

# THE SHEPHERD GAZETTE - August 2016 Edition

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE (Thank you!)

### Liturgists

- Aug. 07 Tad Hunt  
14 Shealyn Warrick  
21 Jean Baker  
28 Betty Bartlett

### Acolytes

- Aug. 07 Charlie Clifton  
14 Addisyn Keller  
21 Sergio Rikli  
28 Celeste White

### Children's Sermon

- Aug. 07 Tad Hunt  
14 Anna Hanselmann  
21 Ellen Calkins  
28 Pastor Jeff Warrick

### Activity Time

- Aug. 07 Heidi Schmal  
14 Isaac Mousel  
21 John Mousel  
28 Shannon Warrick

### Ushers

- Aug. 07 Frank Schmal & Dorothy Megrue  
Dave & Jan Hughes  
14 David & Anna Hanselmann  
Ron Kreinbrook & Dianne Mota  
21 Doug Obermeier & Luan Pitsch  
Daniel & Ruth Gajardo  
28 Youth

### Greeters

- Aug. 07 Andy & Dawn Bonness  
14 Beth Languis & Mary Stout  
21 Paul & Betty Bartlett  
28 Chris Hartley &  
Verneil Shamburg

### Offering Counters

- Aug. 07 Myles & Rose Dymacek  
14 Dawn Bonness & Jackie Meister  
21 Dave Hughes & Doug Obermeier  
28 Lyle Bender & Franklin Reis

### Deacons on Call

- July 31-Aug. 13 Karen Heusel  
Aug. 14-27 Paul Bartlett  
Aug. 28-Sept. 10 Alyce Rae Willey

### Cookie Sunday

- Aug. 14 New Life Bible Study Gr.  
Sept. 11 WAVE Youth Group

*Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church:  
"Welcomes you into a place of worship and  
friendship, where all generations grow  
together spiritually and strive to be more  
Christ-like."*

## GREETINGS FROM PASTOR JEFF!

### **Looking Ahead and Looking Back upon the Crossroads**

I had the honor of serving as a commissioner for Homestead Presbytery to the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (GA) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Portland, OR. June 18-25. The GA is the highest ecclesiastical body of the PC(USA) and meets every other year. In total 2,475 people registered to attend in one capacity or another! There were 594 voting commissioners. The remainder were advisory delegates, presbytery executive staff, GA support staff, as well as those serving in many other important roles. My favorite line overheard during the week was uttered by a Starbucks's Barista near the convention center, "Wow, those Presbyterians drink an incredible amount of coffee!"

I had high hope that the 222<sup>nd</sup> would live up to its motto, based on **Ephesians 1:18** "*The Hope in Our Calling.*" The assembly also purposefully lifted up the Confession of 1967, which was approved the last time the assembly met in Portland, with a theme of "Reconciliation." The PC(USA) is a church body that is fractured, exacerbated after the decisions of the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly. The church is fractured over same sex marriage and the Israel-Palestine conflict, among other fault lines. Looking back at crossroads of the 221st General Assembly, the wreckage of divisiveness seems apparent to me in that intersection (of course the crash had been building for some time). Now is a time for Reconciliation.

Fortunately, it was generally a positive GA in regard to promoting reconciliation. Though there were some commissioners who wanted victory for their view at any cost to the peace of the church, there were far more who were interested in finding common ground and bringing hope, understanding, and reconciliation to the church. Here is one comment left on the GA News site during the convention: "As an ordained member of Philadelphia Presbytery for almost 50 years and a Jewish Holocaust survivor from Vienna, Austria, I rejoice in the moderate position taken by this Year's General Assembly for both Israel and our beloved Palestinian brothers. Shalom by Herbert Links (June 27, 2016)" There were several times when I believe that this General Assembly took a moderate approach and worked hard to find language acceptable and even beneficial to both sides on an issue.

However, I can't say the entire proceedings were a walk down the proverbial primrose path. Things got off to a rocky start when, on Saturday at the onset of the proceedings, a representative of the Muslim faith, Wajdi Said, president of the Muslim Educational Trust in the Portland area was invited to speak. Mr. Said began in Arabic, but not all of what he was saying was translated for the commissioners. It turned out that Mr. Said went off script and uttered words which could be reasonably taken as unfriendly to Christians. This upset several commissioners, and a Korean delegate, issued a protest letter signed on by 25 commissioners (about 5% of the commissioners). An apology for the fact that the Muslim speaker went off script and offended many present was offered to the assembly by the stated clerk Grady Parsons on Wednesday. However, following this misstep, things got back on a positive track later on Saturday with the election of Denise Anderson, a pastor from National Capital Presbytery, and Jan Edmiston, a presbytery executive from Chicago as Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016).

Denise and Jan defeated Adan Mairena, a pastor from Philadelphia, and David P. Parker, a ruling elder and lawyer from North Carolina, by a margin of 76% to 24%.

A question which stood out during the Q&A from the floor prior to voting was one asked regarding the Lordship of Jesus Christ, "Is Jesus the only way to Salvation?" Whether intentionally or not, Adan and David, though they were very likable, seemed to vacillate a bit on this question, while Jan and Denise seemed certain and direct. I believe in uncertain times we need leadership which is certain of the Lordship of Jesus Christ above all. **Acts 4:10-12** *"let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. "This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."* One man I spoke with at dinner had been rooting for Adan and David and said he felt the whole room shift to Denise and Jan on that question. I don't believe that was entirely the case. Jan exudes joy, which drew me to her, and Denise exudes confidence and together they seem to make a good team. The Co-Moderators, in addition to moderating the General Assembly act as ambassadors for the church, it is a very important role.

Another annoyance for me (as one originally trained as a scientist) was an overture, worded clumsily, on evolution. It actually failed initially but passed on a revote. Ask me about it and I will get on my soapbox and tell you all about it! However, back in the positive category, a big decision of the 222<sup>nd</sup> GA was the approval of adding the Belhar Confession to the Constitution of our church, Part I, the Book of Confessions. I have attached the Belhar to this report for your review. It would be worth your time studying it. It came out of South Africa in response to apartheid and speaks forcefully against racial discrimination.

Additionally, here is a summary of the work of the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly kindly written by the outgoing Stated Clerk, Grady Parsons:

"The business decisions made by the body also were transformative for the 1,572,660 members and 9,642 churches of the PC(USA). The work wasn't easy, and involved careful deliberations. Collectively, the body acted on nearly 100 overtures by discerning the will of Christ.

Among other things, we now have a new addition to our Book of Confessions – the Confession of Belhar. It is the first of our confessions that comes from the global south. And, the PC(USA) has a new Directory for Worship; and Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and Procedures. God is truly guiding us to be more faithful and just to all of God's creations.

Much discussion has been taking place around the identity and purpose of the denomination, and this week the assembly voted to create a 12-member Way Forward Commission "to study and identify a vision for the structure and function of the General Assembly agencies of the PC(USA)," and a 15-member 2020 Vision Team to "develop a guiding statement for the denomination and make a plan for its implementation."

To quote Stated Clerk-elect J. Herbert Nelson, "'We are not dead ... we are alive, we are reforming and we are transforming this world, one person at a time.'"

Please know this is only a snapshot of the actions taken, and just a glimpse at where God is leading this denomination. Complete business actions can be viewed at [www.pc-biz.org](http://www.pc-biz.org)."

Another good summary of the GA Business can be found at [www.gajunkie.info/GA222BriefSummary.pdf](http://www.gajunkie.info/GA222BriefSummary.pdf). Of course, it would take a book to summarize all the work when nearly 100 overtures were acted upon, so I would encourage you to go to the website and dig in for yourself and study those areas in which you have the greatest interest.

God bless, Pastor Jeff

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### **Confession of Belhar September 1986**

1. We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.
2. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe • that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; • that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; • that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; • that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity; • that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God; • that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church;

Therefore, we reject any doctrine • which absolutizes either natural diversity or the sinful separation of people in such a way that this absolutization hinders or breaks the visible and active unity of the church, or even leads to the establishment of a separate church formation; • which professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers of the same confession are in effect alienated from one another for the sake of diversity and in despair of reconciliation; • which denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin; • which explicitly or implicitly maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church.

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3. We believe • that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. • that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world; • that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity; • that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine • which, in such a situation sanctions in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.

4. We believe • that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; • that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged • that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; • that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; • that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; • that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; • that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; • that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; • that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology • which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

5. We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Note 1. This is a translation of the original Afrikaans text of the confession as it was adopted by the synod of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in 1986. In 1994 the Dutch Reformed Mission Church and the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa united to form the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA). This inclusive language text was prepared by the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA).

## TAD'S TIDBITS.....

I was recently re-reading the book *“Beautiful Outlaw,”* by John Eldredge. There is so much in this book I would love to share, but there is one thing in particular that stuck out to me. John Eldredge talks about Who Jesus was, his personality, and how he dealt with people. When Jesus talked to those who weren't believers or who needed faith, like the prostitutes and the tax collectors, he was gentle with them. When it came to those who did believe, or at least claimed they believed, Jesus was more pressing, he was brutally honest with them. Most times as Christians we aren't brutally honest with each other or ourselves when we need to be, there is a time to be gentle, and a time to be honest. John Eldredge puts it like this, *“Now, in order to appreciate how beautiful this is, think of how rarely it occurs, and how even more rarely it is done well. Most people go through their entire lives without anyone, ever, speaking honest, loving, direct words to the most damaging issues in their lives. Pause for a moment, and count the times this has been done for you. Better, pause and count the times you have offered this to someone you love.”* (Eldredge)

We need to be brutally honest with ourselves. Are we living our lives the way we should? Are we showing Love to others, are we helping those in need, or are we concerned about our own well-being, and gaining money. Is our Faith in action? When our Faith is in action, we serve others like Jesus did, we Love others like Jesus did, we go out of our community and devote our lives to God like Jesus did. Jesus was more concerned about saving souls, than making money. Our time here on earth is just a speck, when we honestly think about it, what we do here on earth affects our eternity. Our eyes should be set on God, because when our eyes are set on God, we don't care for the things of this world and our Faith gets put in action. **James 2:14-17** says *“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”*

I've been thinking about what has been going on in our Country, and in the world in general. There is a lot of hate, crime, and lawlessness. It scares me to see all of this happening, and I've been thinking and brainstorming with pastors and leaders in the church with what we need to do. James tells us that faith without works is dead. That doesn't mean that our works save us, but our works are an outward expression of our faith. So knowing that, what do we do to combat what's going on? The best thing I know to do in this situation, is make disciples. Not just disciples in our church, but within our community, those who don't go to church. Just as Jesus talked to both religious leaders and sinners, we should also. I believe as a church we get so comfortable coming to church and teaching each other, but we need to step out of the walls of the church and find those who need God. One of the best ways to do this is simply buying a homeless person lunch and talking to them. If you are concerned that you don't know if someone is truly homeless, go in the middle of winter, because I guarantee you, only the true homeless will be on the streets in the cold in the dead of winter.

We have no excuses, there is hope for the world, his name is Jesus. We are his instruments. **Matthew 5:13** says *“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.”*

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We can make a difference, but if we lose faith, we lose hope. I challenge us as individuals, and disciples, as followers of God, and as a Church to be brutally honest with ourselves and ask, is our Faith in action?

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Back to School Bash** - Sunday, August 21, from 5-7 p.m. at the Tim & Joni Calkins home (6930 Crooked Creek Court). All GSPC kids are invited to come to this awesome event, the Calkins do have a swimming pool, and ask that you come ready to swim and have lots of fun.

**Ripple and Wave** - Ripple and Wave are starting up again on August 28 at the church. Ripple is for kids in grades K-5 who meet each Sunday from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and Wave is for youth in grades 6-12 who meet each Sunday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.. If you are interested in coming, we would love to have you and your friends!

**Youth Auction** - The youth Auction is scheduled for Sunday, November 6. This auction is to help raise money for the youth to go on their annual Mission Trip for the next two years. If you are interested in coming, the Auction starts at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in donating a new item, home-made craft or service, please contact me at (402) 202-3117 or e-mail me at TH485619@southeast.edu.

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**THE CHOIR SEASON is about to begin and YOU are invited** to become a part of this very special group of Good Shepherd people. The choir contributes importantly to the hour of worship and other special times in the church calendar. These singers make a wonderful contribution to the life of the church through their dedication, talents and love and respect for each other. Consider lending your voice to the glory of God through song. Regular attendance is hoped for but, perhaps, you would like to sing occasionally. You are welcome at any time!



Rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 31st, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. You may direct any questions to me or a choir member. We hope to see more singers like you! Email: Choir Director, Alice Miller at ammiller5@hotmail.com.

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**GSPC's Presbyterian Women will be kicking off their 2016-2017 year** with a Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, September 7th. Each member please bring a salad to share. Crackers and drinks will be provided. Guests are always welcome! The new Reading List will be presented.



# BIRTHDAYS

02 HAROLD TARR	19 ALICIA SZUDLO
03 SHELBY WARRICK	26 SHIRLEY BRADSBY DON HOBBS
04 CAROL PRENTICE ANNA VOSICKY	21 BETTY FISHER ED HARTLEY
06 MAKENNA SCHMAL	22 IVETTE BENDER MYLES DYMACEK
07 LU ACKERMAN DWIGHT LANGUIS	29 JOEL GUENTHER
08 DELBERT ALSPAUGH	31 TAD HUNT HEIDI SCHMAL
09 SUSAN ALSPAUGH ELIZABETH LANGRUD	
15 LOIS RAINEY	

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## - FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS -



### Friendship Group

The Friendship Group will meet Friday, August 12th, at noon at Good Shepherd for the annual "Picnic in the Parlor" hosted by the Board. The meal will consist of a 2 piece chicken dinner with sides and drinks at a cost of \$6.00 per person. Guests are always welcome. If you wish to join us, please contact Darlene Ellison or Vera Karel so ample meals can be ordered.

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**Little Lambs is getting ready for the new school year** to start...where did summer go? Be on the look out for our Student/Staff Spotlight bios in the Gazette and on the bulletin board by the main door in the near future. We wanted you to get to know some of the kiddos and staff who are a part of Little Lambs!



We are saying good bye to a few of our preschoolers who will be moving on to kindergarten and welcoming some new faces in the coming weeks. We are excited for the new year and getting to know our new friends.

Keep your eyes open for our "Spotlight"..coming soon!





## From the Ruth Blecha Library:

A SHOUT OUT to all GSPC members, friends and family who continue to donate books, magazines, and DVDs to our libraries.

New in the library: Brush of Wings donated by Valerie Johnson. Marcia Moreland donated three books. Gary and

Karen Heusel donated The Purpose Driven Life and Traveling Light.

New in the children's library are The Legend of Lil' Red donated by Ivette Bender, Finding Dory, Good Deed Scouts to the Rescue, All the Seasons of the Year, Spots Big Books of Words, Starting School, The Night Before Preschool.

Thank you to an anonymous donor for giving nine books to the children's library, and thank you to an anonymous donor for contributing 31 books to our regular library.

*"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them."* - Mark Twain

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## Homestead Presbyterian Women News

Presbyterian Women from all over the Synod of Lakes and Prairies met in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in June uniting in the theme: *Lord, Let me be an instrument of your peace.*

Almost 200 women were in attendance and enjoyed the multi-day programming, hands-on mission opportunities, workshops, movies, resource room, market place, tea room, and dining TOGETHER!

Vera Karel traveled with me along with Carolyn Harp (Lincoln) and Pam Mayer (Fremont) to attend. We had a very enjoyable trip and a wonderful time learning about Presbyterian Women on various levels of service, including key-note speaker Susan-Jackson Dowd, Executive Director for Presbyterian Women.

I got the opportunity to serve on the Gathering committee and learned many things about coordinating and implementing a multi-state gathering. From the opening plenary procession with speakers, moderators and guests, to social gatherings, to tea room conversations, to answering questions, and handling unexpected details.....it was a success. My favorite part was introducing Rev. Danelle Crawford-McKinney at an evening plenary as she brought us news about our Dakota Sisters, her new ministry opportunity in Kansas and shared her family as they danced for the group.

I would like to encourage ladies to attend the Homestead PW Fall Gathering at Camp Calvin Crest October 7-8 as we will hear from Carolyn Winkler, PW Church-wide Moderator and Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Synod of Lakes and Prairies representative to the PW USA Mission Experience to San Francisco, Out of Darkness, Into the Light about sex trafficking in America.

Presbyterian Women are making an impact! Come learn how you can take part!

Thanks for reading,

Maggie Horak, PWP, Homestead, Moderator





## EASTRIDGE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

*It has been a tough spring and summer for our Presbyterian Food Pantry. They are basically in need of everything, according to Ken Stading, Pantry Manager.*

**So, the Priorities for August are:**

### **EVERYTHING!**

Food donations have been way down and needs are way up, so anything you can donate will make a HUGE difference! They need things like - Mac and Cheese, Rice, Toilet Paper, Jelly, Crackers, Dish and Hand Soap Paper Towels, Canned Tuna, Jell-O, Spaghetti, Candy and Cookies for Kids, Syrup, Pudding, Pancake Mix, Cooking Oil, Box Dinners, Cleaning Supplies, Sanitary Napkins, Deodorant, etc.

As always, ALL non-perishable food donations are gratefully accepted.

**The Food Pantry can always use cash in order to purchase food! If you wish to contribute, make your check out to Good Shepherd and designate it for the food pantry. Checks can be mailed or just put in the offering tray.**

Donations of food or money to those in need, is one more way in which we can serve. Thank you for all you do!

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### **RIPPLE & WAVE UPCOMING EVENTS!**



**Back to School Bash:** As school is getting closer, we are getting prepared, and want to celebrate with you at our Back to School Bash. This year, the Back to School Bash will be at the Tim & Joni Calkins' home (6930 Crooked Creek Court) on Sunday, August 21st,

from 5:00-7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please let me know.

...Tad Hunt, Student Ministries Director

**IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT -- the Youth Mission Silent Auction that is.** This is the major fundraiser that sends our middle school and senior high youth on mission trips for the next two years. So please mark your calendars for November 6th, at 5:30 pm at the church. If you would like to donate a new item, home-made craft or service, please see Tad Hunt or Connie Hilligoss. Thanks!



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**WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO PLEASE REGISTER**

### **Classes for All Ages**

your children, grandchildren, nieces & nephews or yourself for Sunday School **NOW** using the form found on the next page or the

forms found on the table at the back of the church sanctuary. Return the completed form/s as soon as possible to enable us to plan appropriately. Thank you. ...Krystal Anderson, Sunday School Superintendent

**GSPC SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM**  
**(Please fill out one registration form per person.)**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(If registration is for minor child.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the appropriate class/grade:

Pre-kindergarten	Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup> grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	6 <sup>th</sup> grade
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	9 <sup>th</sup> grade	10 <sup>th</sup> grade
11 <sup>th</sup> grade	12 <sup>th</sup> grade	College-age	Adult

Are you willing to help on special occasions?    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

Any health considerations (i.e. food allergies, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PLACE COMPLETED FORMS IN THE BOX ON THE TABLE**  
**AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.**



**Thank you to my Good Shepherd friends and family** for birthday wishes and greetings....so blessed!

...Maggie Horak

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**It is great to have a GSPC family.** Many thanks to all who visited me in the hospital, thanks for all the

wonderful cards, plus the ones who I had great visits with. A big thank you for the people who hauled me around for the month I could not drive following my shoulder surgery. ...Franklin Reis

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**I want to say thanks to everyone** for prayers, calls and cards after my surgery. It meant a lot to both Kay & me. God bless you all. ...Al Schwindt

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### ***Praises & Prayer Requests***

#### ***... For those with cancer***

Prayers are requested for **Al Schwindt** following prostate cancer surgery (that went well). He will be recovering at home for a few weeks

Prayers for **Dave Hughes** who began a new infusion cancer treatment for Multiple Myeloma on Thursday, June 2nd. The earlier 2 treatment plans failed to control the cancer.

Continued prayers are requested for **Barbara Karel, granddaughter of Vera Karel**, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She has now received four of six chemo treatments which began Friday, April 29th. She is experiencing some side effects.

Continued prayers are badly needed for **Ronda Dix, a friend of Chris Hartley**. She was admitted to the hospital for tests where they found a mass in the side of her brain. Surgery was performed to remove the mass but it was found to be a very aggressive form of cancer. Please pray for her recovery from surgery, for her encouragement, and for effective treatment to halt and defeat the cancer.

Please continue to pray for **Melissa, a friend and co-worker of Julie Havener**, who is battling a rare and serious cancer. Melissa is continuing alternative treatments and will soon complete scans to determine their effectiveness. She and her family appreciate your prayers!

Continued prayers for **Laurie Hedgecock, friend of Sally & Stan Docter**, who is dealing with Stage IV Rectal Cancer with multiple metastases to her liver. Her last two CT scans showed that she is in remission. This is a good thing, however, she's still on chemo via infusion every 3 weeks and oral chemo 7 days on /7 days off. The oral chemo makes her very sick. Please continue your prayers heavenward for **Laurie and her family**.

Continued prayers for healing and strength as my aunt, **Phyllis Meister**, battles cancer. ...Ashley Gregory

Thank you for prayers as **Cheryl Havener, sister-in-law of Julie Havener**, continues treatment for breast cancer. A double mastectomy was performed and she will begin chemo treatments at the end of July. Please pray that the cancer has not travelled to other areas of her body as cancer was found in her lymph nodes.

Continued prayers for **Jennifer Somers, daughter-in-law of Mary Stout**, who has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Jennifer had surgery Feb. 26th for thyroid and lymph node removal. She has had a radiation treatment and follow-up test will be done to see if cancer is still present around early September.

. . . . **Other praises & prayer requests**

Prayers for **Brad Maggert, son of Ike & Rita Maggert**, who underwent successful surgery for a blocked artery after suffering a heart attack. Subsequent treatment will be required for additional artery blockages.

Prayers for **Al Christiansen** as he adjusts to a new pacemaker placed on Monday, July 18, at the Heart Hospital in Lincoln.

Prayers for comfort and a good recovery for **Martin Lowe** who suffered a broken arm in a fall.

Continued prayers for **Jason Heusel, son of Gary and Karen**, who is continuing ongoing kidney dialysis treatments while beginning the process to undergo a kidney transplant.

Continued prayers for Anna Hanselmann's friend, **Lee's sister, Lynn**, who is suffering from a failing liver.

Please continue to pray for Healing for **Brin Jinright**, 14 year old girl, (**Tammy Mousel's, Supervisor's Daughter**). She has an atypical case of IgAN (Kidney disorder) and the typical medical treatment is not working. As of Tues., July 5th, Brin was re-admitted to UNMC (a re-occurring event since mother's day). This was due to a resting heart rate of 135bpm and High BP. Which is due to fluid on her lungs. Thank-you for your continued prayers. It means more than you know, to **Jody and her family**, that strangers are praying for the healing and health for Brin.

Continued prayers for **Clayton Lowe** for pain relief and normal sleep. Clayton is suffering from amplified pain syndrome cycle which may have resulted from a condition he battled called Parry-Romberg syndrome which is now, thankfully, inactive. Clayton is receiving treatment at a clinic at Children's in Omaha. Prayers also for success at the clinic and for those providing treatment are appreciated.

. . . . **For those who mourn**

Please lift up the family and friends of **Bob Mohlman** in your prayers as Bob passed away Thursday July 7th. A memorial service was held at Good Shepherd on Thursday, July 14th

**IN MEMORIAM**

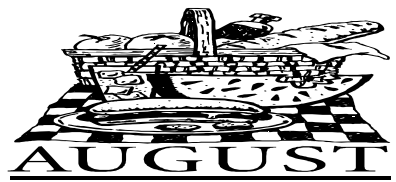
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# AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue
	1 7:15 Daycare	2 7:15 Daycare
<b>COMMUNION</b> 7 10:00 Worship 1:00 Communion to Homebound	8 7:15 Daycare  4:30-9:30 PEO Ch. EE	9 7:15 Daycare
<b>COOKIE SUNDAY</b> 14 10:00 Worship	<b>1st Day of School</b> 15 7:15 Daycare	16  7:00 Session Meeting
21 10:00 Worship  5:00-7:00 Back to School Bash @ Tim & Joni Calkins' Home	22 7:15 Daycare	23 7:15 Daycare
28 10:00 Worship  4:00-5:00 RIPPLE 5:30-7:30 WAVE	29 7:15 Daycare	30 7:15 Daycare

# 2016



<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>10:30-11:45 PEO Committee Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>7:15 Daycare 1:30 City Miss. Wk.  5:45 Worship Team  7:00 C.E. Team</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>7:15 Daycare 9:00 Setting up for Obermeier/McCaskill Wedding  7:30 Child Dev. Tm.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>7:15 Daycare 12:00 Friendship Gr.  5:30 Obermeier/ McCaskill Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>4:30 Obermeier/ McCaskill Wedding</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>7:15 Daycare 9:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>7:15 Daycare  5:30 H.P. Stated Meeting @ Camp Calvin Crest</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>9:00 H. P. Stated Meeting Continues @ Camp Calvin Crest</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>7:15 Daycare 1:30 City Miss. Wk.  <b>Deadline to Submit Articles For September Gazette</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>7:15 Daycare 9:00 Men's Breakfast Fellowship</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>10:00 Calvin Crest Quilt Auction</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>7:15 Daycare          7:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>			

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