



# Good Shepherd

United Methodist Church

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## Thoughts from Terilynn



### Guest to Share Near Death Experience in August

A woman prepared Will and made her final requests.  
She told her lawyer she had two final requests.

First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered all over the local Walmart store. "Why Walmart?" asked the shocked attorney. "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."

**What happens to us when we die?** This is one of the greatest questions people ask no matter what their faiths. Even Christians want answers. That's been the purpose behind the summer sermon series on God's Kingdom of Heaven.

The series ends with the personal experience of Bob Fowler, a friend of mine from La Junta who died of a heart attack while running the BolderBoulder race. Fortunately, he was surrounded by doctors and nurses who administered CPR until emergency technicians got him to a hospital where he was revived.

Bob will share his fascinating story during worship on two **Sundays, August 20, and 27**. Please, don't miss it.

Serving Christ is an adventure.



### UMCOR West Mission Team 2017

Good Shepherd friends,

The Mission Team is set to go serve at UMCOR West, Salt Lake City. We will leave GSUMC at 9 am Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> and return in the afternoon of Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your prayers for safe travel and successful accomplishments are greatly treasured.

We will stay in Grand Junction on the way as well as on our return trip. This allows our drivers to rest and refresh so we arrive ready to work on Monday morning. Our plan is to work each day Monday through Thursday with one half day attending and experiencing something in the local area. We may also have an opportunity to visit another mission location while we are there.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your generosity in financially supporting this team. Your donations of money supporting the cost of the trip and your donation of items for the 150 Health kits we will deliver to the depot have been incredible. **Thank you!!!** You are reaching beyond the walls of the church and while we may never see the recipients of your love and generosity we want you to know that you are making a difference in the lives of those who receive.

The team will be commissioned during church on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. The team of Pastor Terilynn, AJ & Elaine Johnsen, Terry & Sharon Clayton, Shirley Greener, Moli Mao and Mary Ann Tabor will represent all of you, the congregation of Good Shepherd UMC. Our prayers and devotions will include holding you all in prayer during our time away.

Thank you again for your continued spiritual support.

*AJ & Elaine Johnsen, Team Leaders*

## Music Notes...

*"Be exalted, Lord, by Your strength; may we sing and make music to Your might."* (Psalms 21:13)

It's that time again. Time to make music. We hope everyone has been having a great summer! Practices for all the GSUMC music groups will begin again in August. If you haven't participated in the music ministries yet or it's been awhile, please feel free to join us. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Top 10 Reasons to Join a Music Group

1. Psalm 100 will come alive for you as you make a joyful noise to the Lord.
2. Intellectual stimulation...as you make music, you are using both sides of your brain.
3. Serving the Lord
4. Serving others...the congregation really loves it when the choir leads the music.
5. At least one hour free from kids during our Wednesday rehearsal when you use our nursery.
6. You can see who's nodding off during the sermon from up front.
7. Making music is a great way to relax.
8. It's good for your physical and mental health.
9. You always have a reserved seat for those crowded Sundays.
10. In one word: WORSHIP!

Our youngest group of singers have already begun their new season. They meet every Sunday after church around 10:45. All children are welcome to attend and sing their praises to the Lord. Please plan on attending a parent meeting on Sunday, August 6 following the service. Donuts will be available.

Good Shepherd Ringers is a three plus octave hand bell choir. All experience and ability levels are welcome to join. Some music reading is an asset to participation in this group although not necessary. Rehearsals for this group are from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings beginning August 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Chancel Choir helps to lead most of the worship services. Experience and music reading is not necessary, if you can hum or sing a few bars you are welcome to join us. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

In order to kick off our Wednesday nights and welcome any new potential members and their families, the Chancel Choir and Good Shepherd Ringers will be having a potluck dinner on Wednesday, August 23 starting at 6:30 p.m. at Fountain Creek Regional Park. Please bring a main, side or dessert dish.

For questions regarding Good Shepherd Ringers and the Chancel Choir, please see Jennifer Montgomery. If you have any questions about the Children's Choir, please see Julie Seibert.

## Birthday Celebration

Please join us in celebrating Florence Cookes' 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Saturday, August 5 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. here at Good Shepherd. No gifts please. Bring a special story about Florence to share.

## Finance Committee Report

Dear Friends, I am delighted to report to you some good news! First of all the Trustees have authorized final payment on the completed roof and are well pleased with the work. The flat roof has been repaired for several months and seems to be the fix we needed at this time. The blower is repaired and we have heating and air conditioning comfort once again! We have received very generous donations fully funding the \$6,975 paid for the blower motor repairs and through early July the donations for the roof totaled \$21,520. Insurance and the conference office have funded \$64,556. We are within approximately \$5,500 of fully funding these major

expenditures. You are all amazing and God has blessed Good Shepherd with your generosity. Thank you sincerely!

Our General Fund income and expenses are following the same trend as the first quarter and it is my prayer that with most of the major expenses nearly covered and with additional options for giving electronically we will sufficiently close this gap by the end of the year. The six-month Income Statement is below.

<b>2017 Income and Expense Report by Month</b>		
Month	Income	Expense
January	\$ 21,040	\$ 19,961
February	\$ 19,225	\$ 22,650
March	\$ 16,469	\$ 19,832
April	\$ 18,999	\$ 20,666
May	\$ 19,287	\$ 21,189
June	\$ 17,922	\$ 19,927
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$112,943</b>	<b>\$124,224</b>
<b>Year to Date Income</b>		
<b>Less Expenses</b>		<b>(11,281)</b>

Blessings, Elaine Johnsen, Chair, Finance Committee

### **ANYTHING BUT FOOD - Food Pantry Report - August 2017**

Have you ever looked in the bag you just carried out of the grocery store and realized there's not any food in the bag? There are lots of things we buy at the grocery store that are not food, yet they are necessary items: laundry detergent, shampoo, toilet paper, even a new vegetable peeler.

Our food pantry is inviting you to an "anything-but-food" collection to supplement our supply of food that we share with others in our community. It's true: we are blessed to offer food for people on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10-noon. But some government programs allow only food and nothing more. We'd like to offer both food and some of the other things we all buy at the grocery store, too.

In August, look for the blue grocery cart in the narthex, and as you share canned goods, drop in some paper goods for the food pantry, too. Let's bring toilet paper, facial tissues, paper towels, or disposable baby diapers (any size). In succeeding months, we'll suggest other items that are not food but are so necessary in our lives.

Our pantry is served weekly by two very dedicated individuals: Carol Teal and Dorothy Thompson. (THANKS, Carol and Dorothy) And we thank Mary Humphreys, too, because she is their number one helper. If you have a couple of hours to spare on a Wednesday or Thursday morning from 10-noon, won't you lend a hand sometime? This is a great way to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

Thanks from your missions committee and food pantry.

*Mary Ann Tabor*

Neighbors served at the food pantry for the first five months of this year:

January 56  
 February 44  
 March 33  
 April 42  
 May 44

219 total and 33 were brand new to our pantry

## United Methodist Men

The men's group will be meeting on August 12 at the Golden Corral on Powers at our regular time of 7:30 am. I believe Dick will have a program for us. Then September will find us back in the church.

## August Worship Schedule - 2017

- August 6 **Get Ready for GOD'S KINGDOM of HEAVEN – Luke 12:35-48**  
**Blessing of the Backpacks – Holy Communion**  
Scripture readings: Genesis 32:22-31 and Matthew 14:13-21
- August 13 **The Guarantee to Enter GOD'S KINGDOM of HEAVEN – Ezekiel 37:1-13, John 3:1-8, II Corinthians 5:1-5**  
**Noisy Offering**  
Scripture readings: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 and Matthew 14:22-33
- August 20 **TR ON VACATION – Robert Fowler speaks about his NDE.**
- August 27 **TR ON MISSION TRIP – Robert Fowler speaks about his NDE.**  
Scripture readings: Exodus 1:8-20:10 and Matthew 16:13-20

## Story behind the song: 'Precious Lord, Take my Hand'

On July 1, 1899, little notice was taken of a baby boy of color, born in Villa Rica, Ga., a small town some 40 miles west of Atlanta. He, one of seven brothers and sisters, was around the church most of his early life. His dad was a devout Baptist preacher, and his mother was an organist. She started young Thomas on the piano when he was 7 years old.

In his late teens, he decided to embark on a career as a blues musician, billed as Georgia Tom. This took him through the night clubs of Atlanta to the jazz houses on the south side of Chicago. Because of his heritage, he very shortly tired of that kind of life and gravitated toward Christian music.

At age 21, he joined the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Chicago where he directed choirs and wrote more than 300 songs. In a taped interview in 1977, Thomas A. Dorsey told this writer the following story, which happened 45 years earlier.

"My wife, Nettie, was about to bear our first child. I was called to St. Louis to sing in a revival. I wondered if I should go because of my wife's condition. She persuaded me that I should go ahead, so I, alone in my Model A, drove to St. Louis."

"During the first night of the meetings, a lad brought a telegram to me while I was still on the platform. It was horrible news. It was a message that my wife had died giving birth to our son."

"I rushed to a phone while the people were still singing and found that the message was true. Mr. Gus Evans drove me back to Chicago that night."

"When I arrived, I found that the wonderful baby boy was seemingly fine, and yet, that night he also died. I buried my wife and little son in the same casket."

"I became very despondent and filled with grief. A few days later I visited with my good friend, Professor Frye. We walked around the campus of Annie Malone's Poro College for a while and then went into one of the music rooms."

"I sat down at a piano and began to improvise on the keyboard. Suddenly, I found myself playing a melody that I hadn't played before that time. (It was an adaptation of George N. Allen's melody used with the old hymn, Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?) As I played I began to say, 'Blessed Lord, blessed Lord, blessed Lord.' My friend walked over to me and said, 'Why don't you make that precious Lord?' I then began to sing, 'Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand.'"

“When I finished the song, we began to use it and it has been going ever since. I have gotten letters from people all over the world. It was a great tragedy, but we got the message to the world.”

The song has been translated into more than 30 languages. I kept phone contact with the Dorseys until shortly before he went to heaven on January 25, 1993.

“I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand,” Isaiah 41:13

### **August Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Tom Ponville	1
Dick and Pat Gilham	2
Sherri Rohren	3
Colton Andrews	5
Jennifer Lang	10
Tim Thacker	11
John Henke	13
Chris Pino	14
Mark and Kim Davis	15
Tamie Ponville	17
Charley Langdon	19
Lorraine Helminski	22
Dick Gilham	24
Fred Shaw	24
Larry Bowers	25
Janet Krick	25
Loy and Betty Jones	25
Jeff and Shelly Clemens	25
Johnnie Quinn	26
Clint Gilham	27
Sonya Wentworth	29
Sadie Rickard	31
John Smith	31

### **Long-Term Prayer Concerns**

Alma Arnold, Robert Dillard and Family, Candy Hatton, Lorraine Helminski, Mary Hill, Vera Hinshaw, Conner Peck, Letha Phillips, Marketa Protzy, Terilynn Russ, Carrington Seay, Keith Simpson, Vanda Skadden, John and Pat Smith, Nancy Waller

### **Short Term Prayer Concerns**

Ashley Osborne, Prayers for Rev. Donna Pewo and assistant Kehly Riggs at Clinton Indian Church and Community Center, Robert Young, “Andrew”, Doris Hogue, Thomas Mason, Ron Null, Jeff Lawson, Terilynn Russ, Carrol Pheasant, Henry Tuttle, The Pat Nyborg Family, The Cohu Family, Claude Cooper, Rylee Hogan, Rosemarie Wetherbee, Mary Wyatt, “Vicki”, The Bob Hicks Family, The Else Francis Family, The Dave Wimmer Family, Keri, Dee Becher, The Gladys Staatz Family, Ryan George, The Ann Kondo Family, “Rebecca”, Beulah Olsen, Donna O’Donnell, The Alan Williams Family, Nancy Lingbloom’s Father, Dutch vanTuil and Family, John Daugherty, Suzi Pedersen, Hilde Mankowski, Tamara Olsen, The David Harrison Family, “Rebecca”, Angel Sanchez

### **GSUMC Loved Ones**

The Fred Shaw Family, The Julie Seibert Family, The Char Schmidt Family, The Jason Schar Family

