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Sunday Services
7:30am, 9:00am, 11:05am

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

Nursery Care 8:30-12:30

Midweek Service:
Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

Clergy

Rector
The Rev. Dr. Tom Warne, III

Associate Pastor
The Rev. Shelly Fayette

Senior Warden
Kelly Nolen

Junior Warden
Jim Green

Children's Ministries Leader
Kara Uhrich

Youth Ministries Leader
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Marcella Rush

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**Stewardship Ministries
Leader**
Greg Rhodes

Outreach Worker
Barbara LeRoy

Administrative Leader
Anne Brown

ADVENT PARTY

**Sunday, November 20
Open House Format
3:00-5:30 PM in the Parish Hall**

Advent is the season before Christmas, and we in the church use this time to remind ourselves to prepare our hearts. Spending time with Scripture and prayer helps prepare our hearts to receive the love that God has offered us with the gift of Jesus. Decorating our homes inside and out tells all who visit that we are awaiting the Light of the World, the Christ Child.

The Good Shepherd Advent Party is a wonderful way for people of all ages to come together and begin these preparations. Advent Wreath materials are provided to make a wreath complete with candles that help count-down the four Sundays in the Advent season. There will also be other seasonal craft supplies available for every age and ability. A small, free-will offering will be accepted to help cover the cost of the Advent candles.

Appetizers and beverages will be provided. Please let us know if you'll be joining us by placing your name on the sign-up sheet found in the front entry of the church.

To volunteer with this event, or to have your questions answered, contact Kara Uhrich, Children's Ministries Leader, 892-7770, or karau@goodshepherdvancouver.org



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

As we approach the holiday season and begin to think of others who are less fortunate, may we all give thanks and be grateful for the abundance we are able to share. This year the people of Good Shepherd have the opportunity to help 60 families who would otherwise not enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. There is information on the far wall of the Parish Hall regarding the supplies needed for Thanksgiving Baskets. Look for the orange pockets, with cut outs in the shape of hands, indicating the food items needed for the baskets.

This year, instead of purchasing the turkeys, we will provide a gift card so that those receiving a turkey may make their own purchase. If you would like to donate a gift card from one of the local markets, please leave the card in the envelope provided in one of the pockets and turn it into the office for Barbara LeRoy.

Please take as many hands as you would like and return the items to the boxes in the Parish Hall by November 17. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

We give thanks this year during the week of Thanksgiving by having special prayers and music during all three services on Sunday, Nov. 20. This special service (in lieu of a Thanksgiving Eve service) will be especially beneficial to those who don't like to drive after dark and/or who are usually heading out of town on Thanksgiving Eve.

We encourage **EVERYONE** to bring a canned food item for the food bank that day in thanksgiving for the blessings you have received and to help alleviate hunger in Clark County.

Mark your calendars for this joyous day as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday and Thanksgiving with the entire church family of Good Shepherd present!

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

Nov. 14: Wreath & Poinsettia Orders due
 Nov. 17: Thanksgiving Basket Donations Due
 Nov. 18: Good Shepherd Book Club
 Nov. 18-30: JYC at St. Paul's, Bremerton
 Nov. 19: Thanksgiving Baskets assembled
 Nov. 19: Acolytes make Giving Tree ornaments
 Nov. 20: Thanksgiving Sunday
 Nov. 20: Advent Party
 Nov. 23: 4th Annual Youth Group Turkey Bowl
 Nov. 27: Giving Tree up
 Nov. 27: Baptism Classes begin
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 Dec. 11: Lessons & Carols
 Dec. 11: Sunday Night at the Movies
 Dec. 13: Giving Tree Gifts Due
 Dec. 16: Giving Tree sorting
 Dec. 17: Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

HAVE YOU VISITED THE WEBSITE LATELY?

www.goodshepherdvancouver.org

RECEIVE YOUR GOOD NEWS BY EMAIL!

Send your email address to:

goodnews@goodshepherdvancouver.org

PLEASE REMEMBER! Our newsletter is posted online. For articles requiring contact information, please be aware this information may be viewed by anyone accessing the Good Shepherd website. For privacy concerns or other options, please contact us at goodnews@goodshepherdvancouver.org.

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



The G.R.E.A.T. Group will meet in the Parish Hall at noon on Monday, December 5. Our potluck lunch will be followed by a Christmas musical program. Church member and pianist Ray Watson will perform, and there will be group singing as well. Bring a white elephant for a gift exchange. If you are eligible for A.A.R.P., you are eligible for the G.R.E.A.T Group! Come, enjoy the fellowship, and bring a friend.

Questions? Call David Owens at 977-8440.

WREATH AND POINSETTIA SALE BENEFITS THE MONTESSORI

It is once again time for the annual Montessori Preschool Poinsettia and Wreath sale! The sale of these beautiful plants and fragrant greens has become an annual tradition at the Church of the Good Shepherd. The proceeds of these sales support the scholarship program. Order forms were sent in the mail and are also available in the church entry.

Orders are due at the church by Monday, November 14, 2011. Thank you for your continued support!



Orders will be available for pick up starting on Friday, December 2nd, in the afternoon and after all services on Sunday, December 4th. Any questions? Contact Trish Owens, 360-977-8439.

LIGHTS OF THE WORLD: AN ADVENT QUIET DAY

Saturday, December 3rd, from 10:00 - 2:30 pm at Good Shepherd with Canon Educator Mary Sicilia as facilitator. Take a little time apart for yourself as we begin this busy Advent season with a few hours of

prayer, reflection, worship and quiet conversation. There is no charge - bring a bag lunch, beverages will be provided. Please register at the sign-up table in the narthex if you are planning on joining us.



GOOD SHEPHERD BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at Royal Oaks Country Club (with thanks to Donna Roberge-Nozel) on Friday 18 November at 10:15 am.

As usual, we will start with a discussion of the books we're currently reading, followed by lunch at the Club. Please contact Nancy Fritz at jnfritz@comcast.net or 571-5028 for more information and/or to RSVP.



L.A. GROUP LUNCHEON NOV. 13

Are you living alone and looking for a group to dine with once a month, as well as share in interesting activities/concerts/ trips, etc.? Please think about joining us on the 13th of November for our monthly luncheon/meeting. We will meet at Applewood Restaurant (2005 SE 192nd Avenue) at 1 pm. Questions? Call Carolyn Berkey (254-7985) or Nancy Fritz (571-5028).

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Service of Remembrance on Sunday, December 18 at 1:30 pm is a service for those who have



lost loved ones and find sadness at the holidays. Music, prayers for those we have lost, and a special meditation offer comfort to those who attend this service. Do you have a friend who has suffered the loss of a loved one this past year? Invite them to attend.

'Tis the Season for "Seasonal Singers"!



The Good Shepherd Choir would like to extend an invitation for singers to join them for the upcoming Advent/Christmas season including two very special worship services: *Lessons and Carols* (December 11, 4:00pm) and *Christmas Eve* (December 24, 10:00pm). If you are someone who does not have the time to commit to the choir on a full-time basis then

this is a wonderful opportunity to share your gift of music as a "seasonal singer."

The choir meets on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary and began rehearsing music for the *Lessons and Carols* on November 9. We will rehearse music for with that schedule (dedicating the first hour to *Lessons and Carols*) every Wednesday through December 7. (Rehearsal the week of November 20th will take place on Tuesday night November 21st instead of Wednesday.) There is a dress rehearsal on Saturday morning December 10 from 9:30am -12:00pm.

Singers interested in joining us for Christmas Eve: we will begin rehearsing music for that service on Wednesday, December 7 from 8:15-9:00pm and continue on December 14 & 21 from 7:00-8:30pm.

Please consider joining us for this wonderful singing ministry!! Any questions, call Mike Iverson at 253-8622 or email at

ACOLYTE ALERT

The "Christmas Giving Tree" ornament-making party will be held on Saturday, November 19, from 2:00-4:00pm in the Youth Building. This is an annual acolyte tradition in which acolytes contribute their talent and time to support those less fortunate in the community. PIZZA, TREATS, MOVIE. FELLOWSHIP. Come be a part of this "giving" event.



"Lessons and Carols" coming soon!

Mark your calendars now to attend our annual *Advent Lessons and Carols* service being held at Good Shepherd on Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary, featuring the Good Shepherd Choir, Good Shepherd Handbell Choir, and Children's Choir.

The choirs will be presenting music and readings appropriate for the season of Advent as well as leading congregational hymn singing.

There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken in support of local charities. If you would like childcare for this event please call the church office by Thursday, December 8th.

Please join us for this very special afternoon of worship and music and be sure and invite a friend or two!!

Good Shepherd is going to Peru with Courts for Kids!

After a great meeting and weighing and praying over our options a small group of us picked the small rural community in the northern sierra of the Andes mountains in Peru called La Conga, where we will go to build a soccer/basketball/volleyball court for a community with great need for a safe place for their kids to play.

COME WITH US!! We are looking for 12-26 participants to join us on this life-changing adventure (people outside of the GS community are more than welcome to join us). If you have a desire to learn, serve, sweat and laugh alongside the beautiful Peruvian people then you can't miss out!

When: July 21st-29th

Cost: \$2,300 per person (tax deductible)

To get more details you can email Selene at selene@courtsforkids.org or you can go to our website and download the packet of information on this trip at www.courtsforkids.org/upcoming.htm.



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The

Christmas Giving Tree

is an annual project at Good Shepherd.

We provide neighborhood families food, hygiene baskets,



and



two gifts for each child 18 and under, a clothes item and a special



request



gift like a toy. We receive names of families from local schools



and



also from a nursing home. We invite everyone who is able to take tags

**from
the
tree**

and buy gifts.



The Good Shepherd community has made this a delightful and rewarding success over the years. There is more information and sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Please call if you have questions or if you would like to be in charge of any areas. Call Sandy at 571-0389.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday Nov. 10–22 TYPING OF ADDRESS LABELS FOR TAGS

Sunday Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11: CHOOSING OF GIFT TAGS

Sunday Dec. 11, Thursday Dec. 15 & Friday Dec. 16: SHOP FOR GIFTS

Tuesday Dec. 13: RETURN GIFTS

Wednesday Dec. 14: YOUTH SHOP FOR GIFTS

Friday Dec 16 starting at 4:00PM: SORTING OF GIFTS

Saturday Dec 17 starting at 1:30PM: GIFTS

will be passed out at the church to their recipients.

We ask that the maximum amount of money spent on each gift be (\$35) thirty-five dollars.

For food and hygiene baskets there is **no money limit**.

Additionally, you may be interested in purchasing gifts for an entire family, if so, please contact Sandy Bristol prior to November 23. Thank you!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DECEMBER 18TH

Please join the children and youth of Good Shepherd on Sunday, December 18th at 4:00 PM for an afternoon of Christmas drama and music. A reception for everyone will follow in the parish hall. Questions: contact Kara at 892-7770 or karau@goodshepherdvancouver.org

Opportunities for Children and Youth to Perform in the Family Christmas Program - Children and youth interested in playing a musical instrument, singing, reading poetry, or being our Master of Ceremonies for the Family Christmas Program on Dec.



18 should contact one of the following people:

Kara Uhrich 892-7770 or karau@goodshepherdvancouver.org
Mike Iverson at 253-8622 or mikei@goodshepherdvancouver.org

PLEDGE UPDATE

Thank you to all who have turned in pledges and ministry gift inventory forms for 2012. To date, pledges received total \$243,000. If you have not yet had a chance to submit a pledge or a gift inventory, please pray about how you may be called to support the ministry of Good Shepherd in the coming year. Pledge information is important to the vestry in its planning for next year, and the ministry gift inventories are important to ministries seeking people to serve. A commitment, even a conservative one, is a spiritually significant act. It says to God and to ourselves how we view ourselves as stewards of the blessings God has entrusted to us. Extra forms are available on the table in the church entryway; please turn yours in soon.

UPCOMING GOD PUB

God Pub is an informal time of conversation, sharing, questions, and laughter. No dogma, no drama – God Pub is for everyone, believers and skeptics alike. God Pub runs the first Sunday of each month (next meeting, December 4) from 7 pm – 9 pm at the East Vancouver McMenamin's on 162nd.



FALL OFFERINGS FROM CAMP HUSTON



Thanksgiving Family Camp, November 24-27,

2011 Looking for a new way to spend your holiday. Join the Huston community and Rev. Peter DeVeau for a night of thanks with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner (prepared by the Huston staff!) followed by a weekend of crafts, activities, and sitting by the fire!

Huston Quilters, December 9-13, 2011 Get those holiday quilt projects complete while enjoying time with friends!

Women's Getaway, January 13-16, 2011 A weekend escape to Camp may be just what you need after the holidays. Join Rev. Gail Wheatley and other women of the Diocese for quality time, conversation, worship, and some well-deserved R & R!

Camp Huston is an Episcopal Camp and Conference Center located in Gold Bar, Washington. More information and online registration for these fun-filled events can be found at www.huston.org; or call 360-793-0441.

4TH DAY IS COMING

The "Fourth Day" is Cursillo shorthand for "The Rest of Your Life!" This post-Cursillo potluck will be held November 19, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm at St. Michael's, Eugene. Bring a potluck dish and enjoy friends, music and prayer.

OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

With our Outreach Mission Imperative before us-We will share our abundance by responding to those in need throughout the community and the world-the visioning team is working to develop a sustainable system that will enable our Good Shepherd community to be faithful stewards. Sharing scripture that speaks to our hearts regarding outreach began our recent meeting followed by discussion of existing ministries supported by Good Shepherd. As we continue with our work we will be focusing on ways to allow everyone assessable and meaningful opportunities for reaching out to the local, national and international communities.

THE 2012 VESTRY ELECTION

The Vestry is made up of nine elected church members who serve three-year terms as the lay leaders of our congregation. At the Annual Meeting on January 29, four new Vestry members will be elected to replace Julie Gullett, Jan French, and Nancy Huffaker, whose terms are expiring, as well as Kelly Nolen, who is completing her year of service as Senior Warden. Please begin praying about how you can take part in this process, either by nominating a fellow church member or considering serving yourself. November 13-December 4, nomination forms will be available so that candidates may be lifted up for consideration.

As you pray about whether to submit a nomination, we invite you to consider how you see the following qualities for leadership at Good Shepherd rising up in yourself, or a brother or sister in Christ:

- Big picture thinking
- Willingness to actively participate in hands-on work to advance the church's mission, while keeping the big picture in mind
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively
- Enthusiasm for inspiring others
- Willingness to take risks
- Ability to be a calm presence
- Courage to engage in healthy conflict

Please check with the person before nominating them. The Vestry will prayerfully consider those nominated and discern a slate of candidates. Potential candidates will be contacted and receive information about Vestry member roles and responsibilities. Those who feel called to accept a nomination will complete a profile that will be made available to the congregation, and will also be available at Adult Education in January to answer questions.

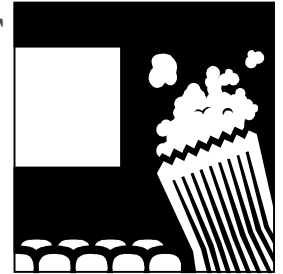


Please pray for the Vestry as we proceed with the process to nominate and elect new Vestry members.

SAINTS AND SINNERS OF THE SILVER SCREEN

For older teens and adults

Youth Building



Please join on the 2nd, 4th, & if available, 5th Sundays of each month. Starting at 7:00 p.m., we will view a series of films focusing on community and family. *What is the good community? ...the good family?* These basic questions will be at the center stage for our viewing and discussion.

- November 13**, In Denmark, Christianity can become a bit say, heavy. *Babette's Feast*, taken from an Isak Dinesen story, attempts to lighten a leaden contentious community through the oldest of all shared group rituals, a meal together.
- November 27**, we will watch *Ordet*, made by the great Danish director Carl Dryer. This film is about conflicting faith claims, family rivalry, and the power of love. Completely unique and disquieting, it evidences God's radical awesome grace.
- December 11**, as an early Christmas celebration will we watch the first part of Ingmar Bergman's *Fanny and Alexander*, the story of a young boy and girl, experiencing the wonder and joy of their extended family's festive and lusty celebration of life and theater. Plus we'll watch a clip or two from *A Christmas Story*.

Join us in January to continue the saga of *Fanny and Alexander*, and continue our adventure together into community.

TAKE THE PARENT SURVEY!

Do you have kids between 6th and 12th grades? The Youth Visioning Team, which has been working to consider how best to meet the needs of youth and their families, wants to hear from you. Take a few minutes to respond to our parent survey on Survey Monkey. If you are on the youth ministries email list, you should have received a link to this survey. You can also go directly to Survey Monkey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6RJH9KF>. Survey results are anonymous, but if you email Kelly Nolen at goowls1@comcast.net and say "I did the survey," you will be entered to win a \$25 Target gift card. Thank you in advance for your valuable input!



wine into water

Christmas can [still] change the world.

The story of Christ's birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping list. And when it's all over, many of us are left with present to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas? What if Christmas became a world-changing event again?

Welcome to Advent Conspiracy
 [Worship Fully]
 [Spend Less]
 [Give More]
 [Love All]

To meet the needs of the communities affected by the absence of clean water and sanitation, Episcopal Relief & Development is partnering with the Diocese of Olympia to construct latrines, fresh water wells and provide health education. With your help, we can promote health and well-being while offering children and families essentials such as a safe water supply, a means to dispose of waste and critical health care services to help prevent disease. Our hope is that, by celebrating Christ in a new way at Christmas, the church can serve as the leading movement behind ending the water crisis once and for all.



John 2:1-11 "Fill the jars with water."

We all know of Jesus' miracle of turning water into wine. One of the ways we can serve Him is by turning water from a source of disease into a source of good health.

Dear Friends,

Just open the tap and out it comes—clean, cool water. It's something we typically take for granted. But for more than 1 billion people, access to clean, safe drinking water is simply unattainable. Worldwide, 2.5 billion people are at risk of deadly waterborne diseases due to lack of proper sanitation. More children under the age of five die from unsafe drinking water and poor sanitary conditions than from any other cause in the world.

Successful water projects like those run by Episcopal Relief & Development can have an enormous ripple effect, because a well that provides clean, potable water means so many things. It can bring an end to rampant diarrhea caused by waterborne disease, or free up hours upon hours of people's time once dominated by lugging water from faraway streams. Without this burden on their time, children have time to study and women can invest themselves in starting small businesses or other endeavors. Agricultural productivity is often increased, as is the standard of living.

Water is central not only to life and health, but to economic development, community cohesion, environmental sustainability, regional political security and self-sufficiency.

Help Episcopal Relief & Development provide clean water and prevent diseases in the countries that we serve. We can reach many of those who are still denied this simple human right and save many precious lives. Together we can heal a hurting world by creating access to safe, clean water.

Faithfully, The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, Bishop of Olympia

It was shared at diocesan convention that about \$111,000.00 has been raised so far in our diocesan Wine into Water campaign. I would like to see us here at Good Shepherd join this campaign and help provide more than three (3) families with clean drinking water this holiday season! Surely we could raise at least \$1,500 and provide clean water for SIX (6) families! And who knows, maybe we could even raise \$5,000 to drill a well for an entire village!! -- Fr. Tom

To donate, please make your check payable to Church of the Good Shepherd and then note in the memo line that it is for "Wine into Water." To learn more, visit www.er-d.org.

Youth Good Shepherd News

Upcoming Events!!!

Fourth Annual Turkey Bowl, November 23, 1-3pm on the HP (former Nautilus) Back Lot. Join us for a pick up game of flag football. Can't make the whole game, join us and afterwards head over to meet up at Juliano's Pizza for some food and fellowship.

Family Fun Night featuring Toy Story 3, Wednesday November 30, 6:30-8:30pm. A fun, family time where parents & kids of ages 0-18 can enjoy the lessons of friendship and love with Woody, Buzz and the whole Toy Story gang! Popcorn & juice provided. Childcare for this even is available with advance registration for children too young to watch the movie. Please reserve childcare using the sign-up sheet located in the front entry of the church by noon on Monday, November 28.

The Justice Conference : Justice Hangs By A Thread.

The work of justice is to mend the holes injustice inflicts upon the garment. It is a brave, challenging, courageous work and it does not begin with expertise or duty. It begins with love... and love is a thread. You are invited to come weave your voice and gifts into the conversation. Join us, and discover that in the garment of justice, your love is an irreplaceable thread.

February 24-25 2012, Portland Oregon

Young People, does getting involved in the conversation interest you? Student pricing and scholarships available! Please let Elizabeth Sloan know if this is something you would like to attend 360-892-7770 or email: youth@goodshepherdvancouver.org

Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm

November 16th: Faith Lens High School and Middle School Small Group discussion & Games

November 23rd: No Youth Group

November 30: Toy Story 3

DEAR FRIENDS AT GOOD SHEPHERD,

The Babies In Need building now has walls, a roof, doors, vinyl siding and insulation! It is really coming along! On November 19th from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, help is needed to build shelves on two walls, install 30 tray sliders - 6 people, hammers, screwdrivers, levels. Coffee breaks and lunch are included.

They hope to finish the building by Thanksgiving and would love to have you join them if you are able. Work days are family-friendly, and little ones can enjoy our playground.

Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2:30 is the blessing and celebration! Please join them for this joyous occasion! Babies In Need is located at All Saints, Hazel Dell. 2100 NW 99th St. Directions: From north or south on I-5, turn west on 99th St. in Hazel Dell. Go 1.5 miles to 21st Ave. NW. All Saints is on the corner.



Journey to Light is an introduction to icons and chant designed to be interesting and meaningful to both the general public and the more serious academic, religious, artist, musician or student. This Festival of Icons & Chant will be held Nov. 18 – 19, with optional events November 20, at various locations throughout Portland including: Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, St. Clare Parish, St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Stephen's (Catholic) Church, and the Hellenic – American Cultural Center For more information, and registration, visit www.journeytolightpdx.com, contact (503) 244-1037, ext. 107; info@journeytolightpdx.com or



ORDER OF ST LUKE HEALING WEEKEND

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!



MAKE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS SPECIAL: INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm* - The Holy Eucharist with sermon for the whole family. Music with children in mind. Infant and toddler care.

6:00 pm* - The Holy Eucharist with sermon and a mix of traditional and contemporary music led by Shepherd-Song.

10:00 pm - The Holy Eucharist with sermon, traditional Christmas carols and special music by the Good Shepherd Choir.

*Nursery care will be available at 4:00 and 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day

10:00 am** - The Holy Eucharist with sermon and Christmas carols. There will be no nursery care.

****Please note: There will be only one service on Sunday, December 25 - at 10:00 am.**

CHAT WITH THE VESTRY

Members of the Vestry will again be available Tuesday, December 6 from 6:00-6:55 in the Parish Hall. Should you need child care or a ride to attend, please let a member of the vestry know no later than November 22. Contact information is available in the church entryway and on the web. We continue to look forward to dialoguing with the congregation.

ALL CURSILLISTAS INVITED TO A GRAND ULTRYEA AND POTLUCK

This Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10am to noon, Oregon Episcopal Cursillo invites all Oregon and Southwest Washington Cursillistas, past, present, and future, and everyone else, to a Grand Ultryea and Potluck Gathering, to be held at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 4110 River Road in Eugene. There will be singing, praying, rejoicing, eating, and time to connect with others. Bring food to share. Contact Cindi Caruso at cindi@ados.net or 503-366-3743 for more information.

GOOD SHEPHERD COOKS

CALLING FOR RECIPES. We are looking for the recipe to re-create flavors from your youth or from your favorite pot-luck dinner, but we can’t create that great parish cookbook without all of you contributing that great recipe!

Do you have a favorite recipe you’d like to see included? Please fill out one of the recipe forms found in the Narthex, or now we have an online form that is easy to fill in – just email Libby Jensen at elibbybeth@gmail.com or Janice Crumbaker at crummybaker@comcast.net and we will send you the quick link, or check the website for the link. You can also phone Libby at 360-896-8433.

We will accept recipes in all forms – photocopies, scans, emails or recipe cards. We are also wanting to include low fat, diabetic, low carb or gluten free variations on tradi-

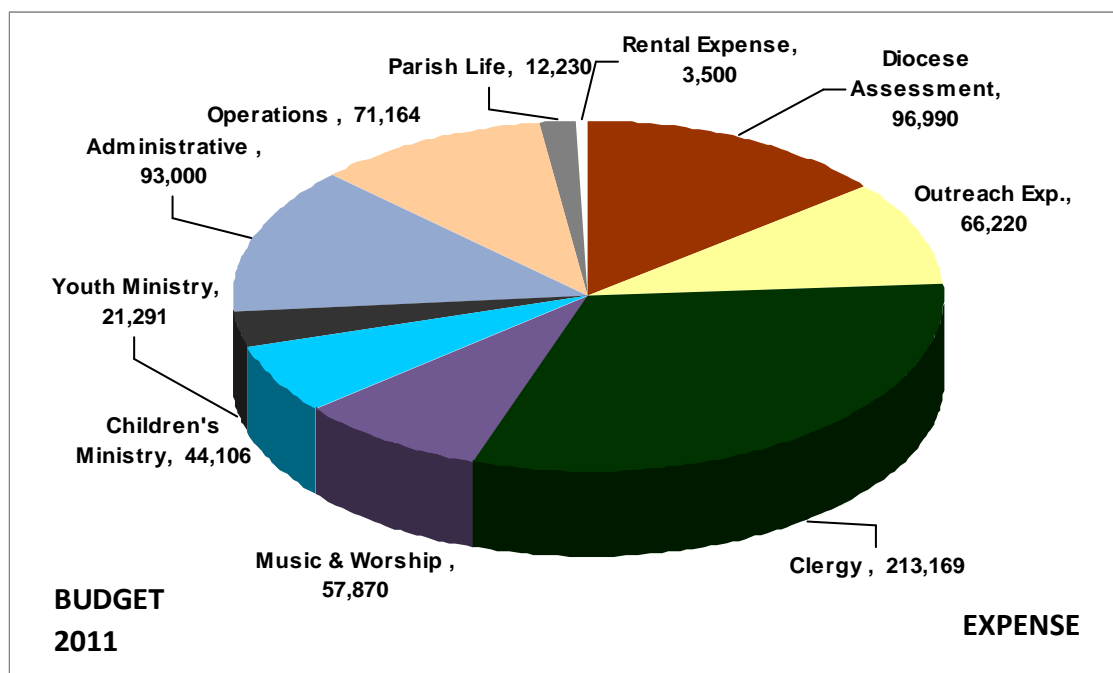
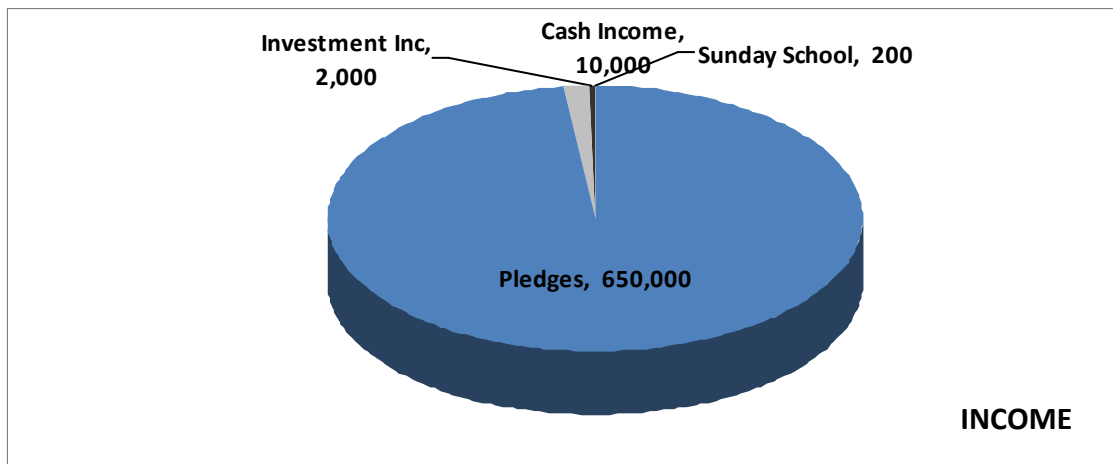


Church Budget 101.

Ever wonder how the church budget is put together? Want to know how we pay for church activities, or where our resources go?

Below are 2 pie charts that show the components of the church's income and expenses for 2011. These have been revised from the original charts in the Oct. 30th bulletin announcement to more accurately show the amounts spent on children's and youth ministry. The income pie chart has also been corrected to remove from income a loss carried forward from 2010 (shown as "cash forward" on the previous pie chart).

We are now beginning the process of building the budget for 2012. If you have any questions about the budgeting process, please contact a member of the Finance Committee: Fr. Tom, Rose Stratton (Treasurer), Steve Jensen, (Asst. Treasurer), Sharon Farr (vestry), Julie Gullett (vestry), Jim Green (vestry), or Kelly Nolen (vestry).



Our Common Spiritual Life - The Conversation Continues!

Home gatherings to talk about how we experience 5 core elements of our spiritual life together – connection, formation, fellowship, service, and worship – happened during the first weeks of October.

Next, Adult Education time starting October 23 provided an opportunity to talk together and share ideas about how our experience of these elements could be enhanced at Good Shepherd.

The conversation: October 23 – Connection
 October 30 – Service
 November 6 - Fellowship
 November 13 – Formation
 November 20 – Worship

An additional session will be offered from 3-4:30 on November 13 so that those who cannot attend during Adult Education time can participate.

Information gathered during these sessions will shape several new approaches to Sunday morning at Good Shepherd. As we begin the New Year, these will be tried during Epiphany, the season of surprise.

Come share your thoughts!

If you have been unable to participate in either the home gatherings or the adult education sessions, we invite you to give input by filling out the brief survey on the reverse of this page. **If you have participated before, it is not necessary to complete a survey as it duplicates the questions covered at the home gatherings and adult education sessions.**

In completing the survey, it may be helpful to refer to the following examples of ways we experience each of the core elements.

Connection - relationships and ministries, welcoming newcomers, and connecting with the broader community

Service - helping those in need in the Good Shepherd community, service projects in the larger community, helping our neighbors and co-workers, outreach

Fellowship - small groups, social time on Sunday morning, gatherings such as the Harvest Dinner, Welcome Back Barbeque, and Advent Party

Formation - adult education, children's and youth programs and curriculum, weekly programming such as Thursday Night Light and EFM, retreats

Worship - church services, music

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Thank you,
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