

SPOTLIGHT

Ministry in Focus: Kaleidoscope Event Series

The Kaleidoscope Series, now in its second year of operation, provides opportunities during the ministry year for us to enjoy the work of various and diverse performers. Our artists are chosen for proven excellence in their particular field of endeavour and to provide variety for each season. We wish to provide wholesome entertainment for our congregation, and our community, utilizing our wonderful facility and bringing glory to God.

Our first event this season, on December 12, features singer/songwriter Ali Matthews, who is presenting the Toronto launch of her new Christmas CD, "Looking for Christmas". Ali has won many awards and nominations as an artist and songwriter, as well as Woman of the Year in the City of Stratford. Ali's songwriting and performing are highly respected in both the Christian and the mainstream music industry, due to her accessible, honest lyrics and her ability to weave the "spiritual" into everyday life experiences.

Tickets are available today.

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 supported missions: Interserve (Craig Shugart & David Stevens), World Evangelical Fellowship (Reg Reimer), Mission for Advancing Theological Education, and Prison Fellowship.

Did You Know?

■ Last week, three couples completed our first Marriage Course. Amidst candle light dinner, classical music and private, intimate conversation, these couples relearned the importance of 'marriage time' and were given tools designed to strengthen their marriages. The next Marriage Course starts in March 2009 and is open to all married couples within the congregation and in the broader community who are interested in building a strong and healthy marriage; please pick up a brochure in the foyer.

The Week at a Glance

Monday	Faith & Film: Prince Caspian – 7:00pm
Tuesday	Jr. High – 7:00PM
Wednesday	Club House – 6:45PM The YG – 7:30PM
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal – 7:30PM
Friday	Kaleidoscope: Ali Matthews – 8:00pm
Saturday	
Sunday	Worship Service – 10:30AM Prayer and Praise – 7:00 PM



Our speaker this morning, Reg Reimer, and his wife, Donna, are former members of GSCC, and now live in British Columbia. Reg serves with Interdev Partnership Associates as Partnership Advisor in mainland Southeast Asia."

General fund offerings for November

Our monthly budget requirement for 2008 /2009	\$23,150
Offerings to November 23, 2008	\$41,838

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

Elders: Robyn Allin, Margaret Barker, Joan Howell, Murray Lahn, Brian McConnell - Co-Chair, Dave McCreedy, 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, December 7, 2008

The Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Silent Prayer

Choral Reflection:

"An Advent Question" - *Lantz*

Prayer

Advent Hymn: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Welcoming New Members

Children's Ministry - *Carol Smith*

Life and Ministry of the Church

"Standing Steadfast in Hope" - Prayer for GSCC

Scripture: Romans 15:5-13 - *Jordan Lahn*

Hebrews 6:17-20

Message: "Choosing to Live in Hope" - *Reg Rejmer*
Theme: "Hope on the Move"

The Presentation of Gifts

Offertory - *Wes Jackson*

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

Advent Candle Litany - *Gertie D'Silva*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Taizé: "Wait for the Lord"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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 next week there is one more opportunity to meet and get to know [redacted] this afternoon at 2:30PM. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer.

Faith and Film: Prince Caspian – This Monday



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.

Matching Gift Update

Matching Gift Update as of December 7TH, 2008.
Pledges received: \$20,395.00; actual donations received toward matching gift: \$12,535.00.

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.

YG presents Annual Christmas Potluck Banquet

Dinner will be served Friday, December 19TH at 7:00PM sharp. Doors will open at 6:30PM.

The evening's festivities will include Gingerbread House competition, Sardines, mixed bag of tricks and maybe some muffin baking, etc. Cost for the dinner will be to contribute a dish for the potluck. This event will go all night long and finish at 8:30AM Saturday morning. If you have any questions please contact Terri at 416-400-0900.

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

Reading Post Christmas Sale

Today 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!



Christmas Hampers and Mitten Tree

The Christmas Hampers ministry provides for families in need in the surrounding area. This year we are collecting baby-related items to include in the hampers. The Mitten Tree is now up at the back of the sanctuary and ready to be decorated with all your donated mittens. Please place all baby items such as clothes, baby food, winter clothing under the tree as well.



Breath Prayer for the Week of December 7

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.
(2 Corinthians 1:3)