

THE SHEP NEWS



Weekend E-Newsletter • January 17, 2010 • Second Sunday after Epiphany • Worship: 9AM- ELW Service; 10 AM-Sunday School; 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**



January 10, 2010

Sermon on the Amount

Needed weekly \$6703
Debt Reduction 560

TOTAL RECEIVED \$5486
Needed for Budget **\$6511**
Worship Attendance 192
Sunday School 56
To Make Budget **\$2860**
Owed Reserve Fund 17,500
Your help with weekly expenses is appreciated



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John 2:1-12

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee . . . The headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."
John 2: 1-12

A Pointed Diagnosis

A little boy complained of pain "all over," so his concerned mom took him to the pediatrician.

"So where does it hurt, pal?" the doctor began.

"I hurt all over," the boy said.

"What do you mean, all over?" the doctor asked.

The boy touched his knee with his index finger and cried, "Ow, that hurts!" Then he touched his left cheek and cried, "And that hurts, too, Doctor!" Then he touched his ear, tears running down his cheek, "Even that hurts!"

The doctor looked him over and told him the diagnosis: "Son, you have a broken finger."

Christ comes to change our perspectives, the values and measures by which we live our lives, the ways we deal with one another, the factors that go into the decisions we make, the things we value and seek for ourselves.



In Christ, our tendency to fear and doubt and self-centeredness is replaced with the "new wine" of compassion and gratitude for the life God has given us, of honor and respect for every human being as a child of God, of the justice, mercy and peace of God, the Host of the great Wedding Feast.

Pastor Ron

New Council Officers

were elected at the first regular meeting of Congregation Council, Monday, January 11th. Phyllis Hane was elected President; Kent Treichler was elected Vice President; Sandy Hagen was re-

elected Secretary; Jean Van Tassell was re-elected Treasurer and Bill Thelemann was re-elected Financial Secretary. Newly elected council members were present, Dan Steffen, Brad Reaves, John Martin and Kent Treichler. Council's next regular meeting will be Monday, March 8th.

Next Good Shepherd Brew Night

will be **Friday, January 15th, 7:30-9:30PM** in the Community Room. Always good fellowship and fun singing our favorite songs. Mark your calendar for a stress-free end of the week. February's Brew Night is Friday, February 18th, a post-Valentine 'love songs' night.

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.

Prayer Concerns: Jesse Martin, daughter of Michele and John Martin, Jerry Marose, Barbara Underwood, health concerns; Kelly Schoonover, whose mother is gravely ill; Don Klein, at the death of his mother from cancer; Gary Stone, diagnosed with esophageal cancer; Gene Schoonover; Patrick Covert; John Day, brother of Janet Fisher-Day; Paul Miller and Greg Miller, brothers of Evie Timberlake, Molly, cousin of Bobbie Donaldson, Ron Knerr, Bernie Abrecht; Lee Brohawn; Lucas Phelan; Sandy Kessler, Kathleen Shook; Dale Lutz, Carolyn Hellman; Prayer requests, phone: Peggy Beers (301) 663-9741/Marilyn Ayres (301) 663-1997; 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 7th 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

Frederick School of Religion Convenes in February The Frederick School of Religion will convene its 2010 "Learning for Life" series on February 15th.

Classes are being held at Brook Hill United Methodist Church, 8946 Indian Springs Rd., Frederick, MD 21702. The school is planned by representatives from area congregations and is now celebrating its 27th year. Eight different courses are offered on Mondays and Tuesdays from February 15 through March 23 with snow dates, March 29 and 30. Afternoon classes are scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. while evening classes meet from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Courses are designed for both lay persons and clergy and the cost is \$22 per course. All courses are eligible for 1.2 Continuing Education Units. For additional information or registration: www.frederickschoolofreligion.org or you may call 301-865-2734 or 301-473-5662.

Youth at National Lutheran Home

We have planned a service opportunity for Good Shepherd Youth Grades 4 and up – BINGO on January 31st at the National Lutheran Home & Village. Many of the senior residents there love to play BINGO, but because of poor eyesight or other factors are unable to play without assistance. We will meet at Good Shepherd at 12:30 for pizza and fellowship before we head out. We will return at 5:00. Please plan on joining us for this fun day. To RSVP or for more information, please contact *Lisa Long* at ElizaDawn@comcast.net or (301) 898-8939.

Homebound: *Becky Molesworth; Polly Carmack; Charles Thompson; Mary Nelson; Alice Willoughby; Agnes Gamer; JoEllen Gluscevic; Jo Adams; Belva Bell; Marjorie Deater; Kathleen Shook, 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.'

Thank you! *Jan Lounsbury, teacher at Whittier Elementary School extends, on behalf of the families of children of the school, gratitude for the wonderful gathering of new warm clothing for cold weather - including hats and mittens. These adorned the Christmas tree in our Gathering Area at Good Shepherd. Because of your generosity many kids will be warmer this winter.*

Passion Play August 2010 *Seats still available for Pastor Ron's 2010 trip to the Passion Play in Oberammergau in Ba-*

varia, 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.

Earthquake in Haiti Lutheran World

Relief is responding right now to the affected communities through its partners on the ground in Haiti. The coming days are critical as teams dispatch to Haiti to conduct search and rescue efforts.

LWR anticipates a large response. Every dollar donated to this life-saving effort is critical to providing the necessary emergency support to the people of Haiti. To donate, go to LWR's website: www.lwr.org. and make your donation online. If you don't have access to the Internet, but would like to contribute, contact Diane DeMarco, 301-696-8886, and the Social Ministry team will make sure your donations are sent to LWR.

I have been to Haiti several times and have seen the devastating poverty first hand. Let's all keep Haitians in our prayers as they struggle through this catastrophic crisis.

*Diane DeMarco
Social Ministry Team*

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 goodshep14@aol.com).

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 and mark them 'Operation Paperback.' 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-*

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.*

After School Youth

Keith Schoonover has been discussing with me his vision for an after-school program at Good Shepherd for neighborhood children and youth (8-12 years of age)- an outreach program to provide structured play, snacks and some group learning opportunity until their parents get home. We're looking for some Good Shepherd folks who might be interested in discussing this vision with us. Please contact Pastor Ron ronrv@comcast.net or *Keith, 301-676-4564.*

Annual Valentine Sale

The 5th & 6th Grade Sunday School class will be hosting their annual Valentine sale to benefit the Thurmont Food Bank, supported by our sister parish St John's Lutheran Church in Thurmont. Please stop by our table in the Gathering Area to see the selection of handmade valentines we will be selling this year. Also please consider bringing an extra canned or boxed good for our ongoing food collection. Thank you for your generous support!!! *Laurie Wilhelm and Nancy Tregoning.*

Thiel College Coming to Good

Shepherd The forty-two voice **Thiel Choir** from Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania, a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will perform a concert at **7:00 p.m. Saturday evening, March 6, at Good Shepherd.** The performance is part of the Thiel Choir's 2010 spring choir tour. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful evening of choral music. The community will be invited to this performance.

Women's Retreat?

Evie Timberlake has felt called to lead a retreat for the women of Good Shepherd. Depending on the interest, the dates and time would be scheduled at one of our local retreat centers, possibly Mar-Lu-Ridge. This would be a relaxing time away from the busyness of life to focus on life and our relationship with God. There would definitely be some free time. Women have very demanding schedules and a time away would be refreshing for our bodies and souls. Please let *Evie* know if you are interested. Contact her at 2timbers@verizon.net. 301-663-5506.

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