



THE SHEP NEWS



Weekend E-Newsletter • January 3, 2010 • 2nd Sunday of Christmas • Worship: 9AM- ELW Service; 10 AM-Sunday School/Fellowship; 11 AM -Sing 'N Rejoice

OUR MISSION

- To invite all people to know the unconditional love of Christ;
- To share Christ's love through words and deeds;
- To empower people to serve Christ in the world.

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**God's Work
Our Hands**



John 1:1-18

Sermon on the Amount December 24-27, 2009

Needed weekly \$6703
Debt Reduction 560

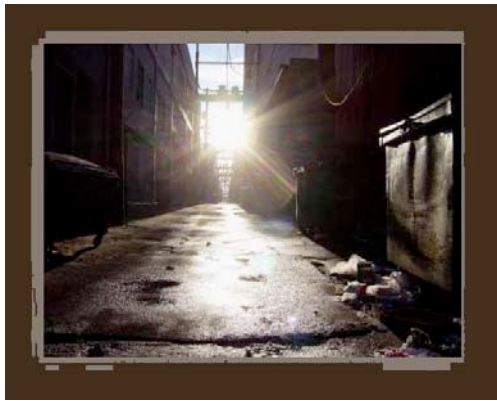
TOTAL RECEIVED \$22605
 Needed for Budget **\$6703**
 Worship Attendance ----
 Sunday School ----
 To Make Budget **\$11983**
 Owed Reserve Fund 17,500
 Your help with weekly expenses is appreciated



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God's Redeeming Light-The Good News Continues

A priest in a Mid-western city wanted to help inner-city kids see something more than their own situations. So he put them on a bus and took them to see some things of great beauty. Children went to the art museum and saw paintings by the masters. They went to a symphony matinee and heard beautiful music. They went for a walk through a neighborhood of homes that were done over by a creative team of architects. That young priest showed those children the best and brightest things he knew.



Then the kids climbed back on the bus and went home. That night, one of those young boys set his apartment house on fire. His neighbors and family members were rescued, but the place burned down. The priest was in tears when he visited the boy in a detention cell. "Why did you do it?" he asked.

"I saw all those beautiful things," said the boy, "and then I came home and saw how ugly my world was, and I hated the ugliness, so I wanted to burn it down."

Shine some light in a dark place and there is no telling what will happen. When all you have ever seen is darkness, that is all you know. And when light comes, it makes for a contrast. Darkness remains a choice. In fact, it is possible for light to come into the world, and for somebody to say, "Turn out the

lights! " It is possible for the Light of the world to shine on people and for those people to not accept it.

William G. Carter, *Praying for a Whole New World*. Lima, Ohio: CSS Publishing, 2000. Used by permission from CSS Publishing Co., Inc., 517 S. Main Street, Lima, Ohio, 45804.

With a New Year begun, we may or may not have made 'resolutions' The 'shelf life' my New Year's resolutions has always been fleeting. In most cases what we want to 'resolve' to do requires that we bring some behavior to light - to see it as it really is.

This powerful 'Word Made Flesh' from God

that shines on us (John 1:1ff) is a Love that wants to settle in with us and help us find our way in this world. This is the heart of the Christmas message. Jesus' nativity would make little sense if it weren't for the larger picture of God's desire to get closer to us. When you're close to someone, 'truth' is a very important part of being together. It could be said truth and love are the ingredients of lasting relationships. So God's light is terrible for those who prefer deception and lies rather than truth and love.

This Second Sunday of Christmas is not so much an ending as a continuation of the story of God the Creator cherishing the world. It's a never-ending story!

Pastor Ron

Thanks for the Pageant! Kudos to Marilyn Ayres, our tireless Pageant Director, and Lisa Long, Assistant Director, Michele Kimmel, Organist, Lucretia Reaves and the Junior Choir and, not the least, our Sunday

School kids who presented 'A Traditional Christmas Pageant' on Sunday, December 27th at our 9AM Service. As always the pageant warms our hearts as the children take their roles seriously and remind us 'a little Child shall lead them.' Thanks to Aislinn, Brietta and Kallan Latham, Sarah, Adam and Rebecca Long, Claire Owen, Nate and Erin Kopit; Winter Hawk, Layke Martin, Rosie and Dan Balser, Bethani and Torri Nails, Madalyn and Reily Plotter, Karianna and Kiandra Strickhouser, Sophie and Kallie Gilbert.

Thanks to all the parents who brought their kids to the rehearsals and helped to make it all happen.

Senior Lunch Bunch The January Senior Lunch Bunch will meet **Wednesday, January 20th, 12 Noon in the Community Room**. We will welcome the **'Making Happy Karaoke Singers'** featuring Rev. Arthur "Pete" Baugher and Robert Edsall. In addition to entertaining groups such as ours, this group also visits 13 nursing homes encouraging people to sing. Join our luncheon and bring your singing voice. Bring also a dish to share and be sure to invite a friend or neighbor or someone from Good Shepherd who hasn't yet experienced our enjoyable potluck and fellowship.

Next Good Shepherd Brew Night will be **Friday, January 15th, 7:30-9:30PM** in the Sunday School. Always good fellowship and fun singing our favorite songs. Mark your calendar for a stress-free end of the week.

Prayer Concerns: Gerry Marose, Barbara Underwood, health concerns; Don Klein, at the death of his mother from cancer; Gary Stone, diagnosed with esophageal cancer; Gene Schoonover, recovering from back surgery; Patrick Covert, son of Loretta and Norm Covert, recovering from emergency surgery, New York; John Day, brother of Janet Fisher-

Day,; Paul Miller and Greg Miller, brothers of Evie Timberlake, Bobi Alleman (Sister of Loretta Covert); Molly, cousin of Bobbie Donaldson, Ron Knerr, Bernie Abrecht; Lee Brohawn; Lucas Phelan; Sandy Kessler, Kathleen Shook; Phyllis Culler, Dale Lutz, Carolyn Hellman; Prayer requests, phone: Peggy Beers (301) 663-9741/Marilyn Ayres (301) 663-1997; or E-mail Evie Timberlake 2timbers@verizon.net.

Adult I Sunday School meets Sundays at 10AM in the Community Room. They have begun a new study/DVD series on THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. This Sunday, the 5th Commandment is reviewed.

Adult II Sunday School meets in the Fireplace Room, 10:15 AM - open discussion of contemporary issues from NPR's "Speaking of Faith". All are welcome

Homebound: *Becky Molesworth; Polly Carmack; Charles Thompson; Mary Nelson; Alice Willoughby; Agnes Gamer; JoEllen Gluscevic; Jo Adams; Belva Bell; Marjorie Deater; Kathleen Shook, Citizen's Nursing Home, Rosemont Ave., Frederick; Barbara Adams, Rena Hall, now at Tranquility Care, Jefferson Pike, Frederick. Dolores Beach is now at #B2, Somerford Place in Whittier.*

Remember Our Military Members: Jason Feser, Jeffrey Feser, Eric Feser. Prayers for Jeff Feser deployed to Iraq Wed., November 18th. His address is **1st Lt. Jeffrey Feser, HHC 1st BDE 1AD/Bravo 6-1 CAV (RSTA0 FOB Warrior, Iraq APO AE 09338.**

Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them even as they protect us. Bless them and their families during the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.'

Sound System Ear Devices for worship are now located in the net pockets of the doors of the Mixer cabinet (light green cabinet far left of the entrance to the Church Nave. There are 7 devices for those who wish to hear the service better. Please return them to the pockets after the service.

Passion Play August 2010 *Seats still available for Pastor Ron's 2010 trip to the Passion Play in Oberammergau in Bavaria, Germany, August 4-14 that includes visits to Prague, Budapest and Vienna- with continuing visits to Oberammergau and Munich. Reservations still open for the trip. Brochures are available in the Gathering Area. Pastor Ron ronrv@comcast.net or www.travron.com.*

Good Shepherd Preschool

will host an Open House on Friday, January 8 at 9:30 a.m. Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will begin on January 12, with a priority registration period for church members, current students and alumni. The registration fee is waived for church members. For more information, call 301-695-5855.

Food Donations Welcome

Please keep in mind the great needs of the community as we move into winter. Pick up just one additional non-perishable food item and bring it with you on Sundays to put in the food collection box in the Narthex. Let's keep that box full. Thanks to *Nicholas Brie* of the Social Ministry team for taking the donations to the food bank each week.

Spinning A Good Yarn

Good Shepherd has received a donation of yarn, knitting needles, and other craft supplies and unfinished projects. The donor would like us to use as much as possible to make blankets, hats, and anything else we can for others who may have a need. If you would like to use some of these supplies to make blankets for children who are hospitalized, lap blankets for nursing homes or hospitalized patients, or donate new stuffed toys, please let *Pat Schoonover* (301-473-8736 - sewinglady@xecu.net) or *Loretta Covert* or goodshp14@aol.com) know. Or you can place them around the "Gift of Love" tree in the gathering area.

Christmas Blanket The winner of the Christmas Blanket made by the 7th Grade Confirmation Class was drawn on Sunday, December 27th. The name drawn is *Sunni Sheron*. If you know Sunni, please let us know so that we can present the blanket.

Books for Our Troops

Operation Paperback collects gently used books and sends them to American troops deployed overseas. Since 1999, they have shipped over 950,000 books to locations around the globe. If you have paperback books to donate, leave them on top of the cupboards behind the coat-rack marked Operation Paperback, and the Social Ministry team will get them to a drop-off site. Operation Paperback is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Looking for a Bible Study? We have five 'NeighborTalk' groups currently available:

NeighborTalk South *Carl and Michele Hildedrand*, 5403 Georgetown Rd. Adamstown, MD 21710 • 301-831-8628

NeighborTalk Northeast *Terri Baker*, 2627 Mill Race Rd., Frederick, MD 21701, 301-663-4013

NeighborTalk Northwest *Sue and Dan Steffen*, 5511 Bootjack Drive, Frederick, MD 21702

NeighborTalk North *Janet and Brit Fisher*, 11232 Angleberger Rd., Thurmont, MD, 301-304-0374

NeighborTalk East (Spring Ridge) *Diane and Attilo DeMarco*, 6408 Fairbanks Ln., Frederick, MD 21701 • 301-696-8886

Sign-up's available in the Gathering Area of our Church. Regardless of where you live, please feel free to attend any location. Call one of the hosts (above) to find out dates, times and locations.

Simply Giving® is a program of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans that lets people give their church offering by using electronic funds transfers, like many already use for other commitments, enabling us to support the Church's mission consistently throughout the year. See the note on the Stewardship/Faith Response information board in the Gathering Area.

Offering Envelopes are available in the Gathering Area to pick-up. Please, when you have opportunity, pick up yours. If you have opportunity to deliver someone's whom you know, please pick them up.

December 20th Blizzard wiped out a Sunday worship and our shared gifts to the congregation's operating funds. We appreciate your help in making up this lost Sunday before the end of our fiscal year. **Your stewardship does make a difference!**

Furniture for Sale One of our parishioners, *Mike Graysonn*, has some very good furniture for sale. Please visit Craig's list: <http://frederick.craigslist.org/fuo/1520649945.html> or you may call him at 301-473-2877. Items are expertly crafted of solid-wood and finished in dark Cherry wood.

- *Bed features a four poster design with beautiful carved finials and metal scroll-work on the headboard and footboard.*
- *Dresser features three smaller drawers and six large, roomy drawers.*
- *Beveled glass mirror has a molded framed topped by metal scroll-work.*
- *Antiqued hardware and traditional molding accents.*
- *Set includes headboard, footboard, wood rails/slats, dresser, mirror, and two matching night stands.*

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