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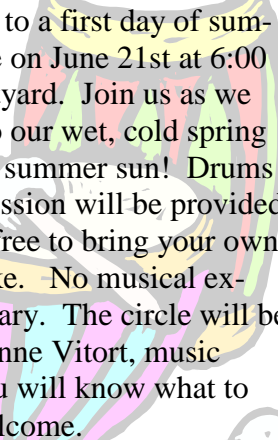
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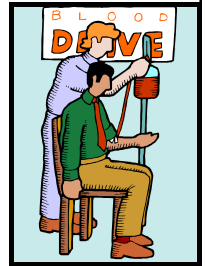
FIRST DAY OF SUMMER DRUM CIRCLE



You are invited to a first day of summer drum circle on June 21st at 6:00 pm, in the courtyard. Join us as we say good-bye to our wet, cold spring and hello to the summer sun! Drums and small percussion will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own if you would like. No musical experience necessary. The circle will be facilitated by Anne Vitort, music therapist, so you will know what to do. All ages welcome.

BLOOD DRIVE

Please mark your calendars and plan to give blood on July 18th from 3:30 - 6 p.m. at the church. Sign-up's will be in the Narthex.



Summer is a very hard time on the blood supplies for our area. Please plan on giving - you never know whose life you may be saving. Any questions, call Jo Ellen Upham 360-256-4255 or email uphamje@comcast.net

JOIN US AT GOD PUB



No dogma, no drama, just talking. Join us at 7:00 pm at McMenamins on 162nd Avenue on July 3 and August 7 - the first Sunday of each month. This is a joint project of Camas Friends Church and Good Shepherd. All are welcome; bring friends!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street"

June 27-30 (Monday - Thursday)

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Our Vacation Bible School program is open to children age 4 - 6th grade. Open registration has closed, please contact Kara Uhrich to inquire about program openings. On Main Street children will explore stories Jesus told about everyday people in everyday situations. Crafts, recreation, singing, storytelling, drama, and great snacks - we'll have it all here on Main Street!

Youth and adult volunteers are needed to help staff our VBS. Volunteer forms are available at church and on the church website. Contact Kara Uhrich at 892-7770 or email: karau@goodshepherdvancouver.org if you have any questions

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOOD NEEDS

If you would like to donate food for the children's snacks at our Vacation Bible School please sign up on the poster board which is located on the south wall of the parish hall. Food should be brought to the kitchen by Sunday, June 26th. Please label the food VBS; place perishable food in the refrigerator and non-perishable food into the box labeled VBS. Thank you!

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.

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

June 21: First Day of Summer Drum Circle

June 21: Open House Ministries Tour

June 22: Office volunteer lunch

June 27-30: Vacation Bible School

July 3: God Pub at McMenamins

July 5: Independence Day - office closed

July 10: Newsletter Deadline

July 10: LA Group Lunch

July 18: Blood Drive

July 19: Open House Ministries Tour

Aug. 7: God Pub at McMenamins

Aug. 14: Newsletter Deadline

Aug. 14: LA Group Lunch

Aug. 16: Open House Ministries Tour

Sept. 4: Instruments of Work Blessing

Sept. 4: God Pub at McMenamins

Sept. 5: Labor Day - office close

Sept. 11: Welcome Back Sunday

ONE service only - 10:00 AM

Barbecue

Sept. 12: G.R.E.A.T. Group potluck

Sept. 14: Youth Groups resume

Sept. 18: Montessori Ingathering

Sept. 18: Sunday School resumes

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GS LADY GOLFERS

It's time to get out the golfing equipment & meet for fellowship & fun at one of our local golf courses. Please join us by calling Cheryl @ 892-8751 or emailing caarm@comcast.net.

Peace, Tina & Cheryl

Our list is growing:

Cheryl Armstrong

Julie Bell

Diane Broer

Sharon Farr

Tina Henry

Bonnie Kratzer

Linda Lindley

Donna Roberge-Nozel

Sue Warren

Barbara Welsh

Jane Whitfield



RAHAB'S SISTERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you were at our Women's Tea, you were able to hear about the incredible work done by Rahab's Sisters in Portland, OR. Rahab's Sisters provides radical hospitality for marginalized women working in the sex industry --no strings attached. They provide a hot meal and good company with no judgment for women of all faiths and of no faith. This ministry happens every Friday night at Saints Peter & Paul Episcopal Church from 7-10 pm. If you would like to be a part of a Good Shepherd group of volunteers who would work in a team on a Friday evening, please contact Rev. Shelly at (360) 892-7770, shellyf@goodshepherdvancouver.org, or on facebook by June 30. This opportunity is only available to women, though men can help through donations of money and/or supplies. Please join us as we serve Christ in the women we will meet.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Children's Chapel on Sunday Mornings

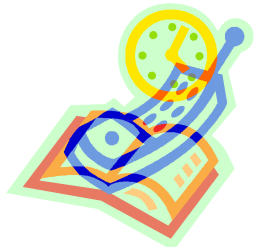
Children's Chapel I is available for children age 3 through kindergarten, and Children's Chapel II is for children in grades 1-6. Many children enjoy the lectionary based scripture lessons and related activities geared to their age and interests. Chapel is a year-round program at both the 9:00 and 11:05 Sunday services. 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.

New Beginnings

New Beginnings is when we say goodbye to the oldest group of children in the children's Sunday school rooms. This year Atrium I (Preschool & Kindergarten) says goodbye to Vivian B. and Matthew S., and in Atrium II (Grades 1-3) to Andrew C., Theo D., and Leigh H.. Vivian and Matthew will move up to Atrium II in the fall, and Andrew, Theo, and Leigh will move to Atrium III. Their catechists are sad to see them leave, but know that next year will offer these children many new lessons, and help each child continue on his/her faith journey! If you would like more information about the children's Sunday school program please contact Kara Uhrich, Children's Ministries Leader through the church office.

SUMMER OFFICE VOLUNTEER URGENTLY NEEDED

Would you be interested in filling in at the front desk in the church office on Monday mornings from 9:00 - 12:00 am this summer? The position is short-term and ends in August. Assisting Anne Brown, our office administrator, includes light telephone and reception duties. You would be a part of our church's daily operations and work with our wonderful staff. It's an ideal volunteer opportunity for teachers and others who cannot commit during the school year. Most of all, it's a fun way to start your week! Call the office for details at 892-7770.



NEWS ABOUT 501 AND 701 ELLSWORTH

Thanks be to God! The Vestry is pleased to report that all of the bonds Good Shepherd has issued to repay the loan used to purchase the adjoining property at 701 Ellsworth have been sold! We have once again been blessed by the faithfulness of our community and God's abundant provision for our common future.

On June 7, the Vestry held a chat with members of the congregation to begin to talk together about what the possibilities for the property at 701 Ellsworth might be. Those who attended shared their ideas about how this property, which includes a house currently being used as a rental property, could support our mission to see the world transformed through the love of Jesus Christ. Ideas that were brainstormed included a community gathering spot for youth and their families, a place from which to serve families at Ellsworth School and beyond, low income housing, a temporary shelter similar to Winter Hospitality Overflow, housing for those with disabilities, a place to expand the Montessori school, a feeding center like Sisters of the Road Café – the possibilities are endless!

This was just the first of many conversations that will take place over the next few months. The Vestry will be providing different avenues to gather input from the congregation, and we look forward to discerning together the vision for this property.

We also have been approached by the owner of 501 Ellsworth, a much larger and more expensive parcel of property that recently became available. Due to his own financial needs, that owner may be moving on a faster track than we can respond to as a community. He has been in conversation with other buyers as well. As we discuss together our vision for 701 Ellsworth, we will also work to discern whether additional acquisitions fit into that future.

Thank you for your continued prayers for and support of this exciting process in the life of our congregation!

WOMEN'S CELEBRATION THANK YOU



Thank you to all the **many volunteers** who helped organize and assist with this year's Women's Celebration and Tea! A special thank you to the Tea Committee of Joan Bowe, Barbara LeRoy, Shelia Ford, Robbin Hansen and Saran Warne who oversaw the detail work for the "Love, Laughter and Sharing" tea and silent auction which benefited the local group, Rahab's Sisters and global group Women for Women for the Congo. **Together, we were able to raise \$3,450 for these important causes**, which has been split evenly between the two groups to support women both here in Portland and across the globe in the Congo!

Our gratitude goes out to the **Good Shepherd Quilting group** who made a gorgeous quilt that we raffled off to support the local and global causes. **All 500 tickets sold, and the quilt itself raised almost \$500!** Thank you, talented ladies! Congratulations to Janice Crumbaker, who won the lovely quilt. Thank you to Hazle Kelley who donated the squares which were a gift to her from a friend.

There were **so many people involved in the success of this weekend**, too many to name individually, but here are some areas where many "worker bees" helped:

***Making food** for the event

***Donating auction items**-we had **80 items for the silent auction** and every one of them were bid on!

***Setting up Friday:** ironing table-cloths (thanks Betty, Trish and Audrey) arranging the tables so there was room for 88, setting the tables with the lovely china tea sets and silver services, arranging all the auction items (thanks Sarah and Kathy) and labeling them all (thanks Libby and Carolyn), chair cover bow-tying, and finally curtain hanging (a special shout out to Nancy Lindley, who brought curtains from her living room to share)!

***Sharing your absolutely lovely china tea cups and silver tea services with us!**

*A special thank you to our **check-out team:** Diane Lyngholm, Tina Henry, Angela Paterson and Laurie Okimoto.

***Kitchen crew** headed by Donna Horning

***Clean-up crew** who washed and washed and to Pat Laird who vacuumed!

A special thank you to our two guest speakers, Rev. Sara Ficsher and Ann Shannon. We learned so much from each of them and felt their passion for the care of women. If you were touched by either speaker and would like to learn more or were unable to come to the tea and want to participate in these causes, go to www.rahabs-sisters.org to gain more insight about **Rahab's Sisters** or talk with Rev. Shelly Fayette.

Another way to deepen your knowledge of **Women for Women for the Congo** is to go to www.athousandsisters.org. There is an opportunity on the website to adopt a Congolese sister. Lisa Shannon's book "A Thousand Sisters" is a well written account of her journey into the lives of these women and how she is making a difference.

TOUR OPEN HOUSE MINISTRIES

Would you like to be a part of outreach right here in Clark County this summer? Are you looking for a way to involve your children or grandchildren in caring for those less fortunate?

You are invited to bridge with Open House Ministries (OHM) in downtown Vancouver and get a personal tour of their facilities and program. Children are welcome to come and learn along with you. OHM is “dedicated to helping homeless families regain their independence and their lives”.

Open House Ministries shelters up to 33 families each night (that’s up to 107 individuals, of which more than half are children the age of 17 and under). At the heart of the program is the commitment to equip homeless families with the tools necessary for resolving issues leading to poverty and homelessness. Dawn, the volunteer coordinator at OHM has personally invited Good Shepherd to get to know them more with three tours set up once each month.

There is a sign-up sheet in the entry-way for those interested in being a part of this exciting program that helps so many in our area. The 3 dates set aside for the summer tours are **all on Tuesdays from 10:30-12 noon.** They are **June 21, July 19 and August 16.** You may come to one or all of the tours. Good Shepherd will also be providing a “craft time” for the children of OHM during this tour time, from 11-11:45 in their conference room. Please ask Patty Barnard (817-9262), Robbin Hansen (896-6102), or Saran Warne (258-0134) if you have any questions about this program, carpooling or helping with the craft time. There is an area on the sign-up sheet to denote if you would like to carpool to OHM.

We would meet at the church at 10:15 for those that would like to carpool. There is also the option, for those who would like, of taking a picnic lunch to eat at Esther Short Park after the tour at noon for more fellowship and fun for the kids to run and play (and adults to talk)!

Come and be a part of this exciting and life-changing program right here in Vancouver!



Youth Group will be taking a break over the summer months. Keep your eyes open for upcoming summer mission opportunities!

Rite 13& J2A - Sunday school will be taking a break over the summer months. Keep your eyes open for upcoming summer mission opportunities!

Good Shepherd Youth and Families, It’s hard to believe that the 2011 school year has come to an end! I look forward to the elementary kids that will be moving up to be a part of our middle school crew and the middle school youth who will now be part of the high school crowd.

Over the summer, there will be a couple opportunities to get together for fun and fellowship as well as serving our local community.

Remember, if at any time you need anything or have any questions you can always contact me at 360-892-7770 youth@goodshepherdvancouver.org. I will be praying for the grace of God’s hand to be with you all!

Until We Meet Again, Elizabeth Sloan

NEED HELP THIS SUMMER?

I am home for the summer from the University of Washington, and looking for odd jobs to help cover college costs. I have childcare experience working in the church nursery and in-home for several families. Need someone to house sit or take care of your pets? Need your garage cleaned out? I'm dependable and personable, and would love to help you out! You can reach me, Alexandra Uhrich, at (360) 903-7201.

SERVICES AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER

My name is Kendra Okereke and I'm having a hard time finding a job this summer, so I'm opening up my services to all of you! If you need a babysitter, someone to walk your dog, water your plants, clean your house, house sit, or any odd jobs as such, please feel free to contact me at (360) 798-0699 or email me at kiokerek@syr.edu Thank You!

HOME FOR RENT?

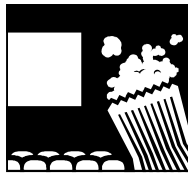
If anybody has or knows of a house for rent in the Vancouver area, could you please contact parishioner Victoria Thoreson at 503 886-9944?

SAINTS AND SINNERS OF THE SILVER SCREEN

For older teens and adults

7:00-9:30 pm

in the Youth Building



Please join us on June 19 for the final film in our Spring series. Then, Saints and Sinners of the Silver Screen will take a break during July and August, and resume in September.

Sunday, June 19 -- *Amistad* (1999) tells the real story of a successful 1839 rebellion on the slave ship Amistad. When the African mutineers are brought to the United States, their fate lies in the hands of our justice system. Are they runaway slaves or free people? Can they return home or will they be sold? None of them speaks English and, until Christian abolitionists become involved, their case looks hopeless. This superlative historical reconstruction is directed by Steven Spielberg and stars Djimon Hounsou, Morgan Freeman, Mathew McConaughey, with Anthony Hopkins as former President John Quincy Adams.

CHRISTIAN LISTENING USA

Want to be a better listener? Christian Listening USA (CLUSA) developed a course on Christian listening (one of the programs Rev. Russ Parker helped develop and use worldwide to bring healing and reconciliation to conflict). If you want a preview of the course, the DVD, called "JUST LISTEN!" is available to borrow this summer. This DVD is an "appetizer" to what the actual course would be, but it gives a general idea of some of the topics discussed.

The OSL group previewed the course and gave it high ratings. They would like your feedback. If you would like to borrow the DVD, call Barbara LeRoy in the church office. We ask that it be checked out no more than a week. (The DVD is British and can only be viewed on a computer laptop.) It is set up in two parts, each taking 2.5 hours each. It would be helpful to watch with at least one other person, as there are listening activities as part of the sessions. If you have further questions about CLUSA or to see if the DVD is available, please call Barbara at 892-7770 or talk to a member of OSL.

A MYSTERY OF OUR HISTORY

It is so much fun, looking back at the origins and development of the entity we know today as Church of the Good Shepherd!

In fact, it wasn't always known as Good Shepherd.

Our parent church, St. Luke's in downtown Vancouver, held a meeting in June, 1967, of its Mission Development Committee. At that meeting, six or seven names were suggested for the Ellsworth Mission, none of which was Good Shepherd. St. Columba and several other saints were named, along with All Saints, which would sort of please everyone and offend no one. In the course of the meeting, the proposed names were winnowed down to three.

Those three, none of which was Good Shepherd, were placed on a ballot which was distributed to the members of St. Luke's. So far, I have not found a record of the winner of the voting.

However, in August, 1967, two short months after the above activity, mention is made in St. Luke's Vestry minutes of Good Shepherd, the Ellsworth Mission.

Where did our name come from? Perhaps from on high? No, not that high! I can't imagine God cared what we call ourselves – only that we would bloom where God and St. Luke's planted us. Was it the Bishop who intervened and declared us to be Good Shepherd? Was it the Rector of St. Luke's? Or was there a massive write-in vote?

If you know the answer, and hopefully can provide authentication, please let me know. I will print it in a later issue of the Good News – unless it's highly classified and you'd have to kill me if you told me!

Bunny Dees

GOOD SHEPHERD COOKS

Interested in getting that great recipe from the last pot-luck dinner? Still looking for the recipe to re-create flavors from your youth? Finding it could be as easy as picking up your copy of COGS Parish Cookbook ... but the only problem is -- we don't have one! Anyone interested in changing that, please contact Libby Jensen at elibby-beth@gmail.com or 360-896-8433 so we can start brainstorming ideas on how to best make this happen. Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to see included? Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the church or email your recipe to Libby.

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When is it appropriate for children to receive Communion?

One of the most frequent questions that the clergy and leaders in children's ministry receive is the question about when it is appropriate for children to begin to receive Communion. The short answer is that in The Episcopal Church in general, all baptized people are invited to receive Communion. At Good Shepherd in particular, we invite all who seek God and are drawn to Jesus to receive Communion. And yes, we mean *all*.

This commitment of ours can be jarring for some who come to us from traditions where the Body of Christ was only offered to certain people, under certain conditions – whether those conditions were about age, an adult confession of faith, a First Communion Class, RCIA, recent confession with a priest, or some other qualifier. However, this commitment of ours is a natural expression of what we believe about God, the sacraments, and the inherent worth, beauty and dignity of every person, no matter how young or how old.

To illustrate this, I'd like to share a story that comes from an article our parishioner Mary Sicilia wrote for the Diocese of Oregon. She writes, "One of my friends was very skeptical years ago when the altar rail was first opened up to young children who were not yet confirmed. 'My six year old just doesn't understand it,' she opined. 'And you do?' I recall I responded. So she allowed her daughter to receive but remained skeptical until the day when her daughter was cranky and pouty on the way to church and so she decided that morning her daughter would not be allowed to take communion. As they were driving home, her daughter looked over, eyes brimming with tears, and said quietly, 'You kept me from God.' My friend, noting that her daughter had figured out a way to deeply shame her, also recognized in the ploy that at six years old, her daughter understood a great deal more about the Eucharist than she had imagined."

This story encapsulates a few of the most common concerns about children and Communion. The first is the concern that children should not receive until they understand what they are doing. If this were our official policy, however, no one would ever receive Communion! Communion is one of the great sacramental mysteries of our common life, and we do not "earn" it by having a theologically sophisticated articulation of it.

Second, we worry that children are taking Communion casually, that somehow the deep and rich and fruitful mystery of Communion will be compromised or cheapened by a child's crunching of the wafer. To this concern I would offer the fact that we do not police adult consumption of the sacrament. We do not demand that each adult who wants to receive Communion sign a statement that they are fully emotionally, intellectually, and psychologically present to absorb the entire weight of the action each time they come to the rail. In fact, we believe that it is sometimes *most important* to receive the Body and Blood of Christ when we are distracted, angry, uncertain, or in pain. God welcomes each of us, just as we are, into God's life and work. We do not have to "perform" perfectly for God to offer Godself to us, for God to feed us and love us and nourish us and desire our thriving. Adults and children alike are invited to the Lord's Table just as they are, in whatever condition they are in, to receive, to participate, to be healed.

Third, there is the often unconscious implication that children are not "full" members of our church community, and that somehow Communion is a reward for full membership or for good behavior. This implication veers uncomfortably close to the idea that some people in our community are "more equal than others." At Good Shepherd, we have a basic commitment to not excluding anyone from God's love. This commitment is expressed at the altar rail, where Tom and I will never neglect to fill the open and outstretched hands of a child eagerly seeking Christ, and it extends outward to offering grace, hospitality, and welcome to people in our community who are marginalized and suffering. We cannot honestly preach that God has an abiding love for all people if we practice a tiered system at our common table.

As Rev. John Westerhof writes, "We do not teach nutrition before we feed a child. We do not teach hygiene before we bathe a child. We do not teach theological ethics before we love a child. Understanding results from reflection on experience. Therefore, someday each child will need to reflect upon her or his experience of participating in the sacrament, whose purpose is to make us aware of God's grace and love; but for now the child only needs to experience that love in being included in, and offered the opportunity to share bread and wine with his or her new family in Christ." At Good Shepherd, we respect the discernment of each individual family in relationship to their children receiving Communion. However, we will continue to make available, to offer, the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood to all, week after week, modeling our best understanding of God's perpetual self-offering and abundant love.

~The Rev. Shelly Fayette

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

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