

Church of the Good Shepherd Sunday, March 14, 2010

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

One Great Hour of Sharing (*offering*)

Daylight Saving Time Begins

*(Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour
on Saturday night before you go to sleep!)*

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 and Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Witness: “Don’t Say I Didn’t Give You Anything”

Associate Pastor Melissa Roux MacKinnon, Preaching

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

9:00 - Good Shepherd Forum in the Lounge with **Dr. Brad Miller** discussing the “Maori Project in New Zealand.”

9:00 - Bible Study in the AEC led by Pastor Wood. *A study of the Book of Revelation is currently underway.*

(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 or 9:00 a.m., call the church office, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - MR.

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

10:10 - Children’s Church - The Sr. High Youth will be making a presentation on SSP.

11:15 - Coffee Fellowship - JH/Patio.

11:15 - Visit “Walk to Oberammergau” table - Patio.

11:15 - SSP Stock sales - Patio (*Invest in our Youth!*)

11:20 - Cherub Choir - Activity Center.

11:20 - Carol Choir - Music Room.

11:20 - Youth Bells - Sanctuary.

11:30 - Pastor Parish Committee meeting - AEC.

3:30 p.m. - Youth Choir call time for the Cabaret.

5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - SSP Cabaret - Movie
Magic - Songs from the Silver Screen - JH.

6:30 - Lenten Study on the Letter of James - AEC.

Among the Church Family

Prayers for:

Please continue to pray for the members of our Church Family previously mentioned who are ill, hospitalized or have recently lost a loved one. Be sure to include: **Betty Fuchs** and **Wilma Gregory**.

Our condolences to **H. Robert Evans** and family upon the death of his wife **Jeanne Evans**. Our prayers include **Roy & Dorothy Steed** and family as Jeanne was Roy’s sister.

A Note from the Board of Trustees to the Congregation:

The Board of Trustees would like to remind the members of the congregation about the use of the kitchen facilities. It has come to our attention that the kitchen area in general is often messy. During the last few Saturday work parties, a worker has cleaned the microwave oven and surrounding area of the accumulated “gunk” buildup. In prior years, either a member of the Trustees or someone else has had to clean the stove of accumulated grease, etc. Dishes have sometimes not been washed, dried and returned to their storage areas.

Another area of concern is the storage of cans in the cupboards. Last Saturday at the work party, a worker had to clean the cupboards above the microwave because some of the cans stored there had exploded!! Perhaps the cans can be dated and withdrawn after a period of time if they haven’t been used in say 6 months.

The kitchen is used by many of our members as well as by others outside the church. We should take pride in keeping a clean kitchen as you would in your own home. The Board requests that those who use the kitchen and its facilities be prepared to clean up after their particular event has been completed. That way it’s “spic and span” for the next group’s use. Thank you. *—The Board of Trustees*

Quilt Auction Benefits Music Program

Elaine Iverson has created a one of a kind quilt titled “Making Music” and you have the opportunity to bid on this quilt and three matching pillows during a silent auction. The proceeds will help provide instrumental accompaniment for the choir concerts. The quilt will be on display after church in Jordan Hall on selected Sunday mornings to be announced and on March 21 and 28. The auction via e-mail has begun and will continue live at Church on **Sundays, March 21 and 28**. The winning bid will be announced March 28th. To bid via e-mail please send your bid, name and phone number to **Bill and Holly Earle** at bill.earle@verizon.net.

Easter Flowers

Orders for Easter Flowers will be taken on **Sundays, March 14, and 21**, on the patio after church or in the church office during the week until **Monday, March 22**. You may order hydrangeas or azaleas for \$12 and lilies or mums for \$8 each.

“Prayer and Healing” Service

Reminder: Our monthly “Prayer and Healing” Service will be at **noon on Thursday, March 11**, in Phil’s office.

With Compassion, Generosity, and Sacrifice...

On Sunday I announced, on behalf of our Board of Trustees, that 3 projects have been undertaken, and as of this writing, one is completed. The one that has been completed is the new Digital Organ in the Chapel (and stop by **after the 10 am Palm Sunday Service** for its dedication). The two projects in process are a new sound system and upgraded lighting in the Sanctuary. And they are paid for. How? We had an All Church Council last Sunday to approve a budget that is still in need of \$146,000 to be balanced for 2010. How?

Here’s how: we have 4 funds that we are acquainted with here at Church of the Good Shepherd. The first the **General Fund**—it’s the one that all of our fund-raising efforts are directed toward through our Finance Campaign. It’s made up of all of our Pledges, and it pays for all of our Current Expenses like utilities, salaries, curriculum, and the apportionments. The second set of funds are **Designated Funds**, and they are managed by the Board of Trustees. These are gifts given to the Church for maintaining and improving the grounds and facilities, but without specific purposes named. So the utilization of those funds is left up to the discretion of the Trustees. The third set of funds are **Restricted Funds**, where a specific purpose or project is named, and then the Trustees must use it as directed by the donor. And finally, there are the funds in the **Foundation**, over which the Church has no control, as the Foundation is a separate entity. The 3 projects are all being funded, wisely, by the Trustees from one Restricted Fund, which is the Organ Fund, and two Designated Funds. Those funds could not be used to cover any of our current expenses. Instead, they are being used to decrease our long-term need to put increased amounts of money into equipment and systems. Through the generosity of the givers, we can, by our continued efforts to fund our budget, increase the ministries that meet the needs of our communities.

We are moving forward, and not on one, but many fronts. We are living, and not dying. We are calling upon the God of Grace and Glory, the God of Love and Power, and by our faithful relationship with the Lord of all, affirming with Saint Paul that if God is for us, who or what can be against us to bring us down—Nothing! “Nothing will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!”

... Avanti!

Phil

Walk to Oberammergau

All forms of exercise count toward your miles on our “Walk to Oberammergau.” Turn in your mileage/exercise time at the “Walk” table on the patio after church on Sunday. Below is what our **Parish Nurse, Lynne Rivera**, is doing for her mileage:

Rain or shine, very early every morning, I take my dogs, Avery and Veronica, for a walk. Sometimes the walk is brisk and other times we dawdle so a dog can smell the smells on the ground and around tree trunks. While there are mornings when I'm in a hurry and want to limit those times spent sniffing, the dogs' laid back attitudes put us on a different schedule.

I spend our walks planning my day, enjoying the morning air, and praying for family, friends, and acquaintances, as well as world events and people in the news. Despite the early hour, I meet other walkers, runners, and bike riders; and see the same cars, trucks, and buses on the road.

For example, I see a white “construction” truck traveling west on a main street before turning onto a side street. For two or three weeks at the beginning of the financial down turn I didn't see the truck. I wondered (and worried) that the driver didn't have a job. Those mornings my prayers included a plea to find him work and to take care of his family.

About half way through our walks, we meet one couple that is heading home. The wife walks with her arms swinging briskly in the air while her husband seems to have a more laid-back attitude. Every morning he greets me with a “Good morning” followed by “May God bless your day.” One week at the beginning of this school year, I was having an especially rough time at work and was feeling low. I was questioning whether or not I could hang in there with a boss I didn't like and with a workload that seemed insurmountable. Without thinking I asked the man to pray for me. The man stopped for just a brief moment to tell me he would keep me in his prayers. And guess what - his prayers worked! From that day forward, my days at work improved! Although my workdays are still busy, the work is never done, and I have the same boss, I enjoy my work.

Exercise and prayer – two activities that don't seem to have a common thread - have benefitted my physical, emotional, and spiritual health. –Lynne Rivera, RN, MSN, Parish Nurse

“Nite on the Town” Church Fund-Raiser

Merri-Mates Fellowship Group is fund-raising for the Church by selling “Nite on the Town” Discount Cards. This will benefit the entire congregation! For every \$25 card sold, ½ that amount (\$12.50) comes back to us! Twenty local restaurants participate in offering great discounts. Cards may be purchased by mailing an order form found in the Narthex on Sundays or in the church office during the week.

Children's Center Fund-Raiser

A fund-raiser for our Good Shepherd Children's Center will be held this **Thursday, March 11, 6-9 p.m.**, at Shakey's Pizza Parlor, 866 E. Las Tunas Dr., San Gabriel. Present the flyer to the cashier (pick one up at the church office) and they will receive a generous 25%! Bring your whole family, your friends and neighbors to this three-hour event!

One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday, March 14

Once a year, during One Great Hour of Sharing, our congregation can join other United Methodists by participating in this special offering to support humanitarian aid through UMCOR. You can be assured that when catastrophes cause suffering UMCOR, impelled by Jesus' love and compassion, will be in the lead to bring healing, hope and a place of refuge. Your gifts on this Sunday underwrite UMCOR'S costs of doing business. This means that 100% of every other dollar you give goes to help in disasters and in rebuilding lives around the world.

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Come to the Cabaret!

The CGS Youth Choir proudly presents the **11th Annual SSP Cabaret: Movie Magic – Songs from the Silver Screen.** Please join us this **Sunday, March 14**, in Jordan Hall, at either **5:00 p.m.** or **7:00 p.m.** for a musical revue featuring tunes from Hollywood. Songs from movies such as “The Band Wagon,” “That Thing You Do,” “Casablanca,” and “Mary Poppins” among others will get your toes tapping and a tasty dessert will tantalize your taste buds. A freewill offering will be taken to support the UMYF's Summer Service Project. One of the largest casts the Youth Choir has ever had is hard at work singing and dancing to prepare a real treat for the audience so... **“Come to the Cabaret!”**

Daylight Saving Time

This Saturday night, **“Spring Ahead”** one hour before going to sleep as Daylight Saving Time begins this **Sunday, March 14!** Turn your clocks ahead one hour!

April 4 – Easter at CGS

Good Shepherd will be offering four times to worship on Easter morning: **6:00 a.m.** - Youth led Sunrise Service in the Courtyard; **8:00 a.m.** - Holy Communion in the Chapel with Associate Pastor Melissa Roux MacKinnon preaching; **9:30 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** - Worship in the Sanctuary with Senior Pastor Philip Bertolo Wood preaching and the full Chancel Choir singing. An **Easter Egg Hunt** for children of all ages will be held at **10:40 a.m.** And, thanks to United Methodist Men, the tradition continues... **Easter Breakfast** will be served **6:30 to 11:00 a.m.** in Jordan Hall. There will be pancakes, sausages, potatoes, coffee, and juice. \$6 for adults, \$3 for under 12. Tickets available at the door or every Sunday after church. Buy tickets early then come and celebrate Easter with your church family!