

# Good Shepherd Monthly News

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## Social Media Presence

Individually, we use social media to stay connected with friends and family near and far. For Good Shepherd, the importance of social media is no different. It enables us to communicate and connect with members and friends everywhere. There are a multitude of social media platforms to choose from, and we each have our own preference. Good Shepherd has chosen to focus its presence on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

On Facebook, we share photos, videos, links, event information, and so much more. If you are on Facebook, please “Like” and “Follow” our page. If you’re wondering how to do that, first click here to go to [Good Shepherd’s Facebook Page](#). Then, click the “Like” button to auto-

matically follow the page. By following the page this way, you will see all the posts from Good Shepherd.

When you see a Good Shepherd post, consider liking or sharing that post by selecting the “Like” or “Share” button underneath the post. When you share Good Shepherd’s post with your friends, just think of how many more people Good Shepherd is reaching. We are increasing our engagement with one another and reaching across to our friends, who may then reach out to their friends. The number of people Good Shepherd touches through its social media posts could be exponential if we all “like” and “share”!

Good Shepherd is also

on Instagram. Through this social media platform we primarily share photos with short posts. Follow [Good Shepherd’s Instagram Page](#) and click the “Like” button to continue reaching out.

Finally, Good Shepherd hosts a YouTube channel. All of our online videos are archived here. By selecting the “Subscribe” button on the main page of [Good Shepherd’s YouTube Channel](#), you can elect to receive email notifications when a new video is available on the site.

Use your preferred social media platform – Facebook, Instagram, YouTube – to help Good Shepherd stay connected while also reaching out.

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# Ministry News

## Outreach to South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM)

On Wednesday, April 1, a small group began to coordinate an effort of food collection and palms pickup. Within 24 hours, an email went out to Good Shepherd friends with specific information about the event. So what



prompted this coordinated effort?

The palms used on Palm Sunday are ordered months in advance. No one knew we would be in the midst of social distancing, unable to meet for Palm Sunday worship. Given we had the palms, some members asked how can we help get palms to those who want them? What options did we have for distribution?

At the same time, several news stories were focused on local food banks and their need for assistance. Again, members asked the question, how can we help? So, they began to reach out to food banks in the areas to get that information.

Even though there wasn't much advance notice for the palms pickup and food collection, quite a few people came out for this event. In addition to the food collected for SHIM, Good Shepherd raised \$260 in monetary donations. Thirty people stopped by over the course of two days to get palms and contribute to SHIM. Several people took palms home for children, grandchildren, and friends. The remaining unopened bag of palms were taken to Concordia of the South Hills to be shared with residents. Thanks Good Shepherd for reaching out to serve our community and one another!

## Vacation Bible School: Rocky Railway

**Rocky Railway - Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through** - This year's VBS theme couldn't be more fitting. As we continue to adjust to a new way of life, even if temporary, what a powerful message this is for our VBS families. Where there are struggles, uncertainties, sadness, or loneliness, we need only look to Jesus to provide hope in the midst of the storm. *The Bible verse for day 1 is "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." (Philippians, 4:13).* This is one of my favorite verses so I knew as soon as I saw it that this was the perfect theme. Given the circumstances, it would seem that we may not be able to meet in person this year but VBS will go on in one way or another. Registration will open next week through an online system for both children and volunteers (yes, we still need volunteers!!). VBS is such an important mission of the church, and we have been able to provide the message of the love of Jesus to countless children and their families. Your continued prayers and support for VBS is so appreciated.

- Your sister in Christ, Jean Barone.

## Outreach Opportunities to Light of Life Ministries

Light of Life is one of our mission partners and there are several ways to help this ministry now. As a designated essential service, Light of Life continues to serve meals and provide shelter during the COVID-19 outbreak.

- Pray for the Light of Life staff and pray for the recipients of its services.
- Consider shopping for needed items for this ministry. An Amazon shopping list has been created: just [click here](#) to access it, (don't forget to use Amazon Smile!), shop, and ship your donations directly to:

Light of Life Ministries  
913 Western Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

If you have any questions about the Amazon list, contact Kim Ressler via [email here](#).

- Join the Virtual Step Challenge. Light of Life is holding their annual Tunch & Wolf's Walk for the homeless virtually this year. Won't you take up this challenge and join Good Shepherd's team? Sponsors can donate online or through checks to Good Shepherd. Walkers will track their steps as they walk in their own neighborhoods through their fitness tracker or by entering their step records online. How much can we give? How far can we go? [Click here](#) to join the team or to make a contribution to one of the Good Shepherd walkers already registered. For more details, email Kim Ressler [here](#).



*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

*- Philippians 2:4*

## Worship Technology and Media Team: We Need You!

Prior to 2020, Good Shepherd had been discussing the prospect of having worship services available online. Covid-19 compelled us to quickly implement a plan for online worship. It is a team effort to put together the devotion and online worship videos you see, and WE WANT YOU TO JOIN THIS TEAM! Online worship services and video messages have become invaluable as a way to reach people and share the good news of Jesus. In order to sustain our online worship and expand our social

media presence, we're looking for volunteers to assist in creating, editing, and publishing audio and video files, and for persons experienced in various social media platforms. We also need additional volunteers to assist with managing the sound and screens during onsite worship. Training will be provided, and the role is open to anyone confirmation age and up! [Click here to email the office](#) if you are interested.

Current activities have been postponed, cancelled, or changed to online while future activities may be uncertain due to COVID-19. Worship is currently online. Check the [website](#) for a live calendar and up-to-date information.

# May 2020

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17	18	19	20	21 <i>Ascension</i>	22	23
24	25 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>(Office Closed)</i>	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>Pentecost</i>						

## May Birthdays

5/7—Cheryl Sincek	5/18—Patrick Dunmire
5/8—Averi Arnold-Binikos	5/18—Gianna Rawson
5/8—Justin Coleman	5/20—Sarah Krueger
5/9—Norma Mikoleit	5/20—Chase Ulanowicz
5/11—Max Hoellein	5/21—John Coleman
5/11—Melissa Sincek	5/25—Chis Vogel
5/12—Evie Jone (90)	5/27—Kurt Hoellein
5/14—Lynn Pingel	5/29—Hope Ulanowicz
5/15—Brandon Snyder	5/30—Carol Kagemann



## May Anniversaries

5/1—Greg and Jennie Zeman (21)  
5/2—Art and Dottie Tritsch (61)  
5/20—Mike and Colleen Kudis (14)  
5/22—Dave and Jean Barone (27)  
5/22—Rich and Hollie Ulanowicz (16)  
5/25—Kevin and Brittne Vietmeier (1)  
5/28—Ken and Jennifer Meyer (42)



## Calling all 2020 Graduates

Attention, all 2020 Graduates! We want to celebrate your graduation!

The Lord has led you on a path to this point in life, and He will be there to guide your future. [Email the office](#) with the following information (your name, school, and future plans) so we can share this milestone with you.

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

*- Jeremiah 29:11*

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### Prayer Requests for Members, Family and Friends:

Evie Jones, Fred "Butch" Taylor, Kathryn Roehlich, Ella Mae Held, Dottie Tritsch, Florence Christiansen, Sean Thurston, David Hesse, Jennifer Meyer, Scott Garretson, Darlene Stocker, Hope Leydig, Dennis Lee, Earl Richards, John Wilson, Sam Langol, Linda, Lorraine S., Barb Hentsch, Melissa Medved, Anne Malone, Dorothy Stubock, David DeBor, Mary Hesse, Gary Cooper, Carolyn Uhlyar, Joan Steigerwald, Norma Mikoleit, Rose Spencer, Mary Jane Forrest, John Simpson, Tillie Koerth, Don Richards, Pam Spechtold, Nancy Edmundson, Rose Marie Koehnke, Joan Uhrinak

## New Good Shepherd Logo

Have you noticed the new Good Shepherd logo at the start and close of our online worship videos? Our very own Grace Chioda designed this logo. Please give a special thanks to Grace for taking time to share her talent and design this logo. We'll be transitioning to this logo, so it will appear on our letterhead, website, and other communications. Thank you, Grace!

