



Shepherd's Link

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Good Shepherd
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Mission

We are called to encourage and equip each other to give of ourselves daily—serving the Lord Jesus, each other, and our community.

Vision

We fulfill our mission when we teach each other to "live under the SHEPHERD" - to "Shepherd for the Shepherd."

Discipleship

Following the "SHEPHERD" We are equipped to be God's Frontline Servant

- S - stewards (time, talent, possessions)
- H - hands on service
- E - education
- P - prayer
- H - hospitality
- E - encouraging others
- R - regular worship participant
- D - devotional life

Elvis and the Pace Setters



By Pastor Dave Sonnenberg

I ran the Rock and Roll half-marathon at Virginia Beach over Labor Day weekend. It was my first run of such length and I was a bit nervous. When I signed up I made a prediction that I would finish the race in about 2 hours and 10 minutes. Because of that prediction, I was grouped in "corral 10" which was filled with lots of people who thought they would finish at about the same time.

As I stood there anxiously awaiting the start, I noticed Elvis! I kid you not. There he was dressed in white bell bottom pants, white coat and hat, puffy shirt, and carrying a toy saxophone. In addition, Elvis carried a sign that he held in the air that read- "2:07!" Elvis was chanting 2:07, 2:07, 2:07. All around him were a host of runners with "2:07" on their back and they were whooping it up like crazy. You see- Elvis was their pace setter. He was an experienced runner who could make sure that people met or did better than 2:07- if they followed in his footsteps! Elvis was a good pace setter!

Next Sunday, November 18, is Commitment Sunday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for our *Building on Faith Capital Campaign* and for the *2008 Ministry Year*. The financial support for the 2008 Ministry Year ensures that we continue to be aggressive in providing meaningful ministry, worship, and outreach in our community. Your financial support for the *Building on Faith Campaign* (2008-2010) will help us reach and exceed our goal of raising \$1.5 million dollars.

We have already been blessed with some advance leadership gifts prior to Commitment Sunday which has set us on pace to reach and exceed that \$1.5 million dollar goal. As of Wednesday, these gifts total \$627,810.00 to the Building on Faith Campaign. These leaders have joined as a chorus in saying, "We can do it! We can do it. Collectively, we can do it!" These leaders shout out to you, "Join in the run and let's make it hap-

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2008 Offering Envelopes Delivery Program

Beginning with the 2008 contribution year, offering envelopes will be mailed directly to the home address of contributors currently on file. This new method has proven successful in many other congregations and we are certain that the cost savings and convenience of this program will benefit our church and our members also.

The offering envelope mailing program is operated through Augsburg Fortress, the same church resource-based company who has provided our boxed set of offering envelopes for many years now. Offering envelopes will be mailed out every other month in advance of the upcoming period.

The mailing program is not intended to be a "billing" service for your sacrificial offerings. Our desire is simply to make it convenient and timely for you to give of your God-given resources.

Also...we offer the Simply Giving automated giving program for those who want to eliminate the need for offering envelopes altogether. There is no cost and no catch associated with this service and enrollment is a cinch! You decide how much and when your contributions are automatically deducted from your bank account. It's that easy! Look for the link on our website or contact the church office for more info.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Please join us this year as we celebrate Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:30pm at [Christ The Servant Lutheran Church](#) at 9801 Centerway Rd., Montgomery Village, MD 20886, 301-977-0285. You'll find a link to their directions on our website.

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Events

"Every Single One" (ESO)

Saturday, November 17, 2:00pm - Movie and dinner at Rockville Town Center. Meet at Good Shepherd at 2:00pm. We will see a movie first and then have an early dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Monday, December 3, 12:30pm - U.S. Air Force Band presents an "An American Holiday" at Constitution Hall. We will leave Good Shepherd at 12:30 pm for the 3:00pm performance. We have a limited number of free tickets so please RSVP ASAP.

Saturday, December 8, 12:30pm - US Army Holiday Concert "A Holiday Festival" at DAR Constitution Hall at 3:00pm. Performers include "Pershing's Own" & special guest, Louise Mandrell. We will leave Good Shepherd at 12:30 pm. We have a limited number of free tickets so please RSVP ASAP!

Sunday, December 16, 6:00pm - Holiday potluck at the home of Joy Freund. Bring nonperishable food for donation to Gaithersburg Help. RSVP please.

To RSVP for all ESO events, contact Joy Freund at 301-527-8719 or gseverysingleone@hotmail.com.

Special Adult Offering

Dr. Carey Moore, a retired Old Testament professor from Gettysburg College will offer an entertaining presentation on "Religion and the Comics" at Good Shepherd on Thursday, December 6, at 10:30 am. Carey who authored a number of volumes in the Anchor Bible Commentaries has done extensive archeology in Israel, and has written many books. One of his hobbies, reading the comics, led to his power point program. One of these days he hopes to publish this study.

City of Gaithersburg Holiday Giving Program

Good Shepherd will continue to collect for this worthy campaign up until the Christmas distribution date, December 9th. If you still desire to contribute, you may put your tax-deductible contribution of cash, check (made out to Gaithersburg Holiday Giving Program) or gift cards from Giant, Bottom Dollar, Target or K-Mart in the collection plate on Sundays. You may also add them to the green box in the office trailer during the weekdays.

Many thanks to all those who have already contributed. Awesome! Thanks for caring about those in need in our community of Gaithersburg.

Any questions, please call Shelley Stavely at 301-353-9654 or Paula Bunge at 301-424-1762.

GSLC Senior/Retirees

(All Members and Guests of GSLC (55 or better) are invited to join in these activities)

Tuesday, November 13, 12:30pm – Thanksgiving Luncheon with all the trimmings will be held at the Epworth Methodist Church Social Hall. Phyllis Voldal is chairing this for us. There is a planned menu. Please call Phyllis Voldal at 301-869-6395 to make your reservation and to find out what she would like you to bring. You may either bring an item or make a contribution.



Wednesday, November 28, 9:30am – Tobys' Dinner Theatre, Columbia, MD to see "The Sound of Music." The bus will leave the church at 9:30 am. We should return about 4:00 pm. If you would like to go, contact George Groninger at 301-926-6383. The cost is \$38.00.

Thoughts for Veterans Day

Abraham Lincoln gave his second Inaugural Address on March 4, 1865, as the Civil War was raging. He said, "Fondly do we hope — fervently do we pray — that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away."

Lincoln's next paragraph is especially appropriate for Veterans Day: "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan — to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations."

When President Lincoln finished his classic oration, he reportedly kissed the Bible and left the platform. He was assassinated the next month.



Updates

Messenger Reminder

Messengers for the Capital Campaign and Senior Messengers: Don't forget that this is the week (11/11/07 – 11/17/07) that we make our second call to the families on our lists before Commitment Sunday on 11/18/07. Please notify the church office of any non-working phone numbers at office@goodshepherdonline.org. Any questions? Contact Barbara Campbell at 301-258-9049. Thank you for your service!

Adult Education Options

Luther - Sundy, November 11 - Room 209 - 10:00 am



We'll watch the last few minutes of the 2003 movie, *Luther*, starring Joseph Fiennes, and then use the movie as a starting point to discuss the life and legacy of Martin Luther. After his fascinating Reformation Sunday presentation on Martin Luther in the context of history last year, we asked Paul Rood to join us again this year to lead the discussion.

Parenting of Teens - November 11 - December 16 - Trailer # 1 - 10:00 am

This is a great opportunity for anyone who currently has teenagers in their life, but also for those parents of younger children who want to plan ahead! Each of these classes will focus on a different topic regarding teenagers. The classes are designed to be interactive. Come with questions, concerns, and ideas for topics of discussion. Teens bring joy to our lives along with concerns. We will raise them up in prayer and try our best to remember when we were teens ourselves. Questions: Contact John or Sandy Redmon at 301-948-7339 or sr55john@comcast.net.

Amazing Grace - 5 Hymns that Changed the World - November 18 - Room 209 - 10:00 am



Did you know that *Amazing Grace* was written by John Newton 25 years after he abandoned his life as an African slave trader? Join us on November 18 to learn some background on several of our most well known hymns. In addition, you'll hear and see them performed on the DVD, but we'll also leave time for discussion.

Parenting of Teens - November 18 - Trailer 1 - 10:00 am

"Name" - November 25 - Room 209- 10:00 am



This latest NOOMA DVD looks at how we all compare ourselves to others. It explains that, "We spend our lives wondering what others think and say about us. Some of us even wish we were someone else. We question why we are the way we are and not the way we wish we could be. Some of us have let the expectations of others dictate who we've become. We act a certain way to be accepted but know that we're being untrue. But why are we so concerned with what other people think, say, or look like? What does it say about us if we are unable to accept who we are? Maybe if we really knew our true selves, we wouldn't give so much attention to other peoples' lives and live more in tune with the life God wants for us."

Parenting of Teens - November 25 - Trailer 1 - 10:00 am

Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed – Dr. Kaelber

The Stephen Ministers will have their next continuing education/supervision meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, beginning at 7:00 pm. Our featured leader will be Good Shepherd member, Dr. Chuck Kaelber. Chuck will be sharing thoughts on "Dealing with Depression."

Dr. Kaelber is a graduate of Capital University – a Lutheran University - in Ohio. He received his MD degree from Western Reserve Medical School. He did his internship at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and his residency in general preventive medicine at Harvard. While completing his residency he also obtained a master's degree and a doctorate in public health from Harvard's School of Public Health.

About twenty years after beginning work for the United States Public Health Service, Chuck did a residency in general psychiatry at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, DC.

When employed by the US Public Health Service, Dr. Kaelber was affiliated with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and the National Institute of Mental Health. He retired from the US Public Health Service in 1999.

Chuck and his wife, Nancy, returned to the DC area in 2002. Chuck is currently a consultant to Family Services Agency (Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Foundation), Threshold Services, and PsychoGeriatric Services.

The Stephen Ministers look forward to learning from and sharing with Dr. Chuck Kaelber on November 14.

Looking Ahead at Good Shepherd

<u>Sunday, November 11</u> <i>Veteran's Day</i> 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children's Choir 10:00a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 10:00a Adult Education 11:15a Worship	<u>Sunday, November 18</u> Commitment Sunday 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children's Choir 10:00a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 10:00a Adult Education 11:15a Worship	9:30a Children's Choir 10:00a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 10:00a Adult Education 11:15a Worship	10:00a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 10:00a Adult Education 11:15a Worship
<u>Monday, November 12</u> 5:30p Bells of Joy 6:45p Shepherd's Bells 7:00p Social Ministry 7:00p GS Chimers 8:00p GS Ringers	<u>Monday, November 19</u> 5:30p Bells of Joy 6:45p Shepherd's Bells 7:00p GS Chimers 8:00p GS Ringers	<u>Monday, November 26</u> 1:00, 3:00p Lord's Table 5:30p Bells of Joy 6:45p Shepherd's Bells 7:00p GS Chimers 8:00p GS Ringers	<u>Monday, December 3</u> 5:30p Bells of Joy 6:45p Shepherd's Bells 7:00p Social Ministry 7:00p GS Chimers 8:00p GS Ringers
<u>Tuesday, November 13</u> 11:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p Newsletter Deadline 12:30p Seniors' Thanksgiving 7:30p Church Council Mtg 7:30p Praise Band	<u>Tuesday, November 20</u> 11:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p Newsletter Deadline 7:30p Praise Band	<u>Tuesday, November 27</u> 11:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p Newsletter Deadline 7:00p Women's Book Club 7:30p Praise Band	<u>Tuesday, December 4</u> 9:30a Phoebe Circle 11:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p Newsletter Deadline 7:00p Worship & Music 7:30p Evangelism 7:30p Praise Band Practice
<u>Wednesday, November 14</u> 9:30a Sisters in Grace 7:00p Stephen Ministry	<u>Wednesday, November 21</u> 9:30a Sisters in Grace Thanksgiving Eve @ Christ the Servant Lutheran	<u>Wednesday, November 28</u> 9:30a Sisters In Grace 7:00p Stephen Ministry	<u>Wednesday, December 5</u> 9:30a Sisters In Grace
<u>Thursday, November 15</u> 7:00a Breakfast Devotions 10:30a Bible Study Grp 7:30p Chancel Choir	<u>Thursday, November 22</u> Thanksgiving Office Closed	<u>Thursday, November 29</u> 7:00a Breakfast Devotions 10:30a Bible Study Group 7:30p Chancel Choir	<u>Thursday, December 6</u> 7:00a Breakfast Devotions 10:30a Bible Study Group 7:30p Chancel Choir
<u>Friday, November 16</u> <u>Saturday, November 17</u>	<u>Friday, November 23</u> Office Closed <u>Sunday, November 25</u> Christ the King Sunday 8:30a Worship	<u>Friday, November 30</u> <u>Saturday, December 1</u> <u>Sunday, December 2</u> First Sunday in Advent 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children's Choir	<u>Friday, December 7</u> <u>Saturday, December 8</u> <u>Sunday, December 9</u> Second Sunday in Advent 8:30a Worship 9:30a Children's Choir

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pen". Our calling as a congregation as we *Build on Faith* is to include as many as possible in this exciting project. It's not everyday that we get to build a new facility. It's not everyday that we get to help shape the future in such a profound way. I am confident that you will want to be a part of it!

We are building on a legacy of faithfulness here at Good Shepherd. Join us for a festive worship service next Sunday and bring your pledges. Bring your gift forward at communion time and leave it in the basket which we will have available. Know that you will join a host of others who will be dedicating their resources to God's good work here at Good Shepherd.

The pace has been set. We will reach and exceed the goal. We will support the ongoing ministry. We will bless others in the days to come. No doubt we will continue our walk with the Lord in confidence that his Spirit will lead and guide us on the journey to come.

"Thank You!"

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your kindness and cards while I was recuperating after my recent surgery. I appreciate all your caring support.

Yours Truly,
Pat Iannone



Request from Judy Center

One of our partners, Epworth United Methodist Preschool, needs a volunteer for a short time to assist in two parent conferences in two weeks for parents who are hearing impaired. As partners to the Judy Center we are looking to assist in this search. We are also looking into the Volunteer Center but as this is the busy season there, could you also put out an announcement to the Gaithersburg Coalition of Providers to see if someone is competent in ASL and could offer his/her services to Epworth for this short volunteer experience. If so, please let me know so I can refer on. Thank you so much.

Marty Monks, Program Manager
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Please email articles for the next Shepherd's Link newsletter to link@goodshepherdonline.org. Each week during the month will highlight special areas; i.e., Pastor's column, social ministry, music, youth, etc. Deadlines are Tuesday before the publication date.