



Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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December 2020 Newsletter

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world, and our country, the power of darkness has crawled its way into our lives and covered the land that we called our home, One Nation Under God. This Christmas season, I want to remind myself, my family, and all of you, dear Good Shepherd Family, the Grace of God is the most powerful gift for us to unwrap, and thank God we have a Christmas present in the Lord Jesus Christ, He is the One we wanted and the Only One we needed. Jesus Christ was born so we can see the Light, the Light that can push away the darkness of sins and evils. Isaiah 9:2,

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned.”

Jesus Christ came into the whole world in darkness; thus, Jesus is the only remedy for the darkness in the world. John 8:12,

“I am the light of the world,”

it is only through faith in Jesus Christ that a darkened world may see and receive the light of God.

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Words from the Pastor

By: Pastor Khuong Chau

Greetings Good Shepherd Family,

Whether we want it or not, the year 2020 is about to end. We have entered the month of December, the last month of 2020. It is a very different year for all of us as we have celebrated Thanksgiving season with the unusual tradition due to the requirements of quarantines and social isolation. The churches around the world as well as our Church at Good Shepherd, Westminster have marked the eighth month of significant restrictions due to the coronavirus. Throughout the awkward seasons of 2020, everyone have been simply trying to get by, trying to find some balance between the unusual demands of this year and adapted with maintaining some degree of normalcy in our work-home-life routines.

With this last message of the year 2020, I do not want to remind us of what has happened to the

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God's greatest gift for us is priceless and forever because Jesus Christ paid for it with His life, the only gift we will ever receive that will last forever. As we face the unprecedented time during this year of pandemic, the four weeks of Advent are here for us to humbly ask God with this prayer, "and in despair I bowed my head, there is no peace on earth I said, for hate is strong and mocks the song, of peace on earth, good will to men," the Christmas bells are ringing to touch our heart with these words, "then rang the bells more loud and deep, God is not dead, nor does he sleep, the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good will to me."

With hope, joy, love and peace in Jesus Christ, we will end this memorable year of 2020 with

our greatest gratitude because it is the pathway of love. God's amazing love is cause for thanksgiving! We want to wrap up this year with our thankful hearts, we're grateful because Jesus Christ is our God, and Father, the One and only True Light, Psalm 27:1,

"The Lord is my light and salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?"

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Many Blessings



Announcements

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

6th—Ron McPherson
15th—Huyen Nguyen
16th—Sylvia McPherson
20th—Louise Fair-weather Baxter
22nd—Becky Somsak
22nd—Kristi Young
22nd—Alex Chau
25th—Cheryl Knight

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

Zoom Information

Please follow the instructions below to join us for Thursday Bible Study at 10AM and Sunday Worship Service at 10:30AM:

- Join us online through this link
<https://zoom.us/j/9434735921>
- Download the app on your phone or tablet and enter the meeting ID
943 473 5921
 - Call by phone and dial
1 669 900 6833 (US)

Please contact Pastor Khuong if you have any questions on how to setup Zoom,
(714) 902-4468 or
duykhuongdhgd@gmail.com.

It's Time for...Sock Drive!

This is the last 2 weeks of our Sock Drive. We know that it's harder to do this year with all the social restrictions but fortunately socks are sold in a lot of places. You may find socks at stores you are already going to without making a special trip to a clothing store. If you need to go to a drug store, check to see if they have some socks.

Dollar Tree and 99 Cent Stores also have socks.

Since we aren't attending worship services in-person you can bring your donations to the church during the week. It's open from 9 to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. There is a special gift bag on the narthex table for the socks. If you would like us to shop for you, please send your donation to the church by Thursday, December 10th, labeled "For Sock Drive."



Your donation will be given to some one in Westminster or Orange County. Our mission partner, American Family Housing, is an Orange County organization that works with the homeless, veterans and others in financial straights who need help in affording basic living expenses, including housing, food and clothing. When you give the gift of socks, that's one less thing for them to have to buy with their limited financial resources.

Besides, who doesn't like new, soft socks when your feet are cold in winter. We were able to donate over 200 pairs of socks last year. Let's try to do as close to that total as the needs are greater this year.

You can mention the sock drive to your friends and neighbors and see if they would like to donate socks, too. Lin Somsak told everyone in her "Next Door" group about the Socks Drive and 5 of her neighbors responded and said that they would like to donate. Let's get the word out on social media!

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 all of the events and fundraisers for this school year.

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

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 truly appreciate all of your prayers, support and help.

You can continue helping our school by...

Donating...

Cleaning/sanitizing supplies

Recyclables, empty ink cartridges

Any kind of snacks

Or by...

Reviewing us on Yelp

Liking us on Facebook

Sharing the information about our school with your family, friends, neighbors or coworkers.

On the news....

Two new children will start in the preschool program

Dec. 1st Sees' Candies orders are due

Dec. 3rd Picture day

Dec. 7th See's Candies will be here ready to pick up

Dec. 22nd Jesus' Bday party

Dec. 24th & 25th School is closed

Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st School is closed



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

DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8am Online School Prog. 7pm New Beg. Church	2 8am Online School Prog. 7pm Living Hope Church	3 8am Online School Prog. 10am Bible Study 7pm New Beg. Church	4 8am Online School Prog. 7pm Living Hope Church	5
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*Due to COVID-19, the schedule may change during the month.