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CATECHESIS FOR TRANSFORMATION

Please join us this fall for an exciting 10-week class that will cover biblical and church history, the liturgy, Anglican spirituality, ethics, and justice. This class is the requirement for those seeking to be baptized, confirmed in the Episcopal Church, received into the Anglican Communion, or to reaffirm their baptismal promises at the time of the bishop's visit to Good Shepherd in January. This class is open to teens and adults. The class will run Tuesday evenings, September 13 – November 15, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, and will conclude with a potluck dinner in Advent.



Unsure about whether this class is for you?

- † Confirmation is for children who were baptized in the Episcopal Church or who came to this church with their families before making a “mature commitment.”
- † Confirmation is also appropriate for those of any age who are making a mature commitment for the first time, or for those adults who are discerning a call to Holy Orders who are not yet confirmed.
- † Reception is for those who have previously made a mature commitment in *any other Christian church*, regardless of the pedigree of the minister.
- † Reaffirmation of baptismal vows is appropriate for those adults who once made a mature commitment but who left the church for a significant amount of time since making that commitment.
- † Baptism is for any teen or adult who has not yet been baptized.

Dinner will not be served, though you are welcome to bring your own snacks.

Childcare will be available on a week-by-week basis. Please reserve childcare each week using the sign-up sheet located in the front entry of the church or by calling the church office by noon the Friday prior to the Tuesday class. If you do not reserve childcare each week, childcare will not be provided.

Please contact Rev. Shelly with any questions; 360-892-7770,
shellyf@goodshepherdvancouver.org).

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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.

SERMONS ONLINE - Were you unable to come to church on Sunday? Sermons are available to listen to at www.goodshepherdvancouver.org. Click "sermons" on the top toolbar.

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

Good Shepherd Activities

Sept. 12: G.R.E.A.T. Group potluck
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www.goodshepherdvancouver.org

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



The G.R.E.A.T. Group potluck following summer break will be Monday, Sept. 12 at noon in the Parish Hall. All persons 60 years young or more are invited to attend. The speaker will be Helen Lehner, R.N., parish nurse, who spoke to the group a few years ago. She will discuss a variety of issues re the health of Good Shepherd mature members and, also, talk about the recently introduced program of food allergy awareness. So come for fellowship, good food and helpful information. Please bring a dish to share and invite a friend. Questions??? Call Betty Yingling at 256-2956.

OSL SAVE THE DATE!!

You are invited to come to the Order of St. Luke Region 6 Annual Healing Service entitled "To Heal the Sick" on **Saturday, October 15, from 9 AM-4 PM.** This will be hosted at our church and the keynote speakers are Pastors Lori and Frank Anderson who have been part of the healing ministry for over 30 years. They will be basing their talks on the scripture verse from Mark 16: "The Lord never calls without his empowerment". Registration forms will be available soon in the entry-way. The fee for the full day is \$10, which includes lunch. **This event is open to the whole community and is for OSL members and non-members alike!!**

Come and join us for a wonderful day of worship, teaching and fellowship!! Contact Saran Warne or Barbara LeRoy with any questions or to get a registration form early.



SAVE THE DATE!

The **Harvest Dinner** will be **Sat., November 5**, with appetizers to begin at the church at 5:30 and dinner at a church-members home from 7pm-9pm. Book your sitters now, because you do not want to miss an evening of fun, fellowship and fabulous food with great company!!

This is a wonderful way to get to know church members from all 3 services and enjoy the hospitality of a home!! **If you have hosted in the past and would like to do it again, or have never previously hosted and would love to,** please contact Robbin Hansen at 896-6102 or Saran Warne at 258-0134.

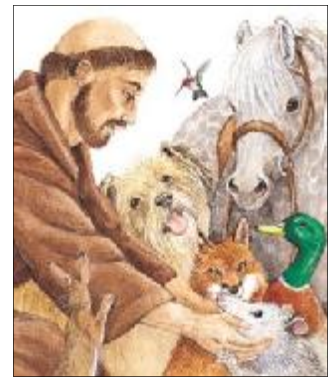


PLASTICS RECYCLING

The Green Team will pick up plastics to be recycled on Sunday, September 18. The usual schedule is the first Sunday of every other month, with exceptions announced in the bulletin. September pickup is postponed due to Labor Day weekend, and the parish picnic the following weekend. There are green leaflets on the table in the church narthex that describe types of plastic and film we can accept. The collection truck will be in place during the 7:30 service, and will leave the parking lot shortly after the 11:00 service begins. *Thank you for participating in recycling!*

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is Sunday, October 2. The blessing of the animals will take place **after** the 11:05 service (around 12:30) in the front parking lot. Animals are allowed at the 11:05 service with proper restraint. This is a great opportunity to invite your pet-loving friends, family and neighbors to Good Shepherd!



THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE

The Order of St. Luke will once again be hosting the "**Heart of Wholeness**" healing weekend in February. The dates will be **February 10-12, 2012.** Don't miss this exciting and well attended event!! Be sure to put these dates on your calendar for the new year!! Key-note speaker and workshops to be announced at a later date, stay tuned!

Youth Good Shepherd News

It's coming... Sunday School and Wednesday Night Youth Group!!!

Grades 6-12 the call is out, Youth Group starts on September 14 and Sunday School will begin on September 18! We look forward to catching up with you after school starts!

If you have any questions you can always call or email Elizabeth Sloan: 360-892-7770
youth@goodshepherdvancouver.org.

Good Shepherd Youth on Facebook: There is a locked group for Good Shepherd Youth and parents to keep track of upcoming youth events, youth group meetings, and all things youth! Want to join? Because of Facebook constraints this group is on Elizabeth Sloan's Facebook page. Send request to be added to group: www.facebook.com/elizabeth.sloan3.

CHOR ANNO

If you like the finest in choral music, you'll love hearing Chor Anno in concert, Saturday, September 24, 7:30 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 309 W. 39, Vancouver. This group of 25 singers is made up of some of the finest choral directors in the northwest... people who truly know how to sing and are passionate about the choral art. Find out more their program and about Chor Anno at www.choranno.org. But be sure to put this date on your calendar. You will truly hear "inspired choral music."

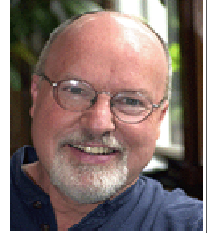
JOIN US AT GOD PUB

No dogma, no drama, just talking! Join us at 7:00 pm at McMenamins on 162nd Ave. and NE 18th St. on the first Sunday of each month. This is a joint project of Camas Friends Church and Church of the Good Shepherd. All are welcome; bring friends!



BOOK PARTY WITH RICHARD ROHR

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7-8:30 pm
 Kempton Hall, Trinity Cathedral



Come to Kempton Hall at Trinity Cathedral (147 W 19th Ave, Portland) and enjoy an evening with Richard Rohr as he signs copies of his latest book "Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life." Copies of the book will be available for purchase that evening in the Trinity bookstore. Refreshments will be provided. This event is co-sponsored by Trinity Episcopal and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO). The book, "Falling Upwards," describes how in the first half of life, we are naturally and rightly preoccupied with establishing our identity-climbing, achieving and performing. But those concerns will not serve us as we grow older and begin to embark on a further journey, one that involves challenges, mistakes, loss of control, broader horizons, and necessary suffering that actually shocks us out of our prior comfort zone. Eventually, we need to see ourselves in a different and more life-giving way. This message of "falling down," that is in fact moving upward, is the most resisted and counter-intuitive of messages in the world's religions, including, and most especially Christianity.

Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province. He founded the New Jerusalem Community in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1971, and the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1986, where he serves as Founding Director. He considers the proclamation of the Gospel to be his primary call and uses many different platforms to communicate the message. Themes he addresses in service of the Gospel include: scripture as liberation, integration of action and contemplation, community building, peace and justice issues, male spirituality, the Enneagram, and eco-spirituality.

HIV/AIDS MEMORIAL

It's been 30 years that our world has suffered from HIV/AIDS. We have all lost friends, colleagues and relatives. Come to the Seattle AIDS Memorial for a special time to remember them and the sorrow, comfort and hope these years have brought us, on **Saturday September 24, 7 PM, at St. Mark's Cathedral, 1245 Tenth Ave E in Seattle.**

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION NIGHT

Friday, September 16, 6:30 – 8:30

Children's Ministries is hosting an informational evening for anyone wishing to learn more about the faith formation curriculum, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which is offered on Sunday mornings during the school year from 10:15 – 11:00 AM. Children's Ministries faith formation classes are appropriate for children who are age 3 through the sixth grade. We will show a documentary movie, The Mustard Seed, which is an overview of the Catechesis program and then have time to tour each atrium (classroom area) and answer any questions. Dessert and beverages will be served.

Please sign up if you are planning on attending this event. Childcare for this event is available with advance registration. Please reserve childcare on the sign-up sheet located in the front entry of the church by noon on Wednesday, September 14th. Questions, contact Kara Uhrich, Children's Ministries Leader, at 892-7770 or email goodshepherdvancouver.org

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel I is available for children age 3 through kindergarten, and Children's Chapel II is for children in grades 1-6. Many children enjoy the lectionary-based scripture lessons and related activities geared to their age and interests. Chapel is a year-round program at both the 9:00 and 11:05 Sunday services. The Chapel curriculum is different than the faith formation class, which begins September 18. Children are encouraged to attend both programs. Children meet in the Children's Education Building at the beginning of the service and are brought to the sanctuary in time to participate in the Eucharist with their family. If you have questions about Children's Chapel please contact Kara Uhrich, Children's Ministries Leader through the church office or email karau@goodshepherdvancouver.org

LA GROUP MEETS SEPT. 18

The Living Alone & Laughing a Lot Group will meet on Sunday, September 18, at 1 pm at the Thai Lotus Restaurant (16209 SE McGillivray Blvd., Suite H). Please note change of restaurant; we will be trying a different one this month. Also note our luncheon will be on the 3rd Sunday instead of the 2nd Sunday because of the Welcome Back BBQ on that date. We will be making plans for our fall/winter activities. So please join us for good food and good laughs and bring along all your suggestions. If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Berkey at 254-7985 or Nancy Fritz at 571-5028.

COURTS FOR KIDS

Meeting on October 17 at 7 pm

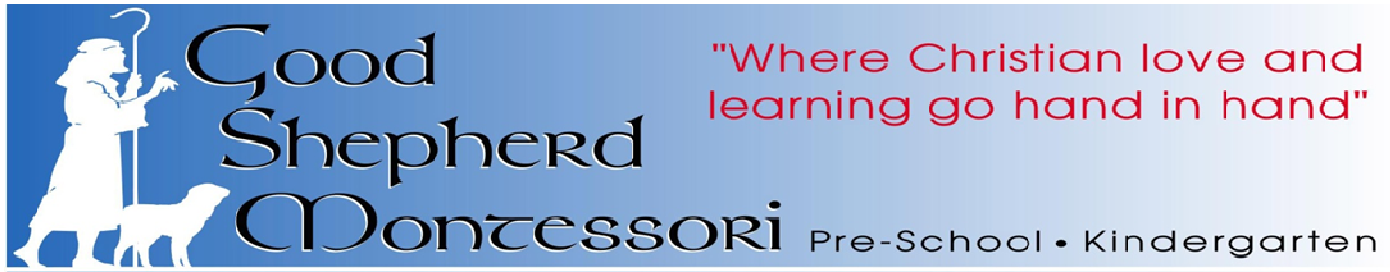
Would you like to go to the developing world and help build a sports court in summer of 2012? We are having our second meeting on Monday, October 17, at 7 pm in the south classroom in the Education Building. This is for anyone who could not make the initial interest meeting back in June to learn about the mission and vision of **Courts for Kids** and see if this is something you want to participate in. It is also for those who are pretty committed to a trip and would like to see our options and prices at this point to have a voice on where and when we go. Questions? Contact Selene Nesland at selene@courtsforkids.org or 360-909-0684.

DIOCESE OF OREGON CO-ED CURSILLO

A Cursillo Weekend for men and women will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Coos Bay, Oregon, October 6 - 9. Cursillo is a weekend of living in a Gospel-centered community, of experiencing both God's love for us and the body of Christ's love for us. And much laughter. If you are interested, speak to Fr. Tom, Rev. Shelly, or someone who has previously attended a Cursillo. More info is available at www.oregoncursillo.org.

USED BACKPACKS FOR THE HOMELESS

As you purchase new backpacks for school this year, please consider donating your used backpacks to SHARE. A collection barrel is in the church library. The need for backpacks is ongoing, and the ways that SHARE puts them to use, helping both adults and children is remarkable. Questions: Jane Whitfield, 253-2626



Good Shepherd Ministries, A Non-Profit Corporation

Dear Friends,

We hope that you all had a wonderful and joy-filled summer. It's hard to believe the start of the school year is already upon us! As many of you may know (and some of you may not know) Good Shepherd Montessori is a ministry of Church of the Good Shepherd. It is also a very special outreach to our community. Thanks to the Good Shepherd Montessori Scholarship Fund, children who would not be able to afford a quality early education can attend a loving and Christ-centered school. Good Shepherd Montessori has it all: Christian education, a Montessori environment, compassionate and loving teachers and administrators who truly care about each child and their families —we could go on and on. Our two daughters have been attending GSM since 2008 and 2009. This will be our oldest daughter's final year at GSM, as she will be in the kindergarten program this fall. We are saddened by this because we do not want to have her go to another school. Hopefully, one day Good Shepherd Montessori can expand and add an elementary program.

It all starts with each of us. Through your generosity, we are hoping to reach more children and families through scholarships. We have witnessed first-hand how important Good Shepherd Montessori education benefits a child. With your donations, we will be able to pave the way for future generations and continue our school's mission. Would you please join us in supporting the annual Back-to-School Special Offering for the GSM scholarship fund which will be held during services on September 18th?

God's Peace,

Rian and Jonathan Singh

GSM Parents; GSM Board Member

Yes, I'd like to support a Good Shepherd Montessori Scholarship Student.!



Enclosed, please find my offering of:

- \$6,500 to support 1 child on full scholarship
 \$650 to support 1 child for 1 month
 \$37 to support 1 child for 1 day
 \$_____ to support the scholarship fund

NAME

My offering is in honor of:

Address:

Please make checks payable to the Church of the Good Shepherd and note as "GSM Scholarship."
 805 SE Ellsworth Rd., Vancouver, WA 98664

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FORGIVE

Who said, “Forgive and forget” and why does that phrase make something so complex sound like it should be so easy?

I struggle not so much I think with the forgiving so much as the forgetting part: I think sometimes I forget that I forgave! A scenario – long past and gone – will bubble back up into my consciousness and the pain or the anger or the embarrassment or whatever emotion will be there again as strong as it ever was.

I have trouble forgiving and forgetting and I also believe now that forgiveness is three-fold. There is forgiving others -- **really** forgiving them with a forgiveness that is intentional and real -- and not just a superficial glossing over like a child’s sing-song “sor-ry” that means less than nothing and has the healing power of a wet band-aid. Then there is forgiving yourself.

Wow that can be something fierce. Much like the forgiving of others can fail to really “take” when not processed, forgiving yourself can mean knowing yourself and honestly assessing that whole terrible, embarrassing, incredible scenario – you know that one you tried and failed to forget -- yeah, that one. How can the history not repeat itself if the history is not understood? Do the work that is set before you and let go of the shame! Grace is amazing, and don’t forget it.

The third piece of forgiveness may actually be: understanding the nature of our God Himself. That bad things happen. Not just to me and not just to you but to all of us. In our culture we do not often compare our scars because we are too busy posting pictures on Facebook that show what wonderful lives we lead! When I feel the “why me” coming on and feel like asking my God how to get the target off my back and praying for relief and praying for help and asking and asking...and demanding... At that moment perhaps it is God that needs a break and needs our forgiveness as well? Like the parent or the teacher or the referee that can often be mistaken for the “bad guy,” the reality is that someone needs to keep things going and keep the order, and no, I don’t think I could do a better job and sure there is most likely a reason for every bad thing. I know that the big picture would pass my understanding.

Forgive. And forgive. And then forgive again.

Colossians 3:12-17 New International Version (NIV): ¹² Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

--Kate

The Good Shepherd Choir WANTS YOU!

Do you miss singing? Would you like to be a part of a wonderful ministry? Are you longing to be a part of a “team?” If the answer is yes to any or all of these questions then consider joining the Good Shepherd Choir which just began rehearsing again on September 7. The choir is a wonderful group of people with a wide variety of talents and abilities. They are an integral part of the 9:00 AM worship service as they lead the hymn singing and service music, and they prepare and sing a new Anthem every week as special music during our Offertory. In addition we present an annual Lessons and Carols service in December as part of the Good Shepherd *Artist Series*, and we provide extra liturgical music during the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons, and for special events. The choir year begins in September and goes until mid-June. We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Sanctuary and if necessary childcare could be provided. Please consider joining us in this wonderful form of ministry! For more information contact Mike Iverson, director at 253-8622 or via email at mikei@goodshepherdvancouver.org or just show up on any Wednesday night.

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Thank you,
Cheryl Armstrong and Jennifer Myers-Power, editors

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