



# Call

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

Seventy-five knocks a day.

Over half a century ago, my parents (then newlyweds) lived in New Jersey outside of Philadelphia. One day they received a knock at their door. A pastor was standing there telling them about a new church that was being formed and invited them to come and join. So my folks became charter members of that congregation.

Seventy-five knocks a day.

Some of you may or may not know this, but that pastor was none other than the father of our own Susan Master. I love listening to my dad and Susan chat about that time in their lives and that newly formed congregation. Sometimes it feels as if they are going through the church directory name by name. They reminisce and share current information about the people that gathered for worship. To listen to them is to hear the love flowing through the years, and to sense the excitement over what that new worshiping community would be. And from time to time, Susan shares this fast fact.

As the primary function of his work as a mission developer, her father was to knock on seventy-five doors a day.

Seventy-five knocks a day!

We live in a different time. Going door to door is not as well received as it once was. And the time management of a parish pastor is quite different than that of a mission developer. Perhaps there is another take away from this notion of making seventy-five knocks a day.

What if we were able to make seventy-five conversation initiations a day? (And while sending a social media announcement may have some impact, we know that personal conversation is better.) Seventy-five times where we are able to talk to people about their church home. Do they have a church home?

Seventy-five times we listen to where people are in their lives.

Seventy-five times we listen as people tell us about the faith that they may already have.

Seventy-five times we talk about the worshiping community here at Good Shepherd.

Seventy-five times we talk about the love of Jesus Christ.

Seventy-five times we talk about a place where we hear that our sins are forgiven.

Seventy-five times we invite people to come and join us as we worship God, demonstrate God's love to all, spread the word of God, live in service, and share God's abundant gifts.

Seventy-five knocks a day. Think about it.

*Peace, and many blessings—  
Kathleen J. Baker, pastor*

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 clarity. Unless otherwise publicized, the deadline  
 for submissions is the third Sunday of the month.

**It's Time to Think  
 About Advent!**

(\*Perhaps more appropriately,  
 it's time for the members of  
 Good Shepherd to start  
 thinking about Advent!)

In 2025, we tried something  
 new for Advent. Rather than  
 ordering a devotional booklet  
 from a publisher, we created  
 our own. Members of the congregation wrote stories,  
 shared memories, offered commentaries, reflected on  
 scripture – all relating to the  
 season of Advent. Some devotionals were a para-  
 graph, others spanned several pages,  
 and ALL helped us learn something important about  
 the authors and ALL deepened and  
 enhanced our journey through the Advent Season.  
 Because the devotional booklet was  
 so well-received, we are doing it again for 2026!  
 A devotional entry is needed for each day of Advent.  
 Inspiration for your entry can  
 come from a variety of sources:



- Scripture texts assigned for that day
- Traditional themes of Advent – waiting, watching, preparing, the coming of the Light
- The 4 Advent candles on the Advent wreath: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE
- A favorite scripture that reminds you of Advent
- A personal experience

The compilation of this booklet is a time-consuming process but well worth the effort. Consequently, entries for this year's Advent devotional need to be submitted by August 9, 2026. Your submission should include your name, a title, and a scripture reference if applicable, and then email it to the church – goodshepherdpxtang@gmail.com. Start thinking now. In the coming weeks, a list of the assigned Scripture texts will be placed in the Narthex and outside the Chapel entrance. Some people may choose to use these scripture texts while others may not. A sign-up sheet will also be made available. Last year, some of the writers selected a specific date because their Advent memory was tied to a birthday, anniversary, or special event. Please consider sharing your Advent message with your church family – a booklet written for us by us. Vicki Delp

**From Our Treasurer: April Financials**

<u>APRIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY</u>	<u>2026</u>		<u>BALANCES</u>
	Apr.	YTD	
Giving	22,039	108,034	General Fund 52,610
Spending	21,581	87,358	Exchange (Restricted) 38,263
Surplus/(Deficit)	458	20,676	Memorial 21,631
			Mission Investment Fund CD 33,470
			Investments 432,720

happy birthday

- June 1** Karen Frischkorn and Heather Watkins
- June 5** Pastor Pamela Carnes
- June 7** Catherine Fagan, Joan Price, and Abigail Stettler
- June 12** Marcia Freed-Dankman
- June 13** James Kepner and Colin Parry
- June 14** Deanna Baum and John Switaj
- June 17** Marissa Dankman
- June 18** Chris Pollock
- June 19** Isabella Gonzalez and Kathryn Greene
- June 21** Jacquelyn Patton
- June 24** Dawn Deaner and Donald Erney
- June 29** Brian Valley

**W/ELCA  
GATHERING  
Monday, June 8  
9:30 a.m.  
in the Gathering  
Room**

## June Readings

- June 1** Job 38: 39–39:12, 1 Corinthians 12: 1-3, Psalm 29
- June 2** Job 39: 13-25, 1 Corinthians 12: 4-13, Psalm 29
- June 3** Job 39: 26–40:5, John 14: 25-26, Psalm 29
- June 4** Lamentations 1: 7-11, 2 Peter 2: 17-22, Psalm 50: 7-15
- June 5** Lamentations 3: 40-58, Acts 28: 1-10. Psalm 50: 7-15
- June 6** Exodus 34: 1-9, Matthew 9: 27-34, Psalm 50: 7-15
- June 7** Hosea 5: 15–6: 6, Romans 4: 13-25, Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26, Psalm 50: 7-15
- June 8** Leviticus 15: 25-31; 22: 1-9, 2 Corinthians 6: 14–7:2, Psalm 40: 1-8
- June 9** Hosea 8: 11-14; 10: 1-2, Hebrews 13: 1-16, Psalm 40: 1-8
- June 10** Hosea 14: 1-9, Matthew 12: 1-8, Psalm 40: 1-8
- June 11** Exodus 4: 18-23, Hebrews 3: 1-6, Psalm 100
- June 12** Exodus 4: 27-31, Acts 7: 35-43, Psalm 100
- June 13** Mark 7: 1-13, Exodus 6: 28–7: 13, Psalm 100
- June 14** Exodus 19: 2-8a, Romans 5: 1-8, Matthew 9:35–10: 8, Psalm 100
- June 15** Joshua 1: 1-11, 1 Thessalonians 3: 1-5, Psalm 105: 1-11, 37-45
- June 16** 1 Samuel 3: 1-9, 2 Thessalonians 2: 13–3:5, Psalm 105: 1-11, 37-45
- June 17** Proverbs 4: 10-27, Luke 6: 12-19, Psalm 105: 1-11, 37-45
- June 18** Jeremiah 18: 12-17, Hebrews 2: 5-9, Psalm 69: 7-10 [11-15], 16-28,
- June 19** Jeremiah 18: 18-23, Acts 5: 17-26, Psalm 69: 7-10 [11-15] 16-18
- June 20** Luke 11: 53–12: 3, Jeremiah 20: 1-6, Psalm 69: 7-10 [11-15] 16-18
- June 21** Jeremiah 20: 7-13, Romans 6: 1b-11, Matthew 10: 24-39, Psalm 69: 7-10 [11-15] 16-18
- June 22** Revelation 2: 1-7, Micah 7: 1-7, Psalm 6
- June 23** Jeremiah 26: 1-12, Revelation 2: 8-11, Psalm 6
- June 24** Matthew 10: 5-23, Jeremiah 38: 1-13, Psalm 6
- June 25** Jeremiah 25: 1-7, Galatians 5: 2-6, Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18
- June 26** Galatians 5: 7-12, Jeremiah 25: 8-14, 2, Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18
- June 27** Jeremiah 28: 1-4, Luke 17: 1-4, Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18
- June 28** Matthew 10: 40-42, Romans 6: 12-23, Jeremiah 28: 5-9, Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18
- June 29** 1 Kings 21: 1-16, 1 Thessalonians 4: 9-12, Psalm 119: 161-168
- June 30** 1 John 4: 1-6, 1 Kings 21: 17-29, Psalm 119: 161-168

## HONORING OUR VETERANS

As part of the celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary, we at Good Shepherd are honoring members of our congregation for their military service. Our USA 250 Anniversary Committee is asking veterans and families of deceased veterans to contact the church office to provide details of their service (i.e. branch of military served, dates of service, rank and honors achieved). This month we are recognizing four veterans.

**Gregory Borzok** was a Radioman 2, Second Class Petty Officer, E5, in the U.S. Navy. He served on the USS Boxer LPH-4 and was on the decommissioning crew. He also served on the USS Charleston LKA-113 and is a plank owner of the ISS Saginaw LST-1188 which was commissioned on January 23, 1971. He became a Shellback for crossing the equator on March 14, 1971. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and received the First Good Conduct Award on June 28, 1972, when he was separated from service. He was officially discharged on May 22, 1974. He served for four years, one month and six days, including foreign or sea service of three years, eight months and eight days.

**Dixie McCauley** enlisted in the U.S. Air Force/PA Air National Guard on June 1, 1976. She served as an inventory management specialist/ base supply with the 193rd TEW (Tactical Electronic Warfare) Group. Receiving the outstanding unit award, she achieved the rank of sergeant. She was honorably discharged on May 15, 1980, after serving three years, 11 months and 15 days.

The late **David R. Price**, a member of Zion Lutheran-Penbrook who served as a lector and usher until his passing in 2010, served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1948 to 1952. He was stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina, where he achieved the rank of staff sergeant. Working as a cook, David developed a skill for ceremonial cake decorating. Ceremonies are of great importance in the Corps, and his abilities were appreciated so much that when his unit was due to transfer the base brass arranged to keep him at Cherry Point.

**Donald Rehm** joined the U.S. Navy in 1967 and achieved the rank of E4/Radar Operator. He served in Great Lakes, Illinois; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Newport, Rhode Island; and Norfolk, Virginia. He was part of the mission to provide coverage for U2 recon flights over Cuba after the Cuban missile crisis. Receiving the National Defense Service Medal, he was honorably discharged in March 1969.

Please join us in appreciation of these veterans for their service. And, encourage other veterans you know to share their stories with the congregation.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL/BAND CONCERT ANOTHER SUCCESS

The Evangelism Committee reported some 65 people attended Good Shepherd's Ice Cream Social in All Saints Hall on the afternoon of Saturday, May 2. The event featured a performance by the Keystone Concert Band. Led by principal conductor Donna Deaven, some 50 members of the band opened the 2026 season with a series of American-themed numbers in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary.

Thanks to our intrepid ice-cream scoopers John MacAnaney, John Switaj and Fred Sprunk, as well as Bill Baum, Dix McCauley and a host of willing hands which helped with set-up and clean-up. Together, they made this annual event a success.

### **Listen...Is Jesus Calling You to Serve?**

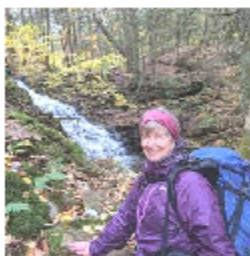
Every Sunday we gather for worship – we sing, we pray, we present our gifts, we commune, we give thanks. Worship feeds our souls and lifts our spirits as we connect with God and with God’s people. We know our pastor will be at the pulpit, and our organist will be on the bench. However, there will also be others who share their time and talent to ensure that our worship services run smoothly and in good order. Have you ever considered volunteering to assist in the tasks that need to be done every Sunday morning? Below is a brief description of the jobs which are a part of each Sunday service and what each job entails.

- A Duty Officer(s) is scheduled for the 8:30 AM service and a different Duty Officer is scheduled for the second Sunday morning service. Duty Officers are usually the first people to arrive on a Sunday morning and the last people to leave following the second service. They unlock/lock the doors, turn on/turn off lights, fans, and microphones.
- Ushers are often the first person a worshiper sees when entering the church. The Ushers distribute bulletins, present the offering and the communion elements, send worshippers forward for communion, and answer any questions about worship or the building, especially from visitors. Two ushers serve at the first service, and two different ushers serve at the second service. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex for anyone who is interested in serving as an Usher.
- Assisting Ministers do just that – they assist the pastor. The Assisting Minister processes and recesses with the Cross, reads the Scripture lessons, leads the prayer, and assists the Pastor during communion. Two different Assisting Ministers are scheduled each Sunday – one for each service.
- The Cantor sits in the Chancel and leads the congregational singing of liturgy and hymns, the Psalm, and often provides special music during the distribution of Holy Communion.

On average, a worship volunteer might serve one Sunday per month. Good Shepherd is blessed to have such a dedicated group of lay people who joyfully share their time and talents...**BUT WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS** so that our current volunteers are not overwhelmed and do not get burned out. Please prayerfully consider how you might help, and if you feel the Holy Spirit moving you to serve during worship in any, some, or all of the listed opportunities, speak with Pastor Baker or Vicki Delp (Worship and Music Committee Chairperson).

**LS SWO WOMEN OF THE ELCA  
34TH ANNUAL CAMP HEBRON RETREAT**

Elaine Dent is a retired Lutheran pastor who currently works as a spiritual director, a supply preacher and a once-a-month coach for a congregation in transition in Akron, Ohio (her grandchildren's church). Previously she served at St. Paul, New Cumberland, PA; Zion Lutheran, Hummelstown; and as an interim pastor for several local congregations. She lives in Grantham, PA with her husband Rick and spends time walking and hiking whenever she can.



Amy Duncan will be a co-speaker during our sessions on Saturday. Amy is a Spiritual Director for Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation.

**Retreat Theme:** Rooted in love-Sustained in hope: Finding our call in challenging times to nurture God's "kin-dom"

**Retreat Scripture Verse:** This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12 NASV



**DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION  
PERTAINING TO THE RETREAT WILL BE SENT  
UPON REGISTRATION**

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON THERE WILL BE A  
FREE WAGON RIDE OFFERED  
AND A CRAFT TIME ACTIVITY.**

# **IN CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S 250TH**

**Come hear a reading of  
The Declaration of Independence  
And**

**Music from the Keystone Concert Band**

**July 4, 2026**

**Music at 11:30 a.m.**

**Ring of the church bells at Noon**

**Reading to follow**

**3700 Rutherford St., Harrisburg, PA 17111**





## BE PREPARED: COMMUNITY DAY IS COMING

Good Shepherd's annual Community Day is set for Saturday, Sept. 12, from 8 a.m. to noon. In addition to the usual good food prepared by our congregation and good music provided by the Keystone Concert Band, our facility-wide yard sale returns. None of the money raised is kept here at Good Shepherd,

Instead, last year's entire \$3,260 profit was distributed among nine different community programs.

The Evangelism Committee said those wishing to make donations for the yard sale may begin bringing items to the church after July 1. Clothing and shoes can be dropped off in the choir room, while household items should be placed in the electric room adjacent to the kitchen in All Saints Hall. Books and DVDs are no longer being accepted due to lack of interest in those items in recent years.

Thanks to the time and talent cards submitted during last fall's stewardship drive, we have a nice preliminary list of volunteers to help set up, provide food, serve at the various areas on Community Day, and clean up. However, others wishing to help should contact the church office. We can always use an extra set of helping hands.



## NEW BANNER

Check this out! Thank you to Sylvia McAnnaney and Karen Frischkorn for providing a new banner to the Glory of God and for the worshipping community at Good Shepherd. The doves and branch are symbols of God's promises of life and peace. The banner will hang in the nave during the season of Pentecost.





## Summer Fellowship

Summer is approaching and that means continental breakfast (snack) socials between the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. The location will be on the Wilhelm Street side of the Education Building, to the left of the St. Mary's Chapel steps. Please sign-up to volunteer for one or more Sundays, beginning June 1 and ending on September 6, inclusive. **The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the St. Stephen room.** Volunteers are responsible

for set-up, food and beverage and clean-up. If you would like to share a Sunday with someone, you are welcome to do so. Necessities (table, table cloth, napkins, cups, plates, plastic ware) will be located behind the door in the St. Stephen's room. Other needs may be obtained in kitchenette next to the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Master.

—Susan Master

## Worship Sponsorships

	Flowers \$25	Bulletins \$30	Lamps \$10
June 7	Stewart		
June 14	Switaj		
June 21	Master		McCauley
June 28		McCauley	

*A master calendar is posted in the Narthex of the Nave. Sign up on the calendar, and return your completed sponsorship form and payment to the church office.*

## Sponsorship Form

Please return this slip with your contribution to the church office. Dedications are printed in the bulletin each week. For Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_, 2026


\_\_\_ Flowers      \_\_\_ Bulletins      \_\_\_ Lamps

\_\_\_ To the Glory of God      \_\_\_ In Memory Of      \_\_\_ In Honor Of      \_\_\_ In Celebration Of

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline: Wednesday 9 a.m. prior to the upcoming Sunday

# June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	<i>2</i> 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)	<i>3</i> 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 10:45 a.m. Mission & Ministry (Gathering Room) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
<i>7</i> 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Rd. Patio) 10a.m. W&S (Chapel)	<i>8</i> 9:30 a.m. W/ELCA (Gathering Room) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:00 p.m. Council (Gathering Room)	<i>9</i> 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (ASH)	<i>10</i> 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
<i>14</i> 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Rd. Patio) 10a.m. W&S (Chapel)	<i>15</i> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	<i>16</i> 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)	<i>17</i> 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> <b>JUNETEENTH Church Office CLOSED</b>	<i>20</i> 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
<i>21</i> <b>July Call Deadline</b> 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Rd. Patio) 10a.m. W&S (Chapel)	<i>22</i> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	<i>23</i> 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m.	<i>24</i> 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
<i>28</i> 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/ YouTube) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Rd. Patio) 10a.m. W&S Chapel) 6:30 p.m. Living Room Dialogue	<i>29</i> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	<i>30</i> 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m.				

## **Our Purpose**

To be the eyes, ears, hands, feet, and voice of Jesus.

## **Guiding Principles**

When you see us at our best, you will see us in worship and living our faith by being:

welcoming/accepting

generous and giving

supportive and caring

active/involved

joyful

spiritual/faithful

*Adopted by the Congregation Council of  
Good Shepherd on October 11, 2020*



### **Church Office**

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

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### **Holy Eucharist**

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Chapel)

8:30 a.m. Sunday (Nave)

10:00 a.m. Sunday (Chapel)

9:30 a. m. Wednesday (Nave)