

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church News!

February, 2022

ways, create a new way with new hearts and be renewed by the Spirit to be a light in the world.

From the Pastor's Desk

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10

David prays to God asking for a new heart that is free of sin, so that he may be

able to enjoy God's presence and be obedient to God's law. He has committed adultery with Bathsheba who is married. Bathsheba's husband Uriah is away fighting in the war and David arranges for Uriah to be on the front lines so that he may be killed so that he could take Bathsheba as a royal wife. The prophet Nathan has knowledge of what David has done and he condemns him to his face told him God's judgment will come upon him. This Psalm displays David's deep sorrow as he confesses his sins and asks God for forgiveness.

We have all done things that is not pleasing to God. Yet God renews his mercy every morning and continues to love us unconditionally. We are not perfect and sometimes we fall short of the glory of God, but we still are worthy of God's love. God forgives and we see that in David. The month of February is black history month, it's also a month of love and a month to remember the leaders of this country. We have a history filled with injustice, harm, war, prejudices and more. This month of love may we remember the stories in our history that has been silenced or misinterpreted and do better. May we see all people, love all people, and build with all people. We stand in love, we honor others in love, we walk and fight for justice for our brothers and sisters in Christ. God is a God of love, and we belong to God we must not give up in showing up with love, showing up for love, showing up in love and show up through love. May you enjoy this month and take time to show gratitude and love to God, yourself, and others. We can turn from our old



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Friday: 1:30pm -

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What's Happening at Good Shepherd



Coffee hour in fellowship hall Sunday mornings, has been put on hold!



Every Thursday
10 am – 12 pm
To volunteer or if you have questions, contact Becky Van House
beckyvanhouse@gmail.com

EVERY MONDAY @6:30PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM
CONTACT PERSON: SHIRLEY GREENER
Shirleymgreener@gmail.com



Every Wednesday
on ZOOM at 7pm
ZOOM Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86748935215?pwd=aThRNTBaTi9GTlpZTkhtIT1YxRW5tQT09>
Dial: +16699006833
Meeting ID: 867 4893 5215
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Sign up for a visit in the Pastor's Corner or you may contact the office or send Loraine an email (719) 392-5782
office@gsunc-cs.org

Living in a Strange Land Sermon Series
January 23-February 27, 2022

We're not the first people to find ourselves living in a strange land. Wherever we are living, God is working. As disciples of Jesus, how do we learn to live in this land from those who have been here before us? All are looking forward into the new land and finding the blessings where they are planted.

January 23, 2022: Living in the Wilderness | Exodus, Numbers 14:1-25

The journey from captivity to the Promised Land taught a generation to trust in God's faithfulness. Living in the wilderness presents challenges to how we navigate relationships with God, others and ourselves. *The tent of meeting was always the focus in the wilderness.*

January 30, 2022: Living in a Strange Land | Jeremiah 29

Exiled to a foreign land, God's vision of living in this land is beyond what anyone would imagine. Wherever we live, God has wisdom for how to order our daily lives.

February 6, 2022: Living in Isolation | Daniel 6

While Daniel lived in a strange land, he maintained his integrity. Even when pushed to abandon his faith Daniel maintained his daily discipline. When a strange land pressures us to conform we need to maintain our spiritual habits to thrive.

February 13, 2022: Living in Community | Nehemiah 6

You can never go back to the old way of living. When the Exiles returned to Jerusalem, they found a common purpose and a common faith to build a new way of living together in a strange land.

February 20, 2022: Living in New Places | Acts 8:1-8; 11:19-26

Persecution sent the early disciples into new communities. COVID-19 can send the church into new communities where God is already preparing the soil for harvest.

February 27, 2022: Living in a New Kingdom | 1 Peter 2:9-12; Philippians 3:20-21

As disciples of Jesus, we are living in a strange land that is not our final home. How we live daily is a testimony to our journey as foreigners and strangers in this strange land. *The H.S. and Kingdom of God is within us. Music: Where I Belong.*



Our local unit of United Methodist Women will NOT meet in-person in February.

Everyone stay home and stay well. We hope to be able to meet in person in March.

Watch for messages by email. Maybe someone will feel compelled to make a phone call. Maybe you'll receive a written invitation. Maybe a chauffeured limousine will pick you up at your door. Ah, actually probably not a chauffeured limousine at your door. (smile) All jesting aside, watch the newsletter and your email for further information on our next meeting.

Mary Ann Tabor



UMWomen will be serving soup at the Fountain UMChurch on February 11.

They serve to the community from 4-6. Free to the community.

If you are interested in helping to serve or bring soup, please let me know. Thanks for all your help. Shirley Greener-719-964-1950



February News from Finance

Good Shepherd friends it is the month of Love! Love for one another, love for our family and most of all God's Love for us. We are reminded that no matter the events in our lives such as pandemics, losses of loved ones, loneliness or just plain winter blues, God is always with us and loving us even more. We all love our own beautiful church home and the memories we cherish through events and spiritual gifts we have received through messages that touched us personally.

How do we ever recognize and support the gifts of love we have received? We attend and support our church with our presence and our monetary support. We take care of our property. I have seen or known of many who give of their time to care for the church in many ways from the rose garden to the kitchen, from the snow plowing and sidewalk shoveling to the sanctuary.

Speaking of the sanctuary we are all aware of our old furnace dying. We are in mourning since we cannot hold services of any type in the beloved sanctuary. Yes, we are very blessed to have Bruce Chapel to hold worship in (when Covid is not running about). We are limited to smaller numbers in Bruce Chapel, and we cannot have proper social distancing.

I have shared with you every month that our current giving is short of our monthly expenses in the General Fund. At the end of 2021 the shortfall is \$11,900. We are currently paying all personnel expenses and monthly operational costs. We struggle to pay timely any extra maintenance expenses and we are 6 months behind in paying our Mission Shares to the conference. It will take extra mile giving to begin to think of a furnace replacement.

The one estimate we have right now for replacing our sanctuary furnace is \$42,000. We need to raise nearly all of this prior to accepting any estimate or bid obligation. Most of you will recall the \$40,000 expense we recently incurred to replace the roof. In order to pay for it we refinanced the mortgage on the church and borrowed additional funds for the roof. It does not seem reasonable to borrow again so soon for the furnace replacement.

All donations for furnace replacement will be managed with separate accounting and in the Specials bank account which is separate from the General Fund. If you have the ability to give beyond your normal support of the church and want to be part of this special sanctuary furnace replacement project, we are very grateful for your generosity. Please mark your checks or donations for "Furnace Replacement".

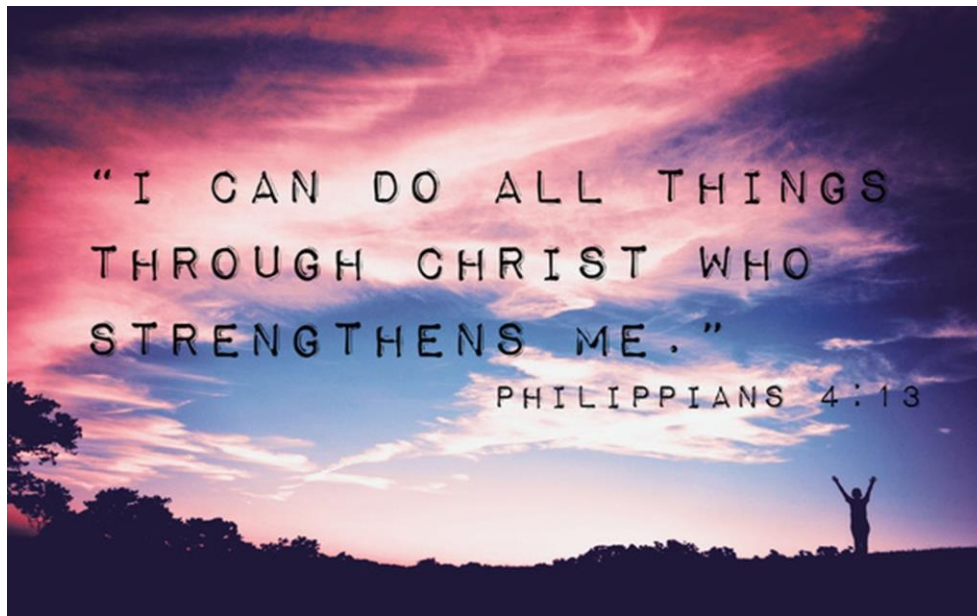
Since we are temporarily meeting via Zoom until the virus settles down, please mail your monthly contributions to the church or stop by during Monday or Wednesday office hours normally from 9 am to 1 pm. Giving online is easy and this link will take you directly to our webpage and the giving link: <https://gsumc-cs.org/giving/>

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the finance committee.

Remember how much God loves us and know that I love you and there is nothing you can do about it!!

Elaine Johnsen, Chair – Finance Committee





I Can Do Everything Through Him

"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" Philippians 4:13

When life's treacherous trek becomes more than I can bear,
And it seems there is no deliverance from my deep despair,
I repeat these words of reassurance that will relieve my woe:
"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength", I know!

When I'm assailed from all sides with hopeless situations,
I know that He will listen to my earnest supplications,
And give me courage to triumph o'er challenges here below:
"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength", I know!

When loved ones pass and it seems more than can be endured,
With His compassionate embrace and love, I am reassured.
His peace and understanding upon me He will e'er bestow:
"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength", I know!

When I am faced with seemingly insurmountable goals,
And my dreams and aspirations are dashed upon desolate shoals,
With these comforting words I can conquer any foe:
"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength", I know!

When I encounter the many trials and tribulations of life,
I turn to the One who can ease my stress and strife,
Placing my trust and faith in Him from who all graces flow:
"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength", I know!

Robert L. Hinshaw



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United Methodist Committee On Relief

We are continuing our commitment to supply United Methodist Committee On Relief hygiene kits, the most-often requested emergency supply items provided by UMCOR.

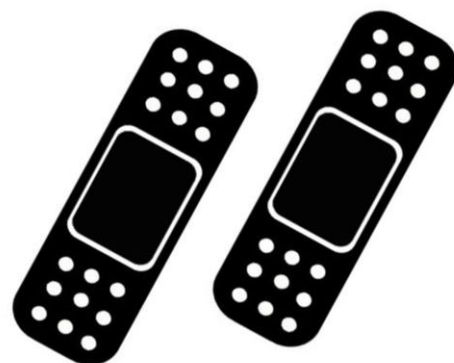
In 2021, with your help, we sent 96 kits to the Sager Brown Depot, the lone hub of UMCOR's relief-supply operations, since the closure of UMCOR West in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the end of 2020.

We'll be collecting items for the first three months of 2022. We do have some things on hand, but we need these items:

- Hand towels (15 X 25 up to 17 X 27) any color
- Washcloths any color
- Comb with at least 6 inches of teeth
- Bar of soap (3 ounces or larger) (NO Ivory or Jergen's brand)
- Regular-sized band-aids

We have a goodly supply of the other items, but really need these that I've listed.

If you'd like to help the United Methodist Women support UMCOR in this way, just bring your supplies to the church and leave them in Cooper Hall. I'll pick them up from there. Thank you all! *Mary Ann Tabor*



UPDATES



Short Term Prayer Concerns

Matt Randquist, Kevin Floyd, The Michelle Gilham Family, Willow McVale, “Uncle Doug”, “Gail”, The Powell-Wackowski Family, Don Cohu, The Karen Cooper Family, The Larry Martin Family, The Ben Trujillo Family, The Suzanne Royer Family, Tony Pressel, Jake Kovenko, The Melody Ragains Family, Dennis Johnson, Doris Hogue, The Donna Mayer Family, The Fred Shaw Family, The Burke and Young Family, Stuart Morrison, “Lisa”, Ralph Young, Pru White, Sam and Rob Lauricia, Jennifer, Mike and Kristi Palmer, Finley and Angela Van House, Arne Koski, Don, Rena Emrick, Delton Ledebouer, Annette, Marty and Sandy Celano, Pam, Ginny and Jeff Hampton, A.J. Johnsen, Clint and Connie Langdon, Mary Moberly, The Amy Rosette Family, The Evelyn Bowers Family, Justin Wagner, Jen, Alex and Family, The Helen Scott Family, The Dick Gilham Family, The Bobby Hill Family, Jordan’s Family, The Jeanette Millar Family, Brenden and Family

The Sheri Bell Family, George Clayton, Heather Dillard, Rick Gilham, The Haney Family, Candy Hatton, Mary Humphreys, Irene Lambert, The Riley Langdon Family, Conner Peck, Letha Phillips, Marketa Protzy, Carrington Seay, Vanda Skadden, Barbara Sterry, Josh Trent-Murray, Sonya Wentworth, The Robert Young Family

Loved Ones

The Tomas Negrette Family, The Irishura Aloys Family, The Mina Nau-Mahe Family, The Gene Montgomery Family

Looking Ahead



Are you curious about the Old Testament? Would you be surprised to discover that Jesus often quoted the Hebrew Scriptures, what we now think of as the Old Testament? Did you know there are hymns in the Bible, and not just in our hymnals? Do your kids ever think that you are older than Methuselah? That might be older than they think!

Join the Insights discussion group on Sunday mornings (about 11) after worship in the conference room as we explore the Old Testament and discover anew its significance to us here and now.
Mary Ann Tabor

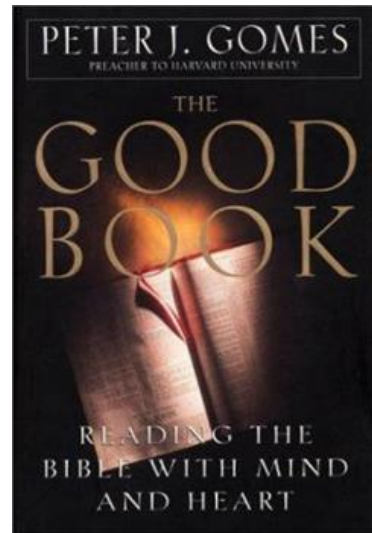
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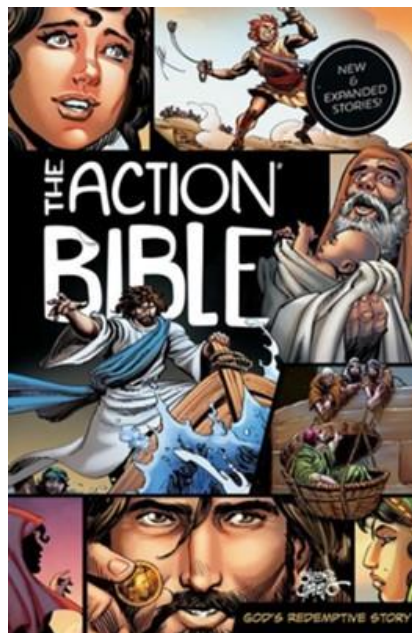
Interested in serving in a small group? Look out for a two-minute announcement every Sunday about small groups here at GSUMC. If you feel called to volunteer or serve in any group at Good Shepherd, contact the office or any of the lay leaders.



Do you have stories, joys, celebrations, anniversaries, or moments you want to share with our Good Shepherd Family? Send them to Loraine at office@gsumc-cs.org



Lenten season:
Book study "The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart" by Peter J Gomes
March 2nd -April 24th



Action Bible Study by David Cook
Join us during Faithful Gathering for an Action Bible Study on the book of Genesis by David Cook.
Feb 2, 9, 16, 23,
Mar 9, 16, 23, 30

Topic: Sunday Worship Service

Every week on Sun, until Feb 20, 2022, 4 occurrence(s)

Feb 6, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 13, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 20, 2022 09:30 AM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZllcuGhrD8uHNDmO2LVvKCWxt_N3ak-3X_E/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGupj4iE9aRtB-DRpwAGo_4WfPzpilbgo15kTC3LxZFSSDBLvZ9HOF-G5WD](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZllcuGhrD8uHNDmO2LVvKCWxt_N3ak-3X_E/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGupj4iE9aRtB-DRpwAGo_4WfPzpilbgo15kTC3LxZFSSDBLvZ9HOF-G5WD)

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Birthdays/Anniversaries



Patricia King	6
Carl Thompson	6
Gene Krause	7
Destiny Aloys	10
Andrew King	15
Riley Langdon	16
Gabriella Smith	16
Kevin Walker	19
Rick and Sally White	26
Robert Young	28



Valentines' Day At Millville Grade School

As the autumn of my life approaches, some memory fades,
But I still recall very special times from my primary grades.

We did things then, now considered politically incorrect,
Enjoying Valentine and Halloween parties - no one did object!

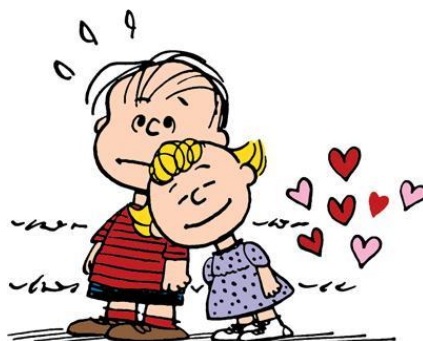
The Valentine party was the social event of the school year.
Kids secretly expressed affection for that very special dear.
They deposited their cards in a box covered with colorful crepe;
Walls were bedecked with hearts of every size and shape!

Someone scrawled on the blackboard, "We Love You Miss Ruth!"
And below were scribbled the names of her adoring youth.
Valentines cost two for a penny in those uncluttered days;
A cheap way to express puppy-love in such endearing ways.

As the cards were distributed, secret admirers gave a shy grin;
Boys received saccharine cards much to their chagrin.
Miss Ruth served cookies, cocoa and chocolate milk,
And heart-shaped candies saying 'Mine' or something of that ilk!

Miss Ruth gave a special hug to every girl and boy.
Her love and care topped off a day of consummate joy!
I fear that the children of today may never again enjoy,
The simple pleasures I knew that today some vow to destroy!

Now I wonder if in this day and age where anything goes,
If children are even permitted their affection to disclose?
Or have the politically correct creeps decreed it ain't okay,
For kids to celebrate innocent love on Saint Valentines' day!





Black History Month 2022 Theme

Since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme.

The Black History Month 2022 theme, "[Black Health and Wellness](#)," explores "the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birthworkers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora. The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well."

