



February
2021

THE MESSENGER

Our Mission

To Share the Good News of God's grace through worshipping, teaching and reaching out to all in need of God's love.

Pastor's Message

You may well know by now, but Lori and I would like to formally announce that we are the proud grandparents of Knox August Bristow who was born on Jan. 9. We have indeed been to see him and if you would like to see pictures - just ask - anytime is o.k..

The investment from the Scott Urquhart's memorial fund monies earned roughly 50k last year which means that Good Shepherd has about 40k to distribute in 2021. And we still have about 16k from 2020. What a great problem to have.

It's early February but Ash Wednesday is coming on February. 17. There will be a worship service at 7pm. On Wednesdays during lent Good Shepherd will host an in person devotional at 7pm as well. Holden Evening Prayer will be sung and the service will be 15 - 20 minutes in length. No soup suppers yet! In addition, there will be an on line service one can view on YouTube.

Peace to all. We are almost through the pandemic. Stay safe.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

2020 Pledged Giving Update

PI edges Over: 16

PI edges Short: 15

PI edges Even: 12

Year to Date Shortage: \$9,154

Short for 2020: \$6511.88

Calendars for 2021

If anyone would be interested in a calendar for \$4, or many calendars, simply let us know by calling or e-mailing the church and we will arrange to get them to you.

We also have the blank greeting cards as well if anyone is interested in any of these. The cost of these are still the same as last year at \$7.00 for a package of 12 cards.

—Thank you, Jeff Barth



NEW ARMCHAIRS HERE!!

Back in October of last year, The Good Shepherd Church Council approved the purchase of six chairs with arms that match the chairs we have in the sanctuary. We're pleased to report that the chairs have now arrived and have been placed in the sanctuary.

The reason these new chairs were purchased is to help some of our members who have difficulty standing up without arms on the chair to assist them. The chairs will be placed randomly in the sanctuary and will be available to anyone who feels they need one. If, however, there is no chair in the general area where you like to sit during the service please don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers or a nearby, able-bodied helper to move the chair to where you would like to have it.

I would like to express my heartfelt thank you to all that have been keeping Gary in their prayers during his battle with severe wounds that would not heal. He contracted COVID-19 before Christmas and was unable to fight it off; he died on December 27th. I and my family thank you for your prayers, flowers, donations to the Building Fund, and cards upon his death.

May God Bless You All.

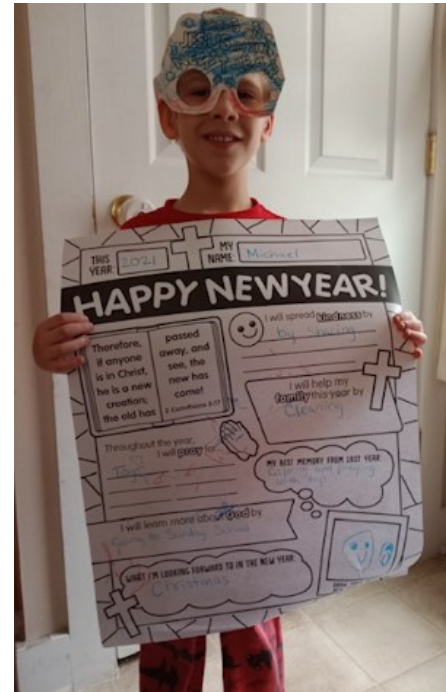
Kathryn Grisso

Backpack Jesus Sunday School—January 2021

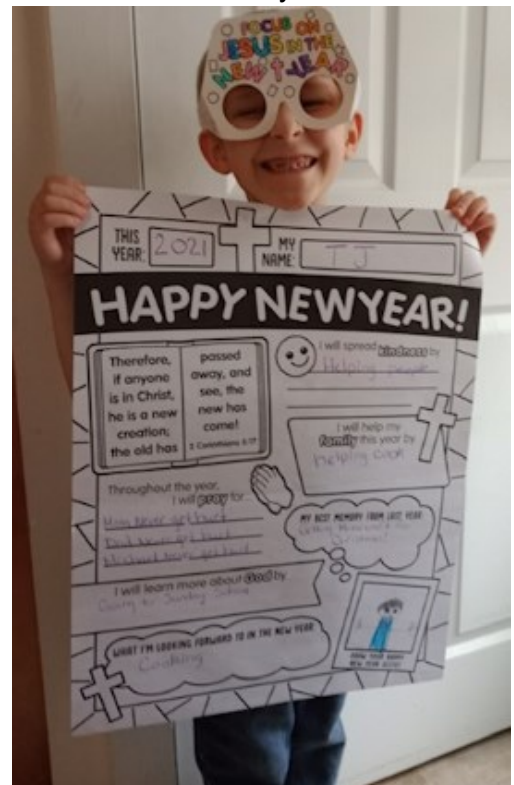
It's the start of a new year and we're all hoping for a great 2021 — the children were given glasses to color that said "Focus on Jesus in the New Year." They were also asked to think and write about how they will spread kindness and how they will help their family. In addition, they were also asked what they are looking forward to in the new year and their best memory from last year. And how about you?? What are you looking forward to this year?? Most of us hope we can get the vaccine soon to stop Covid-19 so that we can go back to our lives again!! Happy New Year GSLC members!! Barbara Cecil



Myra (above) is coloring her glasses and Molly (below) is wearing hers!!



Michael (above) and TJ (below) Ellis with their posters and glasses for the new year!



Guiding Light Advocates Update

Hello! As promised for more transparency here is an update on GLA. Earlier this month we received a phone message from an expectant mom in need of help. The good news is we know our sign is working! However, after reaching out multiple times, I unfortunately was never able to get in contact with the caller. I can only pray that she will reach back out as her delivery date approaches and that she has chosen life for her baby.

This month GLA will be supplying a case of diapers and wipes to the family in need that we sponsored at Christmas. I know our ongoing support is needed and greatly appreciated.

Lastly, at a chance encounter I met a single father and his 3 year old daughter. Dad G is a 60 year old, retired vet and is raising his handicap daughter alone. Daughter J's mom surrendered her at birth due to her medical conditions and she relies solely on her father for her daily needs. Together they share a run down single bedroom apartment in Troy. J requires speech therapy, water therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy. Dad G has spent his savings on a handicap accessible van and wheelchair. He is a disabled vet on a limited income and told me he spends much of his money on gas to get his daughter to all of her medical appointments. He expressed to me how difficult is it to put food on the table for the both of them near the end of the month. Their circumstance has weighed heavily on my heart and I hope to speak with Pastor about their situation in the near future.

If you feel called to get involved with GLA or make a donation for either of the families mentioned please feel free to contact me or leave a message with the church office. Thank you for your ongoing support for our local families.

An update on Kayleigh, the young mom living at Daybreak Shelter with her newborn son, Bryson. Kayleigh reports both of them are doing well, but as expected, she is very tired. Being a mom with no help is difficult, but she is determined to keep Bryson and get on her feet. Bryson is experiencing allergies and a stuffy nose each morning and his doctor recommended a humidifier to help him. GLA was able to provide the humidifier for mom and baby. Once again, we thank you for your ongoing support.

Mindy Paddock - 847-975-4542

Your Small Cents Can Make a BIG Change!

This summer, our family is participating in an in home mission project with an organization called Project 143. We will be hosting an orphan girl or teen from Ukraine or Columbia for 5 weeks. We intend on doing all our normal family activities such as hiking, gardening, baking, crafting, and we are excited to have her join us. We are excited to give hope, love, and memories to last a lifetime to a child who has very little in this world.

Our family needs to raise \$2900 for the costs of visa fees and airfare. If you feel compelled and are able, we are asking if our congregation could please collect their spare change and bring to the narthex to drop off in a large jar to help contribute. We are confident in the program's ability to change hearts and to give orphaned children hope for the future.

If you have any questions about the program or if you're interested in hosting a child or chap-erone, please let me know. If covid prevents travel this summer, all fees will be rolled over to the next session and the child of our choosing will travel at a later date. Thank you so much!

The Paddock's
847-975-4542

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
December 17, 2020

Present: Ric Warner, Les Barker, Rusty Baker, Amy Grile, and Susan Jebens. Eva Coughnour, Marsha Fischbach, and Heidi Spittler joined the meeting on Zoom.

Secretary's Report: Approved as read. Motion: Les Barker Second: Eva Coughnour All were in favor.

Financial Secretary's Report: Approved as read. Motion: Susan Jebens Second: Amy Grile All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as read. Motion: Marsha Fischbach Second: Eva Coughnour All were in favor

New Business:

Toby Theis will assume the duties of Financial Secretary beginning January 1.

Mimi Klipstine will serve as an Assisting Minister.

There are at least three seats open on Council.

DP&L was contacted, and we have reached our limit on their rebate program. The program has been discontinued.

The 2021 Budget was reviewed. Last year we had 43 pledges. This year we have 31.

Les Barker made a motion to present it to our congregation at our annual meeting.

Susan Jebens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Worship: No report.

Mission/Outreach/LSIM: The MUCC food baskets will be distributed from our church this Friday. Thirty-two of our members are not able to attend our worship service. Barb Cecil, Donna Plunkett, and Pastor John Johansen will call those members to see how they are.

Property: No report.

Stewardship: No report

A motion to adjourn was made by Les Barker, and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Fischbach

F.I.S.H of Union Township

We will be participating in the **Meijer Simply Give** Program from Sunday, February 14th through Saturday, April 10th. During this timeframe, \$10 gift cards will be available on a display rack with our name on it at the **Troy Meijer Store only**. The purchase of these cards will then be given to us in the form of gift cards of which we can purchase food at the Meijer store for our pantry.

On Saturday, March 13th and Saturday, April 3rd they will be doing what they call “**Double Match Days.**” When a \$10 gift card is purchased, Meijer will double it and add to the \$10 purchased and we get the total of \$30 worth of gift cards for our pantry. If you want to participate in this program and don't want to go to Meijer, you can write a check to FISH-Union Township, 30 Marjorie Ct., West Milton, OH 45383 and in the memo line, put Meijer Simply Give. We will invest the money donated on one of the Double Match Days. We appreciate any support you give us.

Thanks, Ralph Warner (Treasurer) Cell 937-672-7303

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2021

On Sunday, January 24, the Annual Congregational Meeting as held as is required by the church's constitution. There were 34 in attendance, which constituted a quorum, and there were several more members who were able to follow along with the meeting via our new YouTube live streaming capabilities.

Deacon Nancy Trimble opened the meeting with a prayer. Following the Call to Order, our Secretary Marsha Fischbach read the minutes from the last meeting which were then approved as read.

The first order of business was the presentation and approval of our 2021 operating budget. Ric Warner explained that, due to a reduction in our anticipated income for this year, the budget being presented was not balanced. Budgeted spending exceeds anticipated income. However, due to the fact that several line items in the budget in all likelihood will not be spent, our actual expenditures should match up with our anticipated income. The 2021 Budget was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved. The second agenda item was the election of Council members. Les Barker was nominated for a second term. Diana Frye, David Stein, and Judy Tipton were nominated as first-time council members. All were approved.

Finally, the addition of a Endowment Fund By-law to our Church Constitution was presented. This By-law was needed to provide a written outline of all aspects of fund management and operation. With sound fiscal management, the GSLC Endowment Fund will provide on-going benefits to our church for many years to come. A properly set-up and managed fund will also encourage other contributions when members realize that their gifts will support the church's work into the future.

After an explanation of the provisions of the By-law there was a short discussion and question period. Ballots were then distributed and the members in attendance voted. The results were 31 in favor of adopting the By-law, 0 opposed with one member abstaining. The meeting was then adjourned.



Shared Harvest

FOODBANK

Monday

February 8, 2021

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Call ahead (513)-881-9024: office hours 8am – 3pm

*OR pre-register online at freshtrak.com to
make a food reservation*

LOCATED AT

**Milton-Union Public
Library**

Parking Lot

560 S. Main St.

West Milton, OH, 45383

*In partnership with the
West Milton Library &
The Army National Guard*



Food Distribution

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Zach Vagedes
- 3 Betty Lou Johansen
- 5 Russ Siler
- 21 Susan Baker
Debbie Bredeson
Tarah (Langley) Smoker
- 22 Chris Jebens

7 Matt & Mindy Paddock

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*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please let us know! Send an email to:
office@goodshepherdwestmilton.org*

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SERVING

ASSISTING MINISTER

Kristine Hayes

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

ALTAR GUILD

Ann Siler
Suzie Vagedes

R

LECTOR

- 7 Mimi Klipstine
- 14 Mimi Klipstine
- 21 Jeff Barth
- 28 Jeff Barth

USHER CAPTAIN

- 7 Brian Ely
- 14 Jarrett Grile
- 21 Dave Vagedes
- 28 Lori Gellatly & Barbara Cecil

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SOUND

Les Barker

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*If you cannot serve on an appointed day,
It is your responsibility to find someone to serve in your place.*

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February 2021

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Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:30p - AA Meeting		3-5p - Plarn			
7 10:30a - Holy Communion	8 7:30p - AA Meeting	9	10 3-5p - Plarn	11	12	13
14 10:30a - Holy Communion	15 7:30p - AA Meeting	16 7:00p - Council Meeting	17 3-5p - Plarn 7pm - Ash Wednesday Service	18	19	20
21 10:30a - Holy Communion	22 7:30p - AA Meeting	23	24 3-5p - Plarn 7pm - Lenten Service	25	26	27
28 10:30a - Holy Communion						

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Prayers and Concerns

Susan Baker, Chuck Franks, Carol Simcox, Mary Jane Smith, Grant Hibner, Matt Louis, Mia Paddock, Kim Van Winkle, Dick Stalinski, Alene Oliver, Judy Gardner, Nicole Tipton, John & Carol Garver, Kelly Jones, Marsha Fischbach, Richard Booher, Sharon King, Barb Theis, Abby Bonner, Connie McCarroll and family, Kelli, Connie Louis, Mike Donohoo, the family of Tim Donohoo, Kellie Mahaney, Clem Meyer, Bud Gardner



7 Jeff & Jodi Barth - In celebration of Whitney's birthday!

14 Open

21 Open

28 Open