

## The Week at a Glance

<b>Wednesday</b>	The YG – 7:30PM
<b>Thursday</b>	New Year's Day
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Service – 10:30AM Prayer and Praise – 7:00 PM



### Financial update to end of November 2008

General fund offerings July 1 – Nov 30	\$112,483
Budget	\$115,750
Other income (rentals, Day Camp)	
	\$32,131
Total Income July 1 – Nov 30	\$144,614
Total expenses July 1 – Nov 30	(\$122,516)
Amount income exceeds expenses at end of Nov	\$22,098

### General fund offerings for December

Our monthly budget requirement for 2008 /2009	\$23,150
Offerings to December 21, 2008	\$22,112

### Matching Gift Update

Matching Gift Update as of December 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2008. Pledges received: \$23,595.00; actual donations received toward matching gift: \$20,160.00.

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.

**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, December 28, 2008

The First Sunday of Christmas

Welcome and Greeting

Christmas Call to Worship

Carol: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (#131)

Prayer

Christmas Candle Litany

Lighting of the Christ Candle ~ *Margaret Rowe*

Carol: "What Child is This?" (#136)

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 ~ *Sophie Shugart*

Carol: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (#135)

Children's Ministry ~ *Carol Smith & Sarah Schuchardt*

The Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Carol: "The First Noel" (#136)

Scripture: Galatians 3:26-4:11 ~ *Gertie D'Silva*

Message: "Keeping Time with Jesus: St. Paul's Christmas Story" ~ *Rob Dean*

Carol: "A Communion Hymn for Christmas" (#140)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Carols:

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (#132)

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (#138)

Christmas Blessing

## Prayer

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*

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

Many of our Good Shepherd family who are mourning deaths of loved ones.

We Give Thanks For:

Sarah Normore, who is now home and recovering well. Praise the Lord that she is healing and the doctors say she is progressing and should be back to health soon.

The calling of Sharon Tam to the ministry of Lead Pastor at Good Shepherd. Give thanks for God's continuing provision for the life and ministry of GSCC. Pray for Sharon and her husband Henry as they seek to finish well their ministry with their current congregation and as they prepare to transition to Good Shepherd.

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

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Please notify the church office ([office@gsccl.ca](mailto:office@gsccl.ca)) if you have a prayer request.



### Our Families in Prayer This Week

*Cynthia Lawson-Lurch, Alicia & James D'Alimonte*

*Cynthia Lee*

*Christina Li, Angela Hou*

### Faith and Film – January 12, 2009

Deepa Mehta's masterpiece *Water* is the next feature film in the "Faith and Film" series. Join us on Monday, January 12 at 7:00 pm for this powerful story which centers upon the lives of Hindu widows in colonial India in the 1930s.

