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STAFF Newsletter

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THE PATCH IS BACK!



SUNDAY	10:30-5:30
MONDAY-FRIDAY	10:30-6:30
SATURDAY	8:30-5:30

Pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, mums, Indian corn and just plain fun are back at the Good Shepherd Pumpkin Patch!

Good Shepherd's largest fund raiser for missions is open every day of the week, weather permitting, through the month of October.

It takes a lot of volunteers to run the patch!

Volunteer times are set up in short shifts of just 2 or 2 1/2 hour shifts so consider spending part of one or more days meeting neighbors and friends while serving missions. Please sign up at the tables outside of the main church office.



Trunk or Treat



The excitement of Halloween is back with this wonderful Good Shepherd tradition. Fill your trunk full of your favorite holiday treats and line up in the parking lot Halloween Night, **October 31**, at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Bring your little goblins for an evening of safe trick or treating.

Questions about Trunk or Treat can be answered by contacting Deb Miteff in the church office at 483-8816.

FROM YOUR PASTOR... "FOLLOW THE SCRIP"

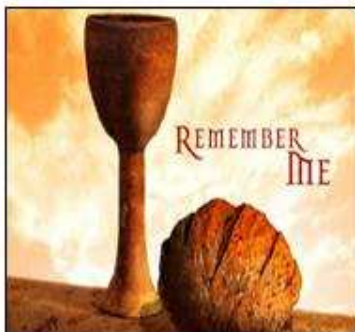


Many Tuesdays the staff of Good Shepherd enjoys a lunchtime meal together. It is a fun time away from the office and a chance to catch up on each others' lives. Recently we went to Angel's and had a great lunch. As the bills were presented to each of us, we paid, said our good-byes and went on with the day. It was brought to my attention later that everyone at the table paid their bill with SCRIP cards except for me! That's right I blew it. The rest of the gang paid with cards that allow a portion of the bill to be returned to the church. I could make all kinds of excuses such as I am still new, or that Angel's is a new addition to the program etc. Truth be told, I just needed to plan ahead. I needed to "follow the SCRIP."

SCRIP is an incredible ongoing fundraising event at Good Shepherd. Each Sunday as well as Wednesdays in the Education Wing hallway anyone may purchase SCRIP cards. These cards work just like cash and are available for about every restaurant, grocery store,

entertainment and service in Fort Wayne and beyond. You buy \$25.00 worth of scrip for J.C. Penny and you can then spend \$25.00 at J.C. Penny. The only difference is that a portion of the money you spend comes back to the church. How cool is that?! It is about planning and budgeting. It is about being intentional to carry SCRIP cards for your regular grocery shopping instead of cash or credit. This past year the SCRIP program raised over \$7000 for camp scholarships and in addition purchased needed equipment for the church. So my advice, don't get caught without your SCRIP.

Next time we go to lunch I know what I will be paying with. (It has been great for Star Buck's.) Join me in a renewed effort to plan ahead and make each bill count. To learn more about the SCRIP program, simply call the church office: 483-8816 and talk to Deb Miteff or see Rita Wagner at the SCRIP desk.



CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION WITH THE WORLD SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 1 AND 2

World Wide Communion is the Sunday where congregations around the globe celebrate our unity with God and each other through the forgiveness of Jesus Christ by participating in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The worship service will revolve around this event and theme and we will share together at the common banquet table. You will not want to miss this worship experience. Invite a friend to worship and enjoy the love of God.

Gospel Gathering Welcomes The CHORDS Vocal Ensemble

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 6:00 P.M.

The Chords Vocal Ensemble returns to Good Shepherd for Gospel Gathering at 6:00 PM on Saturday, **October 22**. The CHORDS will be singing selections from each of their three CD projects including their June, 2011 release, "Going Home." Gather your friends and share in an evening of congregational song, message, and great guest artists. For more information or to listen, visit www.chordsmusic.org.



STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS BEGINS ON OCTOBER 8 & 9

Pastor Craig will begin a four week worship series titled: "Returning to the Harvest" This is our annual emphasis on stewardship and being good stewards of what God has blessed us with, namely, our prayers, presence, gifts and service. This is an exciting time as we discover and rediscover that the real strength of Good Shepherd is from God working through us in so many ways.

October 8&9: "What is God's?" Matthew 22: 15-22

October 15 & 16: UMW/Laity Sunday Matthew 25

October 22 & 23: "Stewards of Love" Matthew 22:34-40

October 29 &30: "12 Stones" Joshua 3: 7-13 Consecration Sunday



HOUSE CHURCH CELEBRATING EIGHT YEARS

House church will celebrate eight years of worshipping together on **October 6** with Pastor Donna Goings as their special guest. You are invited to celebrate with them at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Fran and Barney Lewis. They look forward to launching into their 9th year!



"The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer, by his Holy Spirit, God comes to dwell within us. By his word and by the sacraments, Christ gives himself to us. In return, we can surrender everything to him." ~Brother Alois

The Taize Worship service is a personal prayer time with scripture and song and lasts about 45 minutes. Following the Taize service, you are welcome to walk the Labyrinth if you wish.

Taize/Labyrinth Worship service is the fourth Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m. The next service is **October 23**.

Taize~Labyrinth Worship Service

Please enter through Door #5 to the Activity Center.

BREADMAKERS MAKE GUESTS FEEL WELCOME

Everyone loves homemade gifts. A homemade gift makes the receiver feel special because you took time out of your day to do something extra nice for them. Well, that is what happens at many of the worship services at Good Shepherd. Following Saturday and Sunday worship services, we send home a little bit of Good Shepherd love with people who visit our church. A group of wonderful ladies, lovingly bake little loaves of bread that go in a welcome packet that is taken home by our visitors. After they leave our church and go home, visitors still continue to feel that special, cared for feeling when they take a bite of their delicious bread, knowing someone from our church loved them enough to make a loaf of bread especially for them. What a wonderful way to share Good Shepherd love!



NEW CLASSES OFFERED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

JOIN PASTOR PHIL & PHYLLIS FOR A NEW TYPE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

A family class will begin on Sunday, **October 9**, at 9:45 a.m. in room 137.

This family class will meet to study and discuss family topics using a curriculum called: *The Family God Uses*.

The Family God Uses is a Bible study that shows parents how to discover where God is at work around their family and to learn how to join Him in that work. The member book functions as a practical field manual for families looking to pray, grow, and serve together. It also includes ideas for family prayer time and devotions, how to identify and use teachable moments, how to demonstrate dependence on God, and where to find ministry opportunities in the community. Use this resource to get and keep your family God-centered and teach your children their role in His kingdom. This course will be done in seven sessions.

Topics include:

- God's Design for Families
- God Used Families to Build the Church
- The Church as God's Family
- God Uses Children
- Seeing From God's Perspective

Anyone involved in family life, from young children to older and possibly even grand parenting are welcome.



WOMEN OF THE WORD

A class for women, about women of the bible. Discovering **WOMEN** in the **WORD** will be led by Marlene Crowder. Women of the Bible has been a passion of Marlene's for many years. She feels there are many untold stories in scripture. The source for these amazing stories will be the Bible as well as notes from many different authors. This promises to be an interesting and enlightening look at the scriptures through women's eyes and the culture of their time. The goal will be to finish the women in a weekly session. Sarah will be the first Woman of the Word to be studied.



ABIGAIL CIRCLE WELCOMES CHARIS HOUSE SPEAKER

Abigail Circle will meet Wednesday, **October 12**, at 1:00 p.m. **Please note a change of program.** Abigail Circle will not take a tour of Charis House, instead a speaker from Charis House will come to Good Shepherd. Our commitment is toiletries for the residents of Charis House. All women are welcome!



PASTOR CRAIG'S TEACHING SERIES CONTINUES IN OCTOBER

The four week series on Excerpts from the Gospel of John concludes on **October 5**. Next, Pastor Craig will lead a two week teaching/discussion on homosexuality. "I am in hopes that open dialogue will take place in the small groups. This two week discussion is about providing permission for people to talk about a controversial issue in a safe place with guidance." Following that series he will begin a three week series on Intentional Parenting. "A parent is a person who is fully invested in his/her children. This means being intentional as to all aspects of parenting. There is more to parenting than just being present yet there is also great value in being present. Intentionality is what raises parenting to the next level." All adults are welcome to attend. The large group meets in Rausch Hall where the meal is served and then meets in smaller groups for discussion. Please join us and bring a friend.

October 5: John 13: The heart and task of a servant, sacrifice, foot washing

Homosexuality: Granting permission to speak

October 12: Part 1: Building bridges – tearing down walls

October 19: No class: Pastor Craig will be at school

October 26: Part 2: Our response as followers of Christ, caring and sharing



COMING IN NOVEMBER ~ INTENTIONAL PARENTING

November 2: What it means to parent with intentionality

November 9: Are we failing or falling forward? Story telling

November 16: Moving beyond where we are – staying committed, staying connected

November 23: No class day before Thanksgiving

November 30: SKIPPING CHRISTMAS: The Book and Survival for the Holidays

DENNIS WHEELER RETIRING

Dennis started as Facilities Manager with Good Shepherd in May 2006 after working along with his wife as missionaries to the Apache people on the White Mountain and San Carlos Indian reservations in Arizona. Dennis coordinates all facility upgrades, maintenance and repairs. He has an Associate Degree in Business Management, 10 years working at a Correction Facilities in Ohio as a Correction Officer and is retired from the military with 20 years of service. Dennis was born and raised in Michigan and has been married to his wife Edith since 1971. They have a daughter and a son plus six grandchildren. He uses Acts 20:24 as his mission statement: "But life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus, the work of telling others the Good News about God's mighty kindness and love".



We will be celebrating Dennis's service for the last five years, on Sunday, **October 30**, at the 9:45 hour. A basket for cards and notes will be in the lobby beginning next weekend. Be sure to join us give best wishes to Dennis and his wife, Edith, as they begin their retirement years traveling to Arizona and exploring the possibility of getting back into mission work.

Enjoy your retirement, Dennis! We will miss you!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GIVING LOVE AND SUPPORT AROUND THE WORLD

While in Romania, Shirley Platte was able to share the love and prayers of Good Shepherd with a prayer shawl. This woman suffered a miscarriage and her husband left her. Your prayers and support make a difference!



QUILTERS TO HOST PURSE MAKING CLASS

During our last meeting, there was a lot of interest in making a purse. Marsha Bratrum will be leading this class on Saturday, **October 8, 2011**, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at Good Shepherd UMC in Room 147. Bring machine & fabrics of your choice: 3-fat quarters for outside, 1 5/8 yd. for lining, 1 yard batting, 1 1/8 yd. fusible interfacing, 1 decorative button.

You may want to use a purchased handle along with the fabric handle. This is a Quilt As You Go—Cross Town Carry, purse pattern.

PLEASE RSVP--- THAT YOU ARE COMING.

Any questions concerning this purse, please contact Marsha Bertram at 485-1806.

WE ARE IN NEED!

We need to replace our current cribs for the infant room. Our current cribs do not meet the Government guidelines. The government has outlawed drop sided cribs as of December 2010 and we are required to have them replaced. At this time we are looking into purchasing one crib. Monetary donations are welcome and we would gladly accept a crib that was purchased

after February 2011, knowing it meets the acceptable guidelines. Thank you for helping us keep our little ones safe. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Lori at Lfehlinger@fwgoodshepherd.org or in the church office at 483-8816.



THE LIFTERS PRAYER MINISTRY



needs more people who would be willing to pray for the members of the congregation. Each Lifter receives a list of families to pray for. There are 10-12 families on each list. A

new assignment is given every 6 months.

Paul wrote letters to the new churches that were being established in the Holy Land. He prayed for them: "ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus

and your love for all saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." Ephesians 1:15-16. We are to pray for each other as Paul did. Consider being one of our Lifters. Please call the office or Marilyn Rousseau (485-8466) if you want to become a part of this ministry.

Good Shepherd has an active lay hospital visitation ministry. Each person who is a part of this ministry will be assigned one day of the month to make visits to our members who are hospitalized. Training will be provided. Visits can be made in the evenings or during the day. If you feel led to be a part of the hospital team, please call the office.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CHOIR 2011

Believe it or not, it's time to start preparing for Christmas! Anyone who enjoys singing and can make a commitment for approximately 8 weeks is encouraged to join with the Sanctuary Choir to prepare for the annual Christmas choral offering – this year with orchestra members from the FW Philharmonic. Rehearsals begin on October 12 with most of them on Wednesday evenings; three longer rehearsals are scheduled for Saturday morning and Sunday evening. For a complete rehearsal and presentation schedule or to reserve your spot in the choir, contact Dennis Campbell at 483-8816 or 432-5162.



To my church friends: thank you for prayers, visits and cards while I was in the hospital and rehab. Also, thank you to Kathy Young, for the food.

~Susan Bergsma



GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH DROP-IN HAS STARTED AND YOU'RE INVITED!

Drop-In is a time of fun and fellowship for Good Shepherd youth. Good Shepherd youth are defined as those who have a relationship with the church through membership, youth group or Sunday School. Good Shepherd Youth are also encouraged to invite a friend after securing permission through leadership. Universal Permission slips are required to be on file in order to participate in Youth Drop-In. Drop-In times are 6:30-8:30 p.m. for middle high youth and 9:00-11:00 p.m. for senior high youth. See you there!



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Good Shepherd's Confirmation Class continues their journey with two special trips. On **October 2**, World Communion Sunday, the confirmands will participate in worship as communion hosts. On **October 23**, they will worship at the Cathedral. Keep these young inquiring minds in your prayers as they search for their purpose in God's plan for their life.

CHICAGO BUS TRIP ~ DON'T MISS THE FUN!!

There are still a few seats available for the Chicago shopping or museum trip on **November 12**. For only \$40, it's a perfect way to visit a Chicago museum or get a head start on Christmas shopping; no hassle driving, traffic or parking. Invite a friend or take the family to experience Chicago at Christmas time! The bus is an Excursion luxury bus. For more information, contact Paulette Ross at 493-4597. Your money needs to be paid by **September 30**.



GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL

We are excited to announce that the Good Shepherd Preschool is full. All classes are filled to capacity with a total enrollment of 280 students. Although participation in the Extended Care program fluctuates daily because of the flexibility we offer, we are averaging 50 children over the lunch period. It's a blessing to enter the building each and every day to see the wonderful faces of the children and our staff.

WELCOME LUNCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, AT 12:15 P.M. IN RAASCH HALL

For anyone interested in learning more about Good Shepherd and the United Methodist Church.
RSVP in the church office.



The next membership classes will meet **October 23 and 30** from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in rooms 147/149. Snacks will be provided and child care is available, but please indicate that when you sign up. During the classes, you will be assigned a faith friend (it may be someone you already know) who will be a new friend. You and your faith friend are invited to spend an evening together at the faith friend dinner on **November 6** at 6:00

p.m. This is a fun evening to just get to know each other and socialize. Those who are interested in joining Good Shepherd, after the classes are completed, will do so on **November 13** at the 8:30 a.m. service. Any questions, please call Paulette Ross at 493-4597 or Kelley Hathaway in the church office at 483-8816.

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The next STAFF Newsletter deadline is Friday, October 14.

THRU HIKING OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL TO RAISE MONEY FOR INDIANA YOUTH CAMPS

Roger and Judy Summers have felt the call by God to raise capital funds for the youth camps of the Indiana Area Conference of the UMC. "Camps, like the walls of Jerusalem, are a concrete, visible symbol of God touching lives through the generations of the Indiana UMC. We believe the camps can become a focal point for Methodism in Indiana and be a place where future generations can answer their own call. We have a vested interest in camps because we want the faith passed on to our 12 grandchildren."

Roger felt God specifically calling him to do this by doing a thru hike of the Appalachian Trail and taking pledges per each mile hiked. When the thru hike is completed, it would be a total of 2,181 miles. The pledges will be:

- 1) Lincoln Level - 1 cent per mile (\$21.81)
- 2) Jefferson Level - 5 cents per mile (\$109.05)
- 3) Roosevelt Level - 10 cents per mile (\$218.10)
- 4) Washington Level - 25 cents per mile (\$545.25)
- 5) Franklin Level - 50 cents per mile (\$1090.50)
- 6) Washington Gold Level - \$1 per mile (\$2181.00)

The hike will begin on March 10 and be complete on September 12, 2012. We will establish a calendar for our thru hike and hope friends and fellow United Methodists will hike portions of the trail with us. We will leave the trail to attend Annual Conference and North Central Jurisdictional Conference. Judy will be the support system and they will be blogging weekly. Roger will be hiking with a device that will allow those who have internet to follow their progress and pinpoint where they are.

"We ask all our UMC churches to keep us in your prayers. We desire to share our vision with Indiana Churches, hikers we meet along the trail and UMCs along the trail." ~ Roger and Judy