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faith, patience, and thoughtfulness. We ought to stay close to Christ by continuing to learn His teaching from the Scripture, be patient and believe that God is in control, and open our heart and hands to give whatever we can to help others in ways that are possible. During this time, many of us are unable to gather for worship in-person, this is a great opportunity of the Lent season to focus on prayer to renew our relationship with God. The Prophet Hosea reminds us in Hosea 6:6 of what God really expects of us,

“For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

Let’s reorder our hearts back to Christ, and to break from the distractions of this pandemic crisis to remember what really matters.

Stay close to Jesus Christ, for God’s grace is amazing.

Words from the Pastor

By: Pastor Khuong Chau

Welcome to the Lenten Season

What does it mean for the Good Shepherd Family to approach Lent season this year as we continue to battle coronavirus in a time of global pandemic? Lent season is a time to give up something one enjoys for the season; however, this Lent season has come with some uncertainty. Therefore, this year, Lent is a time to self-reflect and examine our daily routine and an ordinary life in order to renew ourselves in living the Gospel. As we approach the Lent season, I would like the Good Shepherd Family to continue to fix our eyes on Jesus Christ and firmly keep our faith in Christ, our Savior. Let’s return to the basics, to turn away from all struggles and obstacles of life during this unprecedented time, and turn toward Christ and the Gospel. I believe this is a good way to spend Lent in the pandemic by focusing on the basic practices of our Christian’s characteristics, have

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Announcements

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

3/2 - Kris Truong
3/8 - Juan Argame
3/10 - Craig Edmunds
3/12 - Bona Lim
3/20 - Joanne May
3/25 - Diane Maggs
3/27 - Jesus Argame
3/29 - Bill Wilson



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

Zoom Information

Please join us for:

- 1) Thursday Bible Study at 10AM
- 2) Sunday Worship Service at 10:30AM.

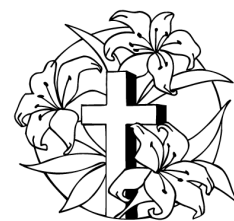
- Follow the direct link below
<https://zoom.us/j/9434735921>
- Download the app on your phone or tablet and enter the meeting ID
943 473 5921
 - Call by phone and dial
1 669 900 6833 (US)

Please contact Pastor Khuong if you have any questions on how to setup Zoom,
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Lenten Season



Lent traditional is the 40 days that Christians fasted and prayed while preparing for Baptism on Easter Sunday. Jesus spent 40 days with the disciples teaching them from the resurrection to the ascension. It is a time for all Christians to prepare for Easter with repentance and spiritual renewal as we remember our baptism. The color purple suggests somberness and solemnity. The paraments (aka pulpit hangings) symbolize the events of Holy Week. The crosses are all at an angle since this is not a time of being comfortable but of searching and thinking about our relationship with God and how it could be better. The palm leaf and the bread and cup commemorate Palm Sunday and the Last Supper (Mark 11:22-25). The lectern hanging reflects the story of Peter denying Christ (Matthew 26:69-75). When do we deny Christ is a good question for reflection during Lent. The thorns on the altar scarves remind us of the suffering Jesus underwent for our sake. The paraments were given in memory of her aunt by Louis Cole.



For God so loved
the world that he gave
his one and only Son.

John 3:16



Welcome Home

December 21, 2020

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Dear Good Shepherd United Methodist Church,

On behalf of American Family Housing and the community of individuals we serve, we are grateful for your support as we seek to serve those in need. I would like to thank the Good Shepherd congregation for donating 380 new pairs of socks on December 7th, valued at \$760.

Because of your support, our staff is able to support our clients and homeless neighbors with essential items this holiday season. We are working aggressively to come out of this crisis in a better position to fulfill our nonprofit mission, with your help we will get there. We believe that the most challenging time in a generation is upon us, and our efforts to bring innovative, cost-effective solutions in our community are more important than ever.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mnorys@afhusa.org

In gratitude and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marissa Norys".

Marissa Norys
Senior Director of Development
American Family Housing

A handwritten note in black ink that says "Thank you and happy new year!" with a smiley face drawn at the bottom.

American Family Housing is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization EIN 33-0071782

GREETINGS FROM GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

February's updates...
We adopted a duck and
another guinea pig. We all love them!



As a new month starts, we feel faithful and hopeful and we are ready to enroll more children in our program. Here is some important info that 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 work with low income families 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,
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.

Special thanks to GSUMC for giving us permission to do the fundraiser to help Rosa's brother and also to all of you that donated some money or contributed in any way to make it possible (he got the surgery on his leg already and the doctors feel very positive about it). We were able to collect \$1,300.00.

GOD IS GOOD

On the news...

March 17thSt. Patrick's Day Party

9:15 AM



Thank you so much for your continuous prayers and support.



MARCH 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8am Online School Prog.	2 8am Online School Prog.	3 8am Online School Prog.	4 8am Online School Prog. 10am Bible Study	5 8am Online School Prog. 7pm Living Hope Church	6
7 8:30am 1 st Ser. 10:30am 2 nd Ser. 1pm New Beg. Church	8 8am Online School Prog.	9 8am Online School Prog. 7pm Trustee Meeting	10 8am Online School Prog.	11 8am Online School Prog. 10am Bible Study	12 8am Online School Prog. 7pm Living Hope Church	13
14 8:30am 1 st Ser. 10:30am 2 nd Ser. 1pm New Beg. Church Daylight Saving	15 8am Online School Prog.	16 8am Online School Prog. 7pm Church Council Meeting	17 8am Online School Prog. St. Patricks' Day	18 8am Online School Prog. 10am Bible Study	19 8am Online School Prog. 7pm Living Hope Church	20 Spring Begins
21 8:30am 1 st Ser. 10:30am 2 nd Ser. 1pm New Beg. Church	22 8am Online School Prog.	23 8am Online School Prog.	24 8am Online School Prog.	25 8am Online School Prog. 10am Bible Study	26 8am Online School Prog. 7pm Living Hope Church	27
28 8:30am 1 st Ser. 10:30am 2 nd Ser. 1pm New Beg. Church Palm Sunday	29 8am Online School Prog.	30 8am Online School Prog.	31 8am Online School Prog.			

*Due to COVID-19, the schedule may change during the month.