

# GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS



Good Shepherd UMC Newsletter

September 2021

It's hard to believe that I have been serving Good Shepherd United Methodist Church for a year now. To say that this year has been challenging would be an understatement; COVID has altered, perhaps permanently, what we considered normal. However, you have all welcomed Connie and me and demonstrated the love of Christ. While the pandemic has disrupted "normal" church life, it has also stimulated new ways of doing things and given us time to concentrate on things that needed to be addressed. As we look over the past year, Good Shepherd has accomplished much, here is a partial list:

- Converted the room next to the office to a conference room with paint and large screen TV
- Upgraded and beautified the narthex to be a welcome lobby including new light fixtures
- Added large screen TVs to the sanctuary
- Upgraded the lighting in the sanctuary
- Upgraded and modernized the sanctuary sound system
- Upgraded and installed exterior lighting around the building and parking lot
- Delivered Advent and Lenten season worship materials to GS members
- Honored 7 graduates
- Held a logos reunion
- Held three mission/outreach events at Hubbard West and Sisson Manors
- Held a very successful Trunk or Treat
- Monthly food pantry continues
- Installed air conditioning in the sanctuary, welcome lobby and fellowship hall
- Continue livestreaming of worship, Bible studies, and meetings with ongoing improvements
- Successfully sold the parsonage and Childs' house including a successful four-day garage sale
- Initiated a visioning process to focus and refine the mission of GS

I am excited as we look to the future to see where God is leading us. On September 12<sup>th</sup> we will kicking off the church year with Rally Day/Back to Church Sunday with the theme *Hope Is Here!* This will be an exciting day with reception of new members, renewal of baptism and membership vows, dedication of our new sound and air conditioning, recognition of leaders and teachers. This will also be the start of a new four-week sermon series entitled *Hope Is Here!* Small group studies will start this week, so be sure to check the church bulletin, website: [dearbornsumc.org](http://dearbornsumc.org) and the email blasts for more details. My prayer is that you are as excited as I am about the possibilities the Holy Spirit is giving us to link people to God's Love in Jesus Christ. Invite someone to church.

Grace & Peace,  
Rev. Steve Perrine

## LOGOS "Graduates" Reunite!

Following Graduation Sunday on June 6, young adults that formerly attended our after-school LOGOS Youth Club decided they desired a reunion. Our young adults took the lead and planned their event for Thursday, July 22 in the afternoon. Friendships were renewed as games of Four Square, Spoon Hanging, Cup Stomping, Nerf and water balloon fights provided enthusiastic fun and laughter. A Hawaiian theme unified the event along with a catered lunch. Additional off-site events are planned and LOGOS grads are encouraged to invite a friend.



## Memorials:

Spark (Church Council) reports that \$1,291 was spent from Memorial Funds to enhance our worship space through the purchase of 13 banners, a banner stand, and pew ropes.

A \$4000 memorial gift was generously given by the sister and brother-in-law of Delores Lebeck to honor Del's love of God and Good Shepherd UMC. The family has designated that their donation be used towards the costs of the audio/visual upgrades currently underway.

Spark is working on updating our Memorial Fund Policy and Procedures. If you wish to honor or memorialize a loved one with a donation, please contact Rev. Stephen Perrine.

**New Directories are now available. Pick up one at church or if you would like one mailed to you, please email the church office at [gshepherdumc@att.net](mailto:gshepherdumc@att.net) or call at 313-278-4350**

If you would prefer a pdf copy of the directory, please email the church office.

## **Food Pantry Update:**

Our Food Pantry is going strong every third Saturday of the month. We have served up to 48 families.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers both from our church and First United Methodist Church. The last few months we have enjoyed having some of our youth from both church's participating!

We have been blessed to have donations of both food and money from so many people including people from our neighborhood.

What an amazing outreach this has been! We hope to continue serving our community. If you'd like to volunteer you are always welcome.  
Kathy and Georgia

## The Latest Addition to Our Family:



Marcus is great, he is enjoying the gifts from GSUMC baby shower and sending greetings to everybody.

-Larissa Soboleva

Air conditioning has been installed in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Come and be cool! Thank you, Dean Lewis and Gary Poush for overseeing this project.



### Movie Night

Friday, November 19, 5:30-7:30 pm *God's Not Dead: Light in the Darkness* with refreshments in sanctuary

### Perrine Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 12, 12:00 pm luncheon in fellowship hall & Christmas caroling in lounge

### Christmas Caroling-Outreach Event

Friday, December 17, 5:00-6:00 pm. There will be caroling outdoors at Sisson Manor and Hubbard Manor West



# Up Coming Events

## Rally Sunday

Rally Day is Sunday, September 12, 2021 including a catered hot brunch following worship.

Adult Bible Study resumes Thursday, September 16 at 4 pm with Rev. Steve Perrine in person and on Zoom. Request the link if you are joining online.

## Games Night

Friday, September 17, 5:30-7:00 pm with pizza and refreshments in lounge

## Charge Conference

Will be Wednesday, October 6 with SPRC at 6:15 and Conference following at 7:00 pm

## Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 29, 6:00-7:00 pm in the parking lot

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