

The Shepherd's Crook



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Congregation & Community



I like the parts of the worship service when we talk to each other. In historic liturgy this happens most often through the responsive readings. As we join together in responsive prayers and readings, I look at your faces; some rapt, some bored, some pained, many weary. We made it through another week. We are being the church, speaking words of life to each other, showing up for each other. Again.

It's easy for the church to exist only in our mind as an abstract ideal. I can speak of church matters – of ecclesiology- on a cosmic scale, conjuring up vague images of saints in white robes. But our love for the church universal is worked out in the pews of our particular congregation. It is our small, concrete entry into the universal church. It's the basic unit of Christian community and the place where we encounter God in Word and sacrament. The body of Christ is known, loved and served through the gritty reality of our local context. And that's where things get both more difficult and more interesting. Because people are in the church that know us, get us, who we trust and laugh with as we gather together. And there are other people around us in the pews, that we can find irritating or awkward, people who hold political opinions we find suspect, people with whom we have nothing in common outside of our shared membership in this community of the saints. Some of those we practice call and response with each week would not be people we would want to go with on a long road trip.

The body of Christ is made of all kinds of people, some of whom we will find challenging, arrogant, self-righteous, or misguided. From the beginning, relationships in the church were fraught. Peter and Paul must have made for awkward dinner guests when Paul publicly opposed Peter to his face, as we're told in Galatians. If I'd been there, I'd likely have changed the subject, offered everyone dessert, and made a note not to invite Peter and Paul to the same party.

We are drawn to those we find lovely and likable. Yet those, Jesus spent his time among...and those most drawn to Jesus...were the odd, the disheveled, and the outcast. Those who were winning at life saw no need for this life-disrupting Savior. God loves and delights in the people in the pews around us and dares us to find beauty in them. To love God's people on earth is to see Christ in them, to live among them, to receive together. Word and sacrament.

We work out our faith with these other broken women and men around us in the pews. It's lackluster. It can be boring and taxing. It's often messy. It's sometimes painful. But these Christians around us become each other's call and response. We remind each other of the good news. All saints and sinners in the church share together in this gospel. The meal would be incomplete if even one of these was not at the table. It would not be good news if even one of these members were missing. None of us can be made whole till we are made whole together. The mystics say love is the pattern that stitches the universe together and God has created us for life together in love, for community.

-Pastor Sheri



*A Lenten Study – Materials will be provided
each Wednesday night*

Wednesday Nights ~ March 2 to April 6 ~ 5:30-6:45 pm

*“The spiritual life is first of all a life.
It is not merely something to be known and studied,
it is to be lived.” ~Thomas Merton*

Hope you can join us Wednesday nights in Fellowship Hall to enjoy a different kind of soup and bread each week as we discuss & experience a variety of Spiritual Practices to draw closer to God.

Practice is an essential reset button that we must push many times to create new responses. It's a bit strange that we have come to understand the importance of practice in sports, in most therapies, in any successful business, and in any creative endeavor; but for some reason most of us do not see the need for it in the world of religion, where it is just as important as the other areas in our lives.

“New wine demands fresh skins or otherwise we lose both the wine and the container,” as Jesus put it (Mark 2:22; Luke 5:37–38). Practices, more than anything else, create a new container for us, one that will protect the new wine we wish to take in.

I invite you to join me on Wednesday nights during Lent for a light meal, good conversation, some spiritual practices and then off to choir rehearsal or home...
Pastor Sheri

Updates on the Special Offerings Received in December 2021

The Christmas Joy Offering collected \$465 for current and former church workers who experience special needs and for future church leaders who are still attending school.

The alternative Christmas Market raised \$1,240. \$100 of this was designated for summer camperships at Highlands Camp. \$500 was designated for the HCOC in Zimbabwe and the remaining \$640 was donated toward the purchase of shares of a cow and 2 flocks of chicks (\$290) and the Empowerment of Women (\$350) through the Presbyterian Giving Agency. Well done, Good Shepherd! Thankyou.



Sometimes Circle Donations

The Sometimes Circle also donated \$378 to the Presbyterian Giving Agency. This donation purchased a pair of goats, 2 flocks of chicks, 2 sewing machines and 1 share toward the purchase of a latrine.

Together in Ministry
Two churches share resources
at Good Shepherd Presbyterian
Church



Emmanuel (God is with us)
Healing International Ministries

Good Shepherd shares sanctuary space and food bank resources with Emmanuel Healing International Ministries. Good Shepherd's worship service is at 10 am on Sunday mornings, and Emmanuel Healing International Ministries' service is from 3:30-5:00 pm on Sunday afternoons.

Please contact Pastor Anita Furakh at EmmanuelHealing7@gmail.com or 720-300-2166 for more information about Emmanuel Healing International Ministries.

A Story... "The Messiah Is One of You"

Once upon a time there was an abbot of a monastery who was very good friends with the rabbi of a local synagogue. It was in Europe, and times were hard...

The abbot found his community dwindling and the faith life of his monk's shallow and lifeless. Life in the monastery was dying. He went to his friend and wept. His friend, the rabbi, comforted him and told him: "There is something you need to know, my brother. We have long known in the Jewish community that the Messiah is one of you."

"What," exclaimed the Abbot, "The Messiah is one of us? How can that be?"

But the rabbi insisted that it was so, and the abbot went back to his monastery, walking down the halls and in the courtyard, he would pass by a monk and wonder if he was the one. Sitting in chapel, praying, he would hear a voice and look intently at a face and wonder if he was the one, and he began to treat all of his brothers with respect, with kindness and awe, with reverence.

Soon it became quite noticeable.

One of the other brothers came to him and asked him what had happened to him. After some coaxing, he told him what the rabbi had said. Soon the other monk was looking at his brothers differently and wondering. The word spread through the monastery quickly: *The Messiah is one of us*. Soon the whole monastery full of life, worship, kindness, and grace. The prayer life was rich and passionate, devoted, and the psalms and liturgy and services were alive and vibrant. Soon the surrounding villagers were coming to the services and listening and watching intently, and there were many who wished to join the community.

After their novitiate, when they took their vows, they were told the mystery, the truth that their life was based upon, the source of their strength and life together. *The Messiah is one of us*. The monastery grew and expanded into house after house, and all of the monks grew in wisdom, age, and grace before the others and the eyes of God. And they say still, if you stumble across this place, where there is life and hope and kindness and graciousness, that the secret is the same: *The Messiah is one of us*. ~ Megan McKenna



Hearts & Helpings Lunch – February 13th

Immediately following Worship

Hope you can join us in Fellowship Hall for a delicious lunch provided by the Congregational Life Committee and help us make Valentines for our friends and members who are not able to be with us. Supplies & ideas will be provided at the lunch. Come help us share love and faith.



Ash Wednesday Service at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
7:00pm March 2nd in the Sanctuary

Hosting coffee - it's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Make coffee.
2. Serve coffee with treats.
3. Clean up.

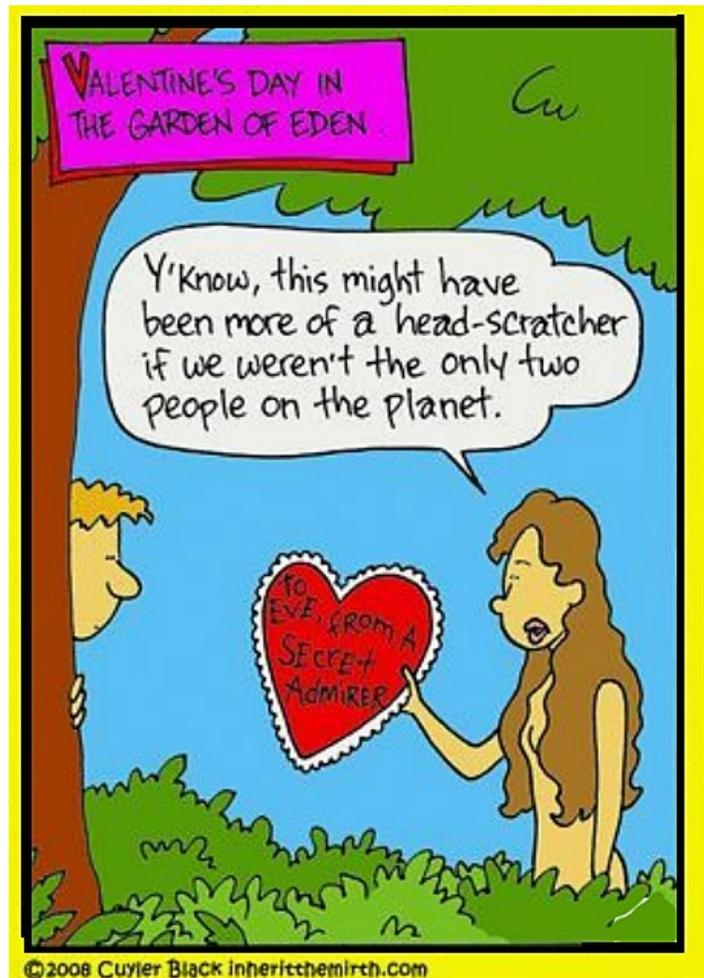
You don't even have to buy the treats (unless you want to).

Sign up
this Sunday!



February Birthdays

Desiree Rouse - 2/1
Lynn Brown-Jones - 2/7
Mary Archuleta - 2/10
Sue Wagner - 2/11
Jim McCarron - 2/14
John Jaramillo - 2/15
Jean Magee - 2/20
Phil Jaramillo - 2/22
Art Myers - 2/28



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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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MATTHEW 25

March 2-April 17, 2022

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.



The food bank served 83 households in January, consisting of 221 individuals. 59 of them were children, and 61 were seniors.

Needed: Companion for Elderly Woman

A friend of Good Shepherd (former member) Karen K., recently moved her elderly mother into her home. Karen needs someone 2 days/week (Wednesday and Friday) 8-9 hours each day. Karen lives near Northglenn High School. Her phone number is 720-341-5346.

Address Updates

Barbara Haring, 10280 Sheridan Blvd. #318, Westminster, CO 80020

Pee Wee Holland, 29 State Highway 52, Lot 31, Longmont, CO 80504

Joys and Concerns



Here's a joy: Teddie McConnell is now officially a Commissioned Pastor in the Presbyterian Church. This took eight college courses and various internships and projects over five years to accomplish.

Please pray for those dealing with health issues: for Marion H.; Jim M.; Bill L.; Jane; Haylee; Gil; Joan Moore's new great-grandson, Landon; Tammy Vaughn; and Maxine; for all those grieving the loss of loved ones: for Jean Cook's family; Burton Kugler's family; and Sue C.'s family; and for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; and for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.

Lofty News

On Sunday morning, December 12, 2021, the Good Shepherd Chancel Choir shared a program of music and poetry that was inspiring and wonderful. Near the end of the church service, choir director Sara Love shared information about each singer in the choir like how many years they had been singing in church choirs throughout their lives and where they served. In today's Shepherd's Crook and in subsequent newsletters we will feature a few of the choir members and their stories. That way, you can get to know a little about them and the service they provide here at Good Shepherd Presbyterian.

Julie Klahn became a member of our church in 2011 when she was searching for an "Old Fashioned" church, one that was small and intimate. She and her family had been members of First Avenue Presbyterian Church in Downtown Denver. She and her daughter used to go there after work, because Julie worked downtown. Julie has been singing for nearly all her life, in Junior High, High School and for about twenty years at First Avenue Presbyterian. She became a member of the Good Shepherd Choir about six months after visiting our church.



Julie became involved in the Good Shepherd Food Bank right away. She is now a co-director for the Food Bank and has been for about three years. Music and family are extremely important to her. She has been singing in various choirs for about 50 years and doesn't understand how anyone could feel fulfilled without music in their lives. Julie's daughter and grandson (Shelly and Garrett) occasionally attend Good Shepherd and both of them sing for us as well. Julie also took about ten years of piano lessons, but is now out of practice. When she's not singing, Julie also loves baseball and softball. Julie said she wasn't interested in "one of those 'bouncy ball' choirs". She truly appreciates the Good Shepherd Choirs.

Mary Kennedy became a member of our church in 1980 when she and her husband and two young children were looking for a church closer to home. Her family had been attending North Presbyterian Church on Federal and 38th for about ten years. Mary had been a member of the choir at North Presbyterian, as well as choirs in Fairbanks, Alaska and Waterford, Michigan. She has been singing in choirs for just under 60 years. Mary has also been a substitute bell ringer for a couple of years.



Mary has served Good Shepherd Presbyterian in several different capacities over time including as Superintendent of Sunday School, Christian Education Elder, Deacon, and in Vacation Bible School for several years while the Highlands counselors were coming to our church to help lead. She has been a volunteer at our Food Bank since 2007 and has been the co-director for about three years. Mary remembers she was involved in the Hanging of the Greens one year when we used real pine branches. She remembers how prickly they were!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6-7:30 ESL Class	2 2:00 Congregational Life 7-8:30 Choir Rehearsal	3 6-7:30 ESL Class	4	5
6 10:00 Worship	7 10-12 Men's Shed 6:10 - 7:45 Bell Choir	8 6-7:30 ESL Class	9 10:00 Mission Committee 7-8:30 Choir Rehearsal	10 6-7:30 ESL Class	11	12
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and teachings of Christ
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Welcoming all,
Serving together, and
Growing in faith.

Mission Statement
Revised and Adopted September 2018

