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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

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The Rev. Dr. Tom Warne, III

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Anne Brown



# The Good News

December 13, 2011 -- Vol. 2011, Issue No. 21

## 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 ShepherdSong.

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.**

## 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](http://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

Dec. 13: Giving Tree Gifts Due  
 Dec. 15: Giving Tree sorting  
 Dec. 17: Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal  
 Dec. 17: Distribute Giving Tree gifts  
 Dec. 18: Newsletter Deadline  
 Dec. 18: Service of Remembrance  
 Dec. 18: Family Christmas Program and Pageant  
 Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services: 4:00, 6:00, 10:00 pm  
 Dec: 24 Montessori Appeal  
 Dec. 25: ONE service: 10:00 am  
 Dec. 26: Office Closed  
 Jan. 1: Plastics Recycling Sunday  
 Jan. 1: Newsletter Deadline  
 Jan. 2: Office closed  
 Jan. 8: Bishop's Visit  
 Jan. 8: Movie Night  
 Jan. 8: Babies in Need building blessing  
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 Jan. 15: Newsletter Deadline  
 Jan. 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - office closed  
 Jan. 22: Movie Night  
 Jan. 28: Mystery Quilt Class  
 Jan. 28: Neslands share Israel trip  
 Jan. 29: Annual Meeting (One Service)  
 Feb. 4: Tom Rheingans Artist Series Concert  
 Feb. 5: Newsletter Deadline

### **HAVE YOU VISITED THE WEBSITE LATELY?**

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



The G.R.E.A.T. Group will meet in the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon and a program at 12 noon on Monday, January 9. The speaker will be Beverly Maine, who is C.E.O. of the Episcopal Retirement Foundation. She and another lady from the foundation office will be driving from Bremerton that morning (God and the weather willing). The topic for the discussion is "The Heart of Senior Living." There are two retirement homes in the diocese; one in Bremerton called Canterbury House, across the street from an Episcopal church, and another in Port Angeles. Since these ladies are travelling so far, let's all support them. Invite a friend and bring a dish to share. Questions? Call Betty Yingling at 256-2956. Did you know that the G.R.E.A.T. Group is: God Loving, Resilient, Enthusiastic, Active, and Talented?

## FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DECEMBER 18

Please join the children and youth of Good Shepherd on Sunday, December 18, 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 [karau@goodshepherdvancouver.org](mailto:karau@goodshepherdvancouver.org) or 892-7770.



**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](mailto:karau@goodshepherdvancouver.org)

**Children's Chapel** will not be offered on Christmas Day, December 25, or January 8, when Bishop Greg Rickel will be here for baptisms and confirmations. **Preschoolers** are welcome in the nursery on January 8. On New Year's Day, January 1, Children's Chapel and nursery care will be available as usual.

**No Sunday School** for children, youth, or adults on the following days: December 25<sup>th</sup>, January 1<sup>st</sup> or January 8<sup>th</sup>.

## ADVENT PARTY THANK YOU

The annual Good Shepherd Advent Party coordinated by Children's Ministries was held on the afternoon of Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Over 60 people of all ages gathered in the parish hall for fellowship, to make seasonal crafts, and Advent wreaths to help celebrate the Advent season.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Advent Party. Special thanks to the following youth and adult volunteers who helped to make the Advent Party successful: Dan Benge, Danielle Benge, Natalie Benge, Sam Benge, Cara Curtland, Steve Curtland, Robbin Hansen, Stacy Hansen, Jim Kribs, Sharon Mathews, Kelly Nolen, Mercedes Riggs, Dana Shrock, Christine Tewinkel, David Uhrich, Michelle Waggoner, and Fr. Tom Warne.

Faithfully,  
Kara Uhrich  
for Children's  
Ministries Team

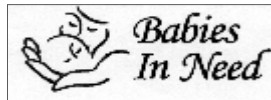


## SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



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 friends who have suffered the loss of a loved one this past year? Invite them to attend.

## DEAR FRIENDS AT GOOD SHEPHERD,



The Celebration and Blessing of the new Babies In Need building will be January 8th at 2:30 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church. Please join them for this joyous occasion! Babies In Need is located at 2100 NW 99th St. (From I-5, turn west on 99th St. in Hazel Dell. Go 1.5 miles to 21st Ave. NW. All Saints is on the corner.)

## LIVE THEATER is coming to Good Shepherd in April 2012

Good Shepherd's NOT READY FOR EASTER PLAYERS: an acting troupe, will perform "CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY," a play by Philip Turner, circa 1953. It will be produced at 7PM, on April 2 & 3, 2012, the beginning of Holy Week. This play will be followed by a brief theatrical informal Eucharist. We want actors: 4 men & 2 women! Practice will begin in late January. For more information, phone: Jim "deZz" Desmond; 360-882-4903 home, 360-931-5972 cell or email the producer: jdesmo@comcast.net. Not an actor? We also need a prompter, sound, and sound/effects, lighting persons, publicity guru, ushers, a musical overture, and a wine caddy.

## 2011 DONATIONS REMINDER

Donations to be credited to the 2011 calendar year must be brought to the church or postmarked by December 31, 2011, per IRS regulations. Thank you for your support.  
—Rose Stratton, treasurer



## 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!

## 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 usually meets the first Sunday of each month from 7 pm – 9 pm at the East Vancouver McMenamin's on 162<sup>nd</sup>. The next meeting will be February 5, as we are taking a break in January.

## BLUE CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE

Christmas can be a difficult time of year for many reasons, including separation from loved ones; a loss of job, home or relationship; depression; an association with painful Christmases past; or a feeling of intense disconnection from the prevailing demands and commercialism of Christmas. The Blue Christmas Prayer Service at All Saints' Church offers space, accepting community, and time away from the hype of Christmas to experience stillness, acceptance and Sacred Presence in the midst of our ever changing lives. Please join them – and bring a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker if you like.

*All are Welcome, Any Faith or No Faith*

***Tuesday December 21***

***7:00 PM***

*All Saints Episcopal Church  
2206 NW 99th Street, Vancouver, WA*

## Dear People of Good Shepherd,

Let us begin by thanking all of you who have turned in pledge commitments for 2012. Unlike other Episcopal Churches, who may have an endowment to help with their operating budget, the Church of the Good Shepherd throughout her history has relied on pledge income to meet the mission budget of this fine parish. It needs to be said from the start and in this economy more than ever, that continuing to live into the abundance that God has put before us is as important as ever. Now is not the time to shrink back; cling to; or feel scarce.

Your finance committee and vestry understand all too well the challenges that people are facing in their personal financial households; but we also understand that in order for us to continue to retain the present extraordinary staff that we have and the excellent programs that we offer, we need your help.

With this in mind, we would like to give you an update on where we stand at this time, so that you can make as informed and prayerful decision as possible; remembering that every gift no matter how small or how large is absolutely vital to us continuing on the journey that God has placed before us.

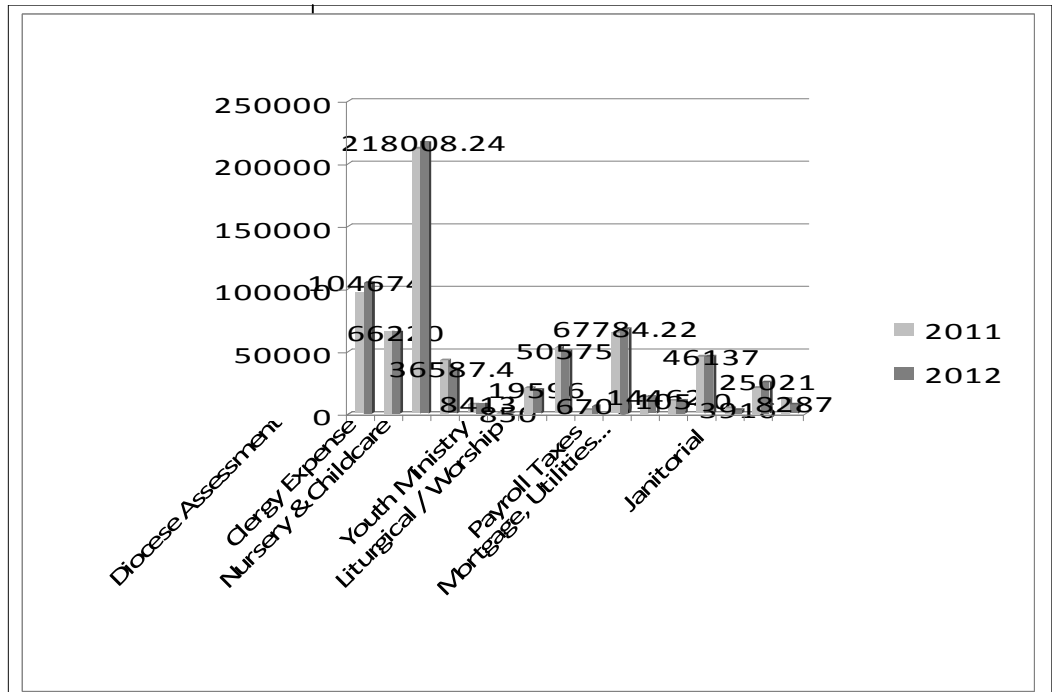
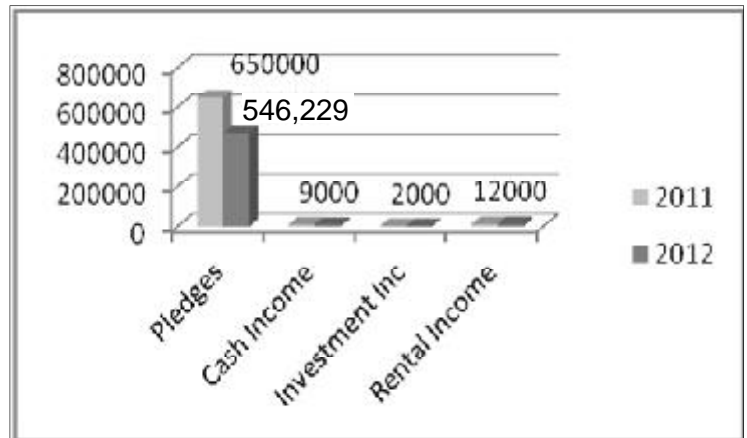
To date, we have received \$402,919 in pledges. Looking at numbers from people who have pledged last year, but haven't made a pledge yet, we estimate another \$143,310 in outstanding pledges, which would bring us to \$546,229. This still leaves us well short of our 2012 projected pledge goal of \$675,000 (a difference of \$128,771). Your leadership feels that it is very important to keep you abreast of these pledge income numbers as they become available, and we promise to hold before you where we're at with the numbers periodically, rather than wait until our annual meeting in January.

Your leadership feels as many of our Common Spiri-

tual Life conversations over the past month have also borne out, that we have come through a massive change in leadership over the past few years and that we, as a Body of Christ, are finally poised to step into the next chapter that God has in store for us. A pledge, again no matter the dollar amount, from each and every person who calls Good Shepherd their spiritual home, would help contribute greatly to that next chapter being written; as well as being able to accomplish new and exciting things together for the sake of God's people outside our four walls.

Please pray about how God may be calling you to give (or even increase your gift) to the mission and ministry of God's beloved Church, called Good Shepherd.

Faithfully,  
Your Rector and Finance Committee





## 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 presents 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](http://www.er-d.org).**



**Wednesday Youth Group**  
**6:30-8:30PM**

Dec. 14: Shopping for Giving Tree

**Upcoming Event!**

**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, and 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 a youth leader know if this is something you would like to attend or leave message at 360-892-7770 or [youth@goodshepherdvancouver.org](mailto:youth@goodshepherdvancouver.org)



**Good Shepherd is going to Peru**

**WITH COURTS FOR KIDS...** We currently have 8 people signed up for the Peru trip and need a total of 12 to make this trip happen! If you are planning on going then please get your registration and deposit in soon so we can know if this trip is “officially” happening or not. This is open to anyone- of all ages and ability levels. We will be building a multi-purpose sports court for a community of 400 to provide a safe place for their kids to play and a gathering place for their community festivals and holidays. This service and learning trip will challenge us to listen, learn and grow as we serve alongside the Peruvian people. The trip is July 21st - 29th. If you have any questions you can email Selene at [selene@courtsforkids.org](mailto:selene@courtsforkids.org) or call at 360-909-0684. You can also go on our webpage and download a packet with all the information and sign up form at [www.courtsforkids.org](http://www.courtsforkids.org).

**Do You Need a Babysitter for the Holidays?**

Hello! I am Alexandra Uhrich, a sophomore at the University of Washington, majoring in Early Childhood and Family Studies. I will be home during the Christmas break, December 17<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> and will be available to provide babysitting services during this busy time of the year. References available upon request. Please contact me by phone or email: 360-903-7201 or [alexandra.u@comcast.net](mailto:alexandra.u@comcast.net)

**MYSTERY QUILT 2012**

There are still a few spaces left for the Mystery Quilt Class scheduled for January 28th. Registration forms are available in the entry. This is a very fun day of quilting and fellowship. Lawry Thorn, from the Stitchin Post in Sisters, Oregon is our instructor. The \$40 fee includes snacks, as well as a delicious lunch, prepared by our gourmet cooks, Linda Dawson and Sandi Green. As a heads up: there is a lot of pre-class cutting and some sewing prior to the class. This will give us more class time for sewing and maybe even completing the quilt top!! If you have any questions, please contact Bette Ludden. Class size is limited, so get your registration in—with your check—quickly!



**SMALL GIFT PACKAGES FOR GIVING TREE**



If you buy a gift card or a small gift (CD or DVD) you might want to consider leaving it in the church office so it doesn't get lost among all of the other presents.

During the week you could leave it with Anne and she will put it in a safe place. On Sunday morning you could leave it with one of us and we will put it in a safe place.

Sandy and Chuck Bristol



## **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:**

**Tuesday Dec. 13: RETURN GIFTS**

**Thursday, Dec. 15 & Friday, Dec. 16: SHOP FOR 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 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**.

Sandy and Chuck Bristol @ 571-0389.

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## Patience

**Ephesians 4:1-3** ... walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

I heard once that you should not pray for patience, because then God will test you!

Maybe this is because when we are being mindful of our patience level that we do feel like we are being tested!

Either way, I did begin praying for patience, because I was finding that I just can't wait two minutes for things some days! I am always checking my phone and my E-mail and I feel like I am never caught up with things!

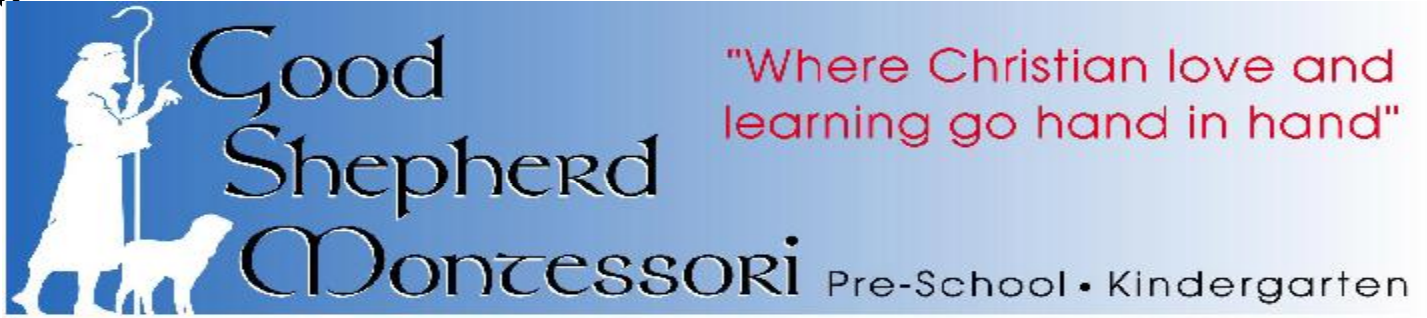
I have a difficult relationship with time, to be honest. I am easily distracted and therefore can be counted on to be late unless threatened. I recently invited a friend to attend a workshop with me and the workshop was on three different days over the last three months.

The first class, she came to pick me up. She arrived later than we had planned but of course that was fine with me because then I had extra time to get ready and do extra chores and we had allowed extra travel time so we were not late to the workshop. The second class, she had an injury so I insisted on driving. I was a few minutes late and she was upset with me and called me on my cell phone at our appointed time to tell me so...but we still arrived at the class 15 minutes early so I was sort of annoyed at being chastised! The third class came just after I had prayed for patience and I came to pick her up a few minutes early and felt very on top of things and with all my ducks in a row.

I found a note on her door that said something had come up and she would be right back. And below this message was her cell number. I decided simply not to call, because I was a patient person, and a faithful one. I knew we would get to the class and I wanted to believe. I got out my notebook and started to write some notes and took some time to meditate and pray. I felt so great, and checked the time: it had been 5 minutes. I would not call that number, again I decided. I also decided that I would not check the time again, but just be patient, and wait. The time literally sped by and I only checked the time when she arrived: she had had an emergency and everything was fine and I was very proud that I was a happy, patient person...at least that day. With God's help, anything is possible. My friend was 30 minutes late: but guess what? We still got to our class on time, and even stopped for a coffee on the way. Amen.

**Colossians 1:11-12** *May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.*

*Kate Altenhof-Long*



Good Shepherd Ministries, A Non-Profit Corporation

Dear Friends,

Every Monday through Friday, children from two and half up through six come to the Good Shepherd Montessori school to begin their life long journey in learning. The Good Shepherd Montessori program is a unique ministry of the Church of the Good Shepherd, where children practice a variety of lessons encompassing something as minute as being able to walk in a line to being able to string together a few letter sounds as first words are read. Good Shepherd Montessori empowers its young students in a classroom where they not only learn about respect and compassion, but experience it as well.

I have two children currently enrolled at Good Shepherd Montessori—one just beginning her journey, and one whom I have watched grow in many ways during the past two and half years. I am so thankful that my children have this opportunity, and grateful to the teachers and staff who have worked incredibly hard in creating a classroom where I have complete peace of mind each day I leave my children in their care.

Part of what makes the GSM program so special is the commitment to provide scholarships for families who would otherwise be unable to afford the tuition. The generosity of the Church of the Good Shepherd community has been able to bless so many families with the gift of education. I appreciate so much what the Good Shepherd Montessori school has done for my children and my family; I know that the gift of an education is a wonderful gift.

I am continually moved by the generosity that I have witnessed from the members of this community. I have seen church members gather on a wet morning to sort and distribute flats of plants, listen to beginning readers, share their time, knowledge, and expertise with the GSM school board, and provide an education for numerous students who would not be able to attend Good Shepherd Montessori otherwise. This holiday season, please consider an offering to the GSM Scholarship Fund as we continue our mission to provide scholarships to one in four children. Blue envelopes will be available in service leaflets at each Christmas service for your use.

Peace,  
Eija Sumner  
GSM Parent and 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

My offering is in honor of:

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Please make checks payable to Church of the Good Shepherd and note as "GSM Scholarship."  
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- Please be aware contact information in your article may be viewed by anyone accessing our website. Contact us for concerns and other options.

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

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:**  
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