

ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 2021

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Good Shepherd, we meet in Your name, confident that we are known and loved by You. Here we draw close to one another and to You, expecting to be empowered by fresh insights to live as Your people. We want to care for one another in life-giving ways. We seek to reach out to those who deny You. Help us grow in love that is genuine in its caring and self-sacrifice. We embrace the wholeness You offer and dare to risk acceptance of a healing role for ourselves and this faith community. Equip us for service beyond this hour of meeting. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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| <p>1) The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His,
And He is mine forever.</p> | <p>3) Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me;
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.</p> |
| <p>2) Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth;
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.</p> | <p>4) In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.</p> |
| <p>5) And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.</p> | |

CHILDRENS MESSAGE: Miss Dee

CALL TO CONFESSION

Come in confidence that we will receive from God what we ask. The goodness and mercy of God are ours to claim. Let us bring our need for forgiveness and healing to this time of confession.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have listened to voices other than Yours and followed in paths of our own making. We have evaded Your commandments to do what pleases us. Our hearts condemn us, but we lack the will and the strength to change our ways. Have mercy on us and forgive us, we pray, that we may devote ourselves to doing what pleases You, O God. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If we keep the commandments, we abide in God's love and God grants us the Holy Spirit as our guide and comforter. Surely God's goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in God's house forever.

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 23, John 10:11–18

PSALM 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters,

³ He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my
head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in
the house of the LORD forever.

JOHN 10:11–18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the
sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So,

when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

SERMON: "Shepherding People"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom, come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

BENEDICTION

We are invited to make God's house our home. We are sent out into God's world to serve. We have been equipped to help others on their journeys.

CLOSING HYMN: "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow"

1) I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
"Take thy cross and follow, follow Me."

REFRAIN: Where He leads me, I will follow,
Where He leads me, I will follow,
Where He leads me, I will follow,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

- 2) I'll go with Him through the garden,
I'll go with Him through the garden,
I'll go with Him through the garden,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way. **[Refrain]**
- 3) I'll go with Him through the judgment,
I'll go with Him through the judgment,
I'll go with Him through the judgment,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way. **[Refrain]**
- 4) He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
And go with me, with me all the way. **[Refrain]**

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, April 25, 2021

CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL! We have joined with St. Jacob's Stone UCC to offer Sunday School via Zoom each Sunday at 1:00 PM. There will be a story lesson, a craft and song time every week. For more information, see Miss Dee at worship or have an adult privately message her via Facebook, message Pastor Sager or email the Church office (office@stdavidsucc.com). To join in on Sunday School, right click on the following link (or enter *Zoom.com* in your browser), Click "join a meeting" and then enter the Meeting ID and password as printed here: [ZOOM LINK TO JOIN CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL](#)

Meeting ID: 717 212 9122; Password: 547270

WORSHIP LIVESTREAM: Currently, our 8:30 AM Worship service is being livestreamed to our YouTube channel. The following link will take you to our church's YouTube channel where you can subscribe to our channel if you wish to do so. By subscribing, you will receive a notification whenever we go live, eliminating the need for you to search for us on YouTube. If you are unable to watch the livestream in real time, you will still be able to watch the recorded video at your convenience. [LINK to St. David's YouTube Channel](#)

BELL PRACTICE: Mondays, 7:00 PM at the church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING: Thursday, April 29, 7:00 PM at the Church. There will be a discussion regarding plans for offering Sunday School.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Tuesday, May 4, 7:00 PM.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 PM. We will not be rehearsing any anthems at this time, but instead will be singing and recording the hymn selections for upcoming worship services. Anyone who would like to help record the hymns is welcome at these rehearsals.

FIRESIDE FRIENDS: Saturday, May 8, 10:00 AM. Prayer and Hike at Codorus.

HOMEWOOD BENEVOLENT FUND: Offering Date MAY 9, Mother's Day Offering. Homewood never asks a resident to leave due to financial reasons. The Benevolent Fund Offering helps to fill the gaps in finances. Regardless of income levels, everyone at Homewood is treated with dignity and respect. Your donation will provide continued care for those who need it most. Thank you for your support.

CONSISTORY MEETING: Monday, May 10, 7:00 PM

MENS GROUP: Monday, May 24 at 7:00 PM at the church with masks and social distancing. The 9-week curriculum is entitled "The Discipleship Playbook." Meetings can also be accessed via Uber Conference (717-388-0676).

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study, Tuesdays (Mornings, 9:30 AM; Evenings, 7:30 PM). We will be studying the Book of Revelation. All sessions are in-person in the church Sanctuary with masks and social distancing being practiced. Bible Study will also be available via Uber Conference (717-388-0676) for anyone who does not feel comfortable meeting in person. We look forward to having you join us.

MEDICAL SUPPLY CLOSET: Volunteers are needed to help clean the medical equipment that is returned or donated to us. We also need a helper or 2 with a trailer to load up excess items in the church basement and transport them to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Pastor Scott. Thank you.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM: We will be collecting food items for the Summer Lunch Program starting on MAY 4 and continuing each Tuesday at St. David's Lutheran church from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM through July. Store brand foods are fine. Sizes are suggested to keep the bags of food similar for each family. Distribution will begin in June. [SUMMER LUNCH FOOD ITEMS NEEDED, 2021](#)

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Scott either by text (717-880-6082) or e-mail (pastor@stdavidsucc.com or pscott8283@comcast.net) prior to Sunday, so that he can lift them up during worship.

WORSHIP SERVICES: Indoor Worship, Sundays at 8:30 AM masks and social distancing. If you are not comfortable in larger gatherings, you may still attend the 8:30 AM Worship service and remain in your car and listen to the service on FM 95.9 on your car radio.

Parking Lot Worship, Sundays at 10:30 AM.

Uber Conference will continue, as well, for both services. Updated guidelines for returning to worship are available on the Home page of the Church website:

www.stdavidsucc.com

COMMUNITY AID UPDATE: The bins have been removed from our property. Items can be dropped off at the donation center on Baltimore Street. Give them our church code #20003 and they will give us \$.06 per pound for clothing donations. Thank you for your participation.

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (HACC)

PAL DATE: May 22

CLOTHING BANK DATE: No May Date

HACC ITEMS NEEDED:

PAL

Single-serve Fruits
Instant White Rice
Scallop Potatoes

Changing Lives Shelter

Deodorant
Body Wash
Razors
Paper Towels
Clorox Wipes
Gallon-size Ziploc Bags

Clothing Bank

Sheet Sets (All Sizes)
Bath Towels
Men's (L & XL) White T-shirts

Ruth's Harvest

Single-serve Entrees, Cereal, Juice Boxes, Vegetables)

STOLTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND: The Stolte Scholarship Fund provides a grant for \$1000 to an individual pursuing a career in the field of ministry, mission or humanitarian service. Interested applicants must be residents of the greater

Hanover area and should be a high school senior, college student or a seminary student. He or she may complete an application and submit a brief summary of their call into the field of service and list their future vocational goals. They should be an active member of a church, display good moral character and exhibit high scholastic ability. Applications forms are available from our church office or from the Hanover Area Council of Churches. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2021. For additional information please call the Council office at 717-633-6353.

NEW HOPE NEEDS: Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits, Peanut Butter, Canned Meats, Personal Care Items. For more info: www.nhm-pa.org