



# Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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## August 2020 Newsletter

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### Words from the Pastor

By: Pastor Khuong Chau

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

As we're approaching the month of August, we're continuing to strengthen our faith and presenting an exemplar attitude toward during this unprecedented time. For me, it is a great time to ask what the Holy Spirit does? I would like to encourage all of you, my brothers and sisters from Good Shepherd Family, to reflect and ask ourselves, "Is there any aspect of our lives untouched by the Holy Spirit?" The answer for me is strongly, "No." There is no aspect of our lives untouched by the Holy Spirit. If we carefully study the work of the Holy Spirit, we will understand that the Holy Spirit's work as "Sanctification," which means "to make holy". The Spirit makes us holy by creating faith in us, giving us the privilege of being God's children, and inherits of God's grace on earth and His glory in heaven. All of life is affected because

the Spirit dwells in us, transformed and made us holy, and with His amazing work in us, we produce the fruit of faith.

Since the Coronavirus pandemic continues to dominate in our way of life, Good Shepherd Family has worked with the authorities from the local community, our UMC Conference and District, and church members to support those who are mostly affected, and also, we are doing our part to prevent the spread of this virus. Even during this unprecedented time, these are wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth and outreach. We continue to support American Family Housing in providing household supplies and canned foods for unfortunate families, education assistance to the Preschool children and elementary students from the summer academic program who are greatly struggling from the public school lockdown. Many of you have faithfully continued to pray and reach out to other members, and most of all, you have strengthened your faith through the Zoom Bible study and online worship with us every Sunday.

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As we continue to battle COVID-19, we must not lose hope during this unprecedented time; we hope in God; we believe that even through suffering, we are held close to God's heart and that is what we must firmly believe. While the world lives in fear, we must look to the peace and power of God and be the living hope found in His name. Our faith can be an antidote to fear, and nothing strengthens a believer's faith than the promises of God. Let this be an

opportunity for us to choose to be the light and love, hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

### **Isaiah 40:11**

*“He tends his flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heard; He gently leads those that have young.”*

God has promised to carry us, Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Alan McDonald
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Keren Tran
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Bill Somsak
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Ana Flores
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Tristan Ferguson
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Lin Somsak



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

## Zoom Information

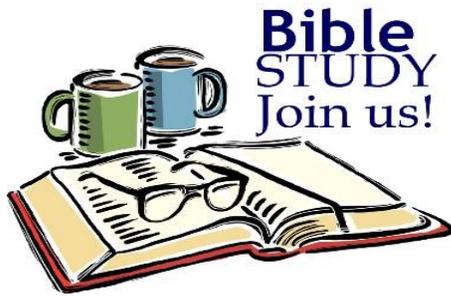
Please follow the instructions below to join us for Thursday Bible Study at 10AM and Sunday Worship Service at 10:30AM:

- 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](mailto:duykhuongdhgd@gmail.com).

*please  
join us*

## Let's Study Together!



The Thursday morning Bible Study Zoom Group is studying the time between the Old and New Testaments. Now is a great time to join the group as we are getting ready to start the New Testament. This is an overview of the Bible instead of a verse by verse study so it's a little different. Ask anyone who completed the study of the Old Testament and they will tell you that they know so much more about the Bible and how God works with His people than they did before. It has brought us closer to God and we all enjoyed the study and discussion. Contact Pastor Khuong for a study book if you decide to join us. You can join us in person or through Zoom.



## Mission Outreach Project

The people who work at American Family Housing (AFH) are excited about the new buildings for the homeless on Beach Blvd; they are almost done. They are so appreciative of all the items that have been donated to help fill the baskets. Your response to this outreach community project has been fabulous. They still need items for the “Welcome Home” baskets that they are preparing for all the 50 units. If you would like to donate something else, here is a list of what they still need:

- Full size sheets & pillowcases, pillows, shower curtains & hooks, dish racks, bath towels & washcloths, pots & pans, plates, bowls, cups & silverware, grocery store gift cards, personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo & body wash.



Please bring your items to the church ASPAP and we will take them over to AFH. Tell your family and friends about this project too. Maybe they would like to do something to help the homeless have a great place to live. We are all concerned about the problem and this is our chance to do something to help.

# Good Shepherd School



Summer is about to end!! We have been learning about different ways of staying healthy, trying/practicing social distancing which is very challenging for young children. It has been a good training month for myself, the teachers, the parents and the children. We have been also learning about silk worms, cocoons and moths. Harvesting figs, papayas, apples, bananas, gourds, and pumpkins has been very exciting for the children and teachers. The school age students have been helping at the preschool backyard as well as feeding/watering the animals, plants, etc. They have been also doing some cooking, sensory activities, and creating 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. Since the public schools are not going to open in September, the school age children will be able to take their virtual classes here for we are set with Wi-Fi at the preschool side as well.

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 qualified teachers,
- Know that their children are being exposed to a curriculum that meets the state standards,
- And have the opportunity to learn and play on safe/quality play yards 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

\*10% discount to full-time students

\*10% discount to siblings

\*10% discount to active church members

## Special thanks to:

\*\*Bill, Lin Somsak, and Linda Priester for your help and support to help the church get the PPP loan. It has been a blessing to be able to reopen the school so that the teachers and myself could get the training much needed for the new school year ahead of us.

\*\*Pastor Khuong for helping us to install the cameras and Wi-Fi routers at the preschool building.

\*\*Terry Priester for keeping up his hard work to help us with any projects that we may have at the school.

We truly appreciate all of your help and support.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

Blessings,

From the staff, families and children at  
Good Shepherd School

# AUGUST 2020

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