

The Shepherd's Crook



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*From the
Pastor's
Desk*

Last September we embarked on a journey through God's Word together using the Narrative Lectionary in worship. We moved from familiar Old Testament stories in Genesis and Exodus through the prophets and into Matthew's Gospel in the spring. This year we will be guided again through scripture by the Narrative Lectionary as we worship together.

The stories will sound familiar – we'll begin with creation, move through the life and history of Israel, before moving to the prophets during Advent, and into the Gospel of Mark in the new year. There will be extra readings that will provide a link from week to week for those of you who want to read more of the story at home.

As we talk and dream and hope about our future as a congregation through the New Beginnings process, I can't imagine a better thing for us to do in worship – to remind ourselves of the beginning of our own faith tradition. To once again familiarize ourselves with some of the key building blocks of faith and community. Through these stories we'll look at themes of belonging, community, struggle, and encounter. We'll wrestle with stories that teach us about obedience and loyalty, praise and compassion.

I hope you'll find your soul full as we ask questions about our future story as a congregation as we hear and remember these ancient stories of faith. I hope you'll find a small group to add your voice to as we read through, reflect on, and wrestle with our New Beginnings Assessment Report. I hope you'll ask lots of questions, dream plenty of dreams, and join us for a wild adventure together.

Peace and Blessings –

Bill

Living the Questions

Living the Questions is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers. Living the Questions (LtQ) creates an environment where participants not only interact with one another in exploring the best of today's theological thought, but together strive to explore what's next for Christianity. Each class will feature a 20-minute video with discussion. For those wanting to explore more, a book (*Living the Questions* by David M. Felten and Jeff Procter-Murphy) is available for reading before or after class. Reading outside of the class is not a requirement to participate in the discussion. I hope you'll consider joining us on Sunday mornings beginning September 13th from 8:30-9:30 in the pastor's office for this great adult education opportunity!



USHERING THIS MONTH

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| Sept. 6 | Joyce Matthews Mary Archuleta Judy Ezzell Jim McCarron |
| Sept. 13 | Gwen Thompson Jerry Zarret Pat McCune Kyle Feusner |
| Sept. 20 | Tom & Teddie McConnell Marsha Morton Fred Finke |
| Sept. 27 | Joyce Matthews Gwen Thompson Jim Alexander Louise Schwartz |



**RETURN TO
REGULAR
SCHEDULE**

**Remember:
We return to our
regular
worship hour of
10 am on
Sunday,
September 6th!**



HANDBELL CHOIR

We are happy to announce that the bell choir is re-organizing, and will begin rehearsals on Monday, September 14, at 7 pm. Rehearsals will continue each Monday evening this fall, and we are hoping to present the service music on a Sunday in November. We have a good core group ready to begin, and could use a couple more regular ringers and a couple more substitute ringers. If you are interested, please contact Dee Warner at 303-349-2309.

LAY READERS FOR SEPTEMBER

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| Sept. 6 | Ruth Vazquez |
| Sept. 13 | Marsha Morton |
| Sept. 20 | Fred Finke |
| Sept. 27 | Sara Tyburczy |



September:

- 01 Joyce Matthews
- 02 Doug Harvell
- 05 Carolyn Alexander
Dick Kelly
Judy Mesnard
- 11 Robbie Crandall
- 13 Teddie McConnell
Ashton Rouse
- 14 Bob Mitchell
- 15 Virginia Kugler
- 17 Steele Brizzolara-Dove
Colby Hestermann
Mason Hestermann
Jan Myers
- 24 Shelby Brizzolara-Dove
- 25 Trenity Tanner
- 26 Charlene Dawursk
Rodger Sillars
- 29 Nancy Miller

If we have inadvertently missed your birthday, please notify the church office so we can update our records.

Sept. 6 Joyce Matthews' Birthday

Sept. 13 Rob & Diana Bennett's 14th anniversary

Sept. 20 OPEN

Sept. 27 OPEN

Arrangements are \$20 each. Please pay one week in advance so that we can order the flowers. Thank you!

Our deepest sympathy to:

Barbara Swanson & Family on the death of her father, John Boardman, on August 4, 2015.

Jay Abasolo & Cathy Cronn on the death of Jay's mother, Mary Ruth Abasolo, on August 20, 2015.



- Harmen van der Vegt
- Jerry & Jacque Noland
- Margree Mitchell
- Dot McConnell
- Arden Cronn
- Carrie Boardman
- Lori Boesl
- Daniel Leieritz
- Sue Coleman
- Betty Casady
- Tom McConnell
- Donna Cadwallader
- The Presbytery of Zimbabwe
- Our military men & women
- Clients of our Food Bank

Choir News



Mark Your Calendar:

The Good Shepherd Choir will begin rehearsing on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm beginning **Wednesday, September 9th**. Please mark your calendar for Wednesday evening rehearsals beginning September 9th. We would LOVE to see you there!!!



The Mission Work Group is recruiting volunteers to spend Sat., Sept 19 at Highlands Camp helping with the annual **Fall Work Day**. Hopefully, we can

form a car pool of several folks from Good Shepherd. Please contact Pastor Bill or Mary McCarron if you need more info.

The Annual Mission BBQ will take place on **Sat., Sept. 12** from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Shepherd's Hall. Tickets for the BBQ dinner, \$12.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child (ages 6-12), will be available before worship on Sat., Aug. 22 and Sundays Aug. 30 and Sept. 6. There will be Western music provided by Marsha and Fred and both a Silent and Live Auction! Proceeds will be divided equally between our Food Bank, Highlands Camp and the ZMP. **Bake sale items are welcome.** To donate items for the auctions or to discuss possible creative "experience" ideas, please contact Jan Myers. Please plan to attend this fun evening of good food, good music and lots of fellowship!!

Please join us on Oct. 3 at Wellshire Presby. Church, 2999 S. Colo. Blvd., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. to learn more about Human Trafficking and the Church's call to respond. You will be empowered to spot and report possible trafficking, to offer assistance to people who were trafficked, and to advocate for changes in systems, laws and attitudes. This is not just a crisis in other countries. Approximately 33% of trafficked persons are Americans. Register online and order lunch at <http://denpres.org/events/2015/8/12/human-trafficking-conference>.

In celebration of ten years as a partnership, PZPD, the Partnership of Zimbabwe and Denver Presbyteries, (of which the ZMP, which Good Shepherd supports, is a part), is offering a variety of ways to worship together, have fun together, and learn more about Zimbabwe. Some of the events have already occurred. Others, which you might be interested in include:

—Sept. 19, a visit to the Chapungu Park and lunch in Loveland. This park features 82 African stone sculptures. Lunch will be at a nearby restaurant. Carpooling will leave from Good Shepherd at 9:00 a.m. Please RSVP to kimigraber@gmail.com.

—Sept. 29, a Presbytery-wide book study led by Rev. Russ Kane. The book, "Zenzele: A Letter for My Daughter", is the story of a mother reaching out to her daughter, to share the lessons life has taught her. It tells the tales of Zimbabwe's struggle for independence, in which several of Zenzele's relatives participated.

—Oct. 17, 1-4 p.m., a Zimbabwe film festival at Montview Presbyterian showing 2 very different films.

CROP HUNGER WALK

Saturday, Oct. 10



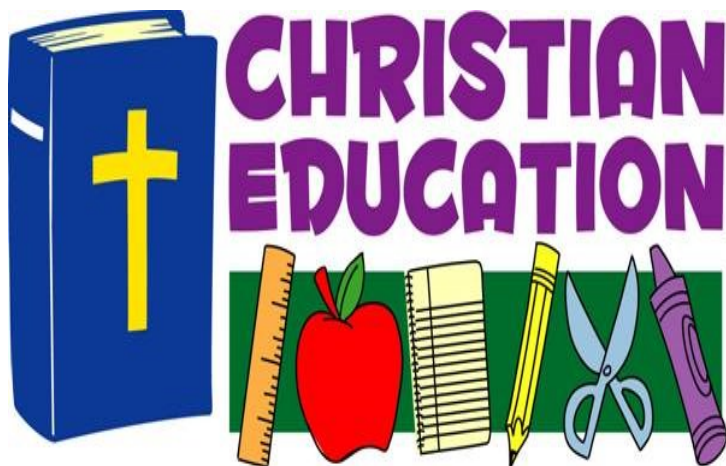
"We walk because they walk". This is the motto of the annual CROP Hunger Walk, reminding us that millions of (mostly) women around the world spend much of every day walking long distances to get clean water for their family's basic needs. CROP is the hunger-fighting effort organized by Church World Service in 1946, following WWII. CROP works to eradicate the root causes of hunger and homelessness, while remaining responsive to emergency situations such as famine, flood and other natural disasters.

West Adams County will celebrate their 23rd year in supporting the CROP Hunger Walk and would like you to join us. Funds raised assist people around the world. For example, \$18 can provide emergency food supplies for a family of 5 for a week, \$40 can enable a woman to attend literacy class for a year and change her life forever. Again this year Good Shepherd's food bank will receive a portion of the money raised. Please see Mary Kennedy to volunteer to walk OR to support a walker. This is a wonderful family activity; dogs on leashes are welcome. Walks of 1 mile, 5K, or 10 miles are offered. All will begin and end (with a free breakfast!) at Shepherd's Hall.

For much of this past spring on Sunday mornings we had more Sunday school teachers present than there were children in our classes. To respond to this, and to encourage deep faith and learning, the Christian Education and Worship working groups are working together to provide a richer worship experience for the congregation, and specifically our children.

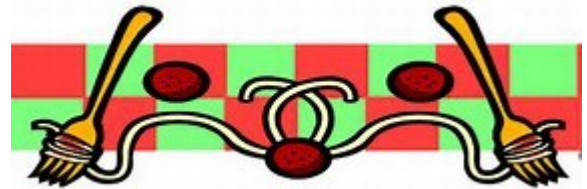
So what does this look like in worship? Children will sit with their families during most of the service, participating in prayers and singing hymns together. During the sermon they will have an area up by the screen where they reflect on the sermon in creative ways. There will be ways each Sunday that the children present with us help lead us in hearing scripture, praying, or singing together.

In order to make this a successful transition we need your help! If you are interested in brainstorming ways for children to reflect on the scripture, please talk to Pastor Bill – there will be a group getting together every couple weeks to brainstorm and plan together. We also need worship assistants to sit up with the children during the sermon time. We're excited about this change in worship, and welcome your feedback and ideas as we continue nurturing the faith of all God's children!



GSPC Youth Group will have our **fall kick off Pot-Luck Dinner** for youth and parents at 6:30 on Sunday,

September 13th. Come join us to hear about our great fall plans and to think about next summer already! Chicken will be provided as a main dish, as will drinks. Last names A-M please bring a side dish or salad to share. Last names N-Z please bring a dessert to share. We can't wait to get another great year started!



MISSION, MEATBALLS, AND MEMORIES

The Youth Group thank you spaghetti dinner for the congregation will be immediately following the service Sunday, September 20th in the Shepherd's Hall. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge but you need to **RSVP by noon on September 18th** to Diana Bennett (303-929-3628) or the church office (303-452-5478).



ANNUAL BARN PARTY AT BECKY CARLISLE'S BARN

- What:** Barn Party for everyone to have fun and enjoy
Good Shepherd Presbyterian and Boulder Seventh Day Adventist churches
Bring lawn chairs, jackets, hats and gloves
- Where:** Becky Carlisle's Barn
11050 Jasper Rd.
Lafayette, CO 80026
Becky's phone number: 720.205.4657. If there's a question about the weather --
PLEASE CALL TO CHECK WHAT THE WEATHER IS DOING AT THE RANCH!!
- When:** Sunday, October 4, 2015, 2:30 -- 5:00 pm
- Food:** Bring your own hot dogs to roast
Bring your own roasting sticks
Food to Share: Please bring a salad, dessert, pot of chili, or corn bread to share
Items that will be supplied:
Drinks -- apple cider and hot chocolate
Hot dog buns and condiments
Paper goods and cups
S'mores
Popcorn
- Fun Stuff:** Hay Rides - Hand massages - Face painting
Games for children - Horse Rides - Country/hoe-down music
- Questions?** Contact Marsha Morton, Congregational Life Elder, or Becky Carlisle

THE THREE B'S

Our most recent installment of Beer, Bible, and Big Questions was held on Monday, August 24 at Parry's Pizza in Northglenn. Our discussion on "Angels and Demons" was facilitated by Pastor Bill and Michael Whitman. We had 18 people in attendance, and we all enjoyed good food, fellowship, challenging discussion, and a lovely sunset. Stay tuned for our next date.

WORSHIP/PICNIC IN THE PARK

Our first annual worship and picnic in the park was held on Sunday, August 9 at the Woodglen/Brookshire Park in Thornton. The pick-up choir provided music, and instrumental music was provided by Pastor Bill, Sara Tyburczy, and Fred Finke. Worship was followed by a picnic. We were blessed by perfect weather and God's Outdoor Glory.

September 2015



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| <p><i>NOTE: Return to regular worship hour of 10:00 am on Sept. 6th.</i></p> | | 1 | 2 Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 3:30 pm | 3 Mission Mtg. 1:00 pm (Pastor's Office) | 4 | 5 |
| <p>6 Communion</p>  | <p>7 OFFICE CLOSED</p>  | 8 | 9 Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 3:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm | 10 | 11 Set up for Mission BBQ (all day) SH | 12 MISSION BBQ (SH) 5 pm |
| <p>13 Adult SS 8:30am W & M 11:15 am Youth Group Kickoff Potluck 6:30 pm</p> | 14 Bell Choir 7 pm | 15 Cong. Care 10am Retired Nurses (FH) 8 am–noon Session Mtg (FH) 6:30 pm | 16 Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 3:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm | 17 Sometime Circle (FH) 1:00 pm | 18 | 19 |
| <p>20 CE Mtg. 11:15am Youth Group 6:30 pm</p> | 21 Bell Choir 7 pm | 22 Church Women United (FH) 9 am–1 pm | 23 Bible Study (Pastor's Office) 3:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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Adult Classes 8:30 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m. (starting Sept. 6)
Nursery provided all morning



The mission of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church as a Christian community is to grow in faith through worship, fellowship, and service as we share the love of Jesus Christ with all people.



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