

SPOTLIGHT

Eye on Outreach – Prayer Walk

Last August your Outreach Committee ran its first Prayer Walk. Each evening, Monday to Friday, people met at the church. They were provided with a route map, estimated to take a half hour to stroll, and some prayer instructions. The participants then walked the route they were given and prayed for the people in the homes they passed, and the people they saw on the way, taking cues for prayer as the Spirit led. We gathered back at the church before departing. One night we took time afterwards to pray for the ministries of our church. By the end of the week we had prayed for approximately 750 homes, plus the Bamburgh apartment buildings, and delivered cards informing people of our prayers.

Please join us for this year's prayer walk, Monday, August 24TH to Thursday, August 27TH, 7:00 PM.

On Forgiveness

Praying for forgiveness is a vivid reminder that God frees us from debilitating guilt and forgets our past. No sin is written with indelible ink.

- Albert Haase, Living the Lord's Prayer

Muckraking is not gospel work. Witch-hunting is not gospel work. Shaming the outcast is not gospel work. Forgiving sin is gospel work.

- Eugene H. Peterson, Tell It Slant

He that cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself, for every man had need to be forgiven.

- Edward Herbert, The Life of Edward Lord Herbert of Cherbury

Failure to forgive ... wasn't a matter of failing to live up to a new bit of moral teaching. It was cutting off the branch you were sitting on. The only reason for being Kingdom-people, for being Jesus' people, was that the forgiveness of sins was happening; so if you didn't live forgiveness, you were denying the very basis of your own new existence.

- N. T. Wright, The Lord and His Prayer

The Week at a Glance

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Jr. High & YG – 7:00 PM

Praise & Prayer – 7:30 PM

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday Too Hot to Handle / Christianity 101 – 9:00 AM

Worship Service – 10:30 AM



Financial update to end of June, 2009

General fund offerings July 1 – June 30, 2009	\$239,184
Budget	\$277,800
Other income (rentals, Day Camp)	\$84,223
Total Income July 1 – Jun 30	\$323,407
Total expenses July 1 – Jun 30	(\$324,624)
Amount expenses exceeds income at end of June	\$1,217

General fund offerings for August

Our monthly budget requirement for 2009 /2010	\$25,000
Offerings to August 9, 2009	\$7,143

Contact information

Pastoral Team:		Email Announcements	Announcements@GSCC.ca
Sharon Tam	Sharon@GSCC.ca x25	Pastors	PastoralTeam@GSCC.ca
Rob Dean	Rob@GSCC.ca x23	Elders	Elders@GSCC.ca
Carol Smith	Carol@GSCC.ca x 27	Condominium concerns	CondoBoard@GSCC.ca
Barb Constable	Barb@GSCC.ca x 24	Directors	Directors@GSCC.ca
Melissa Weigel	Office@GSCC.ca x 22	A/V concerns	AVTeam@GSCC.ca
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Public Prayer Requests	Prayer@GSCC.ca	Alpha inquiries	Alpha@GSCC.ca
Private Prayer List	PrivatePrayer@GSCC.ca	The Marriage Course inquiries	Marriage@GSCC.ca

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

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

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Good Shepherd Community Church

Sunday, August 16, 2009

*Welcome and Greeting - Joan Howell

Opening Prayer - David Schuchardt

Scripture: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 - Nancy Lahn

*Songs of Praise

*The Presentation of Gifts

*Offertory - Krista Shugart

*Doxology

*Children's Ministry

*Life and Ministry of the Church

Scripture: Luke 7:36-48 - Sophie Shugart

*Message:

“How Can I Forgive When It Hurts So Much?”

- Carol Smith

Theme: “When Skeptics Ask”

Pastoral Prayer - Chris Platteel

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Praise

Blessing and 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!

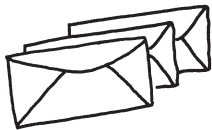
A warm welcome to those visiting or here for the very first time. Whether a long-time follower of Jesus Christ or exploring for the first time, you are welcome here. Please fill out a Welcome card and drop it in the offering plate to let us know of your visit. If there is any way we can assist you, do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

Called to Care 2009!

We are happy to announce the new Called to Care, available on the Welcome Table. Please feel free to take one copy per household and use it as a tool to connect and keep connected with each other. Also please be reminded to contact Melissa in the office if any of your contact information changes.

Tithing & Offering

The summer vacation season is in full swing. It is worth reminding new and regular worshippers at GSCC that the obligation to meet expenses continues throughout the year. The Stewardship Committee encourages each to meet this challenge by participating in Pre-Authorized Debiting or using Pre-Numbered Offering Envelopes. Pre-Authorized Debiting is a convenient method of keeping your giving up-to-date. Authorization forms are available on the foyer table. It normally takes 3-4 weeks of lead time for deductions to automatically commence after the application is submitted. Simply complete the form and submit it to Melissa in the office. Also Pre-Numbered Offering Envelopes offer privacy and convenience, as well. These may be obtained by contacting Jean Miller at (416) 497-5072.



Upcoming Events – Please mark your calendars

Sixth Annual Community BBQ –

Saturday, September 12TH, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM (setup starts at 8:30 AM)



Clubhouse Kick-off – September 16TH, 2009, 6:45 PM

Alpha Kick-off Banquet – Tuesday, September 22ND, 6:30 PM

Ordination Service – Sunday, September 27TH, 7:00 PM

ACSA Food Bins

In an effort to partner with Agincourt Community Services Association to alleviate hunger in the community, we are housing an ongoing food donation bin in the foyer. Once full, it will be sent to ACSA and made available for more donations. Items to donate include any non-perishable food item (canned foods, soup, rice, pasta, etc). While shopping at the grocery store, please consider those in the community who use the ASCA food bank.



Staff Notes

- Rob Dean will be on vacation from August 10-23. Pray for Rob and Melissa as they travel to the Maritimes. Pray for a refreshing and relaxing time away and that they would be re-energized for their upcoming ministry in the fall.
- Sharon Tam will be away from August 13-18 to attend her niece's wedding in the United States. Pray for the young couple (Melissa and Stephen) that God's blessings would rain down in their lives.

Visit the Good Shepherd Web site at www.gsc.ca to listen to past messages and services or to sign up for any of our e-mails lists (announcements, prayer requests, or CVC updates).

Prayer

- ♦ **MONDAY: Agincourt Community Services Association**, that they continue in their mission to address the needs of the community through programs and services to empower youth, children, newcomers and homeless.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: The finance team**, as they count the offering each week. Pray that God would give them wisdom and guidance to be able to manage the affairs of the church.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: Prayer Walks**. Pray for those called to prayer for our community, for protection and discernment. Pray that as they intercede for others, God would answer their needs and transform their lives. Pray also that Good Shepherd would be a hopeful presence and a light to those around us.
- ♦ **THURSDAY: Cathy Cooke**, one of our beloved members who is unable to attend regularly due to health issues. Thank the Lord for the blessed promise to be with us through difficult times and that thousands of saints stand as proof that he will never leave us or forsake us.
- ♦ **FRIDAY: Summer Student Interns** (Julie McConnell, Jordan Lahn, Tim Lahn, John Roumanis, Deborah Kudjerski). We thank God for their heart and excellent work in leading the youth and executing Day Camp this summer. Pray that they may have quality down time to relax and play before they head into their fall schedules.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: Pastoral Team members away on vacation** (Rob and Melissa Dean, Sharon and Henry Tam). Pray they have travelling mercies as they drive to the East Coast, and Boston. Pray for safety, joy and gladness in all they do.
- ♦ **SUNDAY: God of life**, grant that we may see your majesty and be strengthened to follow your Son and be changed in his likeness, from glory to glory. For Christ lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

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



Our Families in Prayer This Week

*Pam Farquhar
Richard & Sanober Firth
Jessie Geddes*