



Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

August 2019 Newsletter

Words from the Pastor

By: Pastor Khuong Chau

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Good Shepherd Family,

How would you respond if Jesus took off your shoes right now and began to wash your feet? Try to envision this. I wouldn't be able to hold it together. I picture myself crying uncontrollably. I think I would feel so unworthy and uncomfortable but also secured and honored. I can barely imagine standing in the same room as Jesus. My mind doesn't have a compartment that fits the thought of my Creator and Judge washing my feet. It feels impossible. At the core of our faith lies this belief that almighty God humbled Himself to serve us and die for us. At the root of our calling is a command to imitate Him by serving one another. After washing the disciples' feet, Jesus commanded them to wash one another's feet (John 13:14). Yet on any given Sunday, what percentage of "Christians" show up eager to serve others? "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28, it's no secret that most people who attend church services come as consumers rather than servants. We see the foolishness in this, but it feels as if we have resigned ourselves to it. We have learned to accept it as though there's nothing we can do about it. People put money in the offering basket, which pays for the staff salaries, so the staff should do their

jobs and minister to the people. It sounds like a fair and efficient system, and it works pretty well in some places. It's not what God wanted, but it works. "So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though, he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Philippians 2:1-8 God wants you to resemble His Son, especially when you gather with your church family. Do you show up to gatherings looking to serve? As some of you read that question, you feel burdened—like a weight was just placed on you. You already live a busy life, and you want the church gathering to be a place of rest, where you can be fed. If you think that sitting back and letting the church staff feed you will bring you the most fulfillment, you are so wrong. God promised that those who give will be most blessed (Acts 20:35).

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Takers are the most miserable people on earth. It is our inability to take our eyes off ourselves and put them onto others that destroys us. This is what Jesus saves us from. This is what the Holy Spirit wants to do in us. The most humble people are typically the happiest. Imagine gathering with a group of people who were trying to

outserve one another. Have you ever been in a room filled with humble people who count others more significant than themselves? It's anything but burdensome. When servants gather together, everyone is built up. Don't give up on the dream. Together we will build this church up.

Blessings

Announcements

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Scott Pulver
- 7th Alan McDonald
- 8th Keren Tran
- 9th Bill Somsak
- 13th Ana Flores
- 13th Tristan Ferguson
- 16th Lin Somsak
- 18th Bradynn Nguyen

- 17th Pete & Fran Thelander



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 08/13** Trustee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 08/20** Preschool Board Meeting, 6:15 p.m.
- Church Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.



Please make sure to attend!

GOT PENS?

Seems like every time you turn around, you have a new collection of ball point pens in your drawer. They just seem to multiply without any effort and turn into clutter. We have a solution to your "too many pens in this drawer" problem. We have run out of pew pens and we would just love it if you would bring all your



extra pens to church next Sunday and put them into pews. (If you know of a business that would like to reach out to our church family by donating their advertising pens, we would be happy to have them.)

PLEASE DONATE...

American Family Housing has expressed a need for school supplies. For the month of August, we are asking Good Shepherd to donate supplies instead of food. Backpacks were specifically requested since they are typically a more expensive item the children need. Other supplies could include: markers, calculators, 3 ring binders, colored pencils, pens, pencils, etc.



Church Picnic

Saturday, August 10th | 11:00 A.M.

Mile Square Regional Park



Our picnic shelter is #10. The best way to it is to drive into the park where Ward crosses Edinger. Park in Lot F (parking fee \$5) and walk across the street and south toward the building with the large white roof. You will see shelter #10 near the road.

Be sure to invite your friends, neighbors and relatives.

We are planning a great time of fun and food.

(Fried chicken and all the trimmings).

Please sign up on Sunday morning or let Linda Priester know before August 7th, 714-531-0504 or topriester@dslextreme.com.

We need to get a count so we know how much food to buy and plan the activities.



GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL

Summer is about to end!!

The preschool has explored the ocean depths, beach, transportation, space and of course review ABC's, numbers, shapes, colors, writing or recognizing their names, calendar, weather...and what not!!

We have also been learning about silk worms, moths and harvesting figs, papayas and apples. The school age students have had fun exploring when going on field trips, cooking, sensory activities, and creating with arts and crafts.

September is just around the corner and a new school year begins. We are so excited and ready to welcome more families into our program.

Now is the time to encourage your families, friends and neighbors to check out the fantastic program at Good Shepherd.

At Good Shepherd School the families will:

- Experience God's love through prayer, chapel time, and the Christian environment of the school
- Be able to trust the care of their child to quality teachers
- Know that their children are being exposed to a curriculum that meets the state standards
- Have the opportunity to learn and play on a safe/quality play yard with a wide variety of natural areas and different kinds of play surfaces such as grass, wood chips, dirt and sand.

Note: We offer care for low income families. We accept four different state programs:

- Calworks
- Children's Home Society
- Department of Education and
- The program for foster care families.

We also offer discounts to our full time students and to families with multiple children.
* When approved by the preschool board, we can also offer tuition discount to one or two families.

We also offer \$50 credit to families that help us with referrals.

Special thanks to:


To the Boucher family (one of the preschool families) that donated their time to help us build the huge pergola for our eating area. And also to Rosa and her family that also donated some of their time to help us.



Thank you to all of you for your continued prayers and support.

Blessings

AUGUST 2019

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