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Just as Nature renews herself every spring, we are God’s children who are encouraged to begin anew as well. We are to “spring” into a new action to challenge ourselves to choose better things. Lent enables us to look at ourselves, to see the weak places, and to ask the Holy Spirit to renew our strengths, restore our wounded souls, and to determine to try once more to the live beyond our lowest aspiration. John 12:24 said, “...unless the grain of wheat falls on the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” Let us faithfully die to self during this Lent season and “spring” to become that fruitful grain of wheat. Lent is not just giving up something, but it is turning and celebrating the joy of serving our Lord, Jesus Christ by serving the Church’s ministries. This is the time we rejoice in serving the Church and the community; we take the opportunity to serve others with love and a kind heart.

Together, let’s fulfill our mission to bring Christ to your neighbors, to the community, and to the world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Words from the Pastor

By: Pastor Khuong Chau

Every year as we approach the season of Lent, we often think about all the amazing traditions and experiences during this time. I would like Good Shepherd Family to ask ourselves the critical question as many of us often asked. How do we make Lent relevant in this new year? Ever year, it begins on Ash Wednesday, which is the 40 days season for us, as Christians define the real meaning of Lent and live it. For Good Shepherd Family, our wonderful members, I would like to leave these two significant questions for us to think about as we’re approaching the Lent season. May we challenge ourselves to renew and strengthen our faith as our sins are forgiven? How can we live our lives empowered again to serve with God’s kindness heart in us?

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Announcements

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



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

LUNCH BUNCH GATHERING



The Good Shepherd Lunch Bunch is meeting on **Friday, March 20th** at 12:30 p.m. This month we will be going to Rodrigo's in Huntington Beach. That's at 15101 Golden West Street, just South of Bolsa on the

West side of the street. This is one of the better Mexican cafes in the area and they have good lunch specials that don't break the bank. If you are able to come at 12:30 p.m. on a Friday, we would love to have you join us. Please call or e-mail Peggy Reardon if you plan to come so she can ask for the right size table for our group, perkypeggy@aol.com / 714-897-5883. See you on the 20th!

In Loving Memory of...



A life so well lived for Christ, Whitey Cohenour enter his Eternal Rest Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Services are pending and will take place at Westminster Memorial Park where he will be interred next to his precious wife. Please keep the entire Cohenour family in your prayers and intentions.

Please let the church office know if you would like to opt out of the monthly mailed newsletter to save on stamps and paper. We send out weekly announcements via e-mail. A hard copy of the newsletter is available at the narthex or download digitally at www.gswumc.com.



Welcome Home

February 18, 2020

Good Shepherd United Methodist
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Dear 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 Good Shepherd has touched, thank you. We received over 200 pairs of socks during December 2019. These socks were provided to over 60 families to enjoy the comfort of new, warm socks for the winter.

Because of Good Shepherd's 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 black ink, which appears to read "Manuel Agata". The signature is fluid and cursive.

American Family Housing

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GREETINGS FROM GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

February's Updates...

- *We feel so grateful because we welcomed 5 new children to our preschool program.
- *We got a new shed to store the school/teachers supplies.

Here are some important info you can share with your friends, neighbors, or co-workers that might be interested in our program:

Preschool Program (Ages 2-5)

(We provide help with potty training.)

- *We offer 10% discount to full time students.
- *10% discount to siblings.
- *10 discount to active church members.



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

We prepare the children for kindergarten.

- *We also with work low income family that qualify for the state programs:
Calworks
Children's Home Society
& Department of Education

Before and After School Program (Ages 5-12)

We drop off and pick up the children from Star View Elementary School.
(We provide help with homework.)

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



Ink cartridges, plastic bottles overripe fruits & old vegetables, and 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 GOOD!

On the news.....

- March 7th...Work Day, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(Canceled if raining.)
- March 17th...St. Patrick's Day Party
 Preschool 9:15 a.m.
 School Age 1:30 p.m.



Thank you so much for your continuous prayers and support!



MARCH 2020

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