

# THE SHEP NEWS



Weekend E-Newsletter • February 7, 2010, 2010 • Fifth Sunday after Epiphany • Worship: 9AM- ELW Service; 10 AM-Sunday School; 11 AM -Sing 'N Rejoice

**OUR MISSION**

- To invite all people to know the unconditional love of Christ;
- To share Christ's love through words and deeds;
- To empower people to serve Christ in the world.

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**God's Work  
Our Hands**



**Luke 5:1-11**

**January 31, 2010**

**Sermon on the Amount**

Needed weekly \$6703  
Debt Reduction 560

**TOTAL RECEIVED \$5525**  
Needed for Budget **\$6511**  
Worship Attendance 125  
Sunday School --  
To Make Budget **\$8375**  
Owed Reserve Fund 17,500  
Your help with weekly expenses is appreciated



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**Nothing - and proud of it**

*A rabbi and cantor are preparing to lead their congregation for Yom Kippur's services.*

*The rabbi beats his breast and intones, "I am nothing, O Lord; I am nothing."*

*The cantor then beats his breast and sings the prayer, "I am nothing, O Lord; I am nothing."*

*Then, from the back of the synagogue, a third voice is heard. The janitor, head bowed, takes up the prayer, "I am nothing, O Lord; I am nothing."*

*The rabbi whispers to the cantor, "Look who thinks he's nothing!"*

*Peter could learn a lesson from the janitor. Many of us suffer an "inferiority complex" when it comes to God: we are intimidated by religious protocol; we are overwhelmed by doctrine and dogma; we see our own lives and experiences as too far removed from the heroic "sanctity" of the saints and martyrs celebrated in the church calendar. Like Peter, we cannot imagine God loving sinful, Godless us. But that is exactly the "mystery" of faith: that God loves despite ourselves. Thomas Merton wrote that "the root of Christian love is not the will to love but the faith that one is loved by God . . . irrespective of one's worth. In the true Christian vision of God's love, the idea of worthiness loses significance. The revelation of the mercy of God makes the problem of worthiness something almost*



*laughable . . . no one could ever, alone, be worthy to be loved with such a love - is a true liberation of spirit."*

*Authentic faith is the realization that God loves us despite ourselves, that God works through "saints" who are men and women just like us, however imperfect, but who trust in God's unwavering love.*

*Pastor Ron*

**NOTICE:** A major snowstorm will bring possibly two feet of snow this weekend. A decision will be made Saturday regarding canceling worship and Sunday School. You may check KEY103 or WFMD/WFRE or your E-Mail or our Website: [www.goodshepherdmd.org](http://www.goodshepherdmd.org). An answer message will be on Pastor Ron's phone 301-663-9566.

**New Council Officers** were elected at the first regular meeting of Congregation Council, Monday, January 11th. *Phyllis Hane* was elected President; *Kent Treichler* was elected Vice President; *Sandy Hagen* was re-elected Secretary; *Jean Van Tassell* was re-elected Treasurer and *Bill Thelemann* was re-elected Financial Secretary. Newly elected council members were present, *Dan Steffen, Brad Reaves, John Martin and Kent Treichler*. Council's next regular meeting will be Monday, March 8th.

**Check Out the Website Updates**

*Andrea Reaves* has agreed to be our new Web Steward and she has already tweaked the site and added changes and updates. Andrea is a Senior Network Engineer at Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Rockville, MD. We're grateful for her detailing and updating. Check the site at [www.goodshepherdmd.org](http://www.goodshepherdmd.org). For any updates or additions, please contact her at [abreaves@comcast.net](mailto:abreaves@comcast.net).

**Prayer Concerns:** *Jesse Martin*, daughter of *Michele and John Martin*, *Gerry Marose*, *Barbara Underwood*, surgery January 27th; *Kelly Schoonover*, whose mother is gravely ill; *Don Klein*, at the death of his mother from cancer; *Gary Stone*, being treated for esophageal cancer; *Patrick Covert*; *John Day*, brother of *Janet Fisher-Day*; *Paul Miller and Greg Miller*, brothers of *Evie Timberlake*, *Molly*, cousin of *Bobbie Donaldson*, *Ron Knerr*, *Bernie Abrecht*; *Lee Brohawn*; *Lucas Phelan*; *Sandy Kessler*, *Kathleen Shook*; *Dale Lutz*, *Carolyn Hellman*; Prayer requests, phone: *Peggy Beers* (301) 663-9741/*Marilyn Ayres* (301) 663-1997; E-mail *Evie Timberlake* [2timbers@verizon.net](mailto:2timbers@verizon.net).

**Adult I Sunday School** meets Sundays at 10AM in the Community Room. They have begun a new study/DVD series on THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. This Sunday, the 10th Commandment is reviewed.

**Adult II Sunday School** meets in the Fireplace Room, 10:15 AM - open discussion of contemporary issues from NPR's "Speaking of Faith". All are welcome

**Frederick School of Religion Convenes in February** The Frederick School of Religion will convene its 2010 "Learning for Life" series on February 15th. Classes are being held at Brook Hill United

Methodist Church, 8946 Indian Springs Rd., Frederick, MD 21702. For additional information or registration: [www.frederickschoolofreligion.org](http://www.frederickschoolofreligion.org) or you may call 301-865-2734 or 301-473-5662.

**February Senior Luncheon** Because Ash Wednesday services will be held Feb.17 at noon the Senior "Lunch Bunch" will be held **Feb.24 at noon**. We encourage all seniors to attend both Wednesday's.

The program for the luncheon will be a "Swap Shop". Bring one or two items having a minimum value of \$3 to maximum of \$30 for swapping. Some examples: Christmas re-gift, cake, pie, book, jewelry, etc. Lets have some fun as you will have an opportunity to re swap. Be prepared to laugh! Bring a dish to share for lunch and a guest. Seniors are over 50 but guests can be any age.

**Homebound:** *Becky Molesworth, FMH; Polly Carmack; Charles Thompson; Mary Nelson; Alice Willoughby; Agnes Gamer; JoEllen Glusceovich; Jo Adams; Belva Bell; Marjorie Deater; Kathleen Shook, Citizens; Barbara Adams, at home; Rena Hall, now at Tranquility Care, Jefferson Pike, Frederick. Dolores Beach is now at #B2, Somerford Place in Whittier.*

### Remember Our Military Members:

*Jeffrey Feser. Prayers for deployed to Iraq. His address is 1st Lt. Jeffrey Feser, HHC 1st BDE 1AD/Bravo 6-1 CAV (RSTA0 FOB Warrior, Iraq APO AE 09338. ' Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them even as they protect us. Bless them and their families during the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.'*

**Passion Play August 2010** *Seats still available for Pastor Ron's 2010 trip to the Passion Play in Oberammergau in Bavaria, Germany, August 4-14 that includes visits to Prague, Budapest and Vienna- with continuing visits to Oberammergau and Munich. Reservations still open for the trip. Brochures are available in the Gathering Area. Pastor Ron [ronrv@comcast.net](mailto:ronrv@comcast.net) or [www.travron.com](http://www.travron.com).*

### Thrivent Launches \$3M "Helping

**Haiti" Effort** Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will add \$1 to every \$2, up to a total contribution of \$1 million, when our members donate to one of the following:

- Lutheran World Relief.
- ELCA Domestic Disaster Response.

Thrivent Financial will add a maximum of \$250 per member donation, and donations will be accepted through 3-31-10. To donate go to: [www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti](http://www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti).

If you're not a Thrivent member, you can give directly through Lutheran World Relief, <http://www.lwr.org> and make your donation online. If you don't have access to the Internet, but would like to contribute, contact Diane DeMarco, 301-696-8886, and the Social Ministry team will make sure your donations are quickly sent to LWR.

Lutheran World Relief is responding right now to the affected communities through its partners on the ground in Haiti. The Red Cross is also taking donations online, <http://www.redcross.org>. Let's all keep Haitians in our prayers as they struggle through this catastrophic crisis.

**2010 Flower Chart** is posted on the first Kiosk Info Square as you enter the church Gathering Area. Please sign up if you wish to sponsor flowers for Sundays in 2010. Cost of flowers is \$20.00 per basket.

**Looking for a Bible Study?** We have five 'NeighborTalk' groups currently available:

**NeighborTalk South** Carl and Michele Hildedrand, 5403 Georgetown Rd. Adamstown, MD 21710 • 301-831-8628  
**NeighborTalk Northeast** Terri Baker, 2627 Mill Race Rd., Frederick, MD 21701, 301-663-4013  
**NeighborTalk Northwest** Sue and Dan Steffen, 5511 Bootjack Drive, Frederick, MD 21702  
**NeighborTalk North** Janet and Brit Fisher, 11232 Angleberger Rd., Thurmont, MD, 301-304-0374  
**NeighborTalk East (Spring Ridge)** Diane and Attilo DeMarco, 6408 Fairbanks Ln., Frederick, MD 21701 • 301-696-8886. Sign-up's available in the Gathering Area of our Church.

**After School Youth** *Keith Schoonover* has been discussing with me his vision for an after-school program at Good Shepherd for neighborhood children and youth (8-12 years of age)- an outreach program to provide structured play, snacks and some group learning opportunity until their parents get home. We're looking for some Good Shepherd folks who might be interested in discussing this vision with us. Please contact Pastor Ron [ronrv@comcast.net](mailto:ronrv@comcast.net) or *Keith, 301-676-4564*.

### Annual Valentine Sale

The 5th & 6th Grade Sunday School class will be hosting their annual Valentine sale to benefit the Thurmont Food Bank, supported by our sister parish St John's Lutheran Church in Thurmont. Please stop by our table in the Gathering Area to see the selection of handmade valentines we will be selling this year. Also please consider bringing an extra canned or boxed good for our ongoing food collection. Thank you for your generous support!!! *Laurie Wilhelm and Nancy Tregoning.*

**Speaking of February 14th,** Good Shepherds 56th Birthday will be on Valentine's day. Look for a special display table in our Gathering Area presented by our archivist and charter member, *Audrey Asbury.*



### Thiel College Coming to Good

**Shepherd** The forty-two voice **Thiel Choir** from Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania, a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will perform a concert at **7:00 p.m. Saturday evening, March 6, at Good Shepherd.** The performance is part of the Thiel Choir's 2010 spring choir tour. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful evening of choral music. The community will be invited to this performance. **Please mark your calendars**

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

12 Noon or 7:30 P.M.

Ash Wednesday

Join us in one of the most beautiful and contemplative services of the year

### Congregation Council Officers 2010

Pres. Phyllis Hane [phyllishane@comcast.net](mailto:phyllishane@comcast.net)  
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