

SPOTLIGHT

Ministry in Focus: Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee is a standing committee of the Board of Elders and as such is responsible to report to and to make recommendations to that Board. The Committee seeks to support the long-term goals of GSCC by:

- Administrating the affairs of the congregation related to finance, property facilities, equipment and furniture;
- Fostering an attitude toward God's gifts and resources which seeks to joyfully return to Him a generous portion of what He has entrusted to us.

The Committee recognizes that stewardship is not primarily a financial or an administrative task. It is a spiritual exercise, an issue of faith development expressed in generosity and commitment to the fulfillment and funding of Christ's work in the world. Presently, the Committee membership is Joan Howell, Dana Snedden, Geri Stairs and Melissa Weigel.

Eye on Outreach: Advent Offering

In light of the coming of the Saviour in Bethlehem close to 2,000 years ago and in expectation of his coming again in glory as the judge who will set things right, the season of Advent is often closely connected with coming to a greater awareness of the continuing needs of our broken and wounded world which awaits the return of the Saviour. In response to these needs, Good Shepherd has traditionally collected an Advent Offering which over the years has been directed to various service and missions organizations at work in our world. This year's Advent Offering will be divided among several Good Shepherd

Did You Know?

The season of Advent gets its name from the Latin word *adventus* which means 'coming.' During Advent we prepare for the Christmas celebration of Christ's first coming as a baby born in Bethlehem, we celebrate Christ's coming into our hearts by faith, and we look forward to His coming again in glory. The lighting of the Advent candles occupies an important place in worship during this season with the gradual increase of light symbolizing our growing anticipation of the arrival of Jesus Christ.

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

Sunday

Convergence – 9:00AM
Worship Service – 10:30AM
Prayer and Praise – 7:00 PM



The photograph on the cover of this morning's bulletin appears courtesy of Nigel Chang.

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 23, 2008	\$41,838

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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Sunday, November 30, 2008

The First Sunday of Advent

Welcome - *Carol Smith*

Silent Prayer

Choral Reflection:

"Comfort, Comfort" - *Geneva Psalter*

Prayer of Approach and Confession
- *David Schuchardt*

Advent Hymn:

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (#123)

Advent Candle Litany - *Sophie Shugart*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Taizé: "Wait for the Lord"

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

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

Children's Ministry

Life and Ministry of the Church

Scripture: Genesis 11:27-12:9 - *Nancy Lahn*

Message:

"Launching an Enterprise of Hope" - *Craig [redacted]*

Series: *The Movement of Hope*

The Presentation of Gifts

Offertory - *Debi Radin*

Doxology: "The Advent of Our God" (#120)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion - *Rob Dean*

Communion Praise

Blessing

Life and Ministry of the Church



Meeting [redacted] Candidate for Lead Pastor

The Board of Elders has a recommendation before the congregation to accept [redacted] as our new Lead Pastor. Between now and the vote on December 14TH there will be two opportunities to meet and to get to know [redacted]. These opportunities are Monday, December 1ST at 7:00PM and Sunday December 7TH at 2:30PM. Sign up sheets are available in the foyer.

Christmas Poinsettias: Last Day to Order

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 TODAY.

Matching Gift Update

Matching Gift Update as of November 23, 2008. Pledges received: \$19,895.00; actual donations received toward matching gift: \$12,225.00.

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.

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.

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

Reading Post Christmas Sale

Next Sunday, December 7, and December 21, The Reading Post will have an extended selection of books available for Christmas gift-giving. There will be books for various age levels, including children, as well as some books reduced from our already-great prices. Come with your gift list in mind, or just treat yourself to a good read!



Kaleidoscope: Ali Matthews

Plan to join us 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.



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.

Breath Prayer for the Week of November 30

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

(Psalm 150:6)