

SPOTLIGHT

Ministry in Focus: Membership

The Church is not a distributor of religious goods or commodities which one visits to get their spiritual or emotional fix. Rather, according to the Scriptures, it is a people – the living, breathing community of the Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul goes so far as to say that the Church is Christ's body and that each person is a "member" or body-part. Membership is about an individual acknowledging his or her place within the body and taking responsibility for it and is also about the body of the Church acknowledging one of its body parts and promising to care for that person. If you are a baptized follower of Jesus Christ and you consider Good Shepherd to be your church home then membership is for you. For more information pick up the membership brochure on the Welcome Table or visit www.gsc.ca/membership.htm.

Eye on Outreach: Mission for Advancing Theological Education and Friends Committed to Caring


Friends Committed to Caring (FCC) – a Health Care Ministry which provides Health Education, Training and Clinical services was introduced to complement what was already being done by the Mission for Advancing Theological Education. M.A.T.E. has sent two groups out this year, first to Guyana in March, then to Zambia in July. They run medical clinics supplying vitamins, doing medical tests, and educating about health. They run Bible conferences, presenting the gospel and teaching children Bible stories. Before they go they send ahead a variety of supplies including sewing machines, tools, books – and now computer systems and books on CDs. As in the past M.A.T.E. still welcomes theological books.

Did You Know?

■ Christ the King Sunday was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and has been subsequently adopted by various Christian fellowships and communions. Christ the King Sunday directs our attention towards the universal and ultimate reign of Christ over the world and because of this it serves as an effective transition to the expectant waiting of the Advent season.

The Week at a Glance

Monday	
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study – 9:30AM Alpha – 6:30PM Marriage Course – 6:30PM Jr. High – 7:00PM
Wednesday	Club House – 6:45PM The YG – 7:30PM
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal – 7:30PM
Friday	
Saturday	College & Careers – 7:30PM
Sunday	Convergence – 9:00AM Worship Service – 10:30AM Prayer and Praise – 7:00 PM



Financial update to end of October 2008

General fund offerings July 1 – Oct 31	\$75,353
Budget	\$92,600
Other income (rentals, Day Camp)	\$20,968
Total Income July 1 – Oct 31	\$96,321
Total expenses July 1 – Oct 31	(\$99,401)
Amount expenses exceed income at end of Oct	(\$3,080)

General fund offerings for November

Our monthly budget requirement for 2008 /2009	\$23,150
Offerings to November 9, 2008	\$22,065

Elders: Robyn Allin, Margaret Barker, Joan Howell, Murray Lahn, Brian McConnell - Co-Chair, Dave McCready, Natalie Nash - Co-Chair, Peter Oulton, Rej Proulx

Staff: Terri Barker - Youth Pastor, Barb Constable - Minister of Music, Rob Dean - Associate Pastor, John McAuley - Minister at Large, Carol Smith - Children's Pastor, Melissa Weigel - Church Administrator

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Good Shepherd Community Church

Sunday, November 23, 2008

Christ the King Sunday



Welcome & Greeting - *Rej Proulx*

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 2 - *Henny Platteel*

Praise

Prayer - *Rob Dean*

Anthem of Praise:

"How Excellent Thy Name" - *Handel*

Welcoming New Members:

Steve and Evelyn Kudjerski

"Standing Steadfast in Hope" - *Prayer for GSCC*

Children's Ministry - *Carol Smith*

Scripture: Mark 12:1-12 - *Rej Proulx*

Message:

"Clarifying the Authority" - *David Schuchardt*

Theme: "Reframe: Seeing the Kingdom Come"

The Presentation of Gifts

Offertory - *Kathy Penner*

Doxology: "Majesty"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Praise

Life and Ministry of the Church

Blessing

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Annual Meeting – TONIGHT!

The Annual Meeting will be held at 7:00PM tonight, following the International Dinner, which begins at 5:30PM. The business of the meeting will be as follows:
Approval of the audited Statement;



Appointment of the Auditor for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009; Election of the Board of Directors; Acceptance of the Annual Report; Report from the Board of Elders; Report from the Pastoral Relations Committee; Election of Congregational representatives on the Nominations Committee; Election of the Chair and Secretary of the congregation; any other items that may properly come before the meeting.

Christmas Hampers Needs Baby Items

The Christmas Hampers ministry provides for families in need in the surrounding area. This year we are calling all to help in providing baby-related items. This includes mittens, clothes and baby food. We will be collecting the items over the next few weeks, just in time to distribute the hampers on December 17TH.

Christmas Poinsettias

This year our sanctuary decorations will include red poinsettias. You may purchase one or more of these in memory of a loved one. All memorial gifts will be published on Sunday, December 21ST. To order, please fill out the poinsettia envelope, including payment in cash or cheque (payable to Good Shepherd Church) and place it in the offering plate. All orders must be received by November 30TH.



Visit the Good Shepherd Web site at www.gsc.ca to listen to past messages and services.

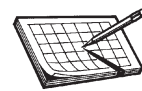
Matching Gift Update

Matching Gift Update as of November 16, 2008. Pledges received: \$18,145.00; actual donations received toward matching gift: \$11,775.00.

Our sincere thanks to all who have pledged and donated over and above their regular offering. Remember that the matching gift is up to \$25,000, so there is still an opportunity to provide additional pledges and donations.

Faith and Film: Prince Caspian

The second installment of the big-screen adaptation of C.S. Lewis' The Chronicles of Narnia children's book series will be shown on Monday, December 8 at 7:00PM. Children and guests are welcome to attend the screening of this epic adventure.



Mark Your Calendars

...for the Ali Matthews Christmas concert here at Good Shepherd on Friday, December 12. Ali gave us a memorable presentation last year, and this will be a launch concert for her new Christmas CD. Tickets are available TODAY. Plan now not to miss this excellent evening in our Kaleidoscope event series.

Staff Notes:

Terri Barker will be away from November 25 to December 1.

Breath Prayer for the Week of November 23

Set a guard over my mouth O Lord; keep a watch over the door of my lips. (Psalm 141:3)

Prayer and Praise

Please Pray For:

Dearly beloved members of our Good Shepherd family who are not able to be with us regularly for health reasons: **Bob Bell, John Boddy, Stan Branch, Cathy Cooke, Jessie Geddes, Norma Jackson, Irene White, Portia Wilkinson, Al Yuill Sarah Normore**, for peace and strength as she undergoes major surgery this coming Tuesday at Scarborough General.

Joanna and Edward Kim and family as they mourn the passing of Joanna's brother Jung Choi.

Louise Daniel and family, as they mourn the passing of Luther Daniel, a long time member of Good Shepherd.

Bob Bell, who is extremely weak and disoriented and having trouble keeping his food down after moving to ICU. Also pray for Angela as she juggles work and hospital trips.

Debi Radin, as she adjusts to full working days after her successful treatment for cancer.

Many of our Good Shepherd family who are mourning deaths of loved ones. Remember especially Carol Smith and Lil Brown at the one-year anniversary of the deaths of their husbands.

We Give Thanks For:

The initial generous response to the Good Shepherd matching gift financial campaign.

Ev England, who has rejoined us in worship after her knee surgery

Please notify the church office (office@gsc.ca) if you have a praise item that you would like to see included in this section.



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Rebecca Idestrom

Anne Jack

Rob, Stephanie, Taylor, Dakota & Spencer Jackson