# Good Shepherd United Methodist Church News! May, 2022



## From the Pastor's Desk

May is the month of possibilities. We have made it through Lenten season and Holy week. We have been renewed and are ready for the next season. The season of Pentecost, honoring women and men for Mother's Day and Father's Day and then we can enjoy the summer fun!

Jesus says in Mark 9:23 "*Everything is possible for one who believes*" This is a season to pray for things that may seem impossible and believe with all your heart that God can turn that impossible into **"I'm Possible"** You can make things happen when you believe. Jesus has done the work and has blessed you with new faith, new strength, and new hope. You can do all things through Christ who will strengthen you (Philippians 4:13). Jesus promised the disciples they would never be alone, he would be with them till the end of age. He would send them an advocate, a comforter the Holy Spirit that will help them and be with them forever. Then the Holy Spirit pours out into the people and they are filled with the fire of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is with us guiding us where we need to go and to do what we are called to do. When we can't God can. We are filled with the Spirit who is with us giving us the will power and endurance to continue forward, getting us through tough moments and lifting us up when we are down. We continue to walk into another season of things not being as they once were. We look for our Lord in every situation we are faced with and every relationship we create. God surrounds us and the Spirit lets us know and feel that. Take time this season to notice God and the blessings God brings into your life.



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## What's Happening at Good Shepherd



Coffee hour in fellowship hall Sunday mornings, following worship



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



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@gsumc-cs.org



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



Every Wednesday on ZOOM at 7pm ZOOM Link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89587967356?p wd=NU1KRHczTzJZN0tzL2Y1NzNDc21Vdz09

> Meeting ID: 895 8796 7356 Passcode: 063169 One tap mobile +16699006833,

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Whether we are called United Methodist Women, or by our new name of United Women in Faith, we remain a mission organization concerned with God's activity outside the walls of the church building. One of our ongoing mission activities here at Good Shepherd has been the construction of the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) hygiene kits. We use the items donated by members of Good Shepherd to put together these basic hygiene kits, which are distributed all over the world.

In April, we made 88 kits and will put more kits together at our May meeting. Over the summer, all of the kits we assemble now will be delivered to an UMCOR warehouse.

Since this is an ongoing project for us, we always need these supplies:

Hand towels (15x25 up to 17x27) Bars of soap (NO Ivory or Jergen's) Combs with 6 inches of teeth Regular-sized band-aids wash cloths Toothbrushes nail clippers Zip lock bags (1 gallon size)

Our local unit of United Women in Faith (UMW) will meet on May 7 at 9 a.m. at the church. Shirley Greener will bring the program. Joyce Nicholson will share from <u>response</u> Magazine, Debbie Laney will offer devotions from our <u>Prayer Guide</u>, Judy Johnson and Betty Riley are hostesses. Mary Ann Tabor will make a book recommendation from the reading program list. *Marry Ann Tabor* 







## TO BE OR NOT TO BE (the CHURCH) Sermon Series

Church is not a place you go, it's something you are and something you do. Encounters with Jesus change people, not just for a moment, but by transforming us into something new. But we are not new by ourselves! We become new as part of a community, the church, held together and sent out by the Holy Spirit to introduce more people to the transformative Jesus! To be the church is to do God's mission in the world.

## May 1, 2022: "The Unexpected Stanger" Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

The "Walk to Emmaus" story is powerful. We must keep our eyes and ears tuned to the ways God moves. Jesus shows up when you

least expect it but when he does you will know.

#### May 8, 2022: MOTHER'S DAY "Teachings of a Godly Mother"

#### Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:10-13, 26-28, 2:1-2

"Teachings of a Godly Mother." Mothers are not only nurturing but they are wise, loving and have the strongest faith. They are the best teachers who give their all because God is their source for everything.

#### May 15, 2022: "Be A Witness" Matthew 28:16-20

The gospel is a message to be shared. We are called (given authority!) to be witnesses beyond the walls of the church.

#### May 22, 2022: "Be a Disciple" Luke 9:23-25

Discipleship involves commitment, giving of our whole selves and lives, not just Sunday morning.

## May 29, 2022: "Be Transformational Romans" 12:1-2

Being transformed allows us to be transformational in the world.

## Dear Mom



These are thoughts I should've shared with you many years ago, To express my love and affection - so very much to you I owe! Alas, I didn't tell you I loved you enough, that I'll ever rue. The things I want to tell you now are so very long over due.

Thanks for all the pain you suffered just to give me breath, And that time you prayed for me when I was nearing death. I shall always remember your sweet and tender smile. Your words of encouragement have made my life worthwhile.

I treasure the many times you shared your faith with me, Especially hearing about His love as I sat upon your knee. Though at times I rebelled at attending church and Sunday school, I'm thankful for those who taught me to follow the Golden Rule.

Mom, I treasure many precious memories growing up as a lad. I know the Great Depression sapped the resources of you and Dad. You sacrificed so much to see us kids schooled, fed and clad, And thanks to you, the good times far out-weighed the bad!

Though we had little worldly pelf, there was abundant love suffice. When I faced Y's in the road, you always offered sage advice. Though your time here on earth was, Oh, so very fleet, I know that you have found perfect peace sitting at Jesus' feet!

> Robert L. Hinshaw, CMSgt, USAF, Retired © All Rights Reserved

## A NEW COVENANT MISSIONARY



Good Shepherd has a new covenant missionary. Her name is Julie Wilson, and she is a church and community worker. She serves as the Director of Open Arms Community Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

As you may recall, our local unit of United Methodist Women has been covering the cost of Good Shepherd's covenant relationship for several years now, because that is part of the mission work that UMW can do. Under this arrangement, there is no extra cost for our church. Most importantly, we all get to further the cause of missions, while getting to know a real, live missionary. In the past, Good Shepherd was in relationship with Donna Pewo in Oklahoma and with Jennifer Henneman in Columbus, Ohio.

Julie Wilson sent an email to me this week and promised to send copies of her personal missionary newsletter along with copies of the Open Arms Community newsletter. Look it up online. The Open Arms Community Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, looks like a busy place. Mary Ann Tabor





What a Lenten and Holy Week Season! It was a success this year. We are grateful that we have such a wonderful team of volunteers at Good Shepherd who made this season possible. If you loved the Good Friday dramatization, make sure to give Pastor AJ and Elaine Johnsen and Shirley Greener a big thank you along with all of our wonderful GSUMC actors who took part in the drama. We would not have such a show without the hard work of Geri Piazza who made the Roman guard costumes and the cool swords made by Leo Macon. And of course, the cross that Jesus carried in was built by other than our trustees chair Terry Clayton. We are thankful for the stations of the cross display and the Lenten season decoration in the chapel done by Pastor Nau-Mahe it sure was an amazing experience. Here are some pictures that were captured......

A Look Back







## Dear Good Shepherd family,

Are you looking forward to spring? Technically we are in the spring season, it just doesn't seem like it in some (windy) ways. The best part is that we made it to Easter! Alleluia - amen. And the robins are here, daffodils are blooming, trees are blooming and just this evening we received a blessed light rain. New life everywhere even in the midst of the wind and grass fires God is present with us to give us hope and provide for us whatever our circumstances.

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#### I bring you great news as we continue to faithfully raise needed

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tuary. Many of you were in our goal is to raise \$42,000 so we an as a wonderful expression of stages. Thank you to the

timated by about \$1,500 per services. Good Shepherd staff all of the building costs at a naces in the church in addition to another one in the basement. e chart below, for the first three n they occur, not when they are he conference office, and we are please feel free to talk to me or I we pledge to always be good d is good, all the time!

Comparison of 2022 Income and Expenses General Fund			
	Income	Expenses	
January	\$ 8,003.22	\$ 16,046.12	
February	\$ 14,904.68	\$ 15,014.41	
March	\$ 12,253.14	\$ 17,703.79	
Transfer in-Roof-Mortgage	\$ 2,636.97		
Transfer in from specials	\$ I,000.00		
Totals	\$ 38,798.01	\$ 48,764.32	
Income less Expenses:		\$ (9,966.31)	

Elaine Johnsen, Chair, Finance Committee

## THANKS FOR YOUR CREATION, GOD



Creation is showing off right now with the coming of spring. Even when it is cold one day and warm the next, we delight in the beauty of the landscape. My neighbor's daffodils have come and gone. Alas, they are always a short-lived harbinger of spring. I hear people talking about their tulips, and I've noticed a definite green tint to the winter-browned grass along the streets.

I think humanity is waking up, too, from a long winter's nap; as I notice smiles and friendly waves from the people walking in the sunshine. It feels so good to be alive in God's creation right now, doesn't it?

Officially, we celebrated Earth Day on April 22. But let's extend this reverence for the Earth a little longer. I propose we celebrate God's creation every day. Let's try it for the month of May. Every day say a little prayer of thanks for one thing that you're thankful for in God's creation. Not necessarily the whole Creation at once, but some little part of it that brings a smile to your face. Maybe you'll find joy in spotting a ladybug, or catching the scent of a blooming flower. Perhaps, the far-off sound of thunder will quicken your heartbeat. Possibly the sight of a full moon will bring a gasp of wonder from your lips. The full moon in May is called the Flower Moon, and this year it coincides with a lunar eclipse. Oh, I'll bet many of us will have our eyes trained on the skies for this magical event!

As you feel the warm sun on your cheek and feast your eyes on the budding trees and blooming flowers, make note of it in your "Nature Journal," and thank God for His beautiful Creation! Mary Ann Tabor



# Insights Book Study



Join our awesome book study group as we take a deep dive into "The Good Book" Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart by Peter J. Gomes. We meet in the Conference Room every Sunday after worship.

You don't have the book or have read it?? That's ok, join us anyway!! We have great conversations as we share our experiences, theology and understanding of the bible. Don't miss out!









## **Short Term Prayer Concerns**

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 Frank Cribbett Family, Dana Nordstrom, The Jerilynn Welch Family, Ray Cornmesser, Mike Lewis, Dan Evert Glass, Ben Wentworth, III, The Virgil W. Sterry Family, Taylor, Tony Prussel, Bob Prussel, The Bob Rickard Family, The Evelyn Bowers Family, Cindy, Kristen and David, Sandra Matter, The Parents of Corey and Michaela Glass, Ron Koughler, Kourtney Crutcher, Kimber, Robert and Jennifer, The Family of Clair Brodeau, Steve Lyman

## Celebration of Life – Frank Cribbett.

Please join the Cribbett family to celebrate and honor Frank at a service on Wednesday, June 8 at 12:00 pm at Good Shepherd Church.





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

In Our Thoughts

Loved Ones

The Judy Hodges Family, The Bob Hinshaw Family, The Ardis Hill Family, The Corrine Haggart Family



# Looking Ahead



Thank you to everyone who helped with our Easter Egg Hunt. We had 15 kids with their parent's participating, and we had wonderful weather.

VOLUNTEER

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



VBS will be held in June with more information to follow soon.

**Celebration of Life – Evelyn Bowers.** Please join the Bowers family to celebrate and honor Evelyn at a service on Saturday, May 21 at Dove Witt Family Mortuary, 6630 S U.S. Hwy 85 87, Fountain, CO 80817. A light lunch will follow.

**Celebration of Life – Frank Cribbett.** Please join the Cribbett family to celebrate and honor Frank at a service on Wednesday, June 8 at 12:00 pm at Good Shepherd Church. A reception will follow the ceremony at Pikes Peak National Cemetery.

June 5 is Pentecost Sunday. To commemorate this event, we will be decorating the sanctuary with geraniums. You may order yours for \$7.00 each. Take them home after the service and plant them in your garden or pots. You may

want some extras as gifts. You may dedicate yours to a loved one or to celebrate a special event. We will be taking orders in Cooper Hall on May 8, 15, and 22. A list of dedications will be included in the bulletin on Pentecost Sunday. Altar Flower Committee



Mountain Sky Conference Annual Conference is held in Helena, Montana at the Helena United Methodist Ministries (HUMM) on June 16-18th. This includes St. Paul's UMC and Covenant UMC. The Conference is partnering again with GNTV to bring sessions to those in person and those who choose to attend online. The second half of the Annual Conference will occur Oct 21-22nd in an online-only format to focus on the legislative work of the Mountain Sky Conference. Registration is open. Please visit the Conference website at <u>mtnskyumc.org</u> for more information

#### **Geraniums for Pentecost**





Linda Cohu		2
Ryan Rohren	2	
Marj Krause		3
Elfriede Shelstad		5
Bill and Lori Lang		5
Natalia Taylor		7
Pat Gilham		8
Hayley Langdon		9
Don Cohu		9
Herman Williams		9
Rob Rohren		10
Cole Walker		11
Madeline Flack		14
Tim Hogan		19
Josh Trent		21
Michelle Gilham		22
Dexter Greener		24
Hilde Mankowski		25
Cindy Hogan		30
Tim and Cindy Hogan		31

