



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know Me."
John 10:14

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

A New Beginning

The year 2020 is finally coming to a close! What a year it was. It truly was the year of the pandemic. We should be anxiously looking forward to what the Lord has planned for us. The year 2020 brought about many hardships for many people. The virus pandemic caused people to stay home in isolation, to learn how to work from home, Zoom became a normal part of our vocabulary, and many loved ones were lost. On a personal note, Jeanne and I were able to get off a cruise ship 2 weeks prior to many cruise ships not being able to dock and discharge passengers.

Churches were also greatly affected. We were closed down for a while when only 10 people were allowed inside at a time. I know of some churches that continue to be shut even now. As I am writing this article, (who knows what will happen at any time), we are blessed to be able to hold in person services. During this time, we have learned how to broadcast recorded services and now to broadcast live services on YOUTUBE (sometimes with a few hiccups). We have also been blessed by our church family in their continued support of our ministries. Those not able to attend church in person have continued to mail their tithes and offerings on a timely basis. During the past several years, we have been in a partnership with Walk the Walk to provide Christmas gifts for needy children. I was concerned that we would not be able to continue this wonderful ministry this year. I was wrong! We sponsored around 70 children who would not have had a Christmas without the wonderful people in our church. You are amazing!

As we enter 2021, we look forward to what God has for us. We know there will be changes at our church. Pastor Jesse has been called by the Lord to serve a church in Pennsylvania. His time here at Jenkins has been a blessing to many. We will miss him and his family as they begin a new season in their ministry. I guess he won't be wearing any Ravens jerseys in the near future.

At the same time, I am pleased to announce the hiring of Cristina Prince as our new Music Director. Cristina is a music teacher in Anne Arundel County and has led the music programs at other churches in recent years. When I first came to Jenkins in 2003 as the Assistant Pastor, I volunteered to be the Music Director for a few years. It turned out to be quite a few years, so I am pleased to have Cristina and her expertise and enthusiasm on our staff. She will work with all groups in our music ministry.

We are still searching for a new Youth Leader. As we continue that search, our grandson, Kyler Wilson, will be filling in as Youth Leader until we find a permanent replacement for Pastor Jesse. Kyler graduated from Annapolis Area Christian School, attended Messiah College and has been involved with Young Life over the years. Because of his work schedule, it is necessary for Crossfire to meet on Sunday evenings rather than Wednesdays.

I would ask that we keep in prayer Pastor Jesse and his family in their new calling, Christina, and Kyler as they join our church family and, as always, our church as we move forward in our search for a new Pastor who will lead us going forward as we continue to be the church the Lord wants us to be.

Blessings,

Milt

Shepherd's Flock

On Sunday, November 8th, Evangeline Lynn Hornberger, daughter of Michelle and Eddie and little sister of Donny and Savannah was dedicated to the Lord at our 10 a.m. service. We pray Evangeline is richly blessed and grows in the love of Jesus.

CrossFire

CrossFire will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. starting January 10th. Kyler Wilson will be filling in as Youth Leader until a permanent replacement is found for Pastor Jesse.

Jenkins Men in Christ

Jenkins Men in Christ continue to meet on Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. for a light breakfast followed by Bible Study from 7:30 to 9 a.m. We are currently studying the Book of Romans using a study by Tommy Nelson. Come join us!

Rich Dugas

Sunday School

Thank you once again to all the volunteers for Sunday School! The children are really enjoying learning more about Jesus, and we have seen some new faces returning.

We are now sponsoring, through Compassion, Gustavo, a 12-year-old boy from Guatemala. He is Luis's brother who we have sponsored since 2010. The cost to sponsor a child through Compassion is just \$38 a month which provides educational help, nutritional help, health care, recreational activities, and more importantly, learning about Jesus through a local church.

We would like to get more people involved in the sponsorship. If you and your family would like to sponsor Gustavo for just one month by paying the \$38, that would be a way to participate. You and your family could also take a month to write to Gustavo about your family, sharing some things about your family and maybe sending some pictures. This is a great way to get you and your family involved in missions—sharing Jesus' love.

If you would like to participate, email me at bobshekrug@gmail.com or call me at 443-867-8731, and we will get you signed up for a month.

Bob Kruger

2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS

We will be offering a class in 2021 to Middle School and High School students who are interested in more Bible knowledge, understanding baptism, and getting to know 'church'. Not just Jenkins church, but beliefs and worship styles of many churches. The class can lead to a decision about baptism and/or church membership, but neither is a requirement. It will help those who attend make an informed decision on baptism and church membership, and most importantly bring them a closer relationship with Jesus. If your child is interested, but not in Middle School or High School please contact either Rev. Zahn, or Jeanne.

Currently, we are planning to have the class on Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. and then they can go directly to Youth Group. We will coordinate with the Youth Leader about food. The class will begin Feb. 21st and conclude March 28th. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex in January. Assuming current regulations are still in place, masks would be required and there would be separation in seating. We will address those issues when we're in February. Jeanne will be teaching the class and Rev. Zahn will join the class on certain subjects. Please talk to your youth about the

class. We are looking forward to sharing the love of Jesus with them.

Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year.

Jeanne

Ladies Aid

Although we were hoping to resume our meetings in January, due to COVID 19 concerns and restrictions we will not be able to do so. Our members have remained in touch by phone and have been able to fulfill our commitment to the community by sponsoring four families in need this Christmas and through the Franklin Graham Samaritan's Purse donate 10 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

We sadly regret not being able to hold one of our biggest fundraisers, our Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Walk this year.

We continue to support our Locust Lodge residents during this pandemic by providing cards, gifts, meals and groceries for the residents who we so sorely miss visiting. Pam Swaggerty makes sure that no resident goes without a birthday card, gift and an individual treat for all on their birthday.

Our members are praying for an end to this pandemic so we can get together once again for Christian fellowship and fundraising.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Redding

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Walk the Walk and the Christmas Food Baskets. Thank you for buying gifts and your cash donations, bringing in canned goods, turkeys, and hams. With Walk the Walk we provided gifts for approximately 70 children, and we supplied 19 families with Christmas food baskets. We want to thank everyone who helped putting the food baskets together and delivering them. Thank you to CrossFire for helping distribute the Walk the Walk gifts. Thank you to Aerotek who provided 7 Thanksgiving Food Baskets that we delivered! We had many, many volunteers, and we thank each and every one of you! You were truly the hands and feet of Jesus!

2021 MARRIAGE RETREAT

Jenkins will be offering our Second Marriage Retreat in March. At the moment we are looking at the first weekend (Friday evening and all day Saturday) on March 5th and 6th. The first one was held in Ocean City, but we're unsure at the moment whether we will be in Ocean City or at Jenkins due to current restrictions. We've already been looking at the videos and material to share with you, and think you will really enjoy it.

We will place a sign-up sheet in the narthex in January and we would like to know specific things from you. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED:**

1. Would you prefer Ocean City
2. Would you prefer Jenkins
3. Don't care...will go either place.

So, please include your name, email address, AND an answer to these questions. It will give us a clear direction for numbers and location as we plan this retreat.

Thank you for helping us. Happy New Year.

Milt and Jeanne

Right Now Media

If you haven't already made use of Right Now Media, we would like to invite you to set up your very own RightNow Media access account. RightNow Media is an online resource for deeper study for your discipleship journey. Jenkins Memorial Church pays for this access so that it is **COMPLETELY FREE** for you. By joining RightNow Media you will gain access to many various Bible studies and book studies from your favorite authors and speakers (Francis Chan, Max Lucado, Tony Evans, and many more). There are studies for couples, families, youth, and kids. It's a great place to develop family devotions.

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