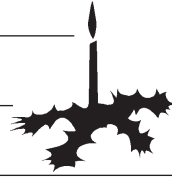


The Week at a Glance

Monday	Prayer & Praise – 7:30 PM
Tuesday	Ladies' Bible Study – 9:30 AM Alpha I / Alpha II – 6:30 PM
Wednesday	Club House – 6:45 PM Jr Highs & Sr Highs – 7:30 PM
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Friday	Kaleidoscope: Glen Soderholm – 8:00 PM
Saturday	
Sunday	Convergence – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM



Bringing the Good News to our Community this Christmas

On Friday, Dec 11TH, church volunteers will be stuffing Christmas Bags for distribution in our neighbourhood – and we need your help! Each bag will contain a bible, information on GSCC and a free gift. The week of Dec 20TH, volunteers will be going out into the community to hand out the bags and invite folks to our church. If you would like to volunteer to help with one or both of these aspects, please see Murray Lahn or sign up after the service in foyer.

Christmas Donations for Pregnancy Care Centre

Please join us in helping the women in need at the Pregnancy Care Centre this Christmas by donating items such as diapers (any size), baby wipes, BPA-free bottles and women's pampering items (body wash, lotions, soaps). You can place them in the bassinet at the back of the church until December 13TH.

We Found the Lost

Over time people have left items behind. So that there is enough space for our coats in the coatroom, these items will be put out on tables all this week. Please stop by and check for items that might be yours. On the final day (Dec.6) you may take whatever is left over before it is given away.

Offering Envelopes

The pre-numbered offering envelopes for 2010 are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

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Good Shepherd Community Church

Sunday, November 29, 2009

The First Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Greeting - *Robyn Allin*

Silent Prayer

Choral Introit: "We are Waiting" - *Paxson*

Opening Prayer - *Sharon Tam*

Lighting the Candle of Hope
- *Evelyn England & Nikki Robinson*

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

Children's Ministry - *Carol Smith*

Life & Ministry of the Church

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7 - *Sophie Shugart*

Reflection:

"For Unto Us a Child is Born" - *Handel's Messiah*

Message: "What Child is This?" - *Rob Dean*

The Presentation of Gifts

Offertory - *Krista Shugart*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion - *Sharon Tam*

Communion Praise

Commissioning and Blessing

** Following communion, a prayer team will be present at the back of the sanctuary for those who wish to receive the ministry of prayer.*

Encountering Christ and Thoughtfully Following Him

Life and Ministry of the Church

Upcoming Events

Dec. 4: Kaleidoscope:
A Moveable Feast with
Glen Soderholm - 8:00 PM
Dec. 11: Youth All Nighter

Dec. 13: Slivers of Light: A Service
of Lament and Healing - 7:00 PM
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service
- 7:30 PM

Slivers of Light: A Service of Lament and Healing

The Christmas season is usually considered to be a time of joyous celebration, but navigating through the bright lights, festive music, and lavish meals of the season can be particularly difficult for those who have experienced loss or are grieving in some way. Slivers of Light is a service for anyone who is carrying the burden of grief associated with the loss of a loved one, or other significant losses such as the loss of a job or the end of a dream, during this holiday season. It is an opportunity for the entire Good Shepherd Church family to accompany those members of our body who are journeying through the valley of sorrow. The service will be held on the evening of Sunday, December 13TH at 7:00 PM.

Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree will go up next weekend. Knitted mittens, scarves and hats will be greatly appreciated. Articles will be used for the Pregnancy Care Centre and the Woodgreen Community Centre this year. If you have any questions, please contact Ev England at 416-444-4342.



Advent Offering

Last September, the Philippines experienced the worst disaster since the 1960's when two typhoons devastated Manilla and its neighbouring regions. For this years Advent Offering, we are partnering with Compassion Canada in helping to bring relief to the area and to their Child Sponsorship projects. Please be generous when donating to our Advent Offering by using either the Advent Offering Envelope or by indicating "Advent Offering" on your regular Sunday envelope. All cheques should be made payable to Good Shepherd Community Church, through whom you will receive your tax receipt.

SPOTLIGHT

The Season of Advent

The season of Advent, which marks the beginning of the Christian calendar, gets its name from the Latin word “adventus” which means “coming.” During the season of Advent Christians prepare for the three-fold coming of Christ: his coming as a baby born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago which we celebrate at Christmas, his coming into our hearts today in the power of the Holy Spirit, and his coming again in glory to judge the living and the dead. The proclamation of John the Baptist, a traditional Advent figure, captures the intense spiritual preparation to which the Church is called during Advent – “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” A traditional observance of the season is the lighting of the Advent candles, culminating with the lighting of the Christ candle on Christmas Eve. The gathering light of the candles over the course of the four weeks builds a sense of anticipation as we await the arrival of “the coming One,” Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world.

Ministry in Focus: M.A.T.E.

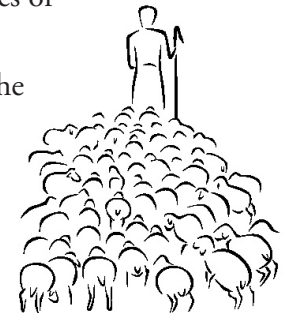
In 2009 teams worked in Guyana, Zambia and Kenya. Doors of opportunity opened up for training pastors in Biblical exegesis, and women to work with women in crisis in Zambia and in Kenya. Keswick meetings led many to walk in deeper commitment with Jesus. Medical clinics were held in Guyana, where the teams also engaged in evangelism. Their Goat Project has gone well and they are thrilled. Feeding the hungry demonstrates the love of Christ; goats provide both milk and meat and are very easy to keep. Next year they anticipate further teaching and training in Zambia and Kenya as well as medical clinics in Guyana and Zambia. Here at mission headquarters they are in need of a secretary who could work on a volunteer basis. M.A.T.E. appreciates the number of committed volunteers who come in regularly during the week to assist with sorting and packing things to ship overseas, mailings, and a communications ministry. M.A.T.E. always welcomes new helpers in their ministry.

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Prayer

- ♦ **MONDAY: Randy Lahn**, as he recovers from his third surgery for his torn retina. Pray for peace and comfort and especially that this time in Randy’s life will bring him closer to Christ.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: Club House**. Pray for the leaders as they serve in shaping the hearts and minds of the children of our church and community.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: Choir**. Pray that the choir would minister peace, hope, love and joy through song to all who worship and visit Good Shepherd this advent season.
- ♦ **THURSDAY: Porzia Wilkinson**, 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 he will never leave us or forsake us.
- ♦ **FRIDAY: Kaleidoscope**. Pray for Glen Soderholm in his travels to the concert. Pray that he will help to prepare our hearts for this special time of year.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: Compassion Canada**. As we prepare our hearts to give this season to those overseas, pray that God may bless our gifts that they will reach far and wide in touching the lives of many in need.
- ♦ **SUNDAY: Almighty God**, help us to put on the armour of light and rest in the peace of Christ as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Immanuel, God with us.



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



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Elsie McConnell

Alec, Rick, Katherine & Carolyn McCormick

Dave, Michele, David, Matthew, Michaela & Courtney McCready