



St. Georges United Methodist Church

Worship. Grow. Serve. Share.

February 2022

From the Pastor's Desk

Psalm 23:1 states, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

As David thought about his relationship with God, he was reminded of his former life as a shepherd. Therefore, David found great comfort and security in the thought that God cared for him like a shepherd cares for his sheep. Whereas, the shepherd lives with his flock and is everything to it: guide, physician, protector, provider, etc.

However, before anyone can truly say, "The LORD is my Shepherd" he or she must be willing to be led. The heart of this Psalm doesn't connect with the self-sufficient. It connects with those who understand their need to find comfort in God. From this verse, we learn that David felt the need to be led by The Great Shepherd.

Do you feel the need to be led by The Great Shepherd?

[Hebrews 13:20](#) speaks of Jesus as that Great Shepherd of the sheep, and [1 Peter 2:25](#) calls Jesus the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls and [1 Peter 5:4](#) calls Jesus the Chief Shepherd.

When David wrote the second portion of his famous psalm, he had already declared the Lord as his Shepherd. As a result, he made a decision, "I shall not want." So, what does this really mean?

According to Philippians 4:19, "God shall supply all you need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." The initial response to this promise is often met with skepticism. Some may wonder: "what about those who are hungry and homeless?" 2 Corinthians 9:11 states, "You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way..." When God supplies our needs, God expects us to share with others. We are the hands and feet of Jesus.

"I shall not want" is also a statement of self-control. How many of our problems stem from wanting something that God does not want for us? Matthew 6:33 states, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." God wants nothing less than the best for us. Yet, we must be in line with God's will and God's way. Until we take that leap of faith, we will remain discontent. My motto: "However you bless me Lord, I'll be satisfied."

Let us pray: Lord, you are our Great Shepherd and we thank you for our many blessings. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Rudy



Pastor's Office Hours & Contact Information

If you have a prayer request that you would like sent along on the prayer chain,
please contact Rudy White by phone at 302-832-2211,

by email at pastor@stgeorgesumc.com,

or use the prayer wall at www.stgeorgesumc.com/prayerwall

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Donna Goes Walk About....

For everything there is a season, and a time for every ¹purpose under heaven: ²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. Ecclesiastes 3: 1 – 4

There is no doubt, life is a challenge every day. Just when you think, “I’ve got it!”. Nope, you don’t. As Christians, we are so blessed to have God and each other to navigate our daily walk. We all go through difficult times and it is so comforting to know we are never alone. The St Georges church family is so supportive of each other, and my family has been feeling that support this last month or so as mom has not been feeling herself. We feel the love, and we love you right back.

Who would have thought that we would STILL be navigating through a COVID world at this point! I pray that you are staying safe and well, but if you haven’t been able to avoid it, I pray your experience back to health is/was swift and smooth. We are blessed to have the ability to worship remotely when it is not prudent or possible to gather in the church. The recent addition of experiencing the sermon Live on Facebook

is a wonderful addition to our outreach. Thank you Pastor Rudy for an inspiring and wonderful message each week!

You will note later in this newsletter that there are multiple ways to get involved in the life of the church. There are Bible studies, the ladies group, kids activities and worship duties to get involved with and be of service. I hope you prayerfully consider where you might best fit in. Its been great having some of the young people get involved as liturgists and some of our newer members of the congregation are stepping up and volunteering for delivering the children’s message, singing in the choir and serving on committees. We make a great team!



Speaking of the choir. I am sorry that I have had to step back from the choir for a while since I am concentrating on taking care of mom at this crucial time. I appreciate your understanding and we will sing again!



That's all for this month, so I hope to see you on Sunday.
Donna

Friendship Star Quilters

The Friendship Star Quilters will be meeting on Tuesday, February 1st from 9:30am to 4:00 pm. Come when you can and stay as long as you want. We will be continuing to make quilts for children and adults in the local hospitals and the Helen Graham Center. Please bring your own sewing machine if you can.



Happy Birthday to...

Trish Carrico.....Feb 7	Pastor Rudy White.....Feb 10
Dawn Lowe.....Feb 16	Babs Dorn.....Feb 16
Sara Shrouds.....Feb 23	Kim Tobin.....Feb 27

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. – Deuteronomy 31:8

Methodist Women

The Methodist Women will be meeting on Thursday, February 10th at 7 pm at the church. We have decided not to have the Souper Sunday this year due to COVID. Hopefully we can bring that back next year. At our meeting we will be starting

plans for the "Women of Hope Banquet" to be held in May. Start putting aside items you would like to donate to the silent auction and give us any suggestions you may have of a local non-profit that could benefit from the auction.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry in front of the church is closing. It has served its purpose during the beginning of the pandemic when people were not out and about as much and going to grocery stores. But now that we are getting back to a more normal way of life we have found that it was not being used. Thanks to all who have made donations of food during the past two years. The food that was on hand will be donated to the food pantry at Southern School and to a shelter in Elkton. Your generosity was greatly appreciated by many who we never met, but used the pantry when they needed it. Again, thanks!



Faith and Film Small Group Study

Everyone is invited to a Friday night weekly study (6 weeks) on the classic film *It's a Wonderful Life*. We will watch 20 minutes of the movie each week, and then break out into small groups of adults and teens to discuss themes related to the Bible. We will discuss a set of questions related to:

Generosity and Greed

(Proverbs 11:25; 15:27; 21:26; 22:9; Matthew 6:24)

The Importance of Community

(Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 6:31; Acts 2:44; 1 Corinthians 12:12)

The Value of Human Life

(Isaiah 1:17; John 3:16; John 13:34; Ephesians 4:32)

After our discussion, a time of sharing of prayers will take place. Please join us starting Friday, February 4 (6:45 to 8:45pm) in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Noel Williamson at 302-650-4429 or mrnoelwilli@gmail.com if interested. Thanks! Noel





Garden Time !

It might be winter, but we are thinking spring. Please let Angela Williamson or Carole Jacques know if you would be interested in having a space in the church's community garden. We will assign a space and that will be yours to plant and care for and harvest from for the season. If you know of neighborhoods with newsletters or ways to promote this to our local area also please let Carole or Angela know.

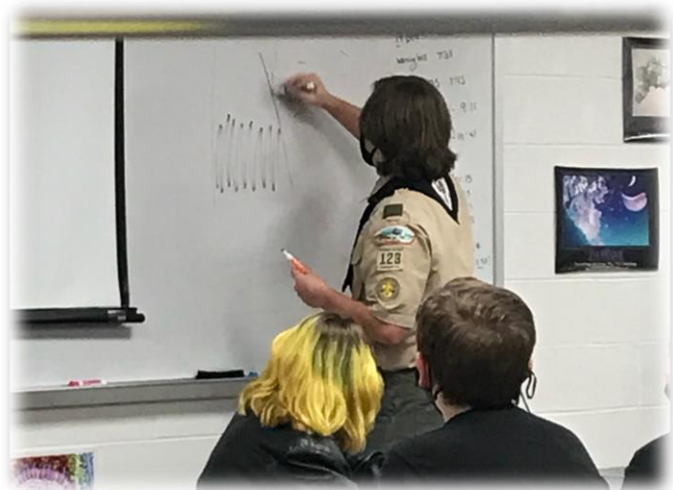
Angela Williamson

Scout Update

Troop 123 scouts helping to raise the flag at the Klondike ceremony .



Paul teaching Geology at Merit Badge College



Snowy January 2022



Feeding the birds



Enjoying God's creations

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Dates to Remember

Jan 2.....Communion Sunday
Jan 4..... Friendship Star Quilters 9:30am
Jan 13.....Women's Society meeting 7pm
Jan 21.....Faith and Film Small Study Group 6:45p
Jan 22.....Game Night 6:30p
Jan 24.....Ad Council meeting 7pm

Be well and stay safe!