

# Good News from

## The Good Shepherd United Church of Christ

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### Our Mission Statement:

**The Good Shepherd United Church of Christ welcomes all as we strive to be disciples, boldly living as God's witnesses and celebrating our intergenerational and multicultural life together. The Good Shepherd is an Open and Affirming Congregation.**

## Holy Week Schedule

### April 9th Palm Sunday

Back by popular demand—We will process with “Nacho” the donkey through our neighborhood professing “Hosanna” and waving palm branches.

9:00 am The Choir will perform Rutter's *Gloria*

11:15 am We will be focusing on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

### April 13th Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service and Last Supper—Come remember the meal where Jesus gave his disciples the new commandment of love. Our Sanctuary Choir will help us reflect.

### April 14th Good Friday

12:00 Noon There was very little that was good about this day---but it is important for us to witness the darkness of the world so we can begin to see the light. Come and witness the nails in the cross. The Handbell Choir will be present.

### April 16th Easter Sunday

Multiple ways we can witness the risen Christ at The Good Shepherd

6:00 am Sunrise service at Sahuarita lake---bring your lawn chairs and blankets and watch the drama before your very eyes. (South end of Sahuarita Lake, right by the clubhouse.)

9:00 am We will sing all of the great Easter Hymns and literally feel the spirit of new life all around us.

10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 am New life will abound with new music and loud shouts of Alleluia!!!

**The Good Shepherd  
United Church of Christ**

Senior Minister: **Rev. Randy J. Mayer**  
Assistant Minister: **Nathan Watts**  
Faith Formation Director: **Julie Ingham**  
CWS Immigration Organizer: **Rev. Noel Andersen**  
Commissioned Minister of Faith & Money:  
**Nancy Ackley**  
Music Director & Coordinators: **Ben Hansen**  
**Lisa Otey-Van Deurzen**  
**Diane Otey-Van Deurzen**  
Pianist: **Kay Jean Moore**  
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**Newsletter Deadline**

**MAY ISSUE**

**WEDNESDAY, April 19, 2017**

**Send items to: Mary Chapman,**  
**mchapman15@cox.net**

**Lenten Dinners**

**Good Shepherd to host on  
Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

The Good Shepherd has been participating in a series of Lenten Dinners with Desert Dove Disciple of Christ, First Christian Church and Church of the Painted Hills in Tucson. These have been great ways for us to get to know our sister congregations.

The Grand Finale will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Good Shepherd, with Rev. Teresa Cowan-Jones sharing perspectives on the Faith Journey.

Please plan to participate and bring a pot-luck dish. Carrie Scheuffler is helping coordinate this event so please contact her with any questions.

**Thank You**

I wish to thank the wonderful congregation of The Good Shepherd for the many cards, calls, prayers, and consoling words following the deaths and illnesses my family experienced these last couple of months. It has helped me through a very difficult time and made me aware that I am never alone. Happily, my sister is much improved. Thank you all for your love and support.

*Bonnie Sondrol*



**80's LADIES Social, Sharing  
Event on April 3**

This will include any woman born before 1938 who is looking to swap stories and childhood memories as only we can! 12:30-3ish in the Redman Room Monday, April 3rd....Remember skate keys and sock hops??

Come join in the fun: with a current friend ...or...  
2 find a new one.

*Save the Date!*  
**Women's Fellowship**  
**Farewell Luncheon**  
**April 5 12:00**

Ladies, please bring a guest and plan to attend our last function of the season. After our salad & dessert luncheon we will hear a speaker from **Fisher House**, a "home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at VA medical centers. These homes provide free temporary lodging so veterans' families can be close to loved ones during a medical crisis.

A sign up sheet will be available in the narthex.

**Relay for Life**

The Good Shepherd will be sponsoring a team at the Relay for Life at Rancho Sahuarita on April 8th from 11:00 am till 9:00 pm. Please look for notices and sign up sheets in the narthex. We will be looking for walkers and contributors



**Javarita Coffeehouse**  
**Presents**  
**Pablo Pergrina &**  
**ZUZI! Dance Company**  
**Friday, April 7th 7:00pm**

Join us for this magnificent presentation that was sold out at the Tucson Botanical Gardens in the Fall. Pablo will not only bring musician friends and his high energy eclectic music, but he will also bring members of the ZUZI Dance Company as they share a 25 minute 'Frida Kahlo: Blood and Gold performance. [www.tedxtucson.com](http://www.tedxtucson.com) \$10 tix

**Celebrate EarthDay**  
**Sunday April 23rd**

Rev. Doug Bland, Director of Interfaith Power and Light will be returning to us on EarthDay Sunday to preach at both worship services. A gifted storyteller, Rev. Bland visited us this past summer. We are fortunate to have him back again to speak about creation care in difficult times.

Good Shepherd is a member of Interfaith Power and Light - A Religious Response to Climate Change.



**March for Science April 22**

Show your support for science, research-based decision making and freedom of information by joining the March for Science. The 0.9-mile march begins at 10:00 at De Anza Park, 1000 N. Stone Avenue in Tucson and continues to Presidio Park.

There you'll find science booths, speakers and entertainment. Carpools leave from The Good Shepherd at 9:00 am. Join us!



**Taizé**

Our next to last Taizé service of the season will take place April 12 at 5:00. If you've been meaning to attend but forgotten or just couldn't make it, why not try it this month? We've had several guests recently and it's nice to share with folks from other churches. Your neighbor might like to attend too!!



## Books, Books, Books!

Books Book Books: On April 5th we will meet at La Perla at La Posada at 7 pm to discuss ***A Man Called Ove***, by Fredrik Backman. We meet in a room that is accessed from the lobby at the top of the stairs. All are welcome to join us. Questions call Marge Kinkead, 398-2364.



## Circle of Friends Dinner

The April Circle of Friends dinner will be Thursday, April 6th. I know that is choir practice night and we have avoided Thursdays in the past. But Good Shepherd is hosting a Tuesday Lenten dinner and devotional on the day we originally planned. So we changed the date. Please sign up on the yellow tablet on the narthex bulletin board to be a host or guest. Questions, call Carrie 393-1992.



## Afternoon Book Club

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, April 25th at 1:30 to discuss ***Left Neglected***, by Lisa Genova. Please R.S.V.P. to hostess/discussion leader, Jan Mason at 625-3013.



## Bookworms News

Bookworms, the women's evening book discussion group is reading ***A Man Called Ove***, by Fredrik Backman, for our April 17 gathering. We do not have a Caboodle. There appear to be lots of copies available in the library system, but it would be good to reserve one earlier rather than later. For May 15, we will read ***The Little Paris Bookshop***, by Nina George.

We continue to meet at La Posada, in the Lantana Room on the third floor of La Vista. For more information contact Sandra Rooney, [srooney8@cox.net](mailto:srooney8@cox.net), or 648-4264.

## Men's Fellowship News

**MONDAY BREAKFASTS** meet at El Rodeo (formerly known as La Placita) and YES, they have American style breakfasts, not just Mexican! Join us at 8 am for food and fellowship.

For more information, call Hack McCall, 648-4380

## Poets Corner

I'm Picking Citrus

I've made my way in among the grapefruit;  
they hang, big yellow do-dads, on every side.

I'm eye to eye with the twig construction  
some bird has left. I like it here, stickery

branches, spots of shade and sun. I have  
this bag to fill, this day to get on with, but

first I'm hiding from bad news.  
These curly glossy leaves

have let me in, this old tree proffers  
nodules, small white beads

holding folded petals, hidden stamens  
which at any moment will burst into

blossoms for the new crop.

Marjorie Saiser  
[poetmarge.com](http://poetmarge.com)

## Help Wanted

### FACILITIES

Over the last few weeks there has been mention of an Interests List on the Bulletin Board such that appropriate talents and interests can be paired with the need for assistance in the many ongoing activities of the church. Among these essential activities are tending to the minor maintenance needs of the church facility and seeing that the church grounds aren't completely overtaken by the desert; these tasks are tended to by the church Facilities Team which is always on the lookout for new talent or even raw talent; OJT works just fine for most needs.

If you are handy with a screwdriver or a hammer, if going above the 3<sup>rd</sup> step on a ladder doesn't make you dizzy or if you just like trimming trees and bushes, come let us show you our tool shed. If you are not impressed, you can even bring your own tools.

Right now we have an informal "drop in and trim" project going to get the grounds shaped up a bit and are working toward a bonfire to get rid of the trimmings within the next few weeks. Find a buddy and spend an hour or two trimming or hauling brush. It's not hard to see where the needs are.

If you could be on call for a minor repair job (what's your specialty?) or would like to help on our next outdoor work day, please call or e-mail me.

For your GSUCC Facilities Team,  
Terry Linthicum: 520-237-1175 voice or text, [farankin12@yahoo.com](mailto:farankin12@yahoo.com)

### Words to Ponder

"Everything outside of the natural world that we see, touch and respond to . . . was created at sometime by someone." *Gretta Vosper*

### WANTED!

#### NEW FELLOWSHIP HOUR HELPERS!

Retirement is imminent for the Sunday morning Helper!

The Kitchen Krew requests volunteers for two openings:

First, a person/family who can come to the church at 8:15 or so each Sunday to start the coffee, place china cups on the table, arrange food on the two tables and make the cold drinks. The helper is also in charge of ordering coffee from Ellen Cox when needed.

Secondly, a person/family who can empty the coffee into carafes, wash the coffee pot, place more food out for Second Service and make sure the kitchen is clean.

This volunteer term is from October through April.

Please call Jan Bennett (625-2021) or Barb Eyre (437-5727) for information or confirmation. Thank you for considering these very important jobs to keep our Fellowship Hours for the congregation!

### SUMMER STORY TIME

Summer's on the way...snowbirds are flying off... and that means that **Story Time** at the Sahuarita Food Bank needs your help! Many of our readers will be leaving soon, and we would appreciate some summer volunteers who are willing to read to children during Food Bank hours (3:00 – 5:00 Thursdays, 10:00 – 12:00 Saturdays). You can read whenever it works for your schedule; even one session a month would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Anna Dethmers at 520-528-5860 or [anna.dethmers@cox.net](mailto:anna.dethmers@cox.net). Thanks!



## Christian Education & Faith Formation

As I write this in the middle of March, spring has sprung with temperatures more like May than March. We have two weeks of Lent in April and then Easter! I'm focusing on Gospel readings this month.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – John 11:1-45. Lazarus's death and resurrection. Lazarus is Mary and Martha's beloved brother. He becomes very ill and dies. Two things strike me in this story, the foretelling of Jesus's death in Jerusalem by both Jesus and the disciple Thomas; and the two times (Jesus) "... was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved." Jesus perhaps realizes he has forsaken his friends when he takes several days to travel to Bethany. What disturbs him when he sees Mary weep and knows that Lazarus has been dead for 4 days? This family has a special relationship with Jesus, he talks to them of his coming death and resurrection and they understand him, better than all the other disciples I think.

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday, Matthew 27:11-54. Jesus' trial and crucifixion. "While he (Pilate) was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Pilate then washed his hands of the whole affair, handing Jesus' sentence over to the people who were there. Only in Matthew does the governor's wife intercede on Jesus' behalf. She has been warned in her dream of his righteousness.

April 16 – Easter Sunday, John 20:1-18. Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb and sees the stone rolled away from the entrance. After the other disciples have come and gone, she stays at the tomb weeping. Jesus comes to her disguised as a gardener. At first she does not recognize him but when he speaks her name she calls him "Rabbouni", teacher. She is the first disciple that Jesus talks to after his resurrection. She is the messenger to the other disciples. Perhaps it is her

constancy; she sticks around while the others are always going somewhere else.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – John 20:19-31. Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. They are not sure it is him. Thomas who was not there does not believe until Jesus appears to him and shows him his scars. "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." The disciples are sent out into the world.

April 30<sup>th</sup> – Luke 24:13-35. On the road to Emmaus. Jesus accompanies two disciples walking on the road; they do not recognize him and proceed to tell this stranger what has happened since Jesus died. "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. "Jesus does not reveal himself until he breaks bread with them. Jesus appears to many disciples throughout the Gospels, not just the eleven.

April is the last month of adult forum for this season. We will take a break for Palm Sunday and Easter. See our April schedule in the weekly email newsletter. Our planning meeting for the 2017-18 year will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. Please plan to attend if you have any suggestions or email them to me at [Julie@thegoodshepherducc.org](mailto:Julie@thegoodshepherducc.org).

We will have our annual Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday at 10:30. Anyone who is 18 and younger is invited to participate. Its lots of fun!

Julie C. Ingham, Faith Formation Director

## Stewardship Message

### Give Thanks!

One of my favorite contemporary hymns is entitled “Give Thanks.” It is simple, yet deeply profound in its simplicity:

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his  
son.  
And now, let the weak say, “I am strong!”  
Let the poor say, “I am rich!”  
because of what the Lord has done for us!  
Give thanks!*

That pretty much says it all. And it’s a great encapsulation of the message of stewardship. We have so much for which to be grateful! And the outpouring of our gratitude to God in acts of kindness and generosity help build up the community of God’s people. When we are one, when we are generous in our giving and in our sharing of all that God has entrusted to us, the weak become strong, the poor become rich, and we are all the better for it!

The body of believers at The Good Shepherd are good stewards, not just of our financial resources, but of all the many gifts of time, talent, and opportunity that God has heaped upon us! We are impacting God’s world for good. We are making a positive difference in our neighborhood, in our community, in our state, nation, and world!

As I conclude my time on the Stewardship Team I am thankful for the opportunity I’ve had to serve and work with an extraordinary group of individuals these past couple of years: Nancy Ackley, Hathaway Cornelius, Ray Frieders, and Randy Mayer. What a gifted, dedicated group of people! And with the addition of Curt Ackley, John Pestle, and Clyde Clement this coming year it can only get better.

Most of all, I Give Thanks that Anna and I continue to be a part of The Good Shepherd, a uniquely gifted, called, and passionate congrega-

tion that is a courageous witness to the way of Jesus in the very best way possible: through words matched by deeds!

For the Stewardship Team,

David Dethmers

### **2017 Probigua Scholarship Report**

This year’s church educational scholarship effort marks the 14<sup>th</sup> year of gifts sent to the language school in Antigua, Guatemala to help cover the cost of yearly schooling for young people of the high school age in our country. There are many in The Good Shepherd who are familiar with the language school as a result of their participation in one of the eight 2-week immersion programs there since 2002. These scholarships are especially important in that country for several reasons: First, only a small percentage of young people attend school after elementary age, and second, the level of a high school education provides opportunity to learn trade areas that provide lifelong work.

More than 100 young people have received yearly scholarships and most have received the annual maximum which currently runs at \$400. For many families of recipients, they are the first family members who continue beyond a 6<sup>th</sup> grade education. You can imagine the pride felt by parents, family, and loved ones! Sincere thanks to all those Good Shepherd members, friends, and others for their dedicated support for this international scholarship effort. The leadership coordination by Reyna Interiano at the Probigua Language School is outstanding and requires a great deal of time and commitment.

#### 2017 Results:

\$6,500; 110 contributors from the following sources:  
\$1,201 Carry over personal & memorial gifts from 2016  
\$2,914 Gifts from the Church Mission Fair  
\$1,375 Gifts from 2017 Spanish Class participants  
\$1,060 Gifts from personal donations

14 Year Results:  
\$59,734

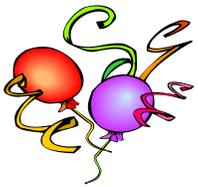
Sincere appreciation to all those who have been loyal supporters of this valuable educational endeavor—may it continue to grow in the years to come as an important international mission project of The Good Shepherd

Pres Johnson  
Coordinator



## Congratulations on Your Wedding Anniversary

Albert & Velma Adams	04/01
Mark & Susie Sanders	04/17
Dave & Jo Youngren	04/17
Dale & June Hoot	04/22
John & Yong Rueb	04/25



## Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday!

Joan Ernst	04/01
Judy Van Es	04/03
Rowland Van Es	04/03
Ellen Cox	04/03
Hank Busey	04/06
Lawrence Berg	04/07
Bill York	04/08
Marian Kellermeyer	04/08
Jim Brown	04/10
Sandra Rooney	04/12
Cliff Grindy	04/15
Judy Holcomb	04/16
Scott Griessel	04/17
Jack Kressley	04/25
Irene York	04/28
Virginia Timmons	04/29
Connie Woodbrey	04/29
Susan Hill	04/29

If you have not seen your special day (birthday/ anniversary) in the newsletter, please contact Amy if you would like to update your record.

### Hazardous Waste Collection!!

**Saturday, APRIL 1, 8am—Noon**  
**Valley Presbyterian Church Parking Lot**  
**2800 S. Camino del Sol, Green Valley**

- ✓ Automotive Fluids
- ✓ Rechargeable Batteries (Alkaline  
Batteries must be discarded in trash)
- ✓ Lawn & Garden Products
- ✓ Drain Cleaners
- ✓ Fire Extinguishers
- ✓ Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- ✓ Herbicides
- ✓ Hobby Chemicals
  
- ✓ Household Cleaners
- ✓ Computer Equipment (Computers,  
Printers, Peripherals)
- ✓ Paint Products & Solvents
- ✓ Pesticides
- ✓ Polishes
- ✓ Pool Chemicals
- ✓ Propane Tank for BBQ Grills
- ✓ Ink and Toner Cartridges

Also items labeled: "Acid", "Caustic", "Flammable", "Poison", "Toxic" or if the label contains the words "Caution", "Danger" or "Warning".

**Dispose-A-Med**—Bring your expired medications to this event.