

## SPOTLIGHT

### Ministry in Focus: Congregational Meeting Report

This past Sunday evening, following a time of fellowship and refreshments, members of Good Shepherd gathered together for the yearly Congregational Meeting. It was a time of updates, reports and decisions pertaining to the ongoing life and ministry of the Church — all encompassed by the reality of God's continuing faithfulness to our congregation. Last year, we as a congregation responded to the challenge to increase our givings by 10% in order to meet last year's budget. The ministry budget for the coming year (2009-2010) that was decided upon by the congregation last Sunday night will call upon each member of the church to continue to display such faithful stewardship in their weekly offering as we seek to love and serve each other and the world in the name of Jesus Christ. Amidst the budget deliberations, the congregation voted not to pay the fees requested by the Congregational Christian Churches in Canada. The meeting also included the election of the condominium board: Ron Penneycad, Geri Stairs and Gene Burns. In addition, the following members were elected and re-elected to the board of elders: Sharon Fiennes-Clinton, Natalie Nash, Peter Oulton, and Rej Proulx.

### Eye on Outreach:

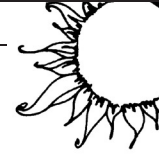
#### Mission for Advancing Theological Education

Mission for Advancing Theological Education (MATE) was born in 1985 out of one man's love for the Lord Jesus Christ and a desire to see Bible Schools and Seminaries better equipped with much-needed books that could enrich the lives of men and women preparing for ministry. Many schools and seminaries throughout the Caribbean, Asia and Africa were beneficiaries of 50,000 volumes shipped to them in the first 10 years. Some institutions were able to proceed toward acquiring their accreditation with the appropriate additions to their libraries. To date they have sent over one million volumes to 140 institutions in 41 countries to Bible schools, seminaries, public schools, universities and hospitals.



## The Week at a Glance

<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jr. High & YG – 7:00 PM Praise & Prayer – 7:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	CVC Meeting – 8:30 AM
<b>Sunday</b>	Convergence – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM



### Praise & Prayer – Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Praise & Prayer is a time of worship and prayer for individual needs and the ministries of Good Shepherd. Come and worship the living God together with others and see what he will do when we cry out to him in prayer.



### Financial update to end of May, 2009

General fund offerings July 1 – May 31, 09	\$221,937
Budget	\$254,650
Other income (rentals, Day Camp)	\$76,747
Total Income July 1 – May 31	\$298,684
Total expenses July 1 – May 31	(\$293,332)
Amount income exceeds expenses at end of Apr.	\$5,352.00

### General fund offerings for June

Our monthly budget requirement for 2008 /2009	\$23,150
Offerings to June 8, 2009	\$4,224

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

**Pastoral Team:** Barb Constable - Minister of Music, Rob Dean - Associate Pastor, John McAuley - Minister at Large, Carol Smith - Children's Pastor, Sharon Tam - Lead Pastor, Melissa Weigel - Church Administrator

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## Good Shepherd Community Church

Sunday, June 14, 2009

\*Welcome & Greeting - *Robyn Allin*

Choral Invocation: "Lord Most Holy" - *Hayes*

Opening Prayer - *Jane Clarke*

Scripture Litany: Psalm 33:1-11, 20-22  
- *Maureen Oulton*

\*Song of Praise

\*The Presentation of Gifts

Offertory - *Debi Radin*

Doxology

Life and Ministry of the Church:

Commissioning of Christian Camping Staff

Children's Ministry - *Carol Smith*

Song of Preparation: "Open Our Eyes Lord" (#383)

Scripture: Job 1:6-22; James 5:7-11 - *Chris Platteel*

Message: "Where is God in suffering?" - *Sharon Tam*  
Theme: "When Skeptics Ask"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion - *Rob Dean*

Communion Praise

Blessing & Commissioning

\*Late arrivals will be seated at marked sections of the service.

Encountering Christ and Thoughtfully Following Him

# Life and Ministry of the Church

## Welcome!

A warm welcome to those visiting or here for the very first time. Whether a long-time follower of Jesus Christ or exploring for the first time, you are welcome here. Please fill out a Welcome card and drop it in the offering plate to let us know of your visit. If there is any way we can assist you, do not hesitate to contact one of the pastoral team.

## Day Camp – July 6-10 & July 13-17

Day Camp 2009 is fast approaching! Please submit your completed registrations to Melissa in the church office.



## Scripture Readers

The Scripture Readers' ministry team is a diverse group who are trained and gifted in the art of Scripture reading and willing to read regularly. For anyone interested in joining, there's a training session on Wednesday, June 24, at 7:00 PM. Dessert and coffee will be provided. Speak to Rob Dean for more info and to confirm your attendance.

## Tithing & Offering

Summer vacation season is fast approaching. It is worth reminding regular worshippers at GSCC that the obligation to meet expenses continues even when one is on holiday. The Stewardship Committee encourages us to meet this challenge in one of two ways. Pre-Authorized debit is a convenient method of keeping your giving up-to-date; authorization forms are available on the Welcome Table. Simply complete the form and submit it to Melissa in the office.

Name	_____
Address	_____
Amount	_____
Designated for	_____

Also, Pre-Numbered Offering Envelopes offer privacy and convenience. These may be obtained by contacting Jean Miller at 416-497-5072. While on vacation, your completed envelopes may be given to Don Marshall for deposit on the appropriate date.

## Annual Church BBQ – TODAY, after service

Join us following worship today to celebrate the beginning of summer with hot dogs, burgers and fellowship!

## Summer Book Club – twice monthly on Tuesdays

We will be reading "Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear" by Scott Bader-Saye, meeting at 7:30 PM on the following Tuesdays: June 16, 20; July 14, 28; August 11, 25. Copies of the book are available at the Reading Post and the reading schedule will be on the Welcome Table.

## Questions Too Hot to Handle – Sundays at 9 AM

During the summer months, this class will explore questions left unanswered from the sermon series When Skeptics Ask. Every week, we will discuss the previous Sunday's theme and any new questions arising from the topics being preached. This class will start on June 28th and will be exploring the two questions this month: Where is God in suffering and If God is Father is he male. Come, explore, inquire and discover more about who God is and how he desires to interact with us in the world. No question is Too Hot to Handle!

## Christianity 101 – Sundays at 9 AM, starting June 28TH

Christianity 101 is a 10-week class that explores the basics of the Christian journey, the importance of the sacraments and how they relate to our faith. This class is open to all who are interested in asking questions. An opportunity will be given for those who wish to be baptized to do so in early September.

## Drama Ministry – coming soon!

Have you ever thought about being part of the skits that take place on Sunday morning or wanted to write a dramatic presentation for church? Have we got a ministry opportunity for you! If you're interested in exploring this new endeavor, contact Sharon Fiennes-Clinton via email at sfc26@sympatico.ca or through the church office.

# Prayer

## Please Pray For:

- ♦ **MONDAY: Thanks be to God** for the wonderful celebration of Dave McCready's life and birthday last week. Pray for the McCreadys that the Lord continues in the blessing of their family.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: Upcoming CVC meeting.** Pray that people will be encouraged to form strong spiritual friendships that would go on throughout the summer as they plan to meet with their prayer partners.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: All those who are battling cancer.** Pray for God's comfort and peace through the journey, restoration and healing of the body, and wisdom of the doctors to aid in the battle of this prevalent disease.
- ♦ **THURSDAY: The approaching season of summer.** Praise the Lord for His faithfulness in bringing warm summer breezes and new life and growth in nature. Pray for each other that all may be able to experience God's rest over the next months.
- ♦ **FRIDAY: The Royal Conservatory of Music.** Pray that we at Good Shepherd be a witness to the love of God to all who participate in the exams over the next three weeks.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: Discipleship Ministry,** in preparation for the summer class, Christianity 101. Pray for the leaders as they prepare the class material so that they may effectively share the tenets of the faith with those wanting to know more.
- ♦ **SUNDAY: Mission for Advanced Theological Education,** as they prepare for two upcoming mission trips to Zambia and Kenya. Please pray for ease in preparing for the trip, God's protection and safety while on their trip, and that they accomplish all that God has set out for them to do.

Please notify the church office (office@gsc.ca) if you have a prayer request.



## Our Families in Prayer This Week

Bob, Angela & Nicole Bell  
John & Marie Boddy  
Remy, Liron & Luke Boghossian