



2017

**Sunday Worship
10:00a.m.**

**Sunday School during
Worship**

**Fellowship Coffee
Following Worship**

**Prayer Time
1st Sunday of the
month 9:15-9:45 in the
Nursery Room**

**-Garage Sale
April 29, 9-2**

**-Joint Board Meeting
Tuesday May 9 @ 7pm**

**-Men's Fellowship
May 20 @ 9:30 am**

**-Shepherds Meeting
May 17 @ 1pm**

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Good Shepherd Church

Mission Statement

**Good Shepherd Community Church:
Where God loves, Christ heals and people serve.**

The Visible Signs of Faith

It's that time of year again. Robins are returning to the north. The arctic hare are turning from white to brown, as is the landscape as we wait for the coming burst of green. Trees are budding out with the promise of leaves. Spring flowers are pushing their way through the once frozen ground. All the visible signs of change; the promise of new life realized.

Spring has an effect on us. Longer exposure to sunlight improves our emotional state. Warmth invites us to enjoy the outdoors at a more leisurely pace than in winter. We see more of our neighbors and actually take time to chat. We start cleaning our yards and preparing our gardens. We even start identifying things that we will donate to next year's church garage sale, 😊 or is that just me.

In any case, there is something about spring that is profoundly life-giving. We are freed from the arctic incarceration that claims so much of our year.

Our spiritual life might be experienced in the same way. The ritual and routine of life can become spirit-numbing. The darkness and coldness of worry, fear and sorrow can cause us to retreat into emotional solitude; separate from what is life-giving.

And then something happens. God breaks into our life from within the darkness to reveal that there was a lot of Divine preparation taking place while we were unaware. Without the winter of life, spiritual spring would not be as glorious. There are visible signs of faith; signs of God's presence that brings peace, calm and joy, and we marvel at the fact that we're not responsible to make it happen. It's a gift from God in which we participate. Winter may be a reality, but spring is the eternal presence of hope.

What are the visible signs of your faith? Reflect on your past. Look as far back as you need to. What are the signs that God has broken into your life the moments when you were freed from darkness? Celebrate these moments. Bask in their warmth. Let them be a living reminder that hope defines our life with Christ. Live every day in the spirit of spring; attentive to the visible signs of faith.

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