

# THE SHEP NEWS



Weekend E-Newsletter • February 14, 2010, 2010 • Transfiguration Sunday • 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



February 7, 2010

## Sermon on the Amount

Needed weekly \$6703  
Debt Reduction 560

**TOTAL RECEIVED \$-----**  
Needed for Budget **\$6511**  
Worship Attendance ---  
Sunday School ---  
To Make Budget **\$8375**  
Owed Reserve Fund 17,500

Please help us make up a lost Sunday of offering income in the next few weeks



[www.mar-lu-ridge.org](http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org)

Luke 9:28-36

## Transfigured grace within you

A young husband and wife learn they are about to become parents for the first time. They are excited, of course - but there is a lingering doubt: How can I be a parent to a child when I'm still pretty much a kid myself?



Do I have what it takes to be a good mom, a good dad? I mean, I could really destroy a great kid here! But the young parents find within themselves the wisdom, the strength, the patience - the grace - to be a good mom and dad to this child whom they love more than they could ever imagine.

She took care of every detail of their family's life together. Then she became ill. It was now all up to him. At first, he was lost, terrified. But he managed to make it all work: to handle all the demands of the household, to keep everyone on schedule, to be dad and sometimes mom to the kids - all the while continuing to be a strong and supportive husband to her. With the help of family and friends - and her - he found within himself the patience and where-with-all to keep family and home together.

In our lives, we confront many mountains: the first day at a new school, new responsibilities at work, a desperate call for help. But we manage to find within ourselves abilities we didn't know we possessed, words we didn't think we knew, love that was beyond us. We realize in those moments that we are, in fact, smart enough, capable enough, loving enough to learn, to succeed, to heal,

to transform our lives and the world around us.

In the event we have come to call Jesus' "transfiguration," the three disciples realize the divinity - the very life and love of God - that exists within the person of Jesus. That same touch of divinity exists within each

one of us, as well: God is present within us, animating us to do wonderful, holy things; guiding our steps as we try to walk justly and humbly in the ways of God; enlightening our vision with wisdom and selflessness to bring the justice and mercy of God to our world. The challenge of discipleship is to allow the love of God within us to "transfigure" despair into hope, sadness into joy, anguish into healing, estrangement into community.

Pastor Ron

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

12 Noon or 7:30 P.M.

Ash Wednesday

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

## 2009 Contribution Statements

are being processed and sent by our volunteer Financial Secretary, Bill Thelemann. The Post Office has not been cooperative about

sending these out bulk mail. If you have not received yours by next week call 301-620-1535 or Email at [thelemann@comcast.net](mailto:thelemann@comcast.net).

## Check Out the Website Updates

Andrea Reaves is serving as 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, recovering from colon surgery; Kelly Schoonover, whose mother is ill; Gary Stone, being treated for esophageal cancer; 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; Mary Nelson. 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 registration: check [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 regifts, 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, Polly Carmack; Charles Thompson; Mary Nelson; Alice Willoughby; Agnes Gamer; JoEllen Gluscevic; 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:

Prayers for **Jeffrey Feser** deployed to Iraq. His address is **1st Lt. Jeffrey Feser, HHC 1sst 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.'*

## Heart for Haiti Valentine's Day

### Special

Bethel Lutheran, 9664 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, is hosting a concert by acclaimed tenor **Cristoforo Padula** Sunday, 3PM in the Church Nave. Mr. Padula has sung with the New York City Opera and La Scala, Italy. He has sung for U.S. Presidents and was understudy for Luciano Pavarotti. Mr. Padula will sing arias as well as Broadway and popular songs. A reception follows. The concert is free with a free-will offering collected for Lutheran World Relief designated/Haiti. Information: 301 694-8280.

### 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. [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.

## Frederick Chorale to Perform

### the 'Brahms Requiem Sunday,

**February 27th at 7:30 PM** at First Baptist Church, Bowers Rd., Frederick, MD. Adults \$18, Students/Seniors \$12. 301-831-3714 or [www.frederickchorale.org](http://www.frederickchorale.org).

## 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 Attilio 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.*

## 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**

## 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*.

## Worship Schedule Coordinator

We are in need of a Coordinator for scheduling weekly worship duties for our congregation. Kerri Eyer has been doing this for several years. If you have Microsoft Excel and would be willing to volunteer gathering information from our eight schedulers. Contact Pr. Ron [ronrv@comcast.net](mailto:ronrv@comcast.net). Schedules beginning in May will be posted in April.

## Lenten Bible Study

During the Wednesday's of Lent Pastor Ron will be leading a study on the book **Why Christian? For Those on the Edge** by Douglas John Hall. In a passionate and personal way, Hall probes fundamental religious questions and wrestles with the cogency of basic Christian convictions about Jesus and God, about religious belief and the human predicament, about inauthentic forms of Christianity, about what is missing in human life today.

Sign-up sheet posted in the Gathering Area. Study to be held *Wednesday, February 24, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, 7-8:30PM in the Fireside Room*. Books are \$19.00 per person and may be ordered in advance.

## Needed:

Some folks who might be willing to be on call for snow shoveling. Please contact the Church Office at 301-663-3344 or [GoodShep14@aol.com](mailto:GoodShep14@aol.com) to be on a call listing.

## Lutheran Marriage Encounter

Weekend, 'A Weekend of Discovery-A Lifetime of Love', *March 5-7, 2010*, Gaithersburg. Register at [www.Godlovesmarriage.org](http://www.Godlovesmarriage.org).

## Congregation Council Officers 2010

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