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our ministry. Let us together focus on giving like God has given us Jesus Christ, the Savior because the coming of Christ and His presence among us give us a reason to live in love, hope, joy, and light. I pray that this Special Christmas season be a time for us to give and share love, hope, joy, and light to transform and fulfill our lives and others. Let us together experience “the road less traveled” to be Christ-liked “from the manger where He lay” to the cross where He stretched out His arm and proved His love.

May God fill our hearts and minds with peace and love, so we together can fulfill His purpose for our presence here on earth. Let us celebrate this Christmas with our family and friends, and welcome the New Year with more hope, more faith, and more love! Happy Christmas and New Year!



Words from the Pastor

By: Pastor Khuong Chau

Thanksgiving is a good time to reflect on the course of our lives and choice to have an attitude of gratitude. It is the beginning of joy. It is an opportunity to remember whom we’re thanking, and why we’re thanking Him. As we enter into the month of Advent, we celebrate the greatest gift of God to the world, Jesus Christ our Savior. For us, the challenge in this season is how do we keep our hearts and minds focused on Jesus Christ? Together, let us make this Christmas season as meaningful as what God’s purpose is for us.

My December’s message to my brothers and sisters here at Good Shepherd is to believe that God is calling us into something new. I believe that I am called to served you, serve with you, shepherd you, and love you as Christ does. I also believe God is calling our Congregation into a deeper sense of purpose and intentionality with

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Announcements

December Birthdays

13th – Preslee Richelieu
15th – Huyen Nguyen
22nd – Becky Somsak
22nd – Kristi Young
24th – Whitey Cohenour
25th – Cheryl Knight
27th – Peter Kuczmariski



Whitey's 100th Birthday

It's a very, very special birthday for Whitey Cohenour this year—he turns 100 on Dec. 24th! You are all invited to the party on December 14th in Sedro-Woolley, WA. If you can't make it, please send him a birthday card. His address is:

**819 Reed St. #206
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284**

If you know any of the Bell Choir Alumni or ex-members of Good Shepherd, be sure to let them know about Whitey's special birthday. He is still living alone in his apartment and enjoys his church activities. His son Larry watches closely over him but allows him his independence.

Children's Outing

On **Saturday, Nov. 30th**, the children will go to the park, movie and John's Incredible Pizza. Children from 1st and 2nd Service are invited. Please be at church on Saturday morning around 9:30 A.M.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, Nov. 30th
Children's Outing
9:30 A.M.

Sunday, December 1st
Outreach Banquet
6:00-8:00 P.M.

Friday, December 13th
Good Shepherd Lunch Bunch
12:30 P.M.

Sunday, December 22nd
Christmas Combined Service
10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Service
7:00 P.M.

We Need Socks!

It's the time of the year when people think about "socking stuffers" but we are doing something different. We are focusing on socks themselves! Once again, we are collecting new socks for the American Family Housing Project. Having new, warm



socks for your family is a great feeling to have when you are having trouble providing the basics. There will be a box in the narthex for your donations. We need

socks for everyone, men, women and children. Have you seen some of the cute socks that they made for children these days? I know little boys would love to have Spiderman socks and little girls would feel like a princess in fancy socks. The homeless especially appreciate warm, clean socks all winter long. Take your children or grandchildren with you and let them help you pick out socks. This could be a good teaching tool when children are focused with what they will get at Christmas. All kinds of socks are welcome! Please bring socks in by **Sunday, Dec. 15th**!



Good Shepherd Lunch Bunch— Christmas Party

The Good Shepherd Lunch Bunch is having a Christmas Party at Terry and Linda Priester's on **Friday, Dec. 13th** at 12:30 p.m. This is a planned potluck with a set menu. Please call Linda and find out what you can contribute to the feast. Call 714-531-0504 or 714-507-8994 as soon as you decide you are coming and we will figure out what you are bringing. There are items for "cooks" and "non-cooks" to bring.

We need to know how many are coming so there will be a place for everyone. If you are available at 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 13th you



can be a part of the Lunch Bunch even if you haven't joined us before! Everyone is welcome. We are planning for good

food, good conversation and a fun time. There will be games??????

Christmas Combined Service

We will have a combined service on **Sunday, Dec. 22nd** at 10:00 a.m.

Please plan to stay after service to enjoy lunch together in the Wesley Hall. Everyone is invited.

All children from 1st and 2nd Service will sing "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" and "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" during the combined service. If you would like your child to join the choir, please contact the church office at 714-897-0100.



Good Shepherd Preschool



As another month went by so fast, we continue counting our blessings at Good Shepherd Preschool. We feel so grateful for all of the families at the 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. Even some former families have been donating snacks to the preschool. God is good!

And as Christmas is just around the corner, the children are feeling excited as we tell them the real story about Christmas. We also feel excited because we started practicing the Christmas songs that we will sing at Church on Dec. 15th.

Now and always, Good Shepherd School feels the love of each one of you, and especially the love of God. We feel so grateful and blessed and thank the Lord and all of you that have supported us to make all of these blessings possible. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and help us whenever you have the opportunity. We greatly appreciate all of your support and help.

You can continue helping our school by...

**Donating
Recyclables
Empty ink cartridges
Used-in good shape toys
Or by...
Reviewing us on Yelp
Liking us on Facebook
Sharing about our school with
your family, friends, neighbors
or coworkers.**

On the news...

**Dec. 4th See's Candies Orders Are Due
Dec. 6th See's Candies Will Be Here
Ready to Pick Up
Dec. 15th Children Sing at Church
Dec. 20th Jesus' Birthday Party
Dec. 24th & 25th School Is Closed
Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st School Is Closed**



From All the Staff,
Children, and Parents of
Good Shepherd Preschool.

DECEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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