

# The Shepherd's Crook



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Dear Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church Friends,

Happy New Year to you all! This church has been ministering in the Northglenn community for over 50 years with a proven track record and a solid legacy. On the other hand, we are a brand-new faith community of the old and new getting to know each other; learning to love and trust each other; discerning our collective gifts and points of synergy together; fighting to gain and regain membership and financial stability; searching for common identity, visions and a future that together we can proudly embrace. All this while we're also experiencing moments of family, local, national and global disappointment and success that we have never seen, heard or known before.

So, amid this roller coaster of ups and downs, victories and defeats, we find ourselves waiting in hope. Sometimes with profound trepidation and sometimes with profound confidence, nevertheless, together we wait in hope. We wait believing that God will do that which God has promised. We wait believing that Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church will become that which God and our cloud of witnesses are calling it to become.

Now, what does waiting look like? What must we do while we wait? Sometimes waiting is a seemingly passive activity referring to being still or stopping at a red traffic light. Such as pausing at a four way stop to see and perceive others that may be traveling on the road with you. Other times, waiting is not passive inactivity at all. Sometimes waiting is dynamic and active. For example, what do you do while waiting for your flight in the airport? What do you do while waiting in line in the grocery store? What do you do while waiting for the birth of your newborn child? And finally, what are the expected results of your waiting?

Waiting implies anticipation of future happenings; an expectation of dreams coming true. In fact, waiting innately declares belief in promises. Waiting prophetically declares hope. Subsequently, as we wait in hope, our actions should align with hope. We can commit to each other expecting that our commitments will ultimately yield successful returns. We can pray for each other expecting that prayers are heard and answered. We can engage in relationship with each other expecting that love, trust and community are and will come. We can give generously in gratitude of our legacies and in eager anticipation of our becoming. We can celebrate our past and believe in our future.

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So, in 2021 let us remember God; let us remember the promises of the Christ child; let us remember the resurrection story, which is not about resuscitation. It is about resurrection. It is NOT about reviving the old form. It is about something new, something we could never have imagined, emerging from death. This is the way of the universe, made of God. It is forever finding its new form, forever unfolding into what has never been before. This is the way of our souls, our lives, and our communities – all made of God.

I invite us to return to listening for the beat of the Sacred within ourselves and within this community of faith. To return, or to reconnect is not to suggest that the answer lies in going back to something that was. The invitation is to recover an inner stance of listening, care and kindness that will equip us to move forward into new beginnings we may not yet even be able to imagine. This is my prayer – that we grow in such awareness and commitment. Together they hold the promise of rebirth.

Peace, Sheri

Rev. Sheri Fry  
Interim Pastor  
Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church



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***For A New Beginning by John O'Donohue***

*In out-of-the-way places of the heart,  
Where your thoughts never think to wander,  
This beginning has been quietly forming,  
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.  
For a long time it has watched your desire,  
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,  
Noticing how you willed yourself on,  
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.  
It watched you play with the seduction of  
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,  
heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,  
wondered would you always live like this.  
Then the delight, when your courage kindled  
And out you stepped onto new ground,  
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,  
A path of plenitude opening before you.  
Though your destination is not yet  
You can trust the promise of this opening;  
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning  
That is at one with your life's desire.  
Awaken your spirit to adventure;  
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;  
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm,  
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.*

Dear Friends of Good Shepherd,

As the year comes to a close, the newly formed finance committee reports that GSPC pledges and donations totaled \$145,000 and operating expenses were \$170,000. This left us with a deficit of \$25,000. However, we covered the shortfall with grants from the PPP and the Denver Presbytery. Therefore, GSPC *met* its 2020 financial obligations during a pandemic and with the other challenges the last year brought to us.

In spite of 2020's challenges, we met our renovation expenses and navigated the changes in personnel/ leadership, transition to temporary on-line worship, and continued our excellent food bank ministry.

However, Good Shepherd cannot continue to spend more than we bring in as this is not a sustainable plan. The finance committee is actively looking to reduce our expenses and asks the entire congregation to brainstorm ways to improve the financial situation at Good Shepherd. It's important to reflect on all we value about this faith community and how we can individually contribute to Good Shepherd as we work together to build a compassionate and kind world.

Whether you are a long-time supporter or considering your first gift to Good Shepherd, it is important you know why your gift matters. The cumulative total of our financial pledge's account for 85% of Good Shepherd's operating budget. These gifts contribute to the transformational mission of the church, allowing Good Shepherd to show up in these uncertain times.

We continue to grow, support, and revitalize ourselves and our community through our Food Bank Ministry, our work as a Matthew 25 church, our Anti-Racism Sunday conversations, our blooming relationship with Journey with Migrants and the Interfaith Immigration Alliance, our reinvigorated relationship with Vantage Point High School, our music and worship program and possible Messy Church - a new Saturday night new worship service, and a continued commitment to local and global mission. These programs are a powerful testimony of how YOUR support makes a difference as we boldly live out our faith together.

On January 24, we hope you will attend the annual meeting, held over Zoom, where we will review our completed year-end financial statement and other committee reports. We are happy to answer your questions during this meeting and provide any additional information. With your help, we are committed to building a compassionate world in the coming year.

With Gratitude,

Rev. Sheri Fry  
Interim Pastor

***Finance Committee:***

Mary Ann Hood  
Noel Matthews  
Lyn Hull  
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Joyce Matthews





# Congregations and Committee/Work Groups Design

The PCUSA Church organizes its life and work through committees and councils. So, before anyone rolls their eyes at me thinking committees could never be fun or interesting think about this...*it's a good and joyful thing to have a variety of voices sitting around the table or sitting in a home on a zoom call getting to know one another better, working together to create new possibilities and opportunities for creative worship, ministry opportunities, fellowship events, etc. for Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.*

Committees/Work groups are an integral part of the church, made up of attenders, members, Elders, and the Pastor of the faith community who together contribute to the success of the church's ministry and mission.

I invite you to envision Good Shepherd's life together with imagination, creativity and joy and think about ways that give life and enrich this faith community...especially as we enter into 2021 and you think about calling an installed Pastor who will need your voice and your spirit working together to keep a vibrant community of faith moving forward.

Following is a list of our current work groups. We would like one Elder to serve on each committee and we would like you to be a part of the work group and/or offer good ideas to the group.

I would be happy to answer any of your questions about the responsibilities that fall to each group.

Congregational Care  
Worship & Music  
Mission & Outreach  
Formation & Fellowship  
Finance  
Personnel  
Facilities  
Financial Records Review  
Nominating

Please contact Rev. Sheri Fry with your questions

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In December, the Good Shepherd Food Bank served 77 families, consisting of 231 individuals. That is almost back to pre-construction and pre-COVID levels. In 2020, the Food Bank served 708 families and 2260 individuals.

## January Events

**Sundays** - Virtual Worship 10 am  
online on our website or Facebook.

January 17th - Commissioned Pastor  
candidate Teddie McConnell will  
preach.

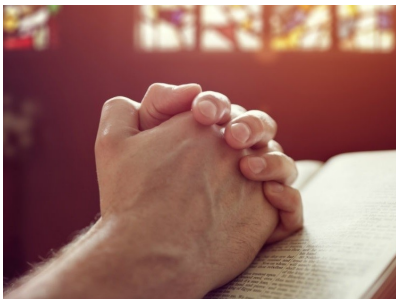
Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30  
pm - **Session meeting** on Zoom.

Sunday, January 24th at 10:45 am  
**Annual Congregational Meeting.**  
(see below)



## January Birthdays

1st- Diana Bennett  
3rd - Robin Kelly  
4th - Rob Bennett  
8th - Taya Mendez



## Prayer Needs

Our military men & women  
Our first responders  
Clients of our Food Bank  
Heather Chimhoga Orphan Care  
(HCOC) in Zimbabwe  
Guatemala Mission Partnership  
Highlands Camp and Retreat Center  
Our church, that it may thrive as it brings  
the good news to our area.

**SUNDAYS, JANUARY 10 – FEBRUARY 7.**

**by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi**

Order on Amazon or pick up at your local bookstore.

11:00-11:30 - Light lunch

11:30-12:30 - Conversation

I hope you will join us for 5 Sunday's to share a simple meal and discuss  
this profound book on the history of slavery and racism in America and  
how it continues to impact society today.

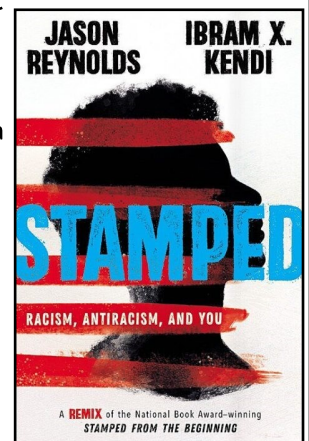
The construct of race has always been used to gain and keep power to  
create dynamics that separate and silence. Stamped reveals the history of  
racist ideas in America and inspires hope for an antiracist future.

This book shines a light on the many insidious forms of racist ideas and on  
the ways, readers can identify and stamp out racist  
thoughts in our daily lives.

Come join us between 11-11:30 on January 10 for a  
light meal. Conversation will begin at 11:30 and  
last for one hour. Participation in the sanctuary is  
limited to 15 people. Zoom will also be offered.

Email the office to add your name to our list.

[office@thegoodshepherd.org](mailto:office@thegoodshepherd.org)



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 24, 2021 AT 10:45 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82835386822>

Meeting ID: 828 3538 6822

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To bring the love  
and teachings of Christ  
to our community by:



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Welcoming all,  
Serving together, and  
Growing in faith.

Mission Statement  
Revised and Adopted September 2018

