

The Shepherd's News

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June 2022 · July 2022 · August 2022



Summer 2022

Good Shepherd members and friends,

If you know anything about church architecture in the Middle Ages, you know that it was not uncommon for there to be a hole in the roof of the sanctuary. It wasn't like the "holes" we have in our cupola ... "holes" put there by age. These holes were actually put there intentionally. The architectural designs *included* the holes.

Why in the world would you intentionally design a roof with a hole in it? Well, to let the Holy Spirit in, of course! The hole was actually called "The Holy Spirit Hole." During the Pentecost celebration, altar boys would make a hissing sound (imitating the sound of wind) as a cartwheel - its painted underside showing a white dove - would slowly descend through the hole. I don't think any of the "holes" in the cupola are big enough to fit a cartwheel. And don't worry ... I have no intention of making them big enough to do so. However, I do like the imagery.

On the first Pentecost, 50 days after Jesus' resurrection, the Holy Spirit rested on the frightened apostles as they gathered behind locked doors. After receiving the Spirit, the once frightened apostles boldly and joyfully went forth to preach the Good News of Jesus.

On June 5th we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday at Good Shepherd. I encourage you to wear red, the color of the flames that rested on the heads of the apostles on that first Pentecost. And while the "holes" in our cupola are not big enough to qualify as "Holy Ghost Holes" (and certainly couldn't accommodate a cartwheel) my prayer for us is that we will always be making holes in our lives to let in the Holy Spirit. For it is through the Holy Spirit dwelling within us that we have the courage to forgive those who have wronged us, to ask for forgiveness from those *we* have wronged and, maybe hardest of all, to forgive ourselves for those things of which we do not believe we deserve forgiveness. The Holy Spirit prays for us when we have no words and it is the Holy Spirit that comforts us when our heart aches.

Blessed Pentecost Sunday Good Shepherd! May we poke lots of holes in our lives for the Holy Spirit to enter. For it is by the power of the Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, that we are able to be God's disciples in the world.

Peace,

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

Pastor Julie DeWerth

CUPOLA UPDATE

Gorski Construction company has informed us that because of their schedule, and workload, and acquisition of a few large projects, they have a huge backlog of work. With an industry wide labor shortage, they will not be able to complete our project. The Property Committee is now looking for another construction company with whom to work.

JUNE OUTREACH—June outreach funds will go to support **Fatherhood Empowerment Center**. In honor of Father's Day, our outreach funds for June will go to support the **Fatherhood Empowerment Center** of Montgomery County. In the US, one out of three children live in a home without the biological father. That makes them 4x more likely to live in poverty, drop out of school, commit a crime or be at risk for other problems. The FEC works to equip fathers with the skills and support needed for them to identify positive goals. They do this through workshops, career planning, mentor relationships and coaching on parenting issues. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and marked "Outreach."*

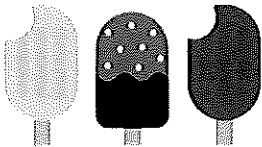
JULY & AUGUST OUTREACH—July & August outreach funds will go to support our **Meal Ministry (Casserole Day) Cecil and Grace Bean's Soup Kitchen**, which is committed to serving meals to food insufficient residents in the Norristown community. The soup kitchen's goal is to end hunger altogether and currently provides lunch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and the third Saturday of the month, and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. They currently serve up to 700 take-out meals weekly. Outreach Funds for the months of July and August will be used to replenish our (Good Shepherds) fund which is used to purchase food for us to feed the hungry monthly and support this wonderful organization in our own community. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and marked "Outreach."*



GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL

We have some spots open for the 2022-2023 school year. Morning classes are available for children ages 2-5. Please contact Diane Smith at 610-265-0733 or gskoppreschool@verizon.net.

**ICE
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SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIALS

6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Tuesday, June 14

Tuesday, July 12

Tuesday, August 16

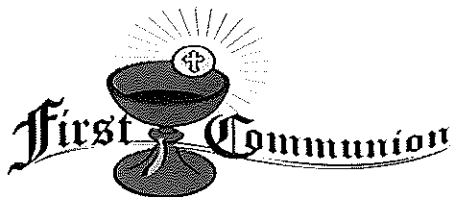
Bring the family, some folding chairs, hang out in the parking lot. Good Shepherd will supply the ice cream. Join us!

GOOD SHEPHERD MEAL MINISTRY

June 18th, July 16th and August 20th

We serve brown bag lunches to our cousins at the **Cecil and Grace Bean Soup Kitchen** during the summer months. Guests are permitted to dine in. Our volunteers are behind a plexiglass window, where we will pass out the meals. A small group of volunteers meet at the church at 10:15 to prepare the sandwiches, and the rest of the meal. Another group of volunteers will assist in transporting the food, and assist in serving our cousins.

Call or email Pam Satterfield 610-804-9325 pamsatterfield53@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.



Sunday, April 24th was an exciting day at Good Shepherd as *Cooper Jeremy Boyd, Anthony George Elberti, Jr. Shayla Fay Flick, Vivian Pearl Flick, Michael Scott Francis, Finn Frederic O'Gara, and Ulana Sofia Sznoluch* received their First Communion.

God's blessing to all as they continue on their faith journeys!

Save the Date!

CONFIRMATION
Sunday, October 30th



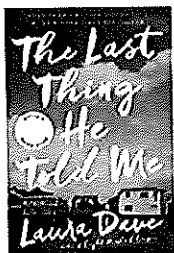
In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life we remember *Annette Brosz*, a Good Shepherd member who recently passed into God's Kingdom.

ALTAR GUILD

Would you like to learn more about Good Shepherd's Altar Guild? You are invited to an Altar Guild "Brunch Meeting" Sunday, June 12, in the Library after the church service! Please join us as we plan how to continue the schedule moving forward. Want more information? Please email Kim Irwin at paitwin120@gmail.com.

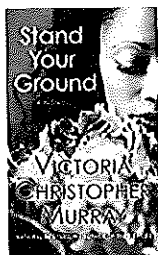
SUMMER BOOK CLUB AT GOOD SHEPHERD

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



Thursday, June 23, 2022—The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave We all have stories we never tell. Before Owen Michaels disappears, he manages to smuggle a note to his beloved wife of one year: *Protect her*. Despite her confusion and fear, Hannah Hall knows exactly to whom the note refers: Owen's sixteen-year-old daughter, Bailey. Bailey, who lost her mother tragically as a child. Bailey, who wants absolutely nothing to do with her new stepmother.

As Hannah's increasingly desperate calls to Owen go unanswered; as the FBI arrests Owen's boss; as a US Marshal and FBI agents arrive at her Sausalito home unannounced, Hannah quickly realizes her husband isn't who he said he was. And that Bailey just may hold the key to figuring out Owen's true identity—and why he really disappeared. Hannah and Bailey set out to discover the truth, together. But as they start putting together the pieces of Owen's past, they soon realize they are also building a new future. One neither Hannah nor Bailey could have anticipated.



Monday, July 25, 2022—Stand Your Ground by Victoria Christopher Murray A black teenage boy is dead. A white man shot him. Was he standing his ground or was it murder?

Janice Johnson is living every black mother's nightmare. Her seventeen-year-old son was murdered and the shooter has not been arrested. Can the D.A. and the police be trusted to investigate and do the right thing? Should Janice take advantage of the public outcry and join her husband alongside the angry protestors who are out for revenge?

Meredith Spencer is married to the man accused of the killing and she sees her husband and the situation with far more clarity than anyone realizes. What she knows could blow the case wide open, but what will that mean for her life and that of her son? Will she have the courage to come forward in time so that justice can be done?

#1 national bestselling and award-winning author Victoria Christopher Murray's *Stand Your Ground* is a pulse-pounding meditation on race, motherhood, marriage, and vigilante justice that will have readers spellbound until its shocking end.



Aug. 29, 2022—The Rose Code by Kate Quinn. 1940 As England prepares to fight the Nazis, three very different women answer the call to mysterious country estate Bletchley Park, where the best minds in Britain train to break German military codes. Vivacious debutante Osla is the girl who has everything—beauty, wealth, and the dashing Prince Philip of Greece sending her roses—but she burns to prove herself as more than a society girl, and puts her fluent German to use as a translator of decoded enemy secrets.

Imperious self-made Mab, product of East-End London poverty, works the legendary code-breaking machines as she conceals old wounds and looks for a socially advantageous husband. Both Osla and Mab are quick to see the potential in local village spinster Beth, whose shyness conceals a brilliant facility with puzzles, and soon Beth spreads her wings as one of the Park's few female cryptanalysts. But war, loss, and the impossible pressure of secrecy will tear the three apart.

1947. As the royal wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip whips post-war Britain into a fever, three friends-turned-enemies are reunited by a mysterious encrypted letter—the key to which lies buried in the long-ago betrayal that destroyed their friendship and left one of them confined to an asylum. A mysterious traitor has emerged from the shadows of their Bletchley Park past, and now Osla, Mab, and Beth must resurrect their old alliance and crack one last code together. But each petal they remove from the rose code brings danger—and their true enemy—closer...

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 or email the church office to make your reservation by noon on the day of the movie. Popcorn will be supplied! Stay tuned ... the number of reservations will determine exactly where we will show the movie at church.



Wednesday, June 22—The Eyes of Tammy Faye—*The Eyes of Tammy Faye* is a 2021 American Biographical drama film. The film tells the story of Tammy Faye Bakker (played by Jessica Chastain), from her humble beginnings growing up in International Falls, Minnesota, through the rise and fall of her televangelism career and marriage to Jim Bakker (played by Andrew Garfield). The film won two awards at the 94th Academy Awards; Best Actress (for Chastain) and Best Makeup and Hairstyling.



Thursday, July 21—CODA—*CODA* is a 2021 coming-of-age comedy-drama film. It is the story of a child of deaf adults (CODA) who is the only hearing member of her deaf family. Throughout the film she attempts to help her family's struggling fishing business, while pursuing her own aspirations of being a singer. At the 94th Academy Awards, *CODA* won all three of its nominations – Best Picture, Best Supporting Actor (Troy Kotsur) and Best Adapted Screenplay.



Thursday, August 18—West Side Story—*West Side Story* is a 2021 American musical romantic drama film directed and co-produced by Steven Spielberg. Inspired by William Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*, the story is set in the mid-1950s in the Upper West Side of Manhattan in New York City, then a multiracial, blue-collar neighborhood. The film received seven nominations at the 94th Academy Awards, including Best Picture, with Ariana DeBose winning Best Supporting Actress. It also received four nominations at the 79th Golden Globe Awards, winning three, including Best Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy, Best Actress in a Motion Picture - Comedy or Musical for Rachel Zegler and the Best Supporting Actress.

SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS SUMMER

A special blessing will be offered each Sunday at the conclusion of the 9:30 am worship service for those who will be traveling in the coming week.

June 5th—Day of Pentecost
 June 12th—The Holy Trinity



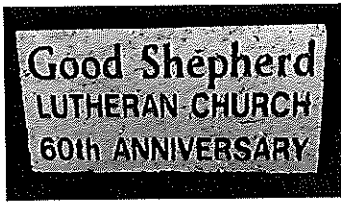
MARY HUNTER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

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

Ryan Lee, Frankie Santini, Johnny Santini

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

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 or would like an order form please call the church office at 610-265-4545 or email us at gskopstaff@verizon.net.

VIRTUAL 2022 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

April 30th

Good Shepherd Attendees:

Pastor Julie, Peter Fleischer and Stephanie Lutz



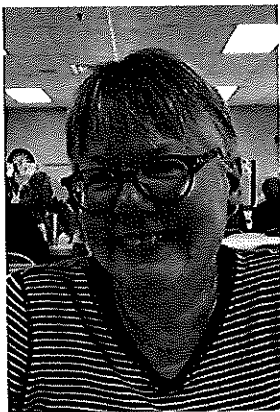
American Red Cross

GOOD SHEPHERD BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, July 15 2022. 2:00–7:00 P.M.

We are in search of 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. Please do not wait to be called to volunteer! *Thank you for considering this vital outreach!* 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 may also log onto the Red Cross website (redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment to donate.. Kendra Zadrejko Thomas is coordinating this event and can be reached at 484.213.7023 or email kzadrejko@gmail.com. *Thank you for considering this vital outreach!*

Women’s Retreat



Our much-loved annual Good Shepherd Women’s Retreat will take place on the beautiful 80 acres of Daylesford Abbey in Paoli. The retreat lasts from **Friday, November 11th 7:00pm to Saturday, November 12th 2:30pm**. Stay overnight or just come for the day on Saturday. Bring a friend! Detailed information available on this sign-up link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949A4AB2DA0F85-20221>

This year’s program : *That I Should Still Hope: A Retreat for the Replenishment of the Soul* *“What strength do I have, that I should still hope? What prospects, that I should be patient?” Job 6:11*

Our program leader the Rev. Leslie M. Richard, MA was ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1989, and has served in a variety of pastoral settings, including solo, team, and transitional pastorates, and has recently served as the Dean of the Delaware Conference of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod. Pastor Richard is a trained Spiritual Director with a specialized Synodical call to Spiritual Direction, as well as a private practice in Spiritual Direction. Pastor Richard earned a Bachelor of Arts in History at Gettysburg College in 1985, and Master of Divinity at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1989. In 2008 she received a Master of Arts in Holistic Spirituality, and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, and in 2014 received a Certificate in Supervision of Spiritual Directors at Chestnut Hill College. Pastor Richard has two grown children and is married to The Rev. Karl M. Richard, Senior Pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Springfield, Delaware County, who is currently serving as Secretary of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA.

WAYS TO DONATE TO GOOD SHEPHERD

1. **Give to the Ongoing Expenses at Good Shepherd.** While we are holding limited in person public worship during these unprecedented times, 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. If you have any further questions feel free to email Karen Lehman at karen_lehman@verizon.net.
2. **Buying Gift Cards through Good Shepherd.** Gift card orders are placed the first Sunday of each month. Please email Karen Lehman at karen_lehman@verizon.net by 3:00pm (please put 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.
3. **Amazon Smile.** Amazon donates a portion of sales made through smile.amazon.com to the charitable organization of your choice. 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!).



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*

Good Shepherd has received \$1,353.00 through May of this year 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 to Good Shepherd, contact Barbara Petroske at 610.631.9392 or bpetroske99@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Host a Coffee Hour, Lector, Usher or become a Communion Assistant.

There are signup sheets on the card table in the Narthex.
You may also sign up by using the Sign Up Link in the Weekly email blast.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor Julie.

Save the Date for the First Good Shepherd Camping Weekend! November 4th-6th, 2022

Who? Young, old, single, married, children,
All are welcome!

What? A time for fellowship and enjoying the great outdoors.

When? November 4-6, 2022. We will arrive around 7 (after dinner) on Friday and leave on Sunday around noon.

Where? At Bear Creek Lutheran Camp in the Poconos
(about a 1:45 - 2:00 hour drive from King of Prussia).

Additional information will be available later this summer.

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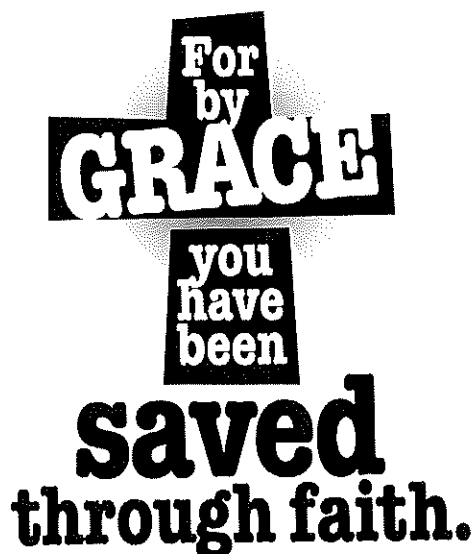
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER—NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ...Thursday, AUGUST 11th
Please email your print ready article to gskopstaff@verizon.net.

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



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