

Guide and Guard Us

Invocation

Good Shepherd, when we lift our heads above the path, we—like sheep—often discover how we've wandered aimlessly amid a maze of choices. We confess that we are lost without you.

Were it not for you—

Great Seeker of our souls,
Patient Parent to our childhood,
Joyful Host to our homecoming—

we would be lost forever. But, because of what you have done and continue to do, there is room for us within your fold.

Good Shepherd, as we seek you this hour, remind us that you first sought us—just as we are, not as we pretend to be. You know us like no other. We are the people of your pasture.

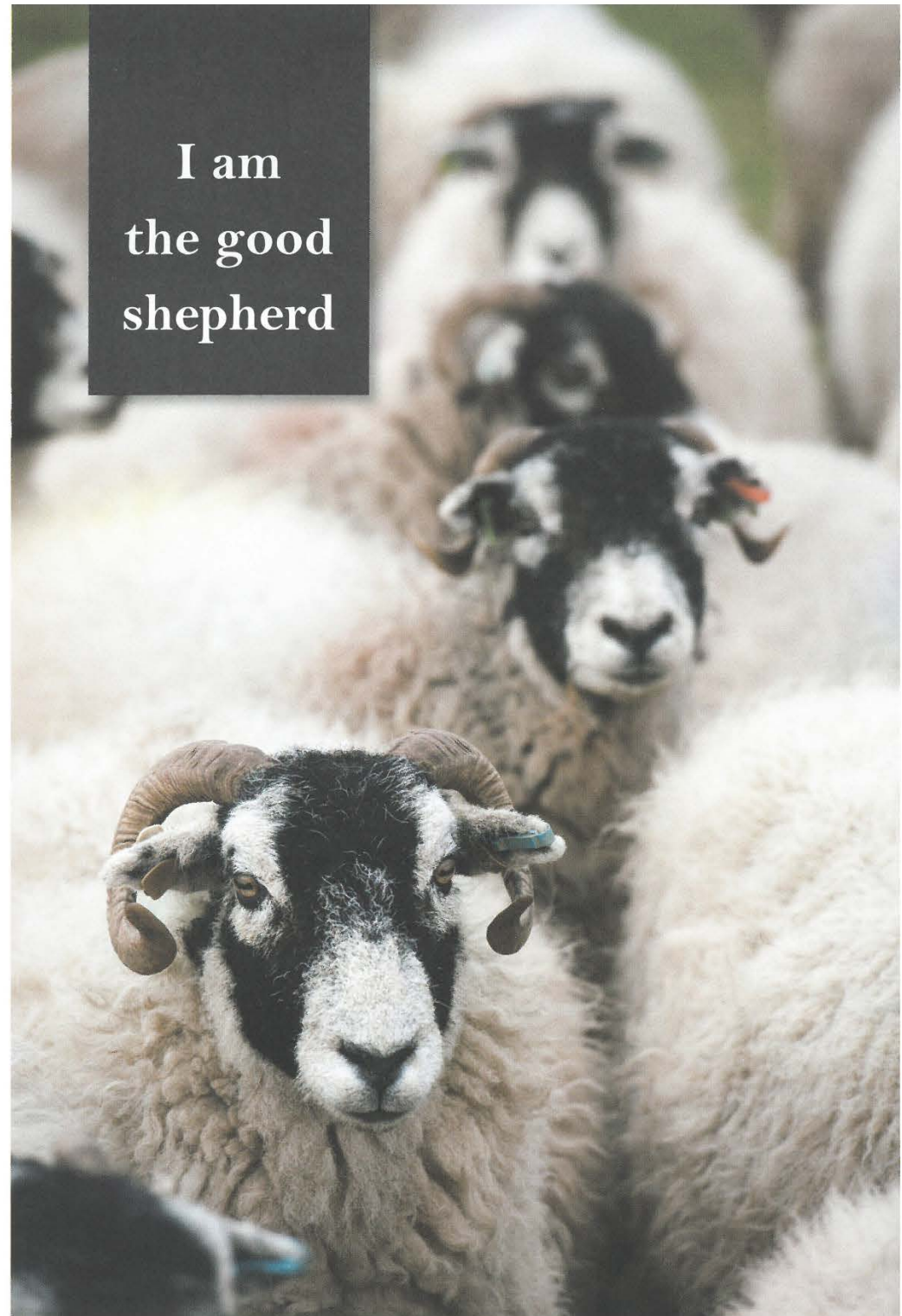
Guide and guard us through dark valleys toward green pastures, and teach us how to live along the way.

All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Peter Haynes, pastor
Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren
Glen Arm, Maryland

Text for today: “*I am the good shepherd.* The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father” (John 10:11-18, *NRSV*). **Bible readings for today:** Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18 (11).

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BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship April 15, 2018 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Voluntary, Op. 6, No. 5 *John Stanley*

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER Jeff Carr
Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshipping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Hymnal #672

***HYMN # 6** *Here in this place* GATHER US IN

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PROCLAIMING

YORFF ENSEMBLE (11:00) Growing *YOrff Ensemble*

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Janean Fawley
Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions. Following the Children's Story, all children preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Agape Room.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3:1-7 *NRSV*

ANTHEM (11:00) Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus arr. *Dan Forrest*

OFFERING

Invitation & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

"Lord God, we praise Thee"

***Hymn # 119A** *Praise God from Whom* *J. Pachelbel*
OLD HUNDRETH

SERMON Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

HYMN # 519 *Shepherd me, O God*
(The congregation sings the refrain, following the solo on each verse.)
Caroline Caplen, soloist (11:00)

REFLECTIONS (8:30) ...a time for conversation.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN # 418** *Move in our midst* PINE GLEN

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (11:00) Agincourt Hymn *John Dunstable*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: Based on John 11:16

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example, pure,
Through a world that would deceive us, where to sin our hearts are lured.
Ever in His footsteps treading, living here, yet home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father's bidding,
Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee.
Let us also die with Jesus, by His cross He conquer'd death,
Freed us from our souls' destruction, quickened us with life's new breath
Let us mortify, while living, self and pride, and die to sin,
And the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to Thee, there to dwell eternally.
Let us gladly live with Jesus, He is risen from the dead.
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry, Jesus, Thou art now our Head.
Living members of Thy Body, where Thou livest, we shall be,
Thou wilt keep us constantly, even so, dear Lord, come quickly,
Jesus here I live to Thee, there to dwell eternally.
Let us ever walk with Jesus.

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MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

April 15-21, 2018 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

- Today** 9 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic Office Reception
Children's Worship during Worship at 11 – Agape Room
3:00 Shenandoah Valley Choral Society Concert – Sanctuary
- Tues.** 7:00 Food Pantry Social Hall
- Wed.** 2:00 Pastor's Book Study Lounge
5:15 Cherub Choir Rehearsal Agape Room
5:30 Wednesday Night Meal Social Hall
Jalapeño's Catering. Menu: Assorted Burritos & Quesadillas (Beef, Chicken, Cheese, and Veggie), Rice, Beans, Pico De Gallo and Salad.
Suggested donation: \$10 Adults / \$5 Kids
5:45 Carol Choir Rehearsal Agape Room
6:30 YOrffs Rehearsal Room # 35
7:00 Board of Administration Seekers Room
- Thurs.** 6:30 Puppets Rehearsal Agape Room
7:30 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
- Fri.** 4:20 BSM Picnic – Wildwood Park
- Sat.** Youth Picnic & Hike to Dark Hollow Falls

NEXT SUNDAY– April 22, 2018 – *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr

Scripture: 1 John 3:16-24

Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m. – Choir Room

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

Youth Play, Create, Unwind – Noon – Youth Room

Worship & Music Appreciation Reception – Noon – Social Hall

A reception to honor and thank all who contribute to our Sunday worship services. Everyone is invited to share cookies and punch after worship!

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus
and live the love of God.*

Our Mission...

As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.

Our Values...

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF

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Chris Zepp – Associate Pastor

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SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

All Are Welcome brochures, available in the pews and literature rack, list specific Christian Education opportunities and locations.

PARKING ASSISTANCE: 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

Fellowship Host – Mac Bair

Pianist (8:30) – Cindy Fike

Head Usher – Don Remnant

Decorators – Rebekah & Mikah Overman; Lori Lineweaver

Deacon Caregiver – Lori Lineweaver

Van Driver – John Flora

Worship Leaders – Cindy & Mike Fike

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 4/8/18

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 16 11:00 – 237 Sunday School: 139

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$13,820.87
Loose Offering	572.06
Church User Fees	100.00
Food Pantry	100.00
<i>Messenger</i> Subscription	14.50
Church Garden	200.00
One Great Hour	75.00
Spring Potted Easter Flowers	160.00
Wednesday Night Meals	321.25
Youth Programs	1,400.00
EYN Compassion Fund	100.00
Wayne Judd Memorial Fund	100.00
Elaine Smith Memorial Fund	25.00
Scouts Play It Forward	125.00

BRETHREN WOODS SPRING FESTIVAL: Saturday, April 28

Volunteers are needed to help at the bake sale & ice cream table. If you can help for an hour or two, please call Melanie Bair (540-908-9400).

THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its 48th annual spring concert today, at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. The "Haydn Fest" concert will present choral and instrumental works by the classical giant Franz Josef Haydn. The SVCS choir will be accompanied by the SVCS chamber orchestra and guest soloists. Tickets are available at the door. Admission is \$15 for adults/\$12 for seniors and students.

CROSSROADS SPRING LECTURE

Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center will present a Spring Lecture with Professor Nick Patler on Sunday, April 22, at 4 p.m. at Sangerville CoB. Patler is a history professor at WVU and will share research and reflections from his current work on the **Brethren** (and by extension, Mennonite) "**Underground Railroad**" during the Civil War. A free-will offering will be received to support the mission of VBMHC.

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY (NHDD) "*NHDD exists to inspire, educate and empower the public and providers about the importance of advance care planning. NHDD is an initiative to encourage patients to express their wishes regarding healthcare and for providers and facilities to respect those wishes, whatever they may be.*"

~ NHDD.org

On Tuesday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Monica Williams-Murphy, emergency room physician and award winning author of *It's Ok to Die* will participate in an informational talk about advanced directives and tools for making challenging medical decisions. This free event, sponsored by JMU/SRMH Collaborative and the RMH Foundation, will be held at the JMU Festival Conference and Student Center Highlands Room. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Parking is available in Lot C12. Call 1-800-Sentara for more info.

On Wednesday, April 18, 10 a.m. to noon at SRMH, Hahn Medical Office Building, you can stop in to pick up an advanced care planning booklet, ask questions, get help to complete the document, or see if you have an up-to-date advanced care plan on file and/or bring your completed plan to scan into your own medical record and the national registry. Staff will be present to help! Call 540-564-7001 or 540-689-1234 for more info.

Our Guiding Values – Part II

*We value growing in faith, compassion,
and understanding.*

To that end we:

- Seek to continually grow in our faith as we follow the way of Jesus, and to be formed, guided, and nurtured by the Holy Spirit
- Embrace both the mysteries and certainties of faith
- Engage worship, prayer, and the study of scripture as opportunities for transcendence, community development and self-enrichment
- Value and invest in education and faith formation
- Embrace, celebrate and share our diversity as a gift while discovering ways to appreciate one another as God's unique and beloved creations
- Encourage opportunities to learn from one another, from our sisters and brothers around the world, and from our own experiences while being open to changes and new insights