

Church of the Good Shepherd Sunday, August 8, 2010

**Worship Service Times:
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 and Luke 12:32-40
(Please read the lessons before Sunday worship, if you can!)

The Witness: "Ah, Choices!"

Phil Wood, Preaching

8:00 a.m. - Worship - Chapel.

9:00 - Bible Study led by **Pastor Wood** in the AEC.

Good Shepherd Forum is on summer hiatus. It will return in September with an exciting line-up of speakers.

(Free **Child Care** for infants/toddlers is available 9:45 a.m. through 11:30 p.m. - if you need child care at 8:00 a.m., call the church office, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

9:15 - Summer Choir rehearsals begin in the Music Room - All are welcome. Rehearsals are on Sundays only for that morning's music.

10:00 a.m. - Worship - Sanctuary.

10:00 - Sunday School begins after "Children's Time" in the Sanctuary.

10:00 - Sr. High Sunday School will not be meeting.

11:15 - Coffee Hour Fellowship - JH/Patio.

Sign up to be a part of the new CGS Pictorial Directory which is in the works! Fill out one of the green information cards after church if you haven't done so already or call the church office during the week.

11:15 - Sign-up for the August 28 Foundation Golf Tournament! Get your own foursomes together or sign up as a single and join others to make up a foursome.

11:15 - UMW Used Book Sale - Lounge.

11:30 - Pastor Parish meeting - AEC.

3:00 p.m. - Memorial Service - Sanctuary.

4:00 - SSP returns - West Parking Lot.

No UMYF tonight.

8:00 - YAG (Young Adult Group) for graduating seniors through those in their 30's, will be meeting with **Jenny Bickel** leading the program - Jordan Hall.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Continue to pray for the members of our Church Family previously mentioned and those on the Prayer Chain. Please call the church office, 626-447-2181, if someone in our Church Family is in need of prayers and has not been mentioned lately.

In our prayers is **Nancy Song**, daughter of **Walter & Martha McNall**, who is hospitalized.

The memorial service for **Betsie Evans** will be held this **Sunday, August 8, at 3:00 p.m.** in our Sanctuary with a reception immediately following in Jordan Hall.

Condolences to **Kevin & Linda Doran** and family upon the death of Kevin's uncle, **Dr. Joseph Gstettenbauer**, on July 23, 2010.

Additional Graduate:

Mark Syverson (Grandson of **Fran Syverson**) received a BA in Psychology at Beloit College, Beloit, WI.

VBS Thank You Note:

On behalf of all the VBS Cadets, I would like to give a big "**THANK YOU**" to all of the leaders and volunteers who put in so many hours of work to make VBS great this year. I also want to personally thank **Cindy Ostry** for all her leadership and organizational skills. Without Cindy, VBS would not have been such a success. *—Pastor Steve*

Pictorial Directory Sign-ups:

You may sign up for the new directory by calling the church office, 626-447-2181, and ask the receptionist to fill out one of the green directory information cards for you.

Back to School Event

Don't forget to bring in school supplies for the Foothill Unity Center's Back to School Event. Place all items in the white barrels in Jordan Hall.

UMW's Annual Summer Book Sale

The United Methodist Women will be selling used books after church on the remaining Sundays in August. There will be many interesting books to choose from. Hardcover books are \$1.00 and paperbacks will be only \$.50. And, the best deal is on children's books which are only \$.25. Stop by the Lounge and make a purchase...all proceeds go to the United Methodist Women and their mission projects locally and throughout the world. (If you have any books you'd like to donate to the cause, drop them by the church office during the week.)

Summer Choir

The remaining Sundays in August, Summer Choir will meet with rehearsals at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday. Come to the rehearsal on the morning you'd like to sing and practice that morning's music. No mid-week rehearsals and no long-term commitment. Everyone is invited to sing. It is a great way to see if you'd like to be a part of the Chancel Choir when it resumes in September.

¡Hola!

A couple weeks ago someone from the congregation emailed me this question and I thought I would share my response with everyone. Here was the question:

For me, being in Christian ministry with and for others is a very overwhelming and a seemingly huge responsibility for the layperson. What personal tools and encouragement can you give for the semi-skilled and untrained lay person to lessen this sense of not being up to the task and being unduly intimidated by this notion of Christian ministry?

You are correct. Christian ministry is an overwhelming responsibility. I am not sure anyone is ever fully up to the challenge. I think we approach minister with "fear and trembling" knowing that we are out of our league. I understand that this is serious and holy business that should never be taken lightly.

The good news is that we are not alone and that it is truly not about us. I know I work for God. I know God has called me and I know that God has and will lead me. I know that God is always with me. I surrendered to that a long time ago and I surrender to that every day. I believe I have to be willing to put my agenda in second place and attempt to put God's agenda first. That is hard to do and hard to tell whose agenda is whose. But I do the best I can every day.

A second item is to surrender to the fact that I am a work in progress. I used to think that I would reach a certain state of competency or perfection and then I would be up to the task of ministry. I have learned that is not so. I am certainly more competent and better than I was three years ago or even a year ago, however, I am nowhere near perfect or completely without fear. I very much doubt that will ever happen. I have learned that I have to live in this moment and be who I am now. I will learn from my success and even more from my failures.

Being good enough to work in ministry right now is where we all are. Years ago I did not see that, but I understand that now. So let us move ahead, God is with us. You are in the perfect place right now to minister as a layperson. Sure you could attend seminary, take lots of courses, and read a ton. However, the fact of the matter is that God can and will use you where you are as you are. Let Him!

—Steve

Save the Date

Our Welcoming/Homecoming/Promotion Sunday Celebration will be on **Sunday, September 12**, this year. Mark your calendars now to be a part of the fun! It's the first day of classes for Sunday School, 3rd graders receive their Bibles, and there will be a BBQ after church. More details will be announced as the date gets closer.

All Church Yard Sale – September 25

Start saving your good, useable, in-working-order items no longer needed or wanted (no broken or unusable junk and no large appliances, please) for this gigantic sale on **Saturday, September 25**. Another thing we can use is large, paper grocery bags. More details will follow from this seed of an idea that was planted by United Methodist Women and nurtured by Mike Ruggles and many others. Everyone and every ministry/ fellowship group in the church should participate in this fund raising event for the benefit of Good Shepherd. *–Church Council*

“Prayer and Healing” Service

Need a break? A change? Our “Prayer and Healing” Service is that break or change. It's a personal service focused on current issues and events. It's a time to pray for healing or thank God for healing, to relax, to hear a fine meditation, take Communion, and meet God in a place different from Sunday morning. Come on **Thursday, August 12, at noon**, in Phil's office.

United Methodist Night with the Los Angeles Galaxy

Family and friends, come watch Landon Donovan and the rest of your Los Angeles Galaxy at United Methodist Night on August 28, at 7:30 p.m.! The game will be Los Angeles Galaxy vs. Kansas City Wizards. The tickets are \$20 (gate price is \$34) and the Offer Code is: United Methodist. To order your tickets contact Rachel Valadez: 310-630-2154 or email her at:

ravaladez@lagalaxy.com

If you purchase 10 tickets or more, you and your group will have the opportunity to meet a Los Angeles Galaxy player for a Post Game Autograph Session! Limited Space so call or email to order your tickets today.

SSP Stockholder Dinner

The Annual SSP Stockholders Dinner will be held on **Sunday, August 15, at 6:00 p.m.**, in Jordan Hall. This free event is to thank everyone who contributed to SSP this year. All participants, their families, and those in the congregation who helped financially by purchasing stock or attending the Cabaret, are invited to dinner and an opportunity to hear what the Youth have to say about their experience.

New Season for Music in Sacred Spaces

On **Sunday, August 29, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Chapel, Music in Sacred Spaces, the Church of the Good Shepherd's Concert Series, will begin its 2010-2011 season with a debut performance by the newly-formed, L.A. based piano quartet, CENTRAL4. The concert will feature piano quartets by composers from the Viennese School -- Mozart, Mahler/Schnittke, and Schumann (in honor of his 200th birthday year). CENTRAL4 features **Elizabeth Hedman** (violin), **Michael Lieberman** (viola), **Paula Fehrenbach** (cello) and **Timothy Durkovic** (piano). A \$15 donation is requested at the door. Follow this new and exciting group on Facebook (CENTRAL4) and Twitter (centralfour) and visit their website at www.central4.org.

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An Update from Our Finance Chairman

This is a quick reminder to remember your pledge before leaving on vacation. During July our expenses were \$3,000 greater than our giving and we were unable to pay all our obligations at month end. While summer is traditionally the time when many people are away the majority of our expenses including utilities, insurance and payroll continue to be incurred twelve months of the year. Part of coming home after vacation is finding that “home” is waiting for us. The lawn probably needs to be mowed and the refrigerator needs to be restocked but we are “home.” Part of ensuring that our church home is also waiting for us, minus the yard work, is remembering our pledge. Thanks for your help with this! *–Natalie Poole*

Volunteer Workday

This Saturday, August 7, 8:00 a.m to noon, is the next Volunteer Workday here at Good Shepherd. There are lots of jobs to be done, for all skill levels, some inside and some outside. Your help is needed to keep our church campus in good repair. Please come for all, or any portion of the time, and lend a hand. See you on Saturday!

–Dave Raymond and Rich Hubinger

Foundation Golf Tournament

Golfers, sign up now to play in the annual Foundation Golf Tournament fund raiser on **Saturday, August 28, 2010**, at the Santa Anita Golf Course, Arcadia. The cost is \$150 (which includes lunch at the golf course and the awards dinner at Matt Denny's).

Want to help with this Foundation fund raiser but don't play golf? Consider sponsoring a youth (\$100) or a tee (\$135). Or, be a Silver Sponsor (\$350) or a Gold Sponsor (\$700). And, come to the dinner at Matt Denny's following golf. Everyone is invited! The cost for dinner is \$25 and reservations are a must!

For more information regarding the tournament, to register for golf, sign up to be a sponsor, or make reservations for dinner, call Tournament Chairman, **Dave Cooper**, 626-285-2777. Registration forms are also available through the church's website at:

www.goodshepherdarcadia.org