



# Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

## July 2018 Newsletter

### Words from the Pastor...

This is a new beginning for Good Shepherd. I'm excited to be appointed to the English Service as a Local Pastor. This is my first appointment and I am ready to start my ministry with this church family. I think this is a great opportunity for our English Congregation to grow and reflect the surrounding community.

I earned my Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science, followed by a Master of Science in Computer Information System and a Master of Art in Ministry. And, I am currently a third-year student in Master of Divinity at Claremont School of Theology.

My family and I which include my wife, Huyen Nguyen, two children, Gia-Han and Simon, are residing in Garden Grove, California.

I look forward to serve with and among you as we continue our faith journey together.

Please pray for me and for the English Service members – your friends and neighbors.

*Pastor Khuong Chau*



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# Announcements

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7<sup>th</sup>—Jackie Stanley

7<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Khuong Chau

15<sup>th</sup>—Jimmy Keller

16<sup>th</sup>—Dalyn Fairweathre-Baxter



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

## JULY MEETINGS

10<sup>th</sup>—Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m.

17<sup>th</sup>—Preschool Board Meeting, 6:15 p.m.  
Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m.



## DAILY DEVOTION

The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide is available on the narthex table for July/August. We ask for a donation of \$1.00 for the small size and \$2.00 for the large print edition. This is a wonderful way to join Christians around the world as they start their day with a short time morning devotion.



## From Jane Butler...

*Good Shepherd,*

*Thanks a big bunch for all the card, it does my heart great to be remembered. The greeting on e-mail was a surprise and I appreciate getting it. I don't have a computer but my daughter does. Hope all have a great summer more on down the way, take care.*

*God's love and mine,  
Jane Butler*

## You Are Invited

As most of you know, we have a change of ministers starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. On June 24<sup>th</sup> we said "goodbye" to Pastor Johan with a Star Wars themed luncheon. Now it is time to welcome Pastor Ase as our Senior Pastor and Pastor Khuong as Local Pastor for the English Second Service. There will be a reception between the two services on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

We are hoping that everyone in the second service will set their alarms and plan to be at church an hour early to attend the reception. This is an opportunity for the whole Good Shepherd Family to celebrate our coming closer together as one congregation worshipping in two languages. If you are willing to help with the refreshments for the reception (there will be American food too), please see Lynn Nguyen or Linda Priester.



## Ladies Who Lunch



The Ladies Who Lunch Group will meet on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m. Everyone liked Uncle Pete's food so much, we are going back again. Uncle Pete's is at 14276 Beach Blvd, between Hazard and 13<sup>th</sup> Street on the East side of Beach. All ladies are invited to join us for a nice visit with your church friends. Please let Linda Priester know (714-531-0504) if you are coming so she will know how big a table to reserve.

## What Steals Your Joy?

The new Morning Bible Study has decided on a study book that we think will help us grow in our relationship with God, our loved ones and all those we deal with in our daily life. It is called *The Joy Stealers* and is written by Rob Renfroe, who is the Discipleship Pastor at the Woodlands UMC in Houston, Texas. This study comes with introduction videos to start each session. We are asking everyone to buy a study book. Here is more about the material that we will use in the study.

*We religiously lock our doors and windows to stay safe and to protect our belongings from intruders, but when it comes to joy, we leave ourselves wide open to the joy stealers: worry, bitterness, guilt, and negativity. Many of us deal with pain from relationship problems, health concerns, financial struggles, and daily stresses and strains.*

In *The Joy Stealers*, author Rob Renfroe reminds us that, regardless of our circumstances, Christ provides everything we need for joy. Whether or not we actually live with joy is a choice...a decision each of us makes every day. He shares five transformation decisions that will help us live in the fullness of God's joy each day with the assurance of eternity with God.

You can learn more about this study by going to [www.cokesbury.com/joystealers](http://www.cokesbury.com/joystealers). There you can preview the videos and/or read the first chapter of the book. Please let Linda Priester, 714-531-0504, [topriester@dslextre.me](mailto:topriester@dslextre.me); or Bill Somsak, 714-496-9159, [wjsomsak@earthlink.net](mailto:wjsomsak@earthlink.net), if you would like to order a study book. **We need to know by July 5<sup>th</sup> if you want us to order the book for you for \$10.62.**

Otherwise you can order it yourself online.

The study will start on:  
Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m., at the church

Everyone who is available at 10 in the morning is welcome to attend. This includes people who are ESL students who want to practice their English in an encouraging environment. At this time, Pastor Khuong is planning to attend the study which will be led by a lay person. If you have any questions, contact Linda or Bill.



## Let's Be the Hosts with the Most Wonderful Looking Buildings

These are exciting times at Good Shepherd, not only do we have a change of pastors, our church is hosting the National Meeting of the Vietnamese Language Church. It will be from July 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be many visitors from all over the country and Bishop Hagiya will be bringing the message at the worship service. There will be a combine service on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. That means with company coming, it's time to put our best foot forward and make sure that everything is clean and tidy.

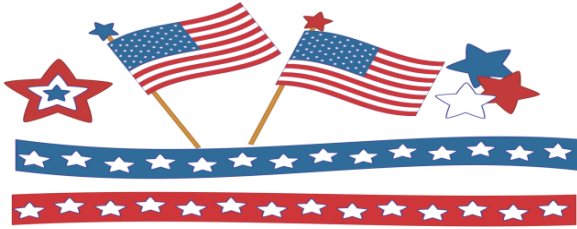
There will be a work day on:  
Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.



Bring your window washing equipment and supplies, utility pails, step stools and your willingness to work. Wall cleaning pads will be provided. Furniture polish to clean the pews and wood trim is also needed. Pruning shears and clippers will help tidy up the landscaping.

Many hands make light work so please plan to come and work for an hour or more. We want our property to shine for this important event.

# Preschool July News



Summer is here and God has been so good to Good Shepherd School.

It's so rewarding to witness how the children have grown emotionally, physically, intellectually, and spiritually. We have finished the school year with happy students and happy/grateful parents.

We had a great turn out for our graduation gathering this year. About 70% of the families showed up. We had 15 graduates this year!! Hoping and praying for a bigger number for next year.



Please keep the children and the staff in your prayers as we are preparing for the next school year.

On the news.....

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Wed**.....closed

**July 21<sup>st</sup> Sat**.....tamales/pupusas/plant sale

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please help us by sharing the information with your family and friend.

**May all of you have a  
blessed, safe and**





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8am Vietnamese Service 10:30am English Service	2 6:30pm Boy Scouts Meeting 6:30pm Zumba	3 9am Shepherd's Hands - Carol 6:30pm Zumba	4 <b>Independence Day</b>	5 7pm Viet. Prayer Gathering 7:30pm AA Meeting	6 6:30pm Zumba 7:30pm Viet. Bible Study - Member's House	7 3-9pm Ruthie Villanueva's Wedding/Reception
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