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TEACHING SERIES FELLOWSHIP

There's something for everyone!

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the exciting details!



From Pastor Craig

“It Is A Time of New Beginnings”

Let's just face the fact that we need them...new starts now and then. The calendar keeps flipping forward and one day can easily lead into the next if we do not recommit ourselves from time to time. This is why each fall we have a kick-off. It is not because the church has been closed all summer but rather to remind all of us that we need to stay involved or become involved for the first time. The Hebrews went through this same experience in the book of Judges. They pledged their faith to God and stayed strong for a time. Then, after a time of faltering they have to have a “fall kick-off” to commit themselves to God and renew their faith. It is essential to our faith experience.

Are you ready for a time of new beginnings? I am. That's why I am starting a teaching ministry on Wednesday nights for adults. I am in hopes that many people will use it as a jumping off point for a renewal experience of faith. That's why I am starting off my next preaching series September 11th. It is a time for me to renew my pledge to preach with excellence. It is a time for me to renew my vows of ministry and jump in with new energy.

I invite you to a new beginning. Sunday, September 11, is Rally Day. Wednesday, September 14, is the first Family Night program kick-off. I invite you to renew your faith by jumping into fall with Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. Try something new or return to something “old” with new vigor. Bring a friend and together discover the exciting journey of faith for the first time or all over again!

Mission Matters Message Series



SEPTEMBER 3 & 4: “We Serve a Working God!” Scripture: Psalm 66:5
“Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf!” (Pastor Phil preaching.)

SEPTEMBER 10 & 11: “Mission Matters: Good News Breaks Through” Luke 4:18-19

SEPTEMBER 17 & 18: “Mission Matters: Freedom of the Imprisoned.” Philemon 1: 8-13.

SEPTEMBER 24 & 25: “Mission Matters: Jubilee – Release of the Oppressed” Leviticus 25: 10-13.

SEPTEMBER 11 ~ RALLY DAY KICK OFF!



Join us for an exciting fresh start to the new school year! New Sunday School classes, New Pastor's Studies, New Preaching Series and plenty of fresh opportunities for you to grow in your Discipleship.



THE PUMPKIN PATCH FESTIVAL promises to be huge amounts of fun. We are changing our focus this year to be more child-oriented, but we haven't forgotten the adults. There will be some favorite activities from the past and many new ones. Be on the lookout for a straw bale maze, face painting, a Science Central space exhibit, make it take it tables, corn hole, volley ball, a pumpkin drop, hourly shows and a whole lot more. The Festival is Sunday, **September 25**, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We'll start the festivities with a Nelson's Chicken luncheon; tickets will be available to purchase starting September 4. Later in the day, hotdogs and popcorn will be available and at 2:30 we will conclude the festivities with an ice cream social. Watch for more information coming soon!



ALL HANDS ON DECK! It takes a LOT of hands to pull off the biggest missions fund raiser Good Shepherd does! Volunteers are needed for Patch setup on Tuesday, **September 20**, at 4:00 p.m. and to help unload the pumpkins on Friday, **September 23**. Day Captains are needed to make sure there is someone at the Patch throughout the day. Volunteers are also needed to work at the Patch. Work times are broken down into 2 hour and some 2-1/2 hour shifts. There are sign up sheets in the lobby outside the main church office as well as a list of responsibilities for Day Captains. For questions or more information, call Kelley in the office at 483-8816.



CONFIRMATION MEET AND GREET SEPTEMBER 11

The Confirmation process will begin **September 11** at 9:45 a.m. for students to "meet and greet with the leaders". Also on September 11, at 3:00 p.m., we will have a formal orientation with parents where you will receive your important paperwork, schedule, learn your expectations and meet your mentor. Confirmation is an incredible journey of faith for students. If you aren't sure if Confirmation is for you, come to the orientation and check it out. All students currently in 8th grade or above are welcome.

CONCERT COMMEMORATING 9/11

On Sunday **September 11**, 2011 at 4:00PM in the Auer Performance Hall on IPFW's campus, the Heartland Festival Chorus and Orchestra will present a special 10th Anniversary Commemorative concert remembering 9/11. Members of Good Shepherd will be participating in the choir. This musical tribute will feature John Rutter's *Requiem*, a lyrical choral piece of the Requiem Mass. Other works include Samuel Barber's *Agnus Dei* (Adagio for Strings), Rene Clausen's *In Pac*, and Aaron Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*. This concert serves to remember a tragic event, giving honor to the victims of the terrorist attacks and those who gave their lives in rescue efforts. Tickets can be purchased online at www.heartlandchorale.org or by calling the Heartland office at 260-436-8080. Proceeds benefit the American Red Cross.



Family Night



SEPTEMBER 14

THE FAMILY NIGHT MEAL is served each Wednesday beginning on **September 14**, 5:30-6:10 p.m. Every week a large crew of volunteers prepares the food, serves the hungry crowd, and cleans up after the meal. New helpers are regularly needed to be a part of this vital team that makes it possible for so many to enjoy fellowship, teaching and skill development on Wednesday night. You're invited to join the fun-loving crew of volunteers by calling Dennis at 483-8816 or 432-5162.



DISCOVER MUSIC AT GSUMC

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR rehearsals have begun for the 2011-2012 season and meets on Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The choir sings on a regular basis at the 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship hours and is composed of individuals who enjoy singing and who have a desire to use their abilities to honor God. The group experiences a warm sense of fellowship as they share in a team ministry. Members aren't required to read music; regular (not perfect) attendance is needed. For more information contact Dennis at 483-8816 or 432-5162.



THE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS at GSUM meet each Wednesday beginning **September 14**. Choir for children in *Grades 1-5* is at 4:00-5:30 p.m. and each rehearsal includes game time, singing, playing instruments, learning music reading skills and Bible study. Leaders include Dennis Campbell, Lori Leonard, Phyllis Emerson and Shirley Platte.

A beginning choir for children *age 4-Kindergarten* meets each Wednesday beginning **September 14** at 6:30-8:00 p.m. Led by Bobbie Mustapha, this group explores the singing voice and beginning music skills. They also have a time to play and share a snack. To learn more about any of the children's choirs, contact Dennis at 483-8816 or 432-5162 or attend the first rehearsal.

Bell Choir



THE BELL CHOIRS at GSUM begin rehearsals on Sunday, **September 18**. This year a new choir is beginning for those with limited or no experience. Currently 10 people play in this group and there is room for just a few more. Call Dennis Campbell 483-8816 right away if you are interested in joining. Anyone with significant experience ringing handbells is encouraged to contact Dennis if they are looking for an opportunity to play in an advanced group. Specialists in bass bells are especially needed. Whatever your skills, there is a place for you to ring bells at GSUM. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoon and evenings.



F.R.O.G. Fellowship is a fellowship group for children kindergarten through grade 5. Using a large group/small group format, we will gather together for worship, music, games and activities then break into smaller age-level groups for discussion and bible study. F.R.O.G. Fellowship is a great way for children to grow in their Christian Discipleship while building friendships with others and relationships with their leaders. Join us for F.R.O.G. Fellowship where we will learn to **Fully Rely On God** together.

PASTOR CRAIG BEGINS HIS TEACHING MINISTRY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ~ EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Beginning Wednesday, **September 14**, Pastor Craig will be teaching his first series on "Piercing the Darkness." Taking excerpts from the Gospel according to John, he will spend four weeks exploring John's theme and how it applies to us today. The format is designed especially for those who have not found a niche on Wednesday Family Nights. It will run concurrent with the other

programs, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., and for the first week meet in the sanctuary/worship center. It will start with teaching and background from Pastor Craig and then we will break up into groups to discuss the topic and then come back together for the conclusion. No series will be longer than 4 weeks to give folks the opportunity to attend the topics they are most interested in and to meet other people. Please come and share in this experience of learning and fellowship. Nursery care is provided and you are invited to enjoy the evening meal which begins at 5:30 p.m. Take a look at the topics listed below for the rest of the year and invite a friend to this informal learning experience.

PIERCING THE DARKNESS: EXCERPTS FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

September 14	John 3: Salvation not Condemnation, Secret Conversations
September 21	John 9: Not a reason for everything, Church ignorance
September 28	John 11: A resurrection other than Jesus, The consequences of such a miracle
October 5	John 13: The heart and task of a servant, sacrifice, foot washing

PASTOR PHIL'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Phil's class will take place on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. beginning **September 14**. The series will begin with a study of the Old Testament book of Judges. As our nation goes through a time of uncertainty, the message of the book Judges is focused on the moral failings of a nation and God's powerful rescue. This class will meet in Room 147/149. Everyone is welcome.



Gospel Gathering

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 6:00 P.M.



Twize~Labyrinth Worship Service

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 6:00 P.M.

Footprints for Youth

COLLECTION ENDS SEPTEMBER 11



A particular need has come to our attention. New underwear and socks (especially for boys of all ages) are desperately needed. Personal hygiene items are also in great demand.

We are still collecting new and gently used clothing and shoes. "Gently used" means that items need to be clean and free of stains and tears. Collection boxes are in the lobby.

UMW POTLUCK—SEPTEMBER 8 ~ 6:00 P.M. FRANCIS & BOBBI MUSTAPHA TO SPEAK AT 7:00 P.M.

The United Methodist Women annual potluck will be Thursday, **September 8**, at 6:00 p.m. All women are welcome! Bring a dish to share and your own table service.

At 7:00 p.m., following the potluck, Francis and Bobbi Mustapha will share the amazing story unfolding in Sierra Leone. **Everyone is welcome** to the sanctuary to hear about this wonderful mission in action.



We stand in awe of the love you have blessed us with as we grieve Jodi Sue's passing. 'Thank you' is so inadequate for your outpouring of love, cards and notes, gifts to her favorite dog rescue charities, flowers, and being with us during her Celebration or Life service and visitation. You will never know how you touched our hearts. A special thanks to Coleen and Dennis for their love as they worked to make everything perfect. May God bless you richly and thank you for loving Jodi and all the Smith family so much.

~Jody, Jackie & Sally, Pastor Jack, Coleen, Greg, Chris, Christopher and Brittany Smith, Tim & Alyson Henderson

To our church family,

Terry and I want to thank everyone for their prayers, driving me to therapy and the visits in the hospital during my knee replacement surgery. You are truly a wonderful church family.

~ Terry and Deb Augsburg

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and food brought over during the recuperation process of our motorcycle accident. I've always known that this was an awesome church but to be on the receiving end of so much love is just incredible! Thank you to Christian Motorcycle Association's Adirondack's Forgiven for getting us (and the bike) to Erie, PA; and to Geary Buchanan for sending a truck & driver to Erie, PA to bring us back to Fort Wayne. And to Deb Miteff for arranging it all! The love poured out from this church will never be forgotten!

~In Christ, Coleen Christman and Jack Smith

CAMPERSHIPS

The summer of 2011 was a special time of growth, learning and friendship-building. Thanks to your support and the SCRIP program, many Good Shepherd youth were given the help and opportunity to experience summer camp.

A total of 35 campers received either a partial or full scholarship.

Sr. High:

17 campers and 3 adults

Camperships paid - \$3732.45 for Sr. High Camp.

All other camps:

We had 21 campers and gave \$3934.30 in Scholarships.

The total scholarships provided this year was \$7666.75 and the good news is: SCRIP covered the bill. With costs rising, SCRIP sales will continue to be a vital part of the Good Shepherd youth program. You can get your SCRIP

between services on Sunday, or contact Deb Miteff at 483-8816. SCRIP can be used for gas, groceries, restaurants, appliances, gift certificates and more. Remember, it costs you nothing to use SCRIP and a percentage is earned with every purchase. Persons can earn scholarships for their child by establishing individual scrip accounts in which ½ of all scrip profits will go directly to your child's account. Check it out at the scrip desk. You can also support ALL campers by purchasing scrip without an account. Thank you for your support!



LOVING HANDS NEEDED

Are you interested in helping out with Good Shepherd's youngest ones? I have many areas that loving hands can help such as Sundays in the nursery or toddler room, helping teach or assist in the preschool Sunday school classes and Wednesday evening for Family Night. On occasion there may be a special event that will also need your loving hands. If you are interested, please contact Lori Fehlinger, 483-8816 or lfehlinger@fwgoodshepherd.org.

GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL

Preschool starts **September 6 and 7**. We are very excited to get back into the routine of classes. The teachers are rested and ready to get started. There are many exciting activities planned for this school year watch newsletters for dates and times. There are only 6 spots available for this school year if you haven't registered and you want to call 483-6454 now.

WELCOME LUNCH KICKS OFF MEMBERSHIP JOURNEY

The fall membership classes will begin with a Welcome Lunch on **October 9** at 12:15 p.m. Those interested in membership are encouraged to attend. You will receive a letter outlining the details, but please call the church office a 483-8816 to RSVP or indicate your interest on the sign-up outside Raasch Hall. At the lunch, you will meet visitors, long-time members, pastors and staff. A booth will also be in Raasch Hall on Rally Day (September 11) for you to ask questions and sign-up.

The membership classes will meet **October 23 and**

30 from 5-8:00 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 or someone 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 know each other and socialize. Those who are interested in joining Good Shepherd after the classes are complete 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 at the church office at 483-8816.

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SUNDAY
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SHIRT SALES CONTINUE TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER **DON'T MISS OUT! ORDER TODAY!**

Good Shepherd T-Shirts, Polo Shirts, Sweatshirts and Zip-Hoodies are available in a variety of sizes and colors. Pick up an order form at the library. For questions, call Paulette Ross at 493-4597



CHICAGO BUS TRIP HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



Many of us are only dreaming of Christmas during these hot summer days, but make plans now to join the UMW as we plan our shopping and museum trip to Chicago on **November 12**. The bus will leave from Good Shepherd at 7:00 a.m. and travel to Chicago with a short rest stop on the way. We will stop at the Museum of Science and Industry with another stop at the Field Museum and Shedd Aquarium before our final destination at the Water Tower shopping mall. All three museums have different admissions and packages to choose from, so if your destination is a museum, it would be best to go on-line and choose your package there. There are many shops at the Water Tower (including American Girl) and other shopping is close by. The Chicago Christmas decorations are beautiful, and worth the trip to see! Price is \$40 per person and you ride in an Excursions luxury bus without all the hassle of driving in Chicago traffic! Plans are to leave the Water Tower at 5:00 p.m. (Chicago time) so that we might be able to arrive back at Good Shepherd by 10:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit UMW Mission projects. You may sign-up outside Raasch Hall or by calling Paulette Ross at 493-4597. Please make your check payable to Good Shepherd UMW.