



Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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A Word from the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The General Conference of United Methodist Church has just ended. There are people who support the Traditional Plan while others are against it. Right after the last day of Conference, many magazines stated that "The United Methodist Church is now a church divided." But, today I want to remind you that Good Shepherd Church is your family. We are one. We are the Body of Christ. Today, I urge you to focus on the mission of this church rather than the decision that was made by the General Conference. I hope that you remember my sermon which was about God's grace in January: *"I want this church to continue to find new ways to be an incredible church – a group of incredible people who are energized by Christ's presence and being a force for good in the community, in the nation, and in the world."*

This is the time for us to look forward to doing the mission of Good Shepherd. Please join me in praying specifically that God's Spirit would be poured out fresh and in a mighty way upon Good Shepherd's family:

- Pray that those forces that would hinder us be bound by the blood of the Lamb and that we would move unhindered into the places God is leading us.
- Pray that divisive voices will be silenced and that unity through, by, and in the Holy Spirit would be our heart's desire.
- Pray that our every God-given resource as a church would be used for expanding the kingdom and not for our own comfort or pleasure.
- Pray that we would truly understand what Jesus is calling us to do when he says to take up our crosses and follow him.
- Pray that the past of both the Church and our individual lives be simply a catalyst and motivation for moving into the future rather than an idolized ideal for which to return.
- Pray that our fellowship would not be divided and fractured by age, stylistic preferences, social class or even race.
- Pray that the hurting, lonely, sick, dying, starving, and fatherless who live within mere miles of our Church building would be reached and comforted and saved by us being the hands and feet of Christ.

As you pray, I hope that you also consider how to be practically involved in the ministry of the Church. There will always be a place for you to serve. It could be in Sunday School as a teacher or helper. It could be helping with the food drive to bring God's love to American Family Housing. It could be participating in the Worship Team. It could be stepping out of your comfort zone and into the local community to share God's love. It could be in the ministry of Shepherd's Hands or Preschool.

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It could be in the bridge between the English and Vietnamese members. It could be in sharing the experience from this generation to the next generation. It could be in joining the Committees or Preschool Board. It could be a multitude of these things and more. God has created, equipped and called you for a specific purpose no matter what your age or position is in life. Often, it is just in being yourself and authentically loving others in word and deed, wherever you see a need. So, often we come to church expecting our needs to be met and fulfilled, and essentially we are there to consume a

product. And, that is where miss we the whole point of what church is supposed to be about. Christ laid himself down for us, our only acceptable response is to lay ourselves down for Him. We will only be fulfilled when we are empty of ourselves and pouring out to others. Let us continue to grow; continue to plow, sow, water and reap; continue to produce fruit for the glory of God and the benefit of others. Let us continue to be the Church that God has called us to be.

Pastor Khuong Chau

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You!



I was straightening out the items that were in the food basket in the narthex a couple of weeks ago and I thought what a nice selection of food has been donated. Everyone seems to be willing to donate "First Fruits" to this project. There was a good selection of protein items plus stews, chili, soups and other hearty foods that will be so welcome during this cold weather. Keep up the good work! A can of something every week will make a difference to those among us without food security. Thanks to Pastor Khuong, the students in the Saturday morning computer classes are now bringing donations, too. Together we are working to solve the problem of not having enough to eat. Cans with pop tops and things that require little or no cooking like Cup of Noodles are great to keep on hand to give to people coming to church asking for something to eat. Please keep this in mind when you shop.

- Linda Priester

Good News!

A contract has been signed with Iglesia Esperanza Viva (Living Hope Church) group from Midway City, Pastor Alex Blanco, to allow a Spanish speaking group (approx. 20-25 adults and children) use one room every Wednesday and Friday from 7-9 p.m. for Bible study. Another contract has been proposed with Iglesia un Nueva Amanecer (The New Beginning Church) from Santa Ana headed by Pastor Carlos Lopez to use the church on Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., Thursday, 7-9 p.m., the last Saturday of each month, 7 p.m.-12 a.m. and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. for Spanish speaking study, music and worship.



Good Shepherd Lunch Bunch

The Good Shepherd Lunch Bunch is going to add a little "South of the Border" to their dining pleasure. In other words we are going to Rodrigo's Mexican Grill at 15101 Golden West St. in Huntington Beach on Friday, March 15th at 12:30 p.m. Rodrigo's is just South of Bolsa Ave., on the West side of the street near Joanne's. Everyone who is available is invited to attend this fellowship lunch bunch. Please let Peggy Reardon know if you are coming so we can book the right size table; 714-897-5883 or perkypeggy@aol.com. Join us for good food and conversation.



Church Workday

It's time to get the church looking good for Easter! The Trustees have set workday for Saturday, March 16, and Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a job for everyone so mark your calendar and plan to attend. We have light jobs like shredding paper, dusting the furniture to heavy work like spreading wood chips and washing windows. Come and help where you are able even for an hour if you can't stay all morning. Bring supplies and equipment to do the job you would like to help with. We especially want to get the landscaping looking better for the spring so bring clippers and your gloves. If you know any youth that need to do community service we would welcome their help.





Welcome Home

February 1, 2019

The Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
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Dear Members of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church,

As we enter the winter months, it warms my heart to reflect on friends like you who have made our days brighter. On behalf of American Family Housing and, especially, the many people whose lives you have touched, thank you. We received your lovely gift of clothing and gifts for the families for the holidays and it made my day.

Because of your support, we stand at the forefront of finding innovative solutions to the issues of homelessness in our community. One such solution is Potter's Lane, pictured in the photo above. As you've probably seen on television and read in newspapers, we have been celebrated for opening of Potter's Lane, which employs single-use, recycled shipping containers to create 480-square-foot studio apartments for chronically homeless veterans. But more work needs to be done.

The name "Potter's Lane" derives from *Isaiah 64:8*: "We are the clay, You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand." Potter's Lane gives our residents a chance to mold themselves into new people, and, over the next five years, we will expand the Potter's Lane concept to several of our other properties in Orange, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.

Thank you for being one of our angels making a difference in the lives of our less fortunate friends and neighbors among us. The landscape for success is as endless as our desire to provide homes for the homeless.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven Forry".

Steven Forry, Ph.D.
Chief Development Officer

P.S. If you would like further information about Potter's Lane, how you can help the homeless or would like to arrange a private tour, please contact me at sforry@afhusa.org or 714-897-3221, ext. 117.

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GREETINGS FROM GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Here is some important info you can share with your friends or neighbors that might be interested in our program:



Our program provides a safe/natural environment that encourages the growth of children intellectually, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

***We offer 10% discount to full time students and**

***Another 10% for sibling discount**

***We also work with low-income families that qualify for the state programs:**

Calworks, Children's Home Society, & Department of Education

Our Preschool Program

For ages 2-5 year olds

(We provide help with potty training)

School Age Program

For ages 5-12 year olds

(We provide help with homework)

The preschool teachers plan the curriculum using the State Foundations and set individual goals for each child based on the Core Knowledge Curriculum as a guide. We prepare the children for kindergarten. We offer huge outdoors that are fun/safe and designed for the children's to explore, be challenged, and learn about nature.



Curious about what people think of our school?
Check us out on Yelp!!!

Perhaps you would like to help us by reviewing our school on Yelp too....
or
Like us on Facebook.....

We continue helping the environment and teaching the children of the importance of recycling by.....



Ink cartridges, plastic bottles
Overripe fruit & old vegetables, vegetables/fruit peelings (we feed our bunnies and chickens with them)
If you would like to help us by donating some of the above, anything would be greatly appreciated

GOD IS SO GOOD

On the news.....

March 9th (Sat)...Workday, 9:00am to 12:00pm (cancelled if raining)

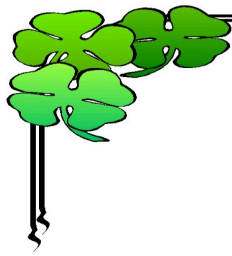
March 13th (Wed)...St Patrick's Day Party

Preschool 9:15am

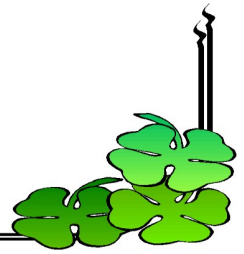
School Age 1:30pm



Thank you so much for your continuous prayers and support!



March 2019



Birthdays

9th – Blaise Richelieu
 10th – Craig Edmunds
 12th – Bona Lim
 20th – Joanne May
 25th – Diane Maggs

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