of the Month is Committee Meetings**  
Please check if your committee is meeting.  
September 13th, October 11th and November 8th

**Third Monday of the Month is Council Meeting**  
September 20th, October 18th and November 15th





## The Music Ministry of Good Shepherd



Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV) tells us that, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

As we begin a new fall season of programs at Good Shepherd, things will still look a little different; but we’ll continue to praise and worship our Lord none the less. Some programs may not look *exactly* like they did, or operate as *you* would have preferred; but it’s important that we remain flexible and understand that situations are still fluid and that through it all, we’re operating in a way that is truthful, faithful and loving with one another. The Music Ministry is planning to return to a configuration closer to “normal” beginning in September:

**Our Adult Choir will resume on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**10:45am – 11:30am**

**Our Handbell Choir will resume on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm – 7:30pm**

Special music will continue each month from our faithful musicians.

We will continue to livestream our Sunday worship services. If you are regularly attending in-person, *how could you still utilize this digital ministry?* Well, maybe a friend is interested in going to church, you could tell them check out our YouTube page. Maybe a specific reading, Pastor’s sermon, a hymn, or special music spoke to exactly what you needed to hear that morning - you can go back and hear it again. You could even watch the service or listen to the music from your phone with a shut-in. There are many uses for this ministry!

Finally, understanding that our plans may have to be adapted or changed as we progress through the fall, we already know what ***doesn’t change***. . . .and that is what we read in Lamentations – “the steadfast love of the Lord” and that “His mercies never come to an end!”

Indeed, GREAT is God’s faithfulness!

In Song,

Ross

*Interested in being involved in the music ministry? Contact Ross at [goodshepmusic@yahoo.com](mailto:goodshepmusic@yahoo.com)*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School for our youth will start later this Fall. A safe return to classes in person is our hope. Adult Sunday School will resume on September 12th via Zoom—see details on page 6. Updates will be sent via emails.

We are planning the following events/classes and will send out details as they are finalized:

- + Distribution of bibles to current Kindergarten, 1st, 5th and 6th graders
- + Confirmation classes for current 8th and 9th graders
- + First Communion classes for current 3rd and 2nd graders

Volunteers are needed to assist with the youth classes.

Please contact Karen Lehman ([karen\\_lehman@verizon.net](mailto:karen_lehman@verizon.net)) if you are willing to help in this ministry.



To my Good Shepherd Family,

Thank you for all the condolences and kind words for my family as we grieve the loss of my mother. We will miss her tremendously. My mother suffered from Alzheimers for the past 5 years followed by a stroke a couple of years ago, so we do need to take comfort that the end came quickly and that she is at peace. Should you happen to hear me play the piano during one of our services, it will be in her honor. I started playing again after a long hiatus for her as a way to entertain her after our interactions were reduced to daily Skype calls during the pandemic. I hope to carry on this legacy as well as the many she leaves with us.

Your in Christ,  
Helga Yang

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT GOOD SHEPHERD

### MEAL MINISTRY

We continue to serve meals as take-out at the **Cecil and Grace Bean Soup Kitchen**. Although guests are still not permitted to dine in due to Covid restrictions, we serve them sandwiches in the warm months and a hot meal the remainder of the year. We follow strict protocols to keep everyone safe. A small group of volunteers meet to make sandwiches or make casseroles at Good Shepherd and another group of volunteers join us in serving our "cousins" at the soup kitchen in Norristown at 12:30pm. Call/text or email Pam Satterfield at 610-804-9325 or email Pam Satterfield at pamsatterfield53@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Upcoming dates are Saturdays **September 18th, October 16th, November 20th and December 18th.**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RECORD THE SUNDAY SERVICE

Volunteers are needed to record the 9:30 am services. Please email the church office at gskopstaff@verizon.net or call the church office at 610-265-4545 if you are interested in volunteering. All volunteers will be trained!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday service will remain at 9:30 AM at least through the beginning of October. Volunteers are needed to lector and usher the services. Volunteers are also needed to host the coffee hour. Please sign up by using the Sign Up Genius in the weekly email blast. You may email the church office at gskopstaff@verizon.net or call the church office at 610-265-4545.

## Women's Retreat



Our much-loved annual Good Shepherd Women's Retreat will be closer to home this year. It will take place on the beautiful 80 acres of Daylesford Abbey in Paoli. The retreat lasts from Friday, September 24th 7:00pm to Saturday, September 25th 2:30pm. Stay overnight or just come for the day. Bring a friend!

The cost is as follows:

Friday overnight (no dinner) plus Saturday breakfast and lunch included is \$116 per person.  
Saturday only breakfast and lunch included is \$50 per person.

Please send in payment when you RSVP. (*Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd Church*)

This year's program: The 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? This year's retreat leader is Pastor Ghislaine Cotnoir. Please contact the church office at 610-265-4545 with any questions.





## PUB THEOLOGY IS BACK!

October 4<sup>th</sup>

We are pleased to now meet at a favorite King of Prussia restaurant, *Peppers*, which is located at 175 Town Center Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

Our first gathering will be on Monday, October 4th.

**Dining: 6:30pm to 7:15pm.** Everyone will pay on separate checks.

**Discussion: 7:15pm to 8:00pm** we will discuss a question which will be announced in advance in Good Shepherd's weekly email reminders. The question might be philosophical or ethical or religious. There are no right or wrong answers, just a sharing of ideas. All ages interested in discussion are invited. Bring a friend.

In order to facilitate conversation, we will sit at multiple tables, instead of one giant table. Attendees who have not been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 will sit together at a table.

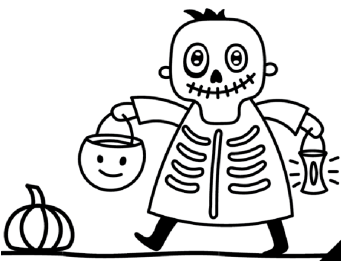
*Peppers* has requested that we offer a limited menu. The 6 menu items will be announced in advance. This does not include appetizers or desserts.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 12, 2021.

Classes will initially be via Zoom at 10:45 am. This will be reviewed monthly.

We use "The Wired Word" for our curriculum. Each week we discuss some current event and how we relate it to the Bible and Jesus' teachings. All are welcome.

The zoom link and password will be shared in the weekly email blasts.



## Trunk or Treat

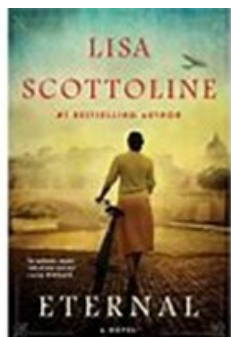
OCTOBER 25, 2021

FROM 6:00 - 7:00PM

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR COSTUMES AND WALK CAR TO CAR IN OUR PARKING LOT COLLECTING CANDY.

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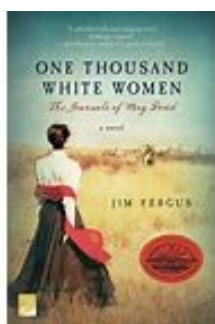
FOR QUESTIONS OR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OPENING YOUR TRUNK TO OUR LITTLE GOBLINS PLEASE EMAIL [GSKOPSTAFF@VERIZON.NET](mailto:GSKOPSTAFF@VERIZON.NET)

**FALL BOOK CLUB at GOOD SHEPHERD Zoom link will be provided prior to event date.**

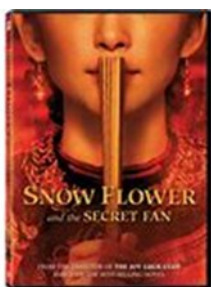
**Tuesday, September 28th—*Eternal*** by Lisa Scottoline Elisabetta, Marco, and Sandro grow up as the best of friends despite their differences. Elisabetta is a feisty beauty who dreams of becoming a novelist; Marco the brash and athletic son in a family of professional cyclists; and Sandro a Jewish mathematics prodigy, kind-hearted and thoughtful, the son of a lawyer and a doctor. Their friendship blossoms to love, with both Sandro and Marco hoping to win Elisabetta's heart. But in the autumn of 1937, all of that begins to change as Mussolini asserts his power, aligning Italy's Fascists with Hitler's Nazis and altering the very laws that govern Rome. In time, everything that the three hold dear—their families, their homes, and their connection to one another—is tested in ways they never could have imagined.

As anti-Semitism takes legal root and World War II erupts, the threesome realizes that Mussolini was only the beginning. The Nazis invade Rome, and with their occupation come new atrocities against the city's Jews, culminating in a final, horrific betrayal. Against this backdrop, the intertwined fates of Elisabetta, Marco, Sandro, and their families will be decided, in a heartbreaking story of both the best and the worst that the world has to offer.

Unfolding over decades, *Eternal* is a tale of loyalty and loss, family and food, love and war—all set in one of the world's most beautiful cities at its darkest moment. This moving novel will be forever etched in the hearts and minds of readers.



**Tuesday, October 26th—*One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd*** by Jim Fergus *One Thousand White Women* is the story of May Dodd and a colorful assembly of pioneer women who, under the auspices of the U.S. government, travel to the western prairies in 1875 to intermarry among the Cheyenne Indians. The covert and controversial "Brides for Indians" program, launched by the administration of Ulysses S. Grant, is intended to help assimilate the Indians into the white man's world. Toward that end May and her friends embark upon the adventure of their lifetime. Jim Fergus has so vividly depicted the American West that it is as if these diaries are a capsule in time.



**Tuesday, November 30th—*Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*** by Lisa See In nineteenth-century China, in a remote Hunan county, a girl named Lily, at the tender age of seven, is paired with a laotong, “old same,” in an emotional match that will last a lifetime. The laotong, Snow Flower, introduces herself by sending Lily a silk fan on which she's painted a poem in nu shu, a unique language that Chinese women created in order to communicate in secret, away from the influence of men.

As the years pass, Lily and Snow Flower send messages on fans, compose stories on handkerchiefs, reaching out of isolation to share their hopes, dreams, and accomplishments. Together, they endure the agony of foot-binding, and reflect upon their arranged marriages, shared loneliness, and the joys and tragedies of motherhood. The two find solace, developing a bond that keeps their spirits alive. But when a misunderstanding arises, their deep friendship suddenly threatens to tear apart.



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**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE...MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd**

Please submit your articles to the Church Office via email: [gskopstaff@verizon.net](mailto:gskopstaff@verizon.net)

**FALL OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday—Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 PM

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
9:30 A.M. Service Of Holy Communion  
Adult Education Hour—10:45 am via Zoom



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