

Spotlight

The Feast of Pentecost

The term Pentecost means 'fifty,' referring to the fifty days after Passover when the Jews celebrated the Feast of Weeks. In the Christian calendar the term is associated with the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the early church. On Pentecost Sunday, the Church commemorates the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon the 120 disciples (Acts 2) and throughout the season celebrates the abiding presence of the Spirit in the life and witness of the church. Pentecost can be understood as the dramatic conclusion to the fifty day season of Easter. The connection between Easter and Pentecost reflects the inseparability of Christ and the Holy Spirit, for it is the risen and ascended Lord Jesus who pours out his Spirit upon all flesh. The Spirit brings to remembrance all that Jesus has said (John 14:26), enables believers to confess that 'Jesus is Lord' (1 Cor. 12:3), and joins believers to Jesus so they may call upon God as 'Abba' or Father (Romans 8:9-17). It is fitting that the first Sunday after Pentecost Sunday is known as Trinity Sunday, for as the above verses have indicated, salvation is nothing less than sharing in the life and communion of the Triune God.



Welcome Teams

In the past year, we have expanded and formalized the responsibilities of the Welcome Teams (formerly known as ushers). We are grateful to the number of people who have committed to serving once a month at our worship services. In addition to making both regular attenders and newcomers feel welcome when they arrive and being on duty throughout the services, they also do numerous other behind-the-scenes duties, which, though not necessarily seen, are very important. Those interested in joining this ministry should speak to Don Marshall or Barb Constable.

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The Week at a Glance

Monday	
Tuesday	Ladies Bible Study – 9:30 AM
Wednesday	Alpha 2 – 7:00 PM YG – 7:30 PM
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Friday	Modern Parables – 7:00 PM
Saturday	College & Career – 7:30 PM
Sunday	Convergence – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM



Focus on Financials

Impulsiveness

We've heard it said that we should avoid impulse buying. Maybe we should also avoid impulse giving. Impulsiveness undermines planning and discipline. The counter is careful research and prayerful consideration and planning. It is important that we regularly sit down and review our giving by recalling what we have done, reflecting on God's blessing and re-committing again some of the blessings the Lord has entrusted to us.

-Rick DeGraaf, Christian Stewardship Services

General Fund Offerings for Fiscal Year 2009– 2010

Budgeted Offerings as of May 16th	\$274,408.42
Actual Offerings as of May 16th	\$277,417.96
Budgeted Offering Deficit	\$(3,009.54)
<i>Stewardship Challenge Offering (included above)</i>	\$4,515

Pastoral Team: Nigel Chang - Youth Pastor, Barb Constable - Minister of Music, John McAuley - Minister at Large, Wendy Pearson - Church Administrator, Carol Smith - Children's Pastor, Sharon Tam - Lead Pastor
Elders: Robyn Allin, Sharon Fiennes-Clinton, Joan Howell, Murray Lahn, Brian McConnell - Co-Chair, Dave McCready, Natalie Nash - Co-Chair, Peter Oulton, Rej Proulx

Contact Information

Pastoral Team:		Email Announcements	Announcements@GSCC.ca
Sharon Tam	Sharon@GSCC.ca x 25	Private Prayer List	PrivatePrayer@GSCC.ca
Carol Smith	Carol@GSCC.ca x 32	Pastors	PastoralTeam@GSCC.ca
Barb Constable	Barb@GSCC.ca x 24	Elders	Elders@GSCC.ca
Nigel Chang	Nigel@GSCC.ca x 26	Condominium concerns	CondoBoard@GSCC.ca
Wendy Pearson	Office@GSCC.ca x 10	Directors	Directors@GSCC.ca
		A/V concerns	AVTeam@GSCC.ca
		Executive	Executive@gscC.ca
		Alpha inquiries	Alpha@GSCC.ca
General Inquiries	Office@GSCC.ca	The Marriage Course inquiries	Marriage@GSCC.ca
Public Prayer Requests	Prayer@GSCC.ca		



S.H.E.P.H.E.R.D. – *Sharing Our Values*

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Sunday, May 23rd, 2010

Pentecost Sunday

Welcome & Greeting - *Robyn Allin*

Choral Introit: "African Pentekoste"

Prayer of Pentecost - *Carol Smith*

Praise

Children's Ministry - *Carol Smith*

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory

Doxology

Life and Ministry of the Church

Responsive Reading - *Jean Miller*

Choral Reflection: "My Wordless Prayer"

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-12 - *Melissa Dean*

Message:

"Craving For The Spirit:
I'd Rather Be Sailing, Than Rowing!"

- *Chris Platteel*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion - *Sharon Tam*

Communion Praise

Commissioning and Blessing

**Prayer in the Lounge for anyone yearning for more of God

We Exist to Invite Ordinary People to Encounter Christ
and Thoughtfully Follow Him in the World.

Life and Ministry of the Church

Modern Parables: Living in the Kingdom of God

It's not too late to join this six-week series on the parables, Fridays at 7:00 PM at Henry & Sharon's home (4 Oldborough Circle). All are welcome. This week we will be studying the parable called *Samaritan*, using an engaging, high-quality film based on the story from Luke 10:25. If you're interested in joining this group, please speak to Sharon Tam (sharon@gsc.ca) or Lei Shi (leishi_hope@hotmail.com) for details, directions, or a ride.



Financial Update

As the Board of Elders has identified, we need an additional \$10,000 in General Givings between now and the end of June to cover our 2009/2010 giving deficit. We also anticipate the need to increase our offerings in the 2010/2011 ministry year by approximately \$35,000, and would like to bring those additional givings in by October 31, 2010. This will validate the Congregation's commitment to the increase and prevent cash flow issues throughout the summer months. The Board of Directors and the Board of Elders – who are asking you to meet this challenge – have committed to lead the way by providing \$10K of what is required. To join the Boards in meeting this commitment to raise an additional \$45K between now and October 31st, please designate your special giving as “2010 Stewardship Challenge” so we know your intentions. May God bless us as we demonstrate our gratitude for His blessings through our tithes and offerings.

Two Infant Change Tables Needed

Children's Ministries is in need of two gently used infant change tables for use on the lower level. If you have one you could donate, please speak to Carol Smith (416-854-2521, csmith@gsc.ca). We can provide pick up if you need it. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of our children.



Congregational Meeting – Sunday, June 6, 7:00 PM

Join us at 6:30 PM for dessert and coffee/tea. The Congregational Meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. The budget that covers July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 will be presented for approval. We will also elect Elders. Those being presented as candidates for Elder for the first time will share a brief testimony. Our representatives on the Condominium Board are also elected at this meeting. Your attendance at this meeting is very important. Childcare will be available if signed up in advance. For planning purposes, it's important to know how many children will require care; a sign-up sheet is available on the welcome table.

You are invited to a BBQ – Sunday, June 13, after church

On Sunday, June 13th right after the worship service, GSCC will be hosting our Annual Congregational BBQ. We are in need of volunteers to help. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front table after service today. We need people to come early to set up tents, tables, chairs etc., and people to put everything away afterwards. If you can help in any way, please speak to Allan or Nigel or email them at allan@visitallan.biz or nigel@gsc.ca

Summer Adventure Day Camp – July 19-23, 26-30

Now is the time to consider registering for this year's Summer Adventure Day Camp. The dates are: July 19-23 and July 26-30. Visit GSCC.ca and click on the link for the Day Camp page to get all the information.

Upcoming Events – Please Mark your Calendars

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| Tonight | Warden Corridor Churches
Global Day of Prayer - 6:30 PM |
| June 4-6 | Youth/College and Career Retreat |
| June 6 | Congregational Meeting |
| June 13 | Congregational BBQ
Day Camp Volunteer Training |
| June 27 | Pet Celebration – 2:00 pm |



Prayer

SUNDAY: Lord, we thank you for sending your Holy Spirit. May we live our lives, taking you at your Word, meeting together in expectation, and going out in the power of the indwelling Spirit to share the good news of your love.

MONDAY: Thank you for the refreshment of a long holiday weekend and the time we can spend with family and friends. We pray for safe travels during this time.

TUESDAY: Lord, we lift up to you those who are unable to be with us because of their health. We think especially of: John and Marie Boddy, Stan Branch, Jessie Geddes, Ila Hunter, Norma Jackson, Leonora Toms, Porzia Wilkinson, and Irene White. Encourage them, and their caregivers.

WEDNESDAY: Lord, we are thankful for those who work in our communities to serve and protect us. We uphold before your throne of grace our police force, firefighters and other emergency response personnel, and ask that you would bless and keep them safe.

THURSDAY: We pray for political reform in Thailand, and ask that you would raise up just, fair and honourable leaders who will stand against corruption. We pray for an end to the violence in Bangkok and ask for a mighty work of your Spirit to turn the hearts of many to your Lordship.

FRIDAY: Thank you for the opportunity to serve our neighbourhood through the ministry of Adventure Day Camp this summer. We ask that all involved, leaders and children alike, would be blessed and come into a fuller understanding of who you are.

SATURDAY: We thank you for the many small groups meeting together and ask that they would foster deep relationships that would lead to a fuller experience of your love and forgiveness, and growth in robust discipleship, and that you would continue to add others into similar families of faith.



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Grace Dai & John Zhong

Louise Daniel

Rob & Melissa Dean