



# Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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## September 2021 Newsletter

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opportunity for us to reexamine and renew our faith in God.

However, it seems prayers for many of us during trials and hardships are mostly petitions for help, deliverance, or rescue and rarely true thanksgivings or grateful expressions.

\*Job exemplified how to deal with trials and challenges in a way that most pleases God. Instead of succumbing to hardships and hence suffering in anguish and then beginning to blame God, Job chose to face his situation and lift up his sufferings to God:

***“If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling! I would state my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. I would find out what he would answer me, and consider what he would say to me.”*** Job 23:3-5

It is the most appropriate way to seek God and present our case to Him whenever we are dealing with trials and hardships since our God is sovereign, mighty, righteous and compassionate.

***“There the upright can establish their innocence before him, and there I would be delivered forever from my judge.”*** Job 23:7

### September Devotion

Written By: Rev. Ase Nguyen  
Translated By: Kris Truong

#### Be Thankful in Adversity

***“I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, or you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.”*** Psalms 138:2

It has been almost two years since the pandemic broke out and still the majority of the world is struggling to put an end to one of the worst pandemics in history. As believers, how do we view this great adversity and deal with it in accordance with God’s will and desire?

The way we see the current pandemic should certainly not be different from the way we see myriad challenges in our lives, such as wars, diseases, and personal losses. Hence, every trial and challenge that we go through must be seen as an

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# Announcements

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

3<sup>rd</sup> – Sirena Starkey  
6<sup>th</sup> – Randy Miller  
10<sup>th</sup> – Linda Priester  
11<sup>th</sup> – Doris Gunsauls  
13<sup>th</sup> – Ingrid Kuemmel-Reovan  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Kiera Somsak  
25<sup>th</sup> – Sammy Christian  
28<sup>th</sup> – Phil Maggs  
29<sup>th</sup> – Britney Hoang

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



## Come Join Us...



### WORSHIP INFORMATION

Good news! Our church is fully reopened now.

Please join us for:

- 1) Thursday Bible Study at 10AM (Zoom)
- 2) Sunday Worship Service at 10:30AM (In-Person/Zoom).

### Zoom Information

- Follow the direct link below  
<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  
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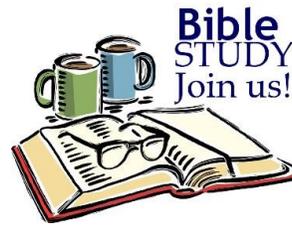
## UMCOR—Haiti



Just recently, Haiti has been hit by a deadly earthquake that had killed and injured thousands. If you would like to donate to UMCOR, to help the people of Haiti and those in need worldwide, you may visit <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450/> to donate directly or you can send a check to the church and note for 'UMCOR'. The advance # for international disaster response and recovery is **982450**.



## Thursday Bible Study



You are invited to come and learn God's Word together. The group meets every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Please refer to the same Zoom information from the worship service. This is a great opportunity for you to study the Bible in depth as well as to have fellowship.

## Shepherd's Hands



Come knit and sew every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Carol Bowser's home. They have worked on many projects for patients at the hospitals and much more. Please contact Carol if you're interested.

Please let the church office know if you would like to opt out of the monthly mailed newsletter to help the church save on stamps and paper! You can still receive a digital copy of the newsletter via e-mail.

# Good Shepherd School



## Meet Aflac

Good Shepherd UMC School is anticipating a promising year in 2021-2022.

### Preschool

In the last month, we have welcomed five new families in our preschool program.

We are going to start the new school year with three classrooms as we are not able to have more than 10 children in a classroom.

We will continue using the curriculum that meets the state foundations.

### Core Knowledge...

Focuses on the different areas of children's brain development.

### Zoo Phonics...

To teach the ABC's.

### Nature Exploration

The children will continue to be exposed to a natural learning environment that will prepare and help them to appreciate God's creations such as trees, plants, animals and bugs.

### Fruit of the Spirit...

Spiritual development

Besides the physical and intellectual development the children will continue being exposed to God's love by having chapel time once a week, devotional time every morning before class time and by reviewing the fruit of the spirit that is incorporated in our monthly lesson plan.

### Our Day Care/After School Program...

Is now full, and we have 5 children in the waiting list.

It is the sharing of God's love and God's creations that makes Good Shepherd School different from other schools. And we feel so proud to be able to offer extracurricular activities that other schools are not able to offer.

## On the news...

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> **School Closed**

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> New School Year Starts (Preschool)

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> New School Year Starts (Day Care Program)

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> Back to School Night 6:30-7:30pm (Outdoors)



Chicken's coop...donated by a former family



Quail's cage...donated by Ms. Ana's friend

We are so excited and so ready to spread the word of God to new families.

We feel so blessed and honored for being part of this ministry at Good Shepherd UMC school.

Thank you so much for all of your support and help and most importantly for keeping the school in your prayers.

Blessings,

From the staff and families at Good Shepherd School

