

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

SERVICE NOTES

Hospitality: Jim & Sue Welch, Jim & Peggy Clark

Lay Reader: Pam Crawford

Organist: Marcia Hansen

Coffee Connection: Mary Lou & Jim Chamblee

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

Beautiful poinsettias adorn our church for the Christmas season. We invite you to purchase one in honor or in memory of a loved one. Cost is \$20 and you may fill out an order form (in the Sunday bulletin) or call the office to place your order. You may also make your purchase online at www.gspcok.org. Memorial poinsettias will be displayed beginning Sunday December 17th.

NOAH Retirees

Monday, December 18 the NOAH Retirees will enjoy Christmas carols sung by the CDC preschoolers at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your .

SEEING AND HEARING: OUR PATH FORWARD

Session has received estimates for replacing and integrating the audio and visual systems in the sanctuary. In the past we might have presented the congregation with an amount and asked for contributions. This time we invite you to pray with the session as we determine our path forward. If you are interested in specific information, please speak with a member of the session.

YEAR END GIVING

This year most of you will receive more charitable year end giving appeals than ever before. Every year there are more good causes and charitable organizations reaching out with their requests for financial support. Jesus did not give out of what he could spare. Jesus did not give out of his riches—he gave away his riches. Gospel-shaped giving doesn't even *begin* until it entails sacrifice and scarcity. That makes you nervous and presses you to look at Jesus' cosmic philanthropy for you. But then that comforts us for we see our inheritance in heaven that can never fade or be lost. All other inheritances (and retirement funds) pale before that.

If you attend a church regularly for spiritual sustenance you should financially support it at some level, and that support should not be nominal. There are many good and important ministries and charities out there, and our family supports many of them. But there is no more foundational and important giving for a Christian than giving to the church which ministers to you. Each year Good Shepherd depends upon 10-18% of our annual giving to occur in December. Your giving makes a difference.

GSPC Annual Meeting & Light Lunch January 28, 2018