

# Shepherd's Voice

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**Worship Schedule:  
Sundays 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**

## A Message from our Interim Pastor

We say that we believe in resurrection...

The core of Christian faith is that Jesus died and rose again for the love and salvation of humankind. But like the first disciples – whose struggles to live out their calling we hear about in the Sundays after Easter – we, too, struggle to comprehend and live out the unexpected, unearned, unending grace of God in Christ.

Who is this Resurrected One?

Early in May, our Scripture readings present Christ as the Good Shepherd and the bringer of peace. Jesus is a shepherd willing to give up his own life for his beloved flock; and we abide securely in this one, who is the very source of life, whom death can't contain. Christ is life, love, peace and purpose – and in our baptisms, the Spirit of the Living Christ is alive in us.

So what does resurrection *mean* for followers of the Risen One?

"Just as I have loved you, so also you should love one another," Jesus says in John 13:34. The self-giving love of Christ is not what the world expects. Power is made perfect not in domination and revenge, but in mercy and forgiveness. How do you love *like Christ*? How have you experienced resurrection, and how have others experienced resurrection in you?

And what does resurrection mean for *this* congregation?

On May 19 we celebrate Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit, though whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Re-creation, re-birth, renewal, resurrection – these are hope-filled words for Good Shepherd, a congregation in transition that is looking to the future. As you will read in the Interim Ministry Update, the Call Committee will have been elected by the time you read this. Can you feel that the Holy Spirit is alive and moving at Good Shepherd? Do you know that resurrection – whatever that may look like – is your destiny? Imagine what Good Shepherd will look like a year from now: Who will be your pastor? What new people will walk through the doors? What ministries will flourish?

Imagine that future – and imagine it as though you *truly believe* in resurrection!

– Interim Pastor Lori Eickmann

## CELEBRATING A DECADE OF GOOD SHEPHERD'S BOOK CLUB

This May, our Book Club here at Good Shepherd is celebrating a decade of faith, fellowship, and great reads. Our first book was *Nickel & Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich, an exploration of social injustice in the minimum wage world. We've read history books including *Lighting the Way: Nine Women who Changed Modern America*, classics including *Fahrenheit 451*, fantasy including *Good Omens: The Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter Witch* (a surprising take on Revelation from the Bible), best sellers and poetry. The full list is on brochures that will be at our display table during coffee hour on May 19 along with a display of the books.

Please take a moment to come by between services and visit. We're always open to new members, so if you like what you see, please join our group. We meet (almost always) on the third Tuesday of odd-numbered months at 7:30 pm in the Fireside room.

While we will not be meeting our at our usual time in May, we invite you to read our May book selection, *In the Arms of Angels: True Stories of Heavenly Guardians* by Joan Wester Anderson.

Donna Albrecht and Susan Metzger, co-chairs.



## UPDATE ON THE CELL TOWER AND HOW IT EFFECTS OUR BUDGET

By Herb Yonge

At the April 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, the effect of the potential loss of the Nextel Cell Tower, which is the fake tree in the upper parking lot, was discussed and it was agreed we will continue to do business as usual until the tower is removed and the monthly rental is terminated.

The contract states rent is due until the removal of the tower takes place and as of this date it is still in place.

Had the tower been removed on or about April 1 the loss of income would have been \$17,236.

A proposed revised Budget was prepared by the Finance Committee with the recommendation that we should continue with payments of discretionary funds until rent is discontinued. The discretionary accounts are: Outreach Ministries, Youth and Capital Improvements and Maintenance. If and when the loss of rental income is realized, the Finance Committee will prepare a recommended Revised Budget and it will be presented to the Congregation for approval.

## FUN MOVIE NIGHT COMING, MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY 3!

Everyone is invited to our Movie Night on Friday, May 3. We'll be watching a delightful movie "Raising Helen" starring John Corbett (as a single LUTHERAN pastor), Kate Hudson, and Joan Cusack. A delicious dinner of mac'n cheese with salad will be served first at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7:00 p.m.

This family-and-friend friendly event is a great way to start your weekend. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex beginning a few weeks before so we'll know how much food to prepare. Looking forward to seeing you there! Your Fellowship and Fun Committee

## ***YOU ARE INVITED!***

***What:*** Birthday Party

***Where:*** GSLC Fellowship Hall

***When:*** Pentecost Sunday, May 19, between services

***What to bring:*** Gifts for the Concord Shelter – new/used towels, sheets and pillowcases.

### **Pentecost**

Jesus was with his disciples for 40 days after Easter. He ate and socialized and instructed them during this time. And then he told them that he would be leaving them; that he would ascend to heaven. Their friend and teacher would no longer be with them. Who would lead them? How would they move forward?

He told them NOT to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for a gift. It would be the gift of the Holy Spirit given from the Father. The Holy Spirit would give those timid and fear-filled disciples courage. They would receive power from the Holy Spirit and they would be able to speak the word of God with boldness.

Come celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Come, wearing red. Come to a birthday party and bring gifts of sheets, towels and pillowcases for those in need. Come and enjoy a fun “Ice Breaker” game. Come and celebrate Pentecost Sunday!

### **Tapestry Vocal and Handbell Ensemble Memorable Melodies from Beethoven to Rock For NorCal and Northern Nevada Alzheimer's Association**

Enjoy a free concert in support of the Alzheimer's Association. This musical production under the direction of Cindy Krausgrill, will delight and inspire you with memorable melodies from Beethoven to Rock. There are several local opportunities to enjoy this Vocal and Handbell Ensemble:

**Friday, May 3 — 7:00 p.m.**

Walnut Creek United Methodist Church  
1543 Sunnyvale Avenue  
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

\*Concert and Traditional Pie Party

**Saturday, May 4 — 7:00 p.m.**

Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church  
1578 Kirker Pass Road  
Clayton, CA 94517

\* Concert and Reception

Both performances titled “Timeless and Timely” are presented free of charge.  
Donations will be gratefully accepted!

## May Birthdays

Nina Ferrando	01
Isaac Mollwitz	01
Marilyn Sarchett	01
Lucas Castle	02
Fran Mecklenburg	03
Dan Pierson	07
Susan Ripley	07
Alice Engel	09
Jo Carson	10
Jeannette Kaul	11
Joe Yarbrough	12
Connie Summers	16
Else Welsh	17
Doug Freeman	20
Deborah Castle	21
Dorothy Nelson	21
Anitha Beamer	27
Lois Berg	27
Kathy Harless	27
Marilyn King	30



## APRIL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Highlights of Council Meeting – April 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Sue Hertless in the Fireside Room

Members Present: Sue Hertless, Linda Rodemsky, Laura Mott, Vicki Smiglewski, Jim Olson, Herb Yonge, Leone McCullough, Victor Olmedo and Donna Albrecht.

Members Absent: Ken Robinson, Mark Deniston, Jon Moss, and Pastor Lori.

The minutes were read and several changes were made. Herb Yonge moved to accept the corrected minutes, seconded by Jim Olson, MSC.

There was discussion about Winter Nights and how it's need for space caused conflict with Friends Feeding Friends items being stored. It was suggested that this item be tabled for now and it, and other space-use topics be discussed fully in the summer.

Winter Nights is currently at Good Shepherd.

The Boy Scouts have begun meeting at the church.

The Pastor's Report was accepted.

After a small change in wording, to a form designed for church members to fill out for self-nominate for election to the Call Committee, a motion was made by Leone McCullough to accept the form. MSC

Members who made soup for the soup suppers were recognized and thanked. They were Ingrid Burns, Vicki Smiglewski, Leone McCullough, Kristi Buchholz, Nancy Judge, Donna Monroe, Tyna Headrick-Phillips Kelly Schaefer, Jon Moss, Kay Bennett, Jean Moore, Dottie Davis, Jim Olson, Linda Rodemsky, and Laura Mott.

At 9:02 p.m., Herb Yonge made a motion to adjourn, Linda Rodemsky seconded. MSC

Respectfully,  
Donna Albrecht  
Council Secretary

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONGREGATION MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A CALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of Congregational Meeting — April 28, 2013  
The meeting was called to order by Sue Hertless at 10 a.m.

Pr. Lori opened with a prayer and then briefly explained the responsibilities of the Call Committee, Congregation and the Council. (See Page 6)

Sue Hertless talked briefly about how we got to the stage of the Call Process that we are now.

Sue Hertless called for nominations from the floor. Aimee Olmedo was nominated by her husband, Victor Olmedo.

Each nominee gave a brief statement explaining why they wanted to be on the Call Committee and talents and spiritual gifts they would bring to the Call Committee.

Our nominees:

Nils Anderson  
Donna Albrecht  
Candace Bradley  
Greg Buchholz  
Betty Jacobson  
Leone McCullough  
John Mott  
Aimee Olmedo

The vote was taken.

Those elected to the Call Committee are:

- Nils Anderson
- Candace Bradley
- Greg Buchholz
- John Mott
- Aimee Olmedo.

## Wedding Anniversaries

Fred & Teresa Wagner  
May 5, 1974

Mike & Lisa Henry  
May 7, 1983

John & Holly Pereira  
May 10, 1975

Kurt & Jan Harmon  
May 12, 1959

Larry & Sheila Huddleston  
May 13, 1972

Ken & Nikki Robinson  
May 22, 1976

John and Dorothy Nelson  
May 24, 1952



Everything that is done in  
this world is done by hope.  
— Martin Luther

## GOOD SHEPHERD INCOME STATEMENT

AS OF MARCH 31, 2013

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
INCOME:			
Pledges	\$35,255	\$38,230	\$ (2,975)
Unpledged	6,569	6,688	(119)
Other (Tower, Rent, etc.)	26,438	28,406	(1,968)
TOTAL INCOME	68,262	73,324	(5,062)
LESS TOTAL EXPENSES	(57,372)	(70,626)	13,254
NET INCOME	\$ 10,890	\$ 2,698	\$ 8,192

Thank you for your  
financial support.

Easter Sunday deposit was  
made April 2, 2013 as bank  
closed their books on  
March 29, 2013.  
Rental income and pledged  
funds would have  
exceeded budget

## **The Call Process: Responsibilities of Call Committee, Congregation and Council**

### Three Phases to the Call Committee's (CC) Work:

- **Visioning** – The CC works with the interim pastor and council on a process that allows the entire congregation to share in visioning. Results reported to all.
- **Writing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP)** – The CC writes the MSP based on the outcome of the visioning process. The CC keeps the council and congregation informed on progress, and the congregation offers input on finished MSP.
- **Interviewing/recommending a candidate for call** – The CC interviews candidates and makes the recommendation. The council prepares the salary/benefits package. The congregation meets the candidate on a Sunday morning and votes on the candidate.

### Time Commitment:

There are times when the CC will be meeting weekly (such as when writing the MSP) or on weekends (interviewing the candidates). During down-time (perhaps while waiting for candidate names from the synod) the CC can work on interview techniques, a mock interview, etc. The schedule and meeting times are decided on by the CC members.

### How Information is Shared:

Transparency in the process is vital; confidentiality concerning candidates is, too.

The CC will update the council and congregation regularly as to their **process** and **progress**; that's the transparency part. Candidates' names and other info are **not** shared outside of the CC; that's the confidential part.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT A CALL COMMITTEE

If you were unable to join us for the April 28, 2013 Congregational Meeting to elect our Call Committee please read the Minutes of the April 28 Meeting on Page 5, and note the handout those in attendance received on Page 6. Thank you to everyone who participated in this process.

Below are a couple of pictures taken before the vote. Thanks to Joe Carlson for the pics!



### Interim Ministry Update, May 2013

Congratulations on electing your Call Committee (see pg. 5). This means we are entering a new phase of interim ministry. The Call Committee's first task is to work with the interim pastor and the council in leading the congregation in some short-term visioning. Then they will be ready to fill out the 14-page Ministry Site Profile (MSP), which is like a resume for the congregation.

Once the MSP is completed, the congregation will get a chance to look at it and give feedback as to whether it accurately reflects Good Shepherd and your vision and mission. Then the MSP will be sent to the synod, and candidates' names will be forwarded to the Call Committee based on the MSP. The Call Committee will interview the candidates and make a recommendation for call. The Council will put together the salary and benefits package, and the congregation will vote on the candidate after a "meet-and-greet" with the candidate and, if possible, his or her family.

What is YOUR role in all this? Show up and participate. Be part of looking forward *with hope*. Remember that the success of your ministry with your new pastor will depend not just on the pastor, but on each participant of this faith community. And, most of all, pray – pray for the Call Committee, GSLC, and the pastor you will call. The Spirit has someone in mind for Good Shepherd, and may God bless the process that will bring that person and this congregation together.

– Interim Pastor Lori Eickmann



### Got Plans for Memorial Day Weekend?

As is our tradition, a group from Good Shepherd will be heading to Mt. Cross in the Santa Cruz mountains to participate in the Mt. Cross Annual Family Work Weekend.

**When:** Friday, May 24 to Monday, May 27, 2013 **Time:** We leave around 5-6 pm Friday, return late afternoon Monday

**Who:** All ages welcome! There's truly something for everyone, including childcare. Yes, we arrange carpools as necessary!

**Cost:** Ages 12 to Adult \$15 — Ages 4-11, \$6 This includes meals and lodging for the weekend. You must register and pay in advance online at: [mtcross.org](http://mtcross.org)

IF OUR GROUP IS BIG ENOUGH, WE CAN GET OUR OWN CABIN !!!

Need more information? Check out [mtcross.org](http://mtcross.org) on the computer, under Family Work Weekend — Or call Linda Rodemsky at 864-9266

If you've been to this event before, you know how much fun it is.  
If you've never been, please consider joining us this year!



# May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 3:00 p.m. W & Music (FH) 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)	<b>2</b> 9:00 a.m. Senior Food Program 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Upstairs) 7:00 p.m. Property/Long Range	<b>3</b> 6:30 p.m. Movie Night (FH)	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship (CH) 9:45 a.m. Refreshment (FH) 10:00 a.m. Choir Practice 11:00 a.m. Worship (CH) 6:00 p.m. Women's NA (FH)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir (Choir Room)	<b>8</b> 9:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:00 p.m. Confirmation (FR) 7:00 p.m. NA (FH) 7:00 p.m. Youth Group	<b>9</b> 10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle (FH/FR) Noon DVLC Mtg. (FH) 2:00 p.m. Finance Comm. (FH) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Upstairs)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship (CH) 9:45 a.m. Refreshment (FH) 10:00 a.m. Choir Practice 11:00 a.m. Worship (CH) 6:00 p.m. Women's NA (FH)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir (Choir Room) 7:00 p.m. Council (FH)	<b>15</b> 6:00 p.m. Confirmation (FR) 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)	<b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. Senior Food Program 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Upstairs)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30 a.m. Friends Feeding Friends (Kitchen / FH))
<b>19 PENTECOST</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship (CH) 9:45 a.m. Refreshment (FH) 10:00 a.m. Choir Practice 11:00 a.m. Worship (CH) 6:00 p.m. Women's NA (FH)	<b>20</b> *Newsletter articles due today!	<b>21</b> Noon Leisure Lunch (FH) 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir (Choir Room)	<b>22</b> 9:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:00 p.m. Confirmation (FR) 7:00 p.m. NA (FH) 7:00 p.m. Youth Group	<b>23</b> 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Upstairs)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship (CH) 9:45 a.m. Refreshment (FH) 10:00 a.m. Choir Practice 11:00 a.m. Worship (CH) 6:00 p.m. Women's NA (FH)	<b>27 Memorial Day</b> Church Office Closed in Observance	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00 p.m. Confirmation (FR) 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)	<b>30</b> 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Upstairs)	<b>31</b>	

## Friends Feeding Friends

### An outreach ministry that serves needy in our county

Sarah Jean's  
Dream at age 4

—  
"So people who are  
really hungry  
have food."



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Salvation Army  
church between  
West Street and  
Mendocino Avenue  
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Loaves & Fishes  
catering kitchen:  
510 Garcia, Suite H  
Pittsburg, CA

#### April Statistics:

281	People helped with groceries
154	Meals served
13	People furnished
12	Churches helping Friends Feeding Friends
5	Shelters referring clients to FFF

Our next FFF Lunch at the shelter is on May 18, 2013.

Items needed this month: New mops, toasters, laundry detergent

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There is an on-going need for:

laundry soap	lamps	linens/towels
pots & pans	toasters	potholders
eating utensils	groceries	dish soap
cooking utensils	microwave ovens	end tables
dressers	travel size hygiene items	

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If you want help, have questions or need additional information, please call Dana Deniston 768-9087 or Linda Rodemsky 864-9266. Email us at: friendsfeedingfriends@yahoo.com

#### Know of someone who needs help?

Call the Homeless Hotlines at 800-799-6599 or 800-808-6444.  
Call the Bay Area Rescue Mission at 510-215-4868  
Contra Costa Crisis Center: Call 211.

For we are  
God's  
workmanship  
created in  
Christ Jesus  
to do good  
works, which  
God prepared  
in advance for  
us to do.  
Ephesians  
2:10

The North  
Concord  
Shelter:

2047 Arnold  
Industrial Way,  
Concord, CA  
Parallel to  
Highway 4

Thank you to  
once more to all  
our faithful  
supporters.  
Because of you  
we can reach so  
many more!

## Worship Assistants May 5 to June 2, 2013

Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Lector	Acolyte, Torchbearer	Crucifer	Altar Guild	Welcome Table	Ushers	Sound Ministry	Communion to Shut-Ins	Coffee Ministry	Counters	C.O.D.
5/05	8:30	Kelly Schaefer	Duane Peterson Sue Hertless	Doug Olson	Erin Wardle	Lauren Wardle	Dottie Davis Donna Abeyta Nancy Knapp	Ron and Kathy Price	Jon and Heidi Moss Greg Buchholz Paul Rusch	Jamie Rodemsky		Greg and Kristi Buchholz	Carin Olson Nils Anderson	Ken Robinson
	11:00		Linda Rodemsky Sherry Chaplin	Linda Rodemsky				Nancy Knapp	Connie Summers					
5/12	8:30	Erin Wardle	Kelly Schaefer Ingrid Burns	Kristi Buchholz	Austin Fiene	Travis Fiene	Kathy Price Else Welsh Heidi Moss Cindy Rogelstad	Willajean Rogelstad	Gary and Linda Mahloch Ron Figueroa Tom Lingel	Jamie Rodemsky		Doug and Reyanne Freeman	Joe Carlson Paul Rusch	Linda Rodemsky
	11:00		Linda Rodemsky Sherry Chaplin	Sherry Chaplin				Victor and Aimee Olmedo	Jay Neyenhouse					
5/19	8:30	Candace Bradley	Sue Hertless Susan Metzger	John Mott	Sam Buchholz	Doug Olson	Jan Harmon Pam Dietz Willajean Rogelstad Linda Mahloch	Ron and Mary Figueroa	Doug and Reyanne Freeman Jim and Carin Olson	Jamie Rodemsky	Duane Peterson	Jon and Heidi Moss	Joe Carlson Paul Rusch	Vicki Smiglewski
	11:00		Linda Rodemsky Sherry Chaplin	Rosemary Fassl				Alden Johnson	Rick Koehler					
5/26	830	Lauren Wardle	Duane Peterson Kelly Schaefer	Sue Hertless	Jacob Mollwitz	Carter Munson-Ring	Laura Carlson Vicki Smiglewski Elizabeth Kich Sue Hergless	Greg and Kristi Buchholz	Gary and Linda Mahloch Vicki Smiglewski Ron Figueroa	Jamie Rodemsky		Ron and Kathy Price	Gordon Monroe Herb Yonge	Herb Yonge
	11:00		Sherry Chaplin Linda Rodemsky	Sherry Chaplin				Connie Summers	Linda Rodemsky					
6/02	8:30	Duane Peterson	Sue Hertless Susan Metzger	Candace Bradley	Erin Wardle	Lauren Wardle	Ione Bantly Karen Vetterli Leone McCullough Karin Bohling	Larry and Marcia Sander	Jon and Heidi Moss Greg Buchholz Paul Rusch	Jamie Rodemsky		Gary and Linda Mahloch	Gordon Monroe Reyanne Freeman	Donna Albrecht
	11:00		Sherry Chaplin Linda Rodemsky	Linda Rodemsky				Donna Abeyta	Connie Summers					

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## *Concord, CA*

### *Executive Committee:*

**President:** Sue Hertless, **Vice President:** Victor Olmedo, **Secretary:** Donna Albrecht  
**Member-at-Large:** Laura Mott

### *Congregational Council*

Donna Albrecht, Mark Deniston, Sue Hertless, Leone McCullough, Jon Moss, Laura Mott,  
Victor Olmedo, Jim Olson, Ken Robinson, Linda Rodemsky, Vicki Smiglewski, Herb Yonge

### *Ministry Staff:*

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