

NEWS FROM HIS FLOCK



Good Shepherd UMC Quarterly Newsletter

April 2021

Rev. Stephen Perrine's Retirement and Reappointment

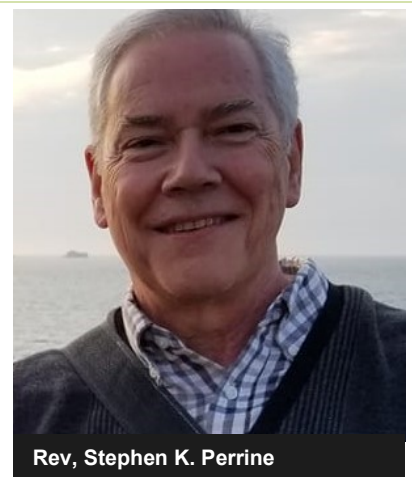
Rev. Steve Perrine will reach mandatory retirement June 2021; however, he has requested reappointment in retirement to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. Bishop David A. Bard has responded: "We will consider this appointment request at our next cabinet meeting ... and would expect that we will continue you in this appointment." -by Connie Perrine

Merger Discussion

At the December 11, 2019 Charge Conference, Good Shepherd voted to "proceed from a position of strength to unite as partners in mission and ministry with Dearborn First", with the goal of becoming one congregation by September 2022. On January 27, 2020 representatives from both Dearborn First and Dearborn Good Shepherd met together to begin this process. However, due to a number of factors; worldwide pandemic, the future of the United Methodist Church won't be known until after the September 2022 General Conference, unresolved issues between GS and First, and a new pastor who has not yet been able to meet all the members of this church. Any merger discussions will not take place until sometime late in 2022.

In the meantime, we will be focusing our efforts on developing new ministries, connecting people with God's love in Jesus and growing Good Shepherd UMC for Christ's Kingdom. Good Shepherd isn't actively pursuing merger at this time. -Rev. Steve Perrine

As more people become vaccinated and restrictions from the state and denomination are relaxed, we encourage you to attend in person worship at Good Shepherd UMC according to your personal comfort level. We will continue to livestream online at Rev. Stephen K. Perrine or Good Shepherd UMC Facebook pages. We hope that as we advance toward community immunity, we will be able to have more opportunities for fellowship before and after the service and other ministry activities-Rev. Steve



Rev, Stephen K. Perrine



The house on Monroe Street Good Shepherd inherited

Garage Sale for Childs' House Contents:

As referenced in the Facilities Article, Good Shepherd inherited the Childs house and contents. We are planning a garage sale for Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17, 2021.

Household items include furniture, dishes and kitchenware, tools, laundry baskets and lidded plastic tubs, and miscellaneous goods. Help is needed to sort and purge the contents, and on the sale days. This will be a fundraiser for Good Shepherd.

If you are willing to assist, contact Elaine Lloyd, Rev. Steve or Connie Perrine. Afterwards, STEP (Services To Enhance Potential) will remove useful items; the remainder will be discarded.

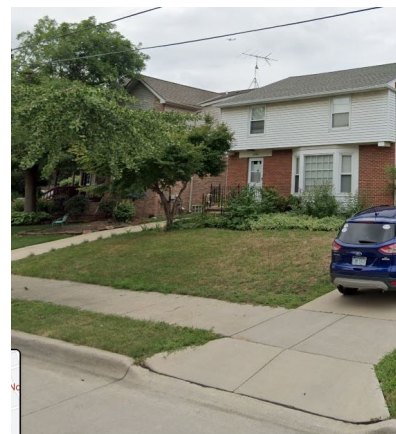
Updates from Facilities (Trustees)

[Good Shepherd UMC has accepted an inheritance from the family of Florence Childs.](#)

Florence was a longtime member of GS and passed in 2009. At that time, she left everything to her only son, Leland Childs, and she stipulated that upon his passing that all be left to Good Shepherd UMC. Leland made good on his promise to his mother and set up a trust naming GS as full beneficiary of all assets. Leland Child passed in 2020, and Facilities Team is working with the trustee and lawyer of the trust to legally claim this good fortune. Assets include a Dearborn house, all contents of the residence, and some monetary assets. While in transition, assets are being used now by lawyers to maintain the house. GS is acting to empty and sell the house as soon as possible after Holy Week. (See side article)

[Our parsonage on Nona Street has been sold!](#)

With permission from the congregation, Facilities Team signed the final paperwork on December 9, 2020. The house sold for \$243,000 and the net gain after commissions and fees were paid was \$224,220. This money can ONLY be used for capital building improvements and/or saved to purchase a future parsonage. In the meantime, the money is invested. To prepare the house for sale, there were costs for cleaning, repairs and a city inspection which were paid out of our general fund.



The former parsonage

Spark (Administrative Council)

Lay Leader– [Open](#)

Treasurer-Alan Costantino

Facilities Representative- Jan Poush

Class of 2021

-Elaine Lloyd

-John Mihalik

-Samantha Scannell

Class of 2022

-Scott Murdoch

Class of 2023

-Connie Perrine

-Kathy Lewis

Finance Ministry Team

Al Costantino

Jim Woods

Bruce Temperly

Facilities Team Ministry

Dean Lewis

Jim Woods

Gary Poush

Jan Poush

David Scannell

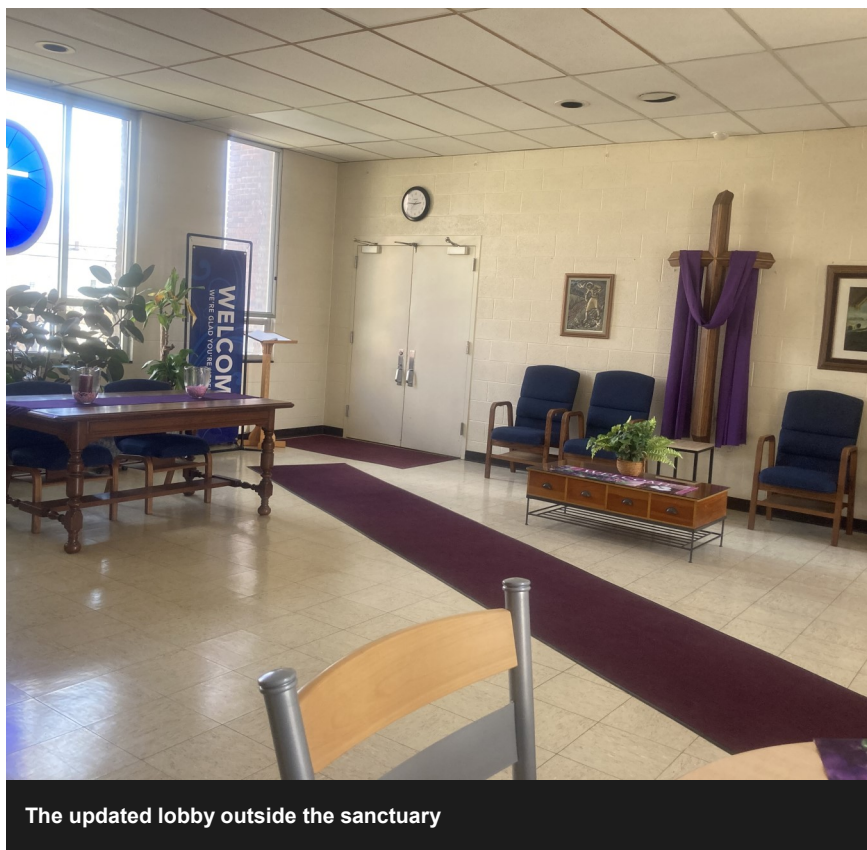
Pastor Parish Relations Ministry

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Pam Post [Open](#)

Jan Poush [Open](#)

Lay Representative to Annual Conference- [Open](#)



The updated lobby outside the sanctuary

Many Upgrades Have Been Made To Our Good Shepherd Building!

The Conference Room next to the office on the lower level has been repurposed. It is now an extension of the pastor's office. Walls were painted; additional furnishings and shelving provide storage and a comfortable meeting atmosphere.

Our lobby has been refreshed! Come and experience new wall hangings, a refinished wooden table, and enjoy a cup of Keurig coffee.

Let there be light. Improvements and upgrades were made to our outdoor lighting and to the overhead lighting in our sanctuary, lobby, and throughout the building.

Upgrades to Our Audio and Visual Equipment in Our Sanctuary are Underway.

These improvements are needed because technology has changed significantly since the original installations, and current equipment is not performing well. Life in 2021 requires that Good Shepherd be able to live- stream our services and activities with professional quality. Visual presentations and clear sound enhance worship experiences for both in-person and online participation. Jim Woods provided electrical work. Most of these upgrades were initiated or personally done by Rev. Steve and Connie Perrine.

2021 Leadership Openings

Good Shepherd is needing volunteers to fill positions. This is truly an opportunity to [“Live Your Faith through Service to Others.”](#)

Lay Leader

Responsibilities include:

- ◇ Develop relationships with individuals and small groups for gathering feedback about the church culture and needs of the laity
- ◇ Meet regularly with the Pastor to discuss the state of the church and the needs for ministry.
- ◇ Encourage laity to grow in discipleship by promoting training, service and other opportunities.
- ◇ Lay Leader will serve on Spark (Church Council), Nomination Team and PPRC

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

2021 will be another ZOOM event

Responsibilities include:

- ◇ Be a professing member in good standing of the United Methodist Church for at least 2 years and an active participant for at least 4 years prior to their election.
- ◇ Bring proposed legislation to the congregation for discussion and feedback.
- ◇ Represent Good Shepherd through attendance and voting an annual conference.
- ◇ Report to the local church on actions of the Annual Conference.

2 Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) positions

Responsibilities include:

- ◇ To encourage, strengthen, nurture, support and respect the Pastor and to promote unity in the church.
- ◇ PPRC will confer with the Pastor on matters pertaining to effectiveness of ministry, relationships with the congregation, Pastor's health and self-care, and conditions that may impede the effectiveness of ministry.
- ◇ PPRC shall supervise the staff positions. Annually PPRC will prepare the Pastor Leadership Assessment and make recommendation for Pastoral Compensation to Finance Team and Spark.



Up to 4 Nomination Team positions

- ☐ 1 member should be a young adult (18-30 years)
- ☐ Be active and attentive to developing your own spiritual life.
- ☐ Intentionally become acquainted with as many persons in your congregation as possible to be able to identify their gifts and competencies.
- ☐ Prayerfully match potential leaders with particular leadership positions.

Please prayerfully consider how you can serve. Speak with Rev. Stephen Perrine or Jan Poush, Spark Chair, for further information.

Engage 2021

Spark has planned for 2021 Engage status by selecting the missions marked with asterisks to be supported again. The District mission is still being determined (to replace Midland Flood Response) Each month a particular mission will be highlighted. However, donations are accepted for any of these missions throughout the year to support others locally and globally. Mark your giving envelopes and/or checks to designate a contribution to a given mission. Make all checks payable to Good Shepherd UMC. Thank you for your generous support of people needing assistance around the world.

* indicates missions to be supported for Engage 2021



Good Shepherd helps supports hings like Bishop Craig's Children Village

ENGAGE STATUS (formerly Spotlight)

Congratulations, Good Shepherd UMC. In 2020 we again achieved Engage status! We fully paid our Ministry Shares (formerly known as Apportionments) and also gave \$7,611 in contributions to the following ministries:

Michigan

- Cass Community Social Services*
- Methodist Children's Home
- Michigan Area Disaster Response (Midland Flood)

National

- St. Andrew's Potato Project
- Red Bird Clinic*

International

- Heifer International*
- Haiti ~ Grace Children's Hospital*
- Liberia~Bishop Craig's Children Village

Mission Personnel

- NOAH~Emily Palm*

UMCOR*

Engage Mission for April: Heifer International

We work to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities we serve.

Our programs support entrepreneurs around the world, creating lasting change from the ground up.

It begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business, and ultimately to gain access to supply chains and markets.

These families are able to earn a living income and continuously lift up their communities as they train the next generation of leaders.

By supporting and training the world's farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, we're investing in a new breed of success.

Spark Meeting Change

Spark (Church Council) has changed its meeting day to the third Wednesday of each month. Spark is currently meeting via Zoom at 6:30pm. Spark meetings are open to all. Notify Rev. Steve or Jan Poush (Chair) if interested in attending via Zoom or take your ideas and concerns to any Spark Team member.

Good Shepherd plans to recognize graduates in June. Please notify the church office of any graduates that need to be honored by the end of April.

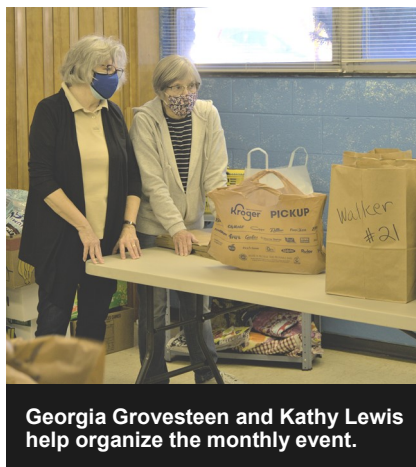
Many Hands Make Light Work



Toilet paper was especially important early in the pandemic



The Food Pantry is a collaboration between Good Shepherd and Dearborn First



Georgia Grovesteen and Kathy Lewis help organize the monthly event.

Dearborn Community Food Pantry

Continues to Help Those in Need

The monthly food pantry has continued to operate during the pandemic and transitioned to a drive-thru food distribution from 9-11 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Clients are still able to make selections by filling out a shopping list of the pantry stock. We've served from 35-60 families a month since the pandemic. We hope to phase out using plastic shopping bags, so if you have paper bags collected at home, we'd love to have them for the pantry. We are very well stocked with paper goods such as toilet paper, Kleenex and paper towels thanks to the continuing generosity of a church member, but currently we could use ground coffee, hot cereal, liquid laundry detergent including fragrance free, tuna, salmon, and spam, avocado oil (or spray) and condiments such as mustard and ketchup. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.



Clients request their needs and then volunteers shop, bag, and deliver the food to their cars.

Community groups have resumed meeting at Good Shepherd with COVID precautions in place.

Tai Chi Easy/Qigong Class via Zoom

I am offering a Tai Chi Easy/Qigong class via Zoom on Thursday mornings at 10am starting April 15. Tai Chi Easy mind/body practices can be divided into 4 groups: gentle movement, breathing exercises, self-applied massage, and relaxation methods. The Tai Chi Easy program includes a modification of traditional Tai Chi. Five movements from Yang Style Tai Chi are used and can be done sitting or standing. The class is free for SilverSneaker members. There is a suggested donation of \$5/class for non-SilverSneaker members. For more information or to receive the Zoom link, contact Erin Reas-Williams at erin@erinreas.com or call 313-429-3214. -Erin Reas-Williams



Tae Kwon Do Classes

Tae Kwon Do Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. in the dance studio. Adults and teens interested in learning traditional martial arts with modern day application can contact Seth Winter at utb1546@gmail.com or call him at 313-590-8743. Seth is a fifth degree black belt. -Seth Winter



AA	6:30 PM	7:00 PM		11:30 AM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM
AA District		6:30 PM**					
Al-Anon		7:00 PM		11:30 AM	7:00 PM		
Dance Studio			ON HOLD UNTIL FALL				
Mindful Meditations				ON HOLD (6:00 PM)			
Recovery		1:00 PM		7:30 PM			
Sewing Guild			ON HOLD* (6:30 PM)				
Tai-Chi					10:00 AM (currently online)		
Tae Kwon Do			7:00 PM		7:00 PM		

**Meets 1st Monday of month

* Meets 1st Tuesday of month; except January, February, July & August

Legend

Lower Level: Activity Room	Upper Level: Fellowship Hall
Lower Level: #1 Classroom	Upper Level: Lounge

Meet The Admin Assistant

While I've met a few of you, I'd like to introduce myself. My Name is Heather Winter and I have been service as your administrative assistant since last March. It has certainly been an interesting year but I welcomed the challenge.

I was raising in the United Methodist Church since my parents have been going to Hardy UMC in Howell since I was two weeks old. In 2016, I transferred my membership to Dearborn First and have been attending there since 2015.

In April, my husband, Seth, and I will celebrate 20 years of being married and we have two children, Raymond, age 15 and Elizabeth, age 11.

In addition, I just started working as a media secretary in Dearborn Public Schools so I have shifted my hours in the church office. You will most often find me on there on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 pm. The easiest way to reach me is via the church's email as it comes directly to my phone.

Join Our E-Mail List

Every Week we send out an email with the day to day events going on at Good Shepherd. If you haven't joined please visit our website www.dearbornsumc.org and click on join the mailing list to be added

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