



# Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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## Words from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God's Word challenges us to "Give thanks in everything" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). These ideas are offered with a prayer that God will use them to help our congregation give thanks. Good Shepherd Church has finished the busiest but wonderful month of Thanksgiving with many Church's events and special projects. We completed the 2018 Charge Conference. We had a successful Thanksgiving week started with a warm Sunday worship service where we celebrated God's grace for our church through many meaningful ministry and outreach programs. Then we had a warm Thanksgiving luncheon with both English and Vietnamese speaking members, friends, families and visitors, especially people from the local community. The wonderful "Free Thanksgiving Dinner-Feed the Hungry" project have drawn more than 150 people to our Church campus. Pastors and church leaders took this opportunity to greet and speak to many different people from the local community.

And now, let us begin the Advent with, "Let every heart prepare Him room" and ready to do more, fill up your soul with love for Christ by celebrating Christmas with the Greatest Gift that was given from God, Jesus Christ. Let us prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. May this wonderful Christmas season fill your heart with peace, joy, and love when "Joy to the World, the Lord has come!"

Blessings,  
Pastor Khuong Chau





# Family Christmas Party Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m. “Socks & Snacks”



Join us for a fun, family Christmas Party and bring new socks for the American Family Housing. We will sing carols, enjoy seeing our children perform, make Christmas crafts and eat some yummy goodies. Bring a snack to share (it should be finger food as we are not sitting at tables). Coffee, tea, cocoa and apple cider will be available.

Everyone always complains that we don't sing enough Christmas carols so this is your chance to sing a whole evening of them. Invite your family and friends, this is your opportunity to show them how much fun you can have at church. If you are buying your clothes at thrift stores, a pair or two of new socks can lift your spirits. If you have any questions or willing to help set up and/or clean afterwards, please call or e-mail Linda Priester, [topriester@dslextreme.com](mailto:topriester@dslextreme.com).



Let the heavens  
rejoice, and the earth  
be glad!

*Psalm 96:11 (NIV)*

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# Christmas Lunch Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:30 p.m.

The Good Shepherd Lunch Bunch is having a Christmas lunch at Golden West Diner located on the north-east corner of Garden Grove Blvd. and Golden West (formerly Spires). Think of some special Christmas moment when you were growing up to share. We are meeting at 12:30 p.m. and everyone available on a Friday for lunch is encouraged to attend. Please let Peggy Reardon know if you are attending so she can ask for the correct size table, 714-897-5883 or [perkypeggy@aol.com](mailto:perkypeggy@aol.com). If you have company, bring them with you!





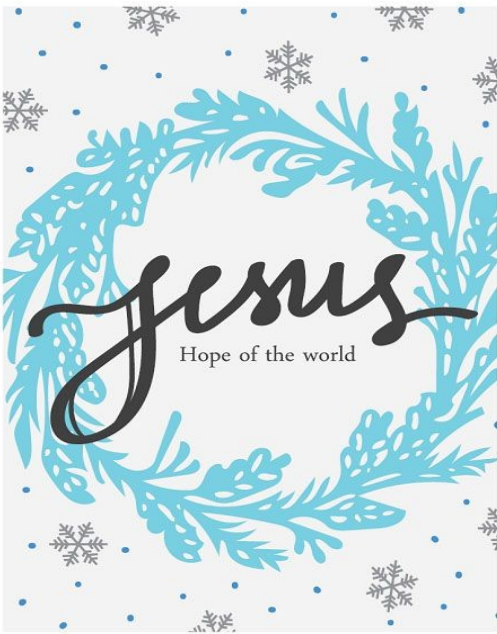
# Food Pantry Still Needs Donations

Please don't get so busy that you forget to bring a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry every Sunday.

Suggested donations are:

- First Sunday of the Month: A protein item
- Second Sunday: Hot cereal, canned fruit, dried fruit
- Third Sunday: Cleaning supplies, shampoo, lotion
- Fourth Sunday: Pasta, sauce, dry cheese, mac & cheese
- Fifth Sunday: Diapers, paper goods

Not only does your donation help the homeless, it helps those who have to choose between paying the rent or buying food.



## December Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 9<sup>th</sup> Beverly Dietrich
- 15<sup>th</sup> Huyen Nguyen
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Becky Somsak
- 24<sup>th</sup> Whitey Cohenour
- 25<sup>th</sup> Cheryl Knight

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



## Joint Service for Christmas



On **Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**, there will be a special joint service at **9:30 a.m.** with a lot of Christmas music, including the Preschool children. After the service, plan to stay for a Christmas lunch served in the Wesley Room.

There will be a worship service on **December 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. Not only the Vietnamese choir is singing but there will be children's choir too. At the end of the service, Santa Claus will be there with presents for all the children. Come and enjoy the evening with your family and friends.



### **GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL**

As another month went by so fast, we continue counting our blessings at Good Shepherd School. We feel so grateful for all of the families in our program. All of them are being so supportive and are participating in most of the events and fundraisers for this school year. They are also helping us by volunteering and making snack donations. God is good!

And as Christmas draws near the children at Good Shepherd, they are feeling excited as we tell them the real story about Christmas.

We also feel so excited as we started practicing the Christmas songs that we will sing at church on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

During this Christmas Season, let the children teach us to stay focused and make Jesus the real meaning of our Christmas.

Now and always, Good Shepherd School feels the love of each one of you, and specially the love of God.

We feel so blessed and thank the Lord and all of you that have supported us to make all of these blessings possible.

Please continue to keeping us in your prayers and helping us whenever you have the opportunity.

We appreciate all of your support and help.

**You can continue helping our school by....**

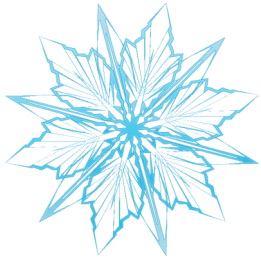
- Donating**
- Recyclables**
- Empty ink cartridges**
- Used, but in good shape toys**
- Liking us on Facebook, reviewing us on Yelp, or by sharing the information about our school with your family, friends, neighbors or coworkers.**

### **On the news.....**

- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Plant sale 8:00 am—4:00 pm**
- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> See's Candies will be here ready to pick up**
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Jesus' birthday party**
- Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> Children sing at church**
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> School is closed**
- Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> & Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> School is closed**



from all the staff, children, and parents of Good Shepherd School.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 9am-2pm Viet. Computer Class 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice
2 8:30am Vietnamese Worship Service 10:30am English Worship Service	3 3pm After School Tutoring 6:30pm Zumba	4 9am Shepherd's Hands—Carol's Bowser Home 3pm After School Tutoring 6:30pm Zumba	5 10am Bible Study 3pm After School Tutoring 6:30pm Zumba  <i>Picture Day</i>	6 3pm After School Tutoring 7pm Viet. Prayer Gathering 7:30pm AA Meeting  <i>Picture Day</i>	7 6:30pm Zumba  <i>Picture Day</i>	8 9am-2pm Viet. Computer Class 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice 6pm Vietnamese Outreach Banquet  <i>Picture Day</i>
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