



The Shepherd's Call

November 2017

Vintage: Casting the Ancient Anew



The time has come for our annual Stewardship campaign, really if we were to stop and think about it, the message series all through October has already been leading to our campaign. In the month of October, we looked at Moses and the Israelites in the desert in Exodus 32:1-14. In this passage, Moses has gone to the top of Mount Sinai and is engaged in conversation with God. While he is away, the people turn to Aaron and ask him to make them a golden calf to worship. It would be a funny story, if it wasn't also so true of us. We are easily distracted and we often give into our fears without knowing it. This is why our stewardship program is so important; it creates a line-in-the-sand opportunity for each of us to recommit ourselves to following Jesus. Yes, stewardship is about money and about what we need in order to be Good Shepherd Church to the community around us but ultimately, stewardship is about so much more than money. Stewardship is the personal and public declaration that we are focused on building God's kingdom on earth - which we call: "The Transformation of the World". In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus teaches his followers that where their treasure is, their heart will be also. In the coming weeks, we will each have the opportunity to claim where our heart is, to claim who our heart belongs to.

If you have been to church in the last week, you will notice that the exterior of the church has been painted and we are in the process of getting quotes to replace the floors and paint the inside of the church. These improvements have come from the generosity of our members who have put Good Shepherd in their wills and trusts. This is the ultimate sign of stewardship - of seeing our resources as God given and returning those resources to God not for our benefit but for the benefit of those who will come after us. We tend to call this "Kingdom Thinking". Kingdom thinking is the opposite of the Israelites turning to Aaron and asking for the golden calf. So, all this month of November, as we prepare for Thanksgiving, let us prepare to give thanks to God for all that God has blessed us with as we prayerfully consider our tithe to Good Shepherd. And look for more photos of the continuing renovation of the facility, so we can continue to be in the ministry in this community for decades to come.

Blessings,

Pastor Johan Dodge

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Announcements

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 1st** - Miranda Cowdrey
- 7th** - Chris Slaughter
- 9th** - Megan Flaherty
- 13th** - James Keller
- 27th** - Don Dodge

NOVEMBER MEETINGS



- Sunday, November 12th**
Charge Conference, 11:30am
(Approve Equitable Compensation)
- Tuesday, November 14th**
Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- Tuesday, November 21st**
Charge Conference, 7pm

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



Remember to turn your clock back an hour
on Saturday night, November 4th!

Scripture of the Month

*You are my God,
and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God,
I will extol you.
- Psalm 118:28*

Vietnamese Thanksgiving Service & Dinner
Thursday, November 23rd, 6pm



Good Shepherd School News

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God is so good, and He has richly blessed Good Shepherd School. There are many reasons to thank the Lord during this season.

- Thank you Lord for the children you have directed to our school. Help us to show them the love of Jesus in all the ways possible.
- Thank you for our beautiful/peaceful school.
- Thank you for the supportive parents and extended family that cares about our school.
- Thank you for the dedicated staff that goes the extra mile in so many ways to do ministry at our school.
- Thank you for the congregation that nurtures our school and families by their prayers and supporting our special events.
- Thank you Terry for helping us to keep our school safe and in good shape.

- Thank you for all the volunteers that helped us during our October's events (Linda & Terry Priester, Mary & Mike Boyd, Rosa, Mercedes, Ms. Debbie, Ms. Lisa, Ms. Roxanne, Phan Family, and many other families that helped make our fall festival possible.
- And lastly, thank you Lord for helping us so our fundraisers could be a great success.

This month, we feel so grateful for the amount of families that we have touched either through our school or special events. It's so rewarding to witness how through God, we can become one no matter how different we are.

As we join hands to thank God for His blessings, let us reflect on what it means to belong to the Family of Good Shepherd. There is so much more potential and so much love to give and receive at Good Shepherd.

Nov. 9th - Picture Day (preschoolers only)

Nov. 10th - Closed for Veterans' Day

Nov. 17th - Thanksgiving Feast, 11:30am-12:30pm

Nov. 23rd/24th - Closed for Thanksgiving





November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall	2 3pm Viet. After School Program 7pm Women's Huddle 7pm Viet. Prayer Gathering 7:30pm AA Meeting	3 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall 7pm Viet. Bible Study @ Member's House	4 9-2pm Viet. Computer Class 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice
5 Daylight Saving 8am Viet. Service 10:30am Eng. Service	6 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Boy Scouts Meeting 7pm Men's Huddle 7:30pm Bible Study - Bjelland's Home	7 9am Shepherd Hands 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall	8 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall	9 3pm Viet. After School Program 7pm Women's Huddle 7pm Viet. Prayer Gathering 7:30pm AA Meeting	10 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall 7pm Viet. Bible Study @ Member's House	11 Veterans Day 9-2pm Viet. Computer Class 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice
12 8am Viet. Service 10:30am Eng. Service 11:30am Charge Conference	13 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Boy Scouts Meeting 7pm Men's Huddle 7:30pm Bible Study - Bjelland's Home	14 9am Shepherd Hands 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall 7pm Trustees Meeting	15 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall	16 11:30am Ladies Who Lunch 3pm Viet. After School Program 7pm Women's Huddle 7pm Viet. Prayer Gathering 7:30pm AA Meeting	17 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall 7pm Viet. Bible Study @ Member's House	18 9-2pm Viet. Computer Class 12-7pm Boy & Girl Scouts Ceremony 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice
19 8am Viet. Service 10:30am Eng. Service	20 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Boy Scouts Meeting 7pm Men's Huddle 7:30pm Bible Study - Bjelland's Home	21 9am Shepherd Hands 3pm Viet. After School Program 7pm Charge Conference	22 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall	23 Thanksgiving Day 6pm Vietnamese Thanksgiving Service & Dinner 7:30pm AA Meeting	24 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall 7pm Viet. Bible Study @ Member's House	25 9-2pm Viet. Computer Class 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice
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