



The Shepherd's Call

March 2017

Vintage: Casting the Ancient Anew

Restoration

There is a new housing development going on behind my parents' house that has taken most of my life to get approved. Originally, the plan was for a much larger development that would have included building on what, at the time, was called "unrecoverable wetlands".

The argument at the time was that the land where the homes were to be built could not be built there, because the land had dried out and would never have water in it again. Then we had a series of storms years ago with waves so large they were crossing PCH at times, and all of a sudden, this land that was "unrecoverable" had fully recovered. As I look at the Scriptures for our upcoming season of Lent, I am reminded that God in the person of Jesus was and is in the business of restoration. Our—now growing again—Sunday Morning Worship Experience

is certainly one way to do that. Our Monday night Bible study continues in the Bjeland's home and we have a membership class after worship on Sundays that also serves as a Lenten study for those who are interested. Please see me if you are interested now, as there will be some catching up to do. Easter is April 16th this year and will be bringing 6 new people into the congregation including two baptisms. If you are reading this and feel you have missed out, don't worry, there are seven Sundays in the season of Easter and we will use them to offer the membership class again. This year, preparation is being made for our first ever "sunrise" service at Dog Beach. This will be a dog friendly service at 8am and will be offered to both all of us, and to my online meet up community "Blessing of the Animals". At 9:45am on

Easter, we will have our annual egg hunt with the children of both the 8am and 10:30am services participating.—Hint, earlier in the day means chocolate in the eggs! This is also an excellent time to come for our potluck breakfast. Following the potluck breakfast, we will have our English speaking service at our normal time 10:30am.

Blessings,

Pastor Johan Dodge

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Upcoming Events



9th—Blaise Richelieu
20th—Joanne May
25th—Diane Maggs
28th—Pastor Johan Dodge

Please let the office know if we are missing on any important dates!

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Pastor Johan will be giving out ashes on
**Wednesday, March 1st at
Chronic Tacos**

(7621 Edinger Ave Huntington Beach, CA 92647)

from **11am to 2pm!**



**Every Sunday, 1:00-2:30pm
Ends with Baptism on Easter,
Sunday, Apr. 16th at 10:30am**

It's not too late to join!
Please see Pastor Johan to sign-up.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA

Imagine Saving Millions Of Lives



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During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally “turn around” and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

This year our mission project for Lent is *Imagine No Malaria*. We are distributing offering boxes for this project and we ask you to be more aware of how God is working in your life.

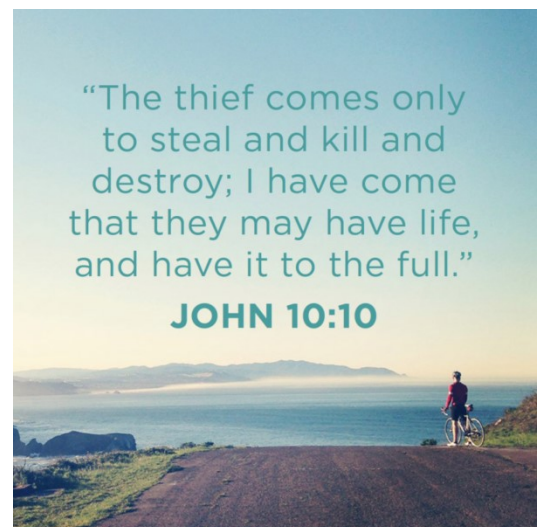
- When you wake up in a warm bed with a roof over your head and food for breakfast waiting in the kitchen, put a thank offering in your box.
- When someone does you a kindness, put an offering of gratitude in your box.
- When you realize by that sinking feeling that you goofed, put in an offering of contrition.
- When you get an unexpected e-mail or phone call from a loved one, put an offering of joy in your box.
- When you feel God calling you to help out someone less fortunate, put an offering of compassion in your box.
- When you realize that you are beloved child of God, rejoice and be glad and offer up to God your offering of thanksgiving.
- Etc. etc. etc., you get the idea.

Lent is a time of self-examination in preparation for Easter. A time of prayer, fasting (which can be giving up a favorite food), self-denial, Bible reading and giving thanks for the gift of salvation we receive through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Plus, your offering will help save lives from malaria. *Imagine No Malaria* is a ministry of the people of the worldwide United Methodist Church, putting faith into action to end preventable deaths from malaria in Africa. Our goal is to raise 75 million dollars. When we started this project in 2010, every 30 seconds a child died from malaria in Sub-Saharan Africa. Now it is one child dies every 2 minutes. We still have a long way to go, but malaria was eliminated in the U.S. in the 1950's. So, it can be eliminated in Africa too.

With our global partnerships, we are able to improve the way people fight the disease by supplying, to date, over 2,300,000 bed nets, providing access to diagnostic tests and medicine, draining stranding water and improving sanitation. *Imagine No Malaria* combines integrated health infrastructure (4 out of 10 hospital patients in Africa are malaria victims), grass-root education, over 100,400 trained health workers and advocacy to address death and the debilitating effect of malaria in Sub-Saharan Africa.

We will collect the offering boxes on Easter Sunday.



“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

JOHN 10:10

GREETINGS FROM GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



This is the time we really need your help to tell your friends and neighbors about the quality program available at Good Shepherd School. Here are some important info you can share with families interested in our program:

The huge play yards offer a fun safe environment which allows children to use and develop the necessary strengths to be all that they can be.

The school is open from 6:30am-6:00pm.

We are trying to help
the environment by...



The school is a ministry of the church and provides an environment that encourages the growth of children intellectually, physically and spiritually.

The school serves children ages 2-6 in the preschool (we assist with potty training), and after school program, Kind-5th grade.

Teachers plan curriculum using the State Foundations and set individual goals for each child based on the Core Knowledge Curriculum as a guide.

Good Shepherd provides a quality program and has a great low rates.

Ink cartridges, plastic bottles, overripe fruits/old vegetables/vegetables/fruit peelings (we feed our bunnies and chickens with them). If you would like to help us by donating some of the above, anything would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for your continuous prayers and support!

GOD IS GOOD!



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 6:30pm Zumba 11am-2pm Ash Wednesday - Chronic Tacos	2 7pm Viet. Prayer & Bible Study Night 7:30pm AA Meeting	3 6:30pm Zumba	4 7am Zumba 9am Viet. Comp. Class 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice
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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

-Jeremiah 29:11