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Sunday School for all ages  
during the school year 10:15am

Nursery Care 8:30-12:30

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Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

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The Rev. Shelly Fayette

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The Rev. Ann Whitfield

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## HOLY BAPTISM

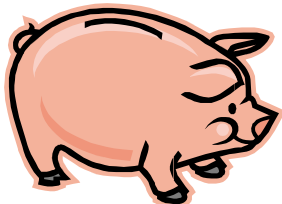


Pentecost is approaching quickly! This is one of the feasts on which we celebrate baptism. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for your children, please contact Rev. Shelly – (360)892-7770 or [shellyf@goodshepherdvancouver.org](mailto:shellyf@goodshepherdvancouver.org). You may also sign up in the narthex.

Baptism class dates will be May 9 and May 16 from 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm. These classes will involve light reading, fellowship and story-sharing.

## YOUR LITTLE PINK, RED & WHITE PIGS

I know you have been diligently putting all your coins in your little pigs and wondering what to do with them. Is the church ever going to ask us to bring them back in—filled to the brim? Well, the answer is yes, we are going to ask you bring them in. PENTECOST (May 23) will be the in-gathering. Half of the money will go to Episcopal Relief and Development to purchase pigs for an undeveloped country. The other half will go to a local organization. If you have any questions, contact Bette Ludden, 892-7770.



## AN EVENING OF THANKS AND VISIONING FOR OUTREACH

Are you excited about the many possibilities for reaching out to our Community -- carrying God's mission out into the world? If so, please join us on **MONDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>**, for an evening of Thanks and Visioning for the future of Outreach at Church of the Good Shepherd.



The evening will begin with supper being served **AT 6:00 P.M.**, followed by a time for a discussion of the Good Shepherd's Outreach to the community. This will be a time to talk about how we can improve and expand our Outreach Program to better serve the greater Clark County Community. Come prepared to share your hopes and ideas.

Please sign up on the sheet in the entry or call the church office so that we have a dinner count. If you have any questions, speak to Bette Ludden or Fr. Tom, 892-7770.

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULED

The Diocese of Olympia's second Holy Land Pilgrimage is scheduled for February 1 – 16, 2011. This trip is not a tour, but a pilgrimage, which will not only cover all the main religious sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and the Galilee, but also includes daily worship. It will follow the narrative of Jesus' life laid out in the Gospels of Mathew, Mark, and Luke from his birth to his resurrection. For more information or to register, pick up a flyer from the table in the church entryway. Feel free to talk to Fr. Tom if you have more questions.

## **Invite a Friend to Church !**

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### **THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY**

We invite you to share events and news of interest with the Good Shepherd community. See the back of this newsletter for due dates and contact information.

"We are people of God,  
committed to acting in love,  
seeking and serving Christ  
in the world, one another  
and ourselves."

### **Good Shepherd Activities**

May 10: Evening of Thanks & Visioning for Outreach  
 May 11: Fresh Bread at Brocks'  
 May 16: Newsletter Deadline  
 May 16: Rite 13 Liturgy  
 May 16: Haiti Mission Opportunity  
 May 20: Senior Social  
 May 23: Pentecost/Baptisms/Piggy bank ingathering  
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 June 1: Vestry Chat  
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**HAVE YOU VISITED  
 THE WEBSITE LATELY?  
[www.goodshepherdvancouver.org](http://www.goodshepherdvancouver.org)**

## NEWS OF THE G.R.E.A.T. GROUP



The final meeting of the GREAT Group (seniors) for 2009-2010 will be on Monday, June 7, at 12:00 noon in the parish hall. This will be a celebration event and there will not be a speaker. Besides a potluck offering, plan on games and conversation. Bring your favorite board game or card game. If you wish to play cards, please bring a card table and the appropriate decks for your game of choice. Scrabble or dominoes anyone?? Perhaps monopoly would be fun. Questions: call Betty Yingling at 256-2956.

### ADULT ED CLASSES

To honor our mission of caring for God's creation, the Green Team is sponsoring three consecutive adult Sunday school sessions.



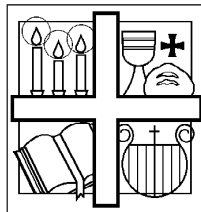
-Sunday May 2 (prior)  
-Sunday, May 9, Jenifer Naas, a program coordinator for WSU Clark County Extension, will talk about maintaining healthy streams and rivers. She will educate us about simple

things we can all do to prevent harm to our streams and rivers, and to improve our homes, gardens, and the local environment.

-Sunday, May 16, Barbara Welsh will talk about 'green cleaning'. She'll show us how to make household cleaning agents using common, environmentally-safe ingredients. All who attend will have a sample to take home.

### JUNE 4: MEETING THE "EVERYDAY JESUS" AT A HIP HOP EUCHARIST!

The youth & leaders are sponsoring a Hip Hop Eucharist Friday, June 4. This service will allow people of all ages to experience the Everyday Jesus through art, scripture & music! The music experience will be provided by PO Soul Entertainment. Over the next month, the youth will be spending time inviting people in our surrounding neighborhood, churches and our GS community to join this fun new way to experience Jesus. There will be art displayed around the church depicting what the Everyday Jesus might look like. The youth, as well as others, will be creating the art. After the service, there will be time to visit and eat some cookies. If you are interested in creating an art piece or helping the youth with any part of this event, contact Elizabeth Sloan at 433-1165 or Jennifer Thoreson at 326-8476.



### GREEN TEAM PROJECT: HELP WANTED!

Members of the Green Team have purchased two community garden plots adjacent to the church. We intend to grow crops for people in need, primarily through donations to Northwest Harvest South. Our plots are in the far southeast corner of the Ellsworth Community Garden, and are marked with "Green Team" signs.



Water is supplied to the plots, but we'll need hoses, soakers, nozzles, tools, seeds and/or plants. If you have any of these items that you can spare us for the growing season, we would appreciate it very much. We'll even take a hose that needs repair if it has some length to it. Since the community gardens are open to the public and are not secure, there's a possibility that items will be borrowed by others and not be returned. So please don't part with something you can't afford to lose.

If you would like to help with planting, weeding, or watering, or in any other way, please look for the Green Team Garden sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. You will be contacted by a member of the Green Team. Thank you!

### OUTREACH COMMUNITY LIAISON

Are you interested in being an integral part of Outreach ministries here at Good Shepherd? Good Shepherd is seeking an individual to fill the Outreach Community Liaison Position. Please see the position description posted on the church website and in the Office hallway. Applications will be accepted through May 24th. Contact Fr. Tom with any questions.

Youth



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## Sunday School Happenings

### *Rite 13 (6th-8th grade)*

- May 9 Mother's Day Social
  - 16 Rite 13 Liturgy Reception
  - 23 Prayer without Ceasing...Prayer What?
  - 30 Prayer without Ceasing (cont)
- June 6 Sharing Ideas
  - 13 End-of-year celebration & honoring 8 graders

### *J2A (9th-12th grade)*

- May 2 - "What if God Was One of Us?" Elizabeth to led discussion, preview Tommy's music clip
- May 9 - Good Samaritan (A Modern Version) Discussion led by Steve, play by Kendra
- May 16 - Rite 13 Reception, recap of Hip Hop Event
- May 23 - Extended Sunday 10:15-12:05, Promotional Materials (Mark and /or Jermaine?)
- May 30 - Hip Hop Prep, ie. folding of bulletins, flyers on poles, etc.
- June 6 - Senior Sunday Reception
- June 13 - Last Day; Words of Wisdom

**Rite 13 Liturgy: Sun, May 16** - Twice a year the Rite 13 Sunday school honors youth that have turned 13 at the services on Sunday morning. This May we will be honoring youth that have turned 13 since our last Rite 13 Liturgy. This Rite of Passage allows the congregation a role in the life of our youth by holding them and their parents up in prayer.

**Calling All Seniors! Senior Sunday June 6** - A celebration will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> to honor our graduating seniors and their families. Senior's can show their school pride by wearing their Senior sweatshirt, t-shirt or school colors! A letter and bio sheet was sent home recently. Please send in your bio/and photo asap so they can be displayed on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Questions? Contact Danielle Bengé 892-7770.

**Senior Social: Thursday, May 20** - Senior and Parents are invited to come together for a time of fellowship with Fr. Tom, Shelly and youth leaders. The social will be held in the youth building from 7-8:30PM. Parents are asked to bring a small dessert to share. Hope to see you there!

## Youth Group Happenings

All youth grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend Good Shepherd's Youth Group, which meets Wednesday evenings. If you have any questions please call Danielle at 892-7770. *Bring A Friend!*

*Note To Youth: Due to our Hip Hop Eucharist in June, some of our Youth Group Activities have been tweaked.*

### **Wed. May 12 – Come Together 7-8:30**

Jr. Youth will work on art for the Hip Hop Eucharist  
Sr. Youth will focus on art and details of Hip Hop Eucharist

### **Wed. May 19 – Come Together 7-:30PM**

Jr. High - Field Day (outdoor games and team building games)  
Sr. High- Fire Side Chat "Mad World"

### **Wed. May 26 – Field Trip to Wunderland**

**Arcade 6:45-8:30PM.** We will head over to Portland for gaming, both new and vintage! We will go to the Avalon location located near 39<sup>th</sup> and Belmont in Portland. Admission is \$2.50 in and all games are 5¢. Don't feel like gaming? Come & just hang out

### **Wed. June 2 – First Wednesday 6-8:30PM**

Our meal tonight will be TACOS!  
Jr. Youth will be making and baking cookies for Hip Hop Event.  
Sr. Youth will finish any last minute details.

## Diocesan Happenings

### **6-Day Wed, June 23–Tues, June 28**

Youth completing 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to attend. Space is limited so don't wait! Registration forms will soon be available in the youth building. If you need financial assistance please speak with Danielle.

## MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL NOW ENROLLING FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

Are you looking for a great preschool for your child? Good Shepherd Montessori offers the very best in early childhood education and we're now enrolling for fall. We use the Montessori curriculum for academic development, the Catechesis curriculum for spiritual development and wrap the combination up in an atmosphere of loving kindness for our students and their families.



There are Monday through Friday programs, as well as two or three morning options. If you need full day care, we offer that, too. Please call Marcella Rush, 892-7770, for details and to schedule a tour. Scholarships are available.

## ST. ANDREW'S HOUSE retreat & conference center



### Perfect Mother's Day Gift A Spiritual Retreat and Cookbook

Special Price-Any two nights for only \$220.  
Additional nights are \$125.  
Rate includes a St. Andrew's House Lodging  
Certificate and Cookbook.

### Lodge Retreat Openings

Programmed Retreats at Lodge- All are welcome!  
Awakening the Creative Spirit, May 23-25, 2010  
Soul Wisdom Retreat, May 21-23, 2010  
AA Retreat, May 28-30, 2010  
Artist Retreat, June 6-11, 2010  
Gregorian Chant, July 16-18, 2010  
Vacation with a Difference, Bishop Greg Rickel,  
July 25-29  
July 27-29, 2010 (open)

Email: [info@saintandrewshouse.org](mailto:info@saintandrewshouse.org)

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the Church of the Good Shepherd for the wonderful send-off to our new home in Ocean Park, WA. The love and the Holy Spirit certainly were expressed in abundance. Cupcakes were all special, thanks to Scooter, her committee and all of you. Hope to see you at the beach! Contact the church office for our phone number.

God Bless and thank you,  
Chuck and Doreen Miller

## A CHANCE TO DANCE

Shepherd Song member Kathy Stanton is the vocalist for the Swing Street Glenn Tadina Big Band, and she wants you to know about a community dance being held on Friday, May 21, 7:30-10:30 at the Clark County Dance Center, 10713 NE 117<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver, WA. Admission is \$10.00. Here's your chance to get out on the dance floor and move to music composed by the likes of Glenn Miller, Les Brown, Harry James, Count Basie and many more!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 28- JULY 1 (MONDAY- THURSDAY 9:30 AM-1:00PM

Children's VBS registration forms are now available from your child's chapel leader, Sunday school catechists, the church website, or can be found on the table in the front of the church. Registration forms are due by June 13<sup>th</sup>. The Great Bible Reef VBS program is open to all children age 4 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and friends are welcome to attend. Each day will be filled with activities designed to help children experience the importance of discipleship. Activities will include: crafts, storytelling, games, singing, science experiments, and great snacks.

Many volunteers are needed to help staff our VBS. Please consider how you'd like to help make Good Shepherd's VBS a successful program. Childcare is provided for on-site volunteer's younger children. Volunteer forms are available at church and on the church website. Contact Kara Uhrich at 892-7770 or email: [karau@goodshepherdvancouver.org](mailto:karau@goodshepherdvancouver.org) if you have any questions.

## GOD'S ABUNDANCE ~



I am so thankful that God cares when my inner flame is low.

This week the reality of being unemployed truly set in, and I found myself feeling deflated - not much energy. Adding to this feeling,

I discovered I had messed up on my unemployment claim, which required me to contact the state unemployment office. Because of the high volume of callers, it took over a day just to get through to leave my phone number for a call back by one of their representatives.

By the time I received my call back I was irritated and ready to let "Margaret" know just how annoyed I was with the process. Margaret, on the other hand, spoke to me with patience and kindness, taking the time to ask me about my situation and responding with sympathy as she corrected MY mistake. Tears of appreciation welled up as we ended our conversation.

I observed this same consideration at our local unemployment office. In this [sadly] very busy office, as I waited my turn to be interviewed by a job counselor, I saw several employees respectfully approach people to ensure they were getting the assistance they needed. The employee inquiries and responses were always courteous and sincere. Call me crazy, but by the time I got into my car to go home I was full of thankfulness for my experiences with the unemployment office!!!

"In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit." (ALBERT SCHWEITZER)

Lord, may I be your flame of love, life and joy in each of my encounters with others!

In Christ,  
Maureen Walker  
Stewardship Team

## GOOD SHEPHERD MONTESSORI SCHOOL BOARD OPENINGS!

If you have a passion for young children, a willingness to serve their needs, and you are seeking further engagement in the mission of the Church of the Good Shepherd, a position on the Board of Directors for our Good Shepherd Montessori Preschool/ Kindergarten may be just right for you! Through natural attrition in our board, we are currently in need of 3-6 new members (making a board size of 6-9).

Our board members take on a variety of tasks, including: Budget setting, Tuition setting, Personnel policy setting, Pay scale setting, Benefits planning, Physical space maintenance and enhancements, Scholarship policy setting, Staff appreciation, Scholarship special offering planning (3x per year), Article writing for the bulletin or newsletter, Bulletin board design, Thank You writing, Mission 2018...planning for our 6 classroom vision, and your new ideas!!

We ask that each board member plan to serve for at least 2 years and expect to spend 4-10 hours per month furthering our mission. That includes one 2-hour meeting each month (excluding summer) and additional time for committee and individual efforts. No experience is necessary and we will attempt to make the best use of your particular gifts! We are looking for diversity in our membership and do formally vote new members onto the board after discussion with the prospective members.

If you would like to know more about this ministry opportunity and/or would like to join the Montessori Board, please contact Cara Curtland (360-892-7237), Nancy Huffaker (360-892-4710) or Stephanie Gagnon (360-256-4230)

## PLEASE REMEMBER!

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### Life after Vestry and other things...

Easter greetings brothers and sisters –

After setting a record for rainy days in April (25), I'm pretty much done with it. Are you??? Even after living in SoCal during the droughts of the late '80's where we had two seasons, light brown and dark brown and I vowed never to curse the rain again – I find myself muttering under my breath. No matter, it is Easter season after all and Easter Joy comes like the rain – in multitudes at times!

I have enjoyed the time since the conclusion of my Vestry term to decompress, sit in a pew without the busy-ness of the church invading my thoughts and observe what stirs and calls me to serve. While there are a number of things percolating, I would like to share two in particular I am very excited about:

**Fresh Bread** is an emergent gathering that kicked off its inaugural meeting at my house last month. Fresh Bread is a new, home-based, emergent service being offered by Good Shepherd. This service is for anyone and everyone who desires to be in honest, authentic relationship with God and one another. Nine people made their way out to the Thomas Washougal compound, braving dead ends, unmarked roads and potholes to experience each others company in celebrating our faith and Anglican traditions in new and compelling ways. We listened to a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King titled "*A knock at midnight*" from which the name Fresh Bread was inspired. In the spirit of Dr. King's sermon, our aim is to keep the bread fresh such that ALL who knock are received and fed. Our next gathering will be Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 pm for social time with the service following from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Mary Ellen Brock. Rev. Shelly Fayette will be presiding. Please contact Shelly at (360) 892-7770 or email [shellyf@goodshepherdvancouver.org](mailto:shellyf@goodshepherdvancouver.org) or me at (503) 860-0822 or email [rickpthomas@comcast.net](mailto:rickpthomas@comcast.net) for further information. We welcome you all!

**Haiti Mission Opportunity** - Jim and Patty Shaw, good friends of mine from Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA in Lake Oswego will be making a presentation to Good Shepherd on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. They will be discussing their Haiti ministry they have been leading for the last six years in Les Anglais, a small village five hours West (by car) of Port au Prince. In living out the call to be the hands and feet of Christ in serving the needs of others, Our Savior's has been working in Les Anglais for the past 20 years in partnership with Reciprocal Ministries International and has made tremendous improvements in the living conditions of that community. There is an opportunity for interested people of Good Shepherd to participate in the next mission trip to Les Anglais, currently scheduled for February of 2011. Come join us to learn about this wonderful ministry and how you can participate, be it through simple acts of collecting bandages and other necessities to joining in the trip to Les Anglais next year and being transformed by the hearts of the Haitian people while serving their needs.

Indeed, the blessings come like the spring rains. I trust this finds all of you well and present to God's blessing in your lives.

All good things!  
Rick Thomas

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Cheryl Armstrong and Jennifer Myers-Power, editors

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