



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Fall is the transitional season when people are often energized by the change in temperature and the chill in the air. The summer blossoms begin to fade, the leaves on the trees turn vibrant colors, and the farmers' crops have reached maturity, signaling the final harvest before winter sets in. It is a time to appreciate the bountiful blessings that God has provided for us, and to share this abundance with those who are impoverished, or whose spirits are broken due to desperate circumstances.

Good Shepherd is offering several opportunities during November for members to provide clothing for the homeless (see page 6), and to replenish our Food Bank, where friends and neighbors who are financially challenged, are able to restock their cupboards with food items or with grocery gift cards. As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, let us give thanks to the Lord as we generously share our bounty with others. Wishing you all God's blessings at Thanksgiving, and throughout the year. - **Paula Direso, Editor**



NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Please join us at the 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service on All Saints' Sunday, as we honor those members of Good Shepherd, as well as relatives and friends, who have passed on to glory during 2020 and 2021. We will keep them in our hearts forever, as we remember them in prayer.

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY - 11/21/21

Once again it is time to replenish our Food Bank with non-perishable items.

PLEASE: At this time, we do not need vegetables, pumpkin, cranberry sauce, or canned beans. Do not give outdated or dented cans, or packages that have been opened or are torn.



Items needed in the Food Bank:

Canned meat (ham, chicken, corned beef) NO TUNA
Canned fruit, applesauce
Coffee
Tea bags
One-pound boxes of sugar
Pancake mix (water-added) and syrup
Chunky or Hungry Man soups

Cereal
Gravy
Canned broth
Small powdered coffee creamer
Peanut butter and jelly
Small containers of ketchup or mayonnaise

Grocery gift cards of any denomination allow the recipient to purchase fresh fruit, vegetables and dairy products for their family.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings in the most precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are almost coming to the end of the year 2021.

On November 07, 2021, at 10.30 a.m., we will have our 'All Saints Sunday Worship Service' as we remember our brothers and sisters from our Church who have gone home to eternal glory in 2020 and 2021.

This month we will celebrate Thanksgiving, and the first Sunday of Advent is the last Sunday of this month.

Next month, as we celebrate the Christmas season, we look forward to our Advent Dinner Programs, "Breakfast with Santa," and the "Live Nativity," as we prepare for our Christmas Eve Worship Service on December 24, 2021 at 07.00 p.m.

Many things have happened this year in 2021. We were able to restart all our weekly programs, including our 09.00 a.m. Sunday Praise Service, after a long break because of the pandemic.

As we are aware, with the high gas prices, the prices of household groceries and commodities have also risen. Let us not fear, but fervently pray for God's continued graciousness as we wait for the prices to fall.

We might not be having or holding high positions in the earthly world, but we are children of the Lord God Almighty and Princes and Princesses in God's Kingdom. Our prayers, prayed in faith with thanksgiving in the name of Jesus Christ, are able to move mountains.

Jesus said in Matthew 21: 21 'Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, Go, throw yourself into the sea, and it will be done." '

James 5: 16 says, '...The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.'

Rev. Dr. Ravi Zacharias once said, 'I think the reason we sometimes have the false sense that God is so far away is because that is where we have put Him. We have kept Him at a distance, and then when we are in need and call on Him in prayer, we wonder where He is. He is exactly where we left Him.'

Do not lose faith but persevere in prayer as you reap the fruits of your spiritual life, and be a blessing to all you come in contact with.

Peace and blessings,
Rev. Navin Satyavrata

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

The people of the United Methodist Church of The Good Shepherd

November, 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 - Women's Bible Study	2 6:30 - Trustees Meeting 7:30 - Alanon/Alateen	3 1:00 - Bible Study	4 7:00 - Chancel Choir 7:30 - Boy Scouts Troop 385	5 1:00 - Craft Circle 6:00 - Craft Circle	6 9:00 - UM Men's Breakfast 10:00 - 1:00 PM Homeless Collection Parking Lot 12:00 - AA Wood Hall 12:00 - Chancel Choir if needed
7 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:00 - Praise Service 10:30 - Trad. Worship/ Children's SS 4:00 - AA Meeting 6:30 - Girl Scouts Troop 9744	8 7:00 - UMW 	9 7:30-Alanon/Alateen	10 1:00 - Bible Study	11 6:00 - Worship Meeting 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 - Boy Scouts Troop 385	12	13 12:00 - Chancel Choir if needed 12:00 - AA Wood Hall
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DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A



Please refer to our website (listed below) for updated cancellations and information, and share this notice with other members.

Are you the head of a committee or work group? Are you planning a church event? Would you like information about your committee, group, or event placed on the church website to be available to all members, neighbors, and the world? If so, please e-mail this information to our e-mail addresses which are as follows: webservant@umcgoodshepherd.org. Our church website address is: www.umcgoodshepherd.org.



EDITOR'S CORNER

Thank you for your monthly contributions to the "Staff." In order to enter and edit your articles for each month's edition, **PLEASE**

submit your information by the **15th of each month by emailing your articles to:** secretary@umcgoodshepherd.org. You may also leave a phone message on: 215-632-1929.

If you would like to receive an e-mailed copy of *The Staff*, please notify the secretary at the e-mail address listed above.

During this coronavirus pandemic, we will continue do our best to stay connected as much as possible.

PRAYER CHAIN



To put a **JOY OR CONCERN** on the prayer chain, or if you would like to become one of the prayer team members, please email Joyce Cartwright at: dotgojoy1590@aol.com. For those

who are not computer savvy, Betty McLaughlin handles the telephone requests and notifications, so feel free to leave a message at 215-947-3317.

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 AM Praise Worship Service
10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

Communion will be served at the 9:00 AM service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Communion will be served at the 10:30 AM service on the 1st Sunday of the month.

While in the sanctuary, we will wear face masks, and space is available for social distancing. Also, we have face masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves available if needed. The 10:30 AM Sunday service can be viewed online via Zoom, by logging onto the Facebook page via the church website, or via Facebook: @goodshepherdumcphila.

We pray that you will come out and experience a warm welcome and a sweet spirit of fellowship.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
AT 10:30 AM!

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE IS AS FOLLOWS:



There will be a combined Family Candlelight Service on December 24th, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM with Cherub, Children, Youth and Chancel Choir.

LET US KEEP THEM IN OUR PRAYERS!

As the pandemic continues, please pray for all medical personnel, as well as our brave first responders. While in prayer, please do not forget the pharmacists and pharmacy employees, sanitation workers, the postal workers, grocery store employees, custodians, gas station attendants, and delivery service employees, etc., who deserve our appreciation for their dedication during this unprecedented time. Please pray for their safety and their families, as they put their lives at risk while serving all of us.

C*O*L*L*E*C*T*I*O*N*S

Do you know we collect the following items?

1. Eyeglasses – Delivered to the Lion's Club.
2. Non-perishable food for our food bank.

There are collection baskets for these items in the Narthex.

READING AND RELIGION

Contributed by: **Phyllis Brock**

Long Way Gone

By **Charles Martin**



At eighteen, Cooper O'Connor was a musician and songwriter, who thought he could make it big in Nashville. He took nearly everything his dad held dear and left, but soon afterward he lost it all!

Five years later he falls in love with Daley Cross. But just as he realizes his love for Daley, Cooper faces a tragedy that threatens his life, as well as his career. With nowhere else to go, he returns home to the remote Colorado mountains, searching for answers about his father and his faith.

When Daley shows up on his street corner twenty years later, he wonders if it's too late to tell her the truth about his past—and if he is ready to face it himself. He hopes to find the healing and reconciliation he needs.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

BIBLE STUDY



We meet weekly at **1:00 PM** in the choir room. As we study God's Word, we are offered the opportunity to share different perspectives and insights, which brings us all closer together and enriches our lives. Please consider joining us!

MEETINGS

If meeting in person we will follow social distancing practices and wear face masks. If the meeting is changed to Zoom participation, you will be notified. If you are unable to participate on Zoom or in person, please notify your respective chair person.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The monthly Monday evening 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study has been discontinued after November 1, 2021.

TRUSTEES MEETING: Tuesday, November 2nd at 6:30 PM.

CRAFT CIRCLE

Our new circle meets at **1:00 PM** and **6:00 PM** every other week under the direction of Janis Jones. Please consider joining this creative group on **November 5th** and **19th**.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST



Come join us in Wood Hall for fellowship and a delicious meal on **Saturday, November 6th** at **9:00 AM**.

The next **UMW** meeting will take place on



Monday, November 8th at **7:00 PM**. We will have a World Thank

Offering Program, and Lydia's Circle has offered to provide lite refreshments and host our evening. Please bring a mug for tea! Come one, come all!

WORSHIP MEETING: Thursday, November 11th at 6:00 PM.

AD COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 15th at 6:30 PM.

RUTH CIRCLE



Will meet on **Tuesday, November 16th** at **12:30 PM**. Please bring your lunch and then we will have our lesson. Ruth Circle meets every third Tuesday of the month, so please

consider joining us.

LYDIA'S CIRCLE, our circle for today's working women, will not meet in November or December. We usually meet every 4th

Wednesday of the month, so if you'd like to join this circle, or have any questions, please contact Jeannette Cartwright at: 215-676-3856 or 215-539-7716.

MISSIONS



For several years we have been going to Arch Street United Methodist Church to feed the homeless. Due to the virus, last year we were unable to cook, but we presented a monetary gift of

\$300.00 from our Mission fund. This year we will be going down, but will collect the following items needed for the homeless:

- T-shirts
- Sweatpants
- Backpacks
- Heavy (warm) socks
- Gloves, hats, scarfs
- Boots
- Coats
- Small fleece blankets

If the weather permits, we will hold our collection in Good Shepherd's parking lot on **November 6th, 2021, from 10 AM until 1:00 PM.** If the weather is inclement, the collection will be taken in the Narthex.

MISSIONS NEEDS HELPING HANDS!

We are asking for volunteers **on 11/6/21**, to set up tables in the parking lot, and label them. A volunteer is also needed to obtain boxes. Set-up will be 9:00 AM. For any questions please contact **Betty at: 215-740-2097.** As always, thank you for your support! Blessings to all, Betty McLaughlin – Missions Chairperson.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

 We will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas on **Saturday, November 27th at 10:00 AM.** All volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

ADVENT DINNERS

 We will be hosting our **Advent Dinner Programs** on **Wednesdays in December on 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22.** Bring a dish and a friend for fun and fellowship. Dinner will start at 6:30 PM followed by a program which will run approximately one hour.

BOLO
"Be on the look out"

FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE DECEMBER STAFF FOR BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



**Saturday, December 11th, 2021
8:00 am - 12:00 PM - Wood Hall**

Benefits the Uslin Scholarship Fund for Children and Youth. **Volunteers are needed for this event!** We will be setting up Wood Hall on Friday, December 10th. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex.



The LIVE NATIVITY - Join us on **SUNDAY, 12/19/21, FROM 6 TO 8 PM,** for fun, fellowship, and a fun flying good time with the animals, and to hear the

Christmas story narrated by Susan Dziuk starting at 6:30 PM, and repeated at 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM. We will be serving cookies and cocoa in Wood Hall, so all donations of cookies and cocoa would be appreciated! **We can use assistance, so please consider volunteering!** A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex in the future. For any questions, please contact Jeannette Cartwright at: 215-539-7716, or Rosemarie Gross at: 215-868-5304.

GOOD SHEPHERD OFFERS ELECTRONIC GIVING!

Go to: **www.umcgoodshepherd.org**. Scroll down to the **green GIVE NOW button** and follow the prompts to register. There is even an online tutorial and a contact number if you need help. This service allows you to give any amount, at any time, from home or on the road, with your computer or even your mobile device. Now you can control how and when you give your tithes. We hope you will consider electronic giving.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER

3 - Emily Morrison 9 - Pastor Navin
14 - Shelly Carney 21 - Ronald Case, Jr.
25 - Kathy Bellerjeau 25 - Mary Ellen Rehm
29 - Marie Quigley



NOVEMBER

11th - Gary & Linda Calhoun
16th - Anisha & Gary Calhoun



If you would like to include your name on the **STAFF BIRTHDAY or ANNIVERSARY LIST**, please include your name and the day and month you were born, or your names and anniversary date and send an email to: secretary@umcgoodshepherd.org.

IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY:

Thank you for all do to keep us safe!



*Christine Bader
Daniel Bader
Nolan Bader
Keith Busby
Mousa Dassama, Jr.
Evan Kuehl
Reilly Kuehl
Taylor Sestito
Ryan Sutch*