



Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Words from the Pastor...



Last month, we had a mission trip to American Family Housing and I had a sermon about the “Mission”. Today I would like to remind you that *“If you would come after Jesus, let’s deny yourself and take up his cross and follow Jesus.”*

To take up your cross means pursuing God’s mission for you, not worrying about someone else’s mission. In other words, don’t worry about what other people are doing or not doing, concern yourself with what God wants you to do.

Now this is very challenging because the world is so distracting. You can turn on the TV and find out what the 7-day forecast will be in Orange County this week. You can check the stock market whenever you want. You can follow your favorite tennis player as he or she pursues their mission. We can easily spend our whole life watching other people live their mission while failing to live out our own mission. We can concern ourselves with a million things that don’t matter and fail to do the things that do matter. This is why

the imagery of bearing the cross is so important. The image of carrying the cross is meant to say this: *you now have a mission.* You have been claimed by someone else. You don’t have time to worry about what other people are doing. You would do what Jesus is calling you to do.

You are a member of Good Shepherd Church, we are the body of Christ. Each of us is carrying the mission of this church. Come and join us for the mission. We are in a relationship with God and share God’s love with others, it will affect how our church is reflected, especially through our works or actions. Together, let’s us do the mission for God.

Blessing,

Pastor Khuong Chau

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

5th James Munroe

7th Mark Richelieu

8th Chris Somsak

11th Phil & Diane Maggs

27th Keith & Nannette Bjelland

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

OCTOBER MEETINGS

10/9
Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m.



10/10
SPRC Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

10/14
Finance Team Meeting, 1:00 p.m.

10/21
Re-Evaluation Meeting, 11:45 a.m.

10/23
Preschool Board Meeting, 6:15 p.m.
Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Other Events

10/6
Phil & Diane Magg's 60th Wedding Anniversary Reception, 3-9 p.m.

10/7
Julie Munroe & Family—Birthday Reception & Reunion, 3-9 p.m.

10/13
Young Adult Group UMC Gathering, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY COMING

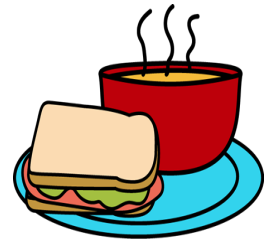


Good news! When we contacted the church directory company, they had a opening for late November, early December for us to get photos made for a new directory. We will find out later if they will be able to deliver photos in time for Christmas giving. Nothing makes grandparents happier than photos of their families for Christmas.

As soon as we have the schedule, we will start signing up for picture taking. It's always nice to have correct information and photos to help us get to know one another better. If you would like to help with this project, please let Lynn Nguyen or Lin Somsak know.

NEXT MONTH'S LUNCH BUNCH GET TOGETHER

The Good Shepherd Lunch Bunch was off to a good start with 11 friends enjoying some time together on September 21st. The next lunch will be at Uncle Pete's Restaurant on Beach Blvd., on **Friday, October 19th**, at 12:30 p.m. Please let Peggy Reardon know if you are planning to attend at perkypeggy@aol.com or 714-906-3138.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study is on hold during the month of October. Since a group available to meet on a weekday morning is comprised of retired folks – too many of us are vacationing in October. We will start meeting on the first Wednesday of November—the 7th.





One Outcome from the September Mission Trip

We want to start having regular food collections to help people struggling to make ends meet. This will be coordinated with the good folks from American Family Housing. Our goal is to collect non-perishable food and other needed items for families that have the means to prepare meals. We were thinking that it would be helpful if we had a “Food of the Week” for people to bring,

- **First Sunday of the month will be: Items high in protein (canned chicken, fish, other meat, stew, etc.)**
- **Second Sunday: Canned fruit, hot cereals**
- **Third Sunday: Paper goods, cleaning supplies**
- **Fourth Sunday: Pasta sauce, noodles, mac & cheese**
- **Fifth Sunday: Diapers**



There will be a basket in the narthex for your contributions. Each week the items of the next Sunday will be in the Sunday worship guide and e-mail. Of course, you are welcome to bring any other items that you think will be helpful.

Our coordinators for the second service are Andrea Bessette (714-336-2874 or a.bessette13@gmail.com) and Craig Edmunds (714-813-2191 or craig.edmunds1973@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please contact them. Help in delivering the donations would be great.



GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL



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.

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

By this month, last year, we were making plans to use the red room again as a classroom. We were also planning to install AC in all of the classrooms. And because God is so good He has provided abundantly so we could accomplished our goals.

We were also praying for a bilingual teacher and God sent us three bilingual teachers!! Two of them speak English and Vietnamese and the other one English and Spanish.

We are so ready to enroll more children in our program! We really need your recommendations and prayers.

We just had our back to school night, and it was a very pleasant surprise to have Pastor Ase, Pastor Khuong, Bill Somsak, Brandon and Christy joining us. Team work is finally here!! Thank you so much for showing us your support. We can do this!!

We are so looking forward to start doing the family and me breakfasts every other month. God's will, we'll start in November. Everyone from church is invited to come and grab a bite and spend some time chatting with our families. We'll keep you posted about the exact date and time in November.

Fall Festival (Sat. Oct 27 from 2-5pm)

Come and support one of our fundraisers!! We will be selling food, refreshments, plants, having games, etc. We'll also have a pumpkin patch!!



Wish list for this event...

Volunteers

Lots of pumpkins/gourds any size, shape or color

Big bales of straw

Pine cones

Plates/forks/napkins

Or some cash so we can buy the bales of straw - each bale cost about \$12



Your continued prayers for the school are much appreciated.

Blessings,

From Good Shepherd staff and the children



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 3-6pm After School Tutoring Program 6:30pm Boy Scouts Meeting 6:30pm Zumba	2 9am Shepherd's Hands - Carol Bowser's Home 3-6pm After School Tutoring Program 6:30pm Zumba	3 3-6pm After School Tutoring Program 6:30pm Zumba	4 3-6pm After School Tutoring Program 7pm Viet. Prayer Gathering 7:30pm AA Meeting	5 6:30pm Zumba 7:30pm Viet. Bible Study - Church Member's House	6 9am-2pm Viet. Computer Class 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice 3-9pm Phil & Diane Maggs' 60 th Wedding Anniv. Reception
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