



The Shepherd's Call

October 2017

Vintage:

Casting the Ancient Anew

Step by Step

As I write this, World Communion Sunday is almost upon us. Of course, you will be reading this after we have celebrated but I thought it might be wise to take a moment and answer, "Just what is World Communion Sunday?" and "Why do we celebrate it?"

World Communion Sunday is an opportunity for us to take pause and remember that we are part of something ever so much larger than ourselves as individuals or even as Good Shepherd - we are part of the Body of Christ. Beginning in 1933 in a Presbyterian Church, World Communion Sunday caught on during World War II at a time in which the world was revealing itself to be at odds with itself. A quick scan of the news this week (whatever week you happen to read this article it seems) and we discover a world that is again out of sorts with itself. There is ethnic cleansing happening around the world - one group of people trying to kill off an entire ethnic population. And at home our country is either more divided than it has ever been, or we are perhaps more open about the divisions that have always existed (depending upon whom you ask).

At odds with the world as we see, it is the invitation from Jesus to become his follower. World Communion Sunday began as a way of publicly declaring our lives for Jesus, which seems like an easy

thing until we realize that living for Jesus means not living for ourselves. Living for Jesus means a life of sacrifice - it is why Jesus invites us to take up our cross in order to follow him. It is a life of sacrifice, of thinking about and putting others first. Sometimes it means sidelining our agenda to instead answer and fulfill God's agenda.

In our own faith community, as Good Shepherd, we have often struggled with seeing the bigger picture; we have a history of seeing our scarcity rather than God's abundance, and that limited version has often prevented us from acting in the way of Jesus.

As a practice this month ask yourself: "Where am I taking up the cross of Jesus?", "Where am I sacrificing my desires to make myself available to the call of God?" and then ask: "Where am I trying to bend God to my will and my way?" These are tough questions and yet as we answer them, as we change our lives and how we answer these questions, we find ourselves in a closer relationship with God and one another; and we truly become the unified Body of Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Johan Dodge

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Announcements

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

5th - James Munroe
7th - Mark Richelieu
8th - Chris Somsak
8th - Melinda Dodge
9th - Beth Sterkenburg
15th - Joseph Cowdrey



11th - Phil & Diane Maggs
27th - Keith & Nannette Bjelland

OCTOBER MEETINGS



Tuesday, October 10th

Trustees Meeting, 7pm

Tuesday, October 17th

Preschool Board Meeting, 6:15pm

Church Council Meeting, 7pm

SAVE THE DATE!



On **Tuesday, October 31st**, we will be hosting our "Trunk or Treat" in the back parking lot from 4-6pm. This is your opportunity to buy some candies and decorate your car trunk and treat the little kids. We're planning the same type of food as last year: hot dogs, popcorn, lemonade, chips and apples. If you can help with this fun activity, call the church office. Especially call the church if you would like to be in charge of this event. The more help we have, the merrier.

Donation of hot dogs, buns, lemonade, chips, apples and popcorn will help fund this – money is also greeted with delight by the committee.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Combined Service (Eng/Viet)

Sunday, October 1st, 9am



SCHOOL KITS FOR UMCOR

We are still supporting the Preschool's project of collecting school kits for UMCOR. Since we started, there has been another hurricane and a bad earthquake, so the need is still great. Pick up a flyer on the narthex table with the list of what needs to be in each bag. Thanks to the Shepherd's Hands, we have a lot of nice bags to fill.

If you have any questions, call Linda Priester at 714-531-0504 or topriester@dslextreme.com



EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

There have been so many people in a world of hurt with storms and earthquakes happening. If you (or someone you know) would like to be part of an emergency response team to help people with the aftermath and rebuilding, plan to take the training to join one of these teams. Volunteers need to take the training before they can sign up to go help. UMCOR will be sending teams to all areas of need.

First UMC of San Diego
Saturday, October 21, 2017
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Many people have been asking how they can help in the relief efforts in the wake of recent weather events. If your church has people interested in going to the areas that have been affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, they need to have current (within the last 3 years) ERT training and Safe Gatherings training.

The cost of this training is **\$40/person** and includes lunch.

People can sign up for the training at the following link: <https://fumcsd.wufoo.com/forms/rliceyv016aj7aq/>
Note: The link refers to a team that is leaving on Oct. 28, but that is just for the First Church members at the moment - however the training is open to anyone in the South District.

Information about opportunities to join mission teams will be shared once it is available.

***Participants should arrive between 8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. to have picture taken.
The training will begin at 8:30 a.m.**

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Preschool News



The New School Year has gotten off to a good start. The Preschool numbers are better than previous years. We usually start off with very few children and numbers stay down for about 3 months.

We have improved our teaching methods by using the Nature Explore Curriculum and Environment Guidelines. The curriculum structure, in the preschool, is planned around the foundations set by the state and it's executed by using a Core Knowledge Curriculum plan. Zoo Phonics is also taught to help the students learn their letters and their sounds.

The before and after school program is still low in numbers. We are hoping and praying to get more children.

Since God is blessing our preschool with more children, our short term goal is to open up the red room again, which has been just the nap room for about 8 years! God's will, by January, the red room will be the 2 year old classroom again.

Our long term goal is to install AC units in all of the classrooms by next summer. We talked to our families about all of the fundraisers that we are going to have this school year in order to have enough money to make this goal possible. So far, we have gotten two AC units donated by two families in our program. We just need two more units to install in the other classrooms!! God is good!!

Please continue keeping our school in your prayers as we need more children in our program not only to open the red room but also to:

Keep on helping the church with janitorial supplies, pay for church cleaning, pay for grounds care, keep on helping with water bill, pay for the evaluation and to start paying rent to the church as we are being mandated by the DS.

We really appreciate your support, recommendations, and prayers. We encourage all who support Good Shepherd School to join us.

Kermis-a carnival (On Sat., Oct 28 from 4-7pm)

Come and support one of our fundraisers!!

We will be selling food, refreshments, plants/ fall decorations, have games, dance competitions, etc.

We'll also have a pumpkin patch!!



Wish list for this event...

Volunteers

Pumpkins/gourds any size, shape or color

Big bales of straw

Cornstalks

Pine cone



Your continued prayers for the school are much appreciated.



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am World Communion Sunday	2 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Boy Scouts Meeting 7pm Men's Huddle 7:30pm Bible Study - Bjelland's Home	3 9am Shepherd Hands 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall	4 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Zumba -Wesley Hall	5 3pm Viet. After School Program 7pm Women's Huddle 7pm Viet. Prayer Gathering 7:30pm AA Meeting	6 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall 7pm Viet. Bible Study @ Member's House	7 9-2pm Viet. Computer Class 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice
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