

THE FOLD

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

June 2017

Local Church Assessment Update

HELLO, 213, WE'RE IN!

At its May meeting, SPARK voted for Good Shepherd to engage in local church assessment based on paragraph 213 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. In his request to the District Superintendent, Pastor Lim stated our decision was made "so that we may study our congregation's potential, cultivating our vitality and clarifying our vision of the future potentiality." The District Superintendent's letter approving and supporting our engagement in this process is posted on the SPARK board in the fellowship hall, along with the 213 excerpt from the Book of Discipline.

When Pastor Tom Waller met with us in May to share his experience with the 213 process, he offered that the assessment is designed so that a church can see what it was in the past, what it is now, and what it hopes to become in the future. That means we all have something to contribute to this project, whether Good Shepherd has always been your church, or whether you are more recent to the fold.

Next, Rev. Ray McGee, chair of the District's Local Church Assessment Team, will be meeting with Good Shepherd on Monday, June 12 @ 6:30 PM in the lounge to outline what's ahead. Everyone is encouraged to join in and engage in Good Shepherd's future. As Paul reminds us in Colossians 3:23-24: *Whatever you do, do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people. You know that you will receive an inheritance as a reward. You serve the Lord Christ.*





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Pastor

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday,
10:00am – 3:00 pm

Sunday Schedule

9:15 am: God's Love in
ACTion (on break until
September)

9:30 am: Adult Sunday
Study

10:30 am: Worship Service
Coffee & Conversation in
Fellowship Hall following
worship.



The Gospel of Prosperity and the Gospel of Christ

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

In Rev. 3:14-22, Christ challenges the Christians at Laodicea for their self-complacent, comfortable, and abundant life. They believe that they are blessed with everything good in the world by God; "I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing" (Rev. 3:17). There is nothing to lack for the Laodicean Christians to serve God. They are rich and wealthy. They live like a people of success on 5th Avenue or Wall Street today. However, Christ exposes the Laodiceans to the truths of their life, calling them "wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked" (Rev. 3:17). Their happiness, wealth, and success are not a sign of God's goodness to them, but an indication of their failure to live in fellowship with God in Christ; "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me" (Rev. 3:20).

In the contemporary world, the gospel of Christ seems to be identical with the gospel of prosperity or positive thinking. We are advised to present the gospel in a comfortable, rosy, and positive way; "God loves you so that God has a wonderful plan for you. God the Almighty is able to create anything good to you for your life. In Christ, you will succeed and prosper." This is a gospel accommodated to the desire and value of the world rather than getting along with Christ and imitating his life.

The gospel of prosperity or positive thinking seems to be not accommodated to the knowledge of Christ in the early church. The heroes in the history of the early church are not like the people at Laodicea. They passed through indescribable pains and ordeals in their life because of the gospel of Christ. Barnabas was burned to death. Peter, Philip, and Andrew were crucified. Paul and Matthew were beheaded. Luke was hanged. Thomas was speared to death. Mark was dragged to death. James was clubbed to death. John was exiled to the island Patmos and died in alienation and lonesomeness. None of these Christian heroes lived a life of the gospel of prosperity or according to the positive thinking. They lived in fellowship with Christ, bearing his cross on them. For them, the excellency of their life is in their knowledge of Christ and their faithfulness to him.

The message to each of the seven churches in Asia in Rev. 2:1-3:22 begins with a particular Christology, and reviews their specific contexts in a certain Christological view, and commands them to live with the hope of God's kingdom to come in Christ. Church is the community on the journey to God's kingdom. The vision of the church is not to be a product of its imagination, ambition, or accommodation to the worldly value system, but to be founded upon the knowledge of Christ. Knowing is prior to seeing or visioning. Christ calls all the churches to be in fellowship with him, representing him to the world and living as the community of God's kingdom. They are the living presence of Christ on earth. All the churches are to be evaluated and cultivated on the Christological basis. Christ, his person and life, is all about the church life.

Christology (from Greek Χριστός *Christós* and -λογία, *-logia*) is the field of study within Christian theology which is primarily concerned with the ontology of the person of Jesus as recorded in the canonical Gospels and the epistles of the New Testament.

Ontology is the philosophical study of the nature of being, becoming, existence or reality, as well as the basic categories of being and their relations.

Spaghetti Dinner

Eight days a year Good Shepherd folks come together and prepare and serve a dinner for our guests. It seems like it is more than eight, and that they come around more frequently than once a month for part of the year!

Each and every one who chopped a veggie, cooked or stirred a pot with pasta or sauce, put



silverware on a table, poured a cup of coffee, packed a carry-out order, baked a dessert, picked up supplies (whether veggies, meat, grocery items or that last minute item), offered an invitation to a dinner to someone, washed dishes or the pots and roasters, put the salt and pepper away, swept the floor, took out the trash and on and on...helped your church share a meal with neighbors, friends and family.

Your dedication, time and energy is appreciated. Bless you all.

Church Picnic – Update!

Due to inclement weather the church picnic/potluck has been re-scheduled and will take place on Sunday August 20 after worship at the small shelter at Ford Field. Please make note of the new date. More details will follow in the August FOLD.

Thank you!

Pam Post has updated the welcome folders that are now available in the narthex to be handed out to visitors. Greeters, especially, will want to distribute these whenever we have new faces in church. A note of appreciation to Pam for initiating this project and seeing it through to completion! It's good to have the folders again.

Landscaping Progress

Fifteen people representing three generations pitched in on May 6 to spread mulch around the church perimeter. Many thanks to all participants for their service to keep Good Shepherd looking sharp!

During the summer months we need additional assistance to water and weed. Please speak with Fauna Navarre to offer your help for a week or a month.



Take time to enjoy a prayer on a bench or thank God for our blooms as you walk with Jesus on the Good Shepherd premises!

Saturday Bible Study

Starting June 10 at 8am, Pastor Lim will hold a Saturday morning Bible study at the parsonage. Please join him every second Saturday for fellowship, study, and breakfast!

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Wednesday Prayer Meetings led by Pastor Lim start June 14. These will be held every week at 6:15pm in the chapel.

Office Hours

Pastor Lim will be attending Annual Conference from June 1-4. Due to this, the church office will be closed Thursday, June 1.

Pastor Lim will be in the office on Friday, June 9 (to make up for being out on May 30).



The office will also be closed Thursday, June 22 through Tuesday, June 27, as Pastor Lim will be on vacation.

Happy Birthday!

6/2	Keri Ann Shunkwiler
6/3	Bruce Temperley
6/5	Martha Peck
6/6	Randy Woods
6/7	Sharon Mangan
6/8	Carol Ghenic
6/14	Ryan Woods
6/20	Michael Foster
6/23	Donna Eberhart Randy Jensen Sandie Post
6/27	Emmalee Eberhart

Happy Anniversary!

6/4	John & Anita Polzin
6/10	Joe & Maree O'Brien
6/19	Matt & Shannon Blankenship
6/23	Dean & Kathy Lewis
6/24	Gary & Diane Atkins
6/30	John & Gayle Mihalik

Mission Giving 2017

These are the suggested missions for the remainder of the year, any of which you may feel called to support throughout the year.

June: Heifer International

July: Redford Brightmoor Initiative

August: Local School Supplies Collection

September: Hands4Detroit Virtual Food Drive

October: Red Bird Mission

November: NOAH Project Missionary, Chelsea Williams

December: unassigned

Special Sunday Offerings

June 11: Peace with Justice Sunday

(first Sunday after Pentecost) Enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

October 1: World Communion Sunday

(first Sunday of October) Provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels.

November 26: United Methodist Student Day

(last Sunday of November) Furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.

June Mission of the Month: Heifer International

Midwestern farmer Dan West went to the front lines of the Spanish Civil War as an aid worker. He discovered the single cup of milk rationed to the refugees once a day was not enough. He thought, "What if they had not a cup, but a cow?" The "teach a man to fish" philosophy is what drove Mr. West to found Heifer International. Nearly 70 years later, that philosophy still inspires their work to end world hunger and poverty.



Heifer links communities

and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. The animals provide partners with both food and reliable income, as agricultural products such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at market.

The core of the Heifer model is "passing on the gift." Families share the training they receive and pass on the first female offspring of their livestock to another family. This extends the impact of the original gift, allowing a once impoverished family to become donors and full participants in improving their communities.

If you are unable to help this month, please consider offering a gift when you can to Heifer International at heifer.org.



Harmony in the Hills Raleigh Ringers Concert

The Raleigh Ringers is an internationally acclaimed, advanced community handbell choir based in Raleigh, North Carolina. Since its founding in 1990, The Raleigh Ringers have been dazzling concert audiences with unique interpretations of sacred, secular and popular music, including famous rock 'n' roll tunes arranged just for handbells. They use bells that range in size from the very smallest to those that need two hands to hold and ring. The Raleigh Ringers have released six CDs, and two DVDs and their concerts have been presented on PBS. You can go to their website at www.rr.org and watch videos of their performances or listen to their recordings.

They will be presenting a concert in the sanctuary at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Rochester, MI on Tuesday, July 11 at 7:30 PM with the doors opening at 6:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased by calling 800-965-9324 or by going to the church's website www.stpaulsrochester.org and clicking on the link on their website. General admission (no assigned seating) floor tickets are \$20 and general admission balcony are \$15 each. All tickets are \$5 more if purchased on the day of the concert. They will have a Will Call the night of the concert.



PLEASE NOTE that if you are interested in attending this concert it is up to you to purchase your own tickets. Carpooling from Good Shepherd to the concert is an option to be considered. A sign-up sheet will be at the Opportunity Center strictly for noting interest in attending the concert and the carpooling option. Contact Pam Post with questions.

Recipe Corner

It seems like the one thing everybody asks at a church potluck is, "Can I get that recipe?" That's what the Recipe Corner is for! If you have a recipe that everyone always asks about, or if you just have a great recipe to share, send it to the office and it will appear here.



Meatloaf

from Randy Jensen

- 2 lb ground beef or turkey
- 1 ⅓ c dressing (corn bread or herb)
- ½ c ketchup
- ⅔ c onion flakes or chopped white or green onion
- 2 large eggs
- Salt and pepper if desired

Thaw the ground meat until easy to stir. Then add dressing, ketchup, onion, and eggs. Stir very well. Grease a 9x9 or 9x13 casserole dish. Knead the meat mix in manner of forming a bread loaf. Bake in 350°F oven for 70-80 minutes. Servings for 10 to 12.



July's recipe: Coca-Cola Cake
August's recipe: not yet submitted!

Looking Forward in Worship

Message and Text

June 4 Guest Speaker: Dean Lewis
June 11 Creation and Its Purpose Gen. 1:1-2:4a
June 18 The Lord Visited Abraham Gen. 18:1-15
June 25 Guest Speaker: Marti Boynton Tamaroglio

Worship Leader

June 4 Sandy Lowe
June 11 Jean Mackey
June 18 Sandie Post
June 25 Dean Lewis

Ushers

June 4 Al Costantino & Donna Eberhart
June 11 Annie Smith & Anita Polzin
June 18 Anita Polzin & Donna Eberhart
June 25 Al Costantino & Annie Smith

Acolytes

Josh Costantino
Sabrina Perry

Counters

1st Sandy Lowe & Jim Woods
2nd David Johnson & Scott Williams
3rd Carla Schneider & Sandy Lowe
4th Sandy Lowe & Jim Woods

Greeters

1st Anita Polzin & Pam Post
2nd Donna Eberhart & Anita Polzin
3rd Annie Smith & Paula Turbett
4th Donna Eberhart & Pam Post

Communion Servers

June 4 No Communion
June 11 Sandie Post & Donna Eberhart
June 18 Sandy Lowe & Dean Lewis
June 25 No Communion

Nursery

1st Carolyn Costantino & Lori Lawson
2nd Liz Cairo & Kathy Lewis
3rd Carolyn Costantino & Lori Lawson
4th Kathy Lewis & Paula Turbett

Openers

1st Thomas Garrant
2nd Al Costantino
3rd Scott Williams
4th Marti Boynton Tamaroglio



The Family of Dave Allerdyce, Lisa Andrews, Gary & Diane Atkins, Judy Barker, Bondy family, the family of Ron Collier, Devine family, Griffin family, Chris Hillier, Rev. James Herbolsheimer, Helen Hosker, Robert & Kathy James, Shirley Lantz, Lamp family, Delores Lebeck, Doug & Lynn Lebeck, Aron & Danielle Lewis & family, Elmer Lugh, Jack & Marilyn MacTavish, Terrie McCullough, Drew & Elizabeth McDonald, Mesick & Hood family, the Mihalik Family, Bill Noble, Amber Przygocki & family, Samantha Myers & family, Pigeon family, Sally Rausch, Mercedes Ruiz family, Ann Schaub, Michael Schlorff, Megan Schroeder, Tim Shaw family, Marie Shearer, George & Karen Stoops, Coleen Tesnow, Jeremy Travis, Andrew Urban, Nate Wilson, Marlene & Tom Zerger, Fran Zimmerman

Our Home Bound

(Addresses and Phone Numbers in Current Directory or Church Office)

Judy Barker, Anne Creek, Helen Hickey, Mary Catherine Luoma, Robert Signoretti

Our Military & Their Families

Zachary Danke, US Army

Articles for the July Fold are
due in the office by
June 18

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28 God's Love in ACTION 9:15 am Adult Sunday Study 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:45 am	29	30 Mindful Meditation 6:15 pm	31	June 1 Tai Chi 10 am	2	3
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18 God's Love in ACTION 9:15 am Adult Sunday Study 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:45 am <i>Fold Articles Due!</i>	19 Spark 6:30 pm	20 Mindful Meditation 6:15 pm	21 Food Pantry Prep 1 pm	22 Tai Chi 10 am	23	24 Monthly Food Pantry 9-11 am
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Worship for Oakwood Common residents is on Sundays at 1 PM and for Hubbard West residents on 2nd Sundays at 4:30 PM.

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