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November Newsletter articles
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**Good Shepherd
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**Regular Worship Schedule:
8:30 a.m. Traditional
11:00 a.m. Contemporary**

Call Committee News Call Committee News

The Call Committee is pleased to announce
two important events:

Sunday, October 5, the Call Committee will host a
**Meet & Greet potluck brunch with
candidate Jeremy Serrano**
in Fellowship Hall after our 9:30 A.M. single worship service.
Don't miss your chance to meet Jeremy in person before the
congregational vote on October 12.

Sunday, October 12, the official **Call Meeting**
will take place immediately following
our 9:30 A.M. single worship service.
There will be two congregational votes: one to vote on the
motion to call the new pastor, and the other to approve his
compensation and benefits package.

We hope you can attend these important events.

**Our regular worship schedule will return on
Stewardship Sunday, October 19**

ON HUMMINGBIRD WINGS – Our November Book Club Selection.

“On Hummingbird Wings” by Lauraine Snelling is delightful and thought-provoking novel. Barnes and Nobles review says “Aged parents or adults caring for aging parents will find hospitable reading in this gentle fiction about a mother passively waiting for death and the corporate executive daughter who comes to rescue her—and gets rescued herself. On Hummingbird Wings delivers its soulful message with a lightness suggested by its title. A family tale we can all understand.” Some of you may remember Lauraine, back when she lived in Martinez, she spoke at several events here at Good Shepherd.

Be with us on November 4 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room when we discuss this amazing book. Haven’t been yet, but thinking about it? Read the book and come to the meeting! It’s just that simple. No forms to sign, no secret handshake to learn. Just love books and enjoy talking about them with like-minded people. Questions? Contact Donna Albrecht at donna@albrechts.com.

Walk With Us

Help us end hunger one step at a time. CROP HUNGER WALK is **October 19 at 1:00 p.m. in Civic Park in Walnut Creek.** GSLC has volunteer walkers and are looking for more. If you would like to walk, please call the church office and add your name. You can also support the walkers with your kind and generous donation by making a check payable to CWS/CROP.

Thank you.

October Leisure Lunch

The Leisure Lunchers are ready for fall! Hope to see you on Tuesday, October 21 from 12:00-1:30 p.m. (Costumes optional!) Questions? Need a ride? Just want to chat? Call Susan or Bob Ripley at 925-827-9717.



Looking ahead: Leisure Lunchers will meet only one time during the months of November and December; exact date to be determined.

GOOD SHEPHERD INCOME STATEMENT			
AS OF AUGUST 31, 2014			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
INCOME:			
Pledges	\$90,184	\$92,369	(\$2,185)
Unpledged	17,466	19,277	(1,811)
Other (Tower, Rent, etc.)	78,487	79,818	(1,331)
TOTAL INCOME	186,137	191,464	(5,327)
LESS TOTAL EXPENSES	(170,271)	(191,830)	(21,559)
NET INCOME	\$ 15,866	\$ (366)	\$ (16,232)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

A Message from our Council President

I hope this month's newsletter finds you in good spirits, as I believe our prayers have been answered with the potential calling of Jeremy Serrano as our pastor. This will be officially accomplished at our Congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday October 12 (see front page).

After the Call Committee's announcement on Sunday, September 14th our Finance Committee met to formulate our offer package to Jeremy. Our Council met to review and approve the recommendations. John Mott reviewed the proposal with the Bishop and the proposal was made and accepted by Jeremy on Friday, September 19. We had a busy week !

I had the opportunity to meet with Jeremy on Saturday, September 20, and I was very impressed. He is very personable and friendly. He is very easy to talk to and very down to earth! He has a great sense of humor. I asked if at this time I could call him Jeremy, but after his ordination I would call him Pastor. He said after ordination "You can call me Rev!" You will like him!

This will be an exciting month with our "Meet and Greet" gathering on Sunday, October 5th to meet Jeremy and of course our voting on October 12. On Sunday the 5th and Sunday the 12th, we will be having a combined service beginning at 9:30 a.m. On the 5th we are planning a potluck gathering in Fellowship Hall after the service. Each of us will have an opportunity to meet and share some time with Jeremy.

There has been other activity here at Good Shepherd. Thanks to Jim Olson and Greg Buchholz for cleaning up and repairing the water problem in the basement near the choir room and repairing the sprinklers. Jeremy happened to be on the campus at that time and gave a helping hand.

Friends Feeding Friends continue their work preparing meals at the shelter on the third Saturday of the month. Thanks to all of the folks who help in this effort.

There were two memorial services last Saturday. Services were held for Helen Johnson and John Bantly. Please continue to keep the Johnson family and the Bantly family in your prayers. Thank you to everyone who helped with the services and preparing the food and setting up and cleaning up for both services.

I would like to also thank Mark Deniston and the Stewardship Committee for their work leading up to the distribution of the Time, Talent and Treasure information. I hope all of us will review our participation with our time and talent. The opportunities are endless!

The Executive Committee will act as the Nominating Committee. Leone, Donna, Vicki and I will be meeting and have a slate of candidates for Council who will serve from January 2015 – January 2018. If you are approached as a potential Council member please consider this opportunity. We will be looking for members to represent Christian Education, Stewardship, Social Ministry and Youth. If you have an interest please contact one of us. We will elect Council members at the January 2015 Annual Meeting.

See you in church,
Herb

October Birthdays

Michael Morgan	04
Victoria Neely	04
Travis Fiene	05
Nathaniel Mollwitz	06
Andrea Berg-Ledoux	12
Betty Mae Jacobsen	13
Louise Cohen	14
Teresa Fassl	14
Ione Bantly	15
Chase Kreuzinger	15
Marcy Munson	20
Margie Gregg	21
Faye Yarbrough	21
Dana Deniston	24
Donna Monroe	26
Diane Neely	26
Emilie Patton	26
LaVonne Busch	27
Ingrid Burns	28
Jamie Rodemsky	28
Helga Wardle	30
Greg Castle	31
Karen Maurer	31



September 2014 - Council Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Herb Yonge, Nils Anderson, Drew Cremisio, Greg Buchholz, Mark Deniston and Vicki Smiglewski

Guests: Joe Carlson and Laura Mott

Opening Prayer was given by Drew Cremisio

Recognitions: Kathy Price and Kathy O'Toole were recognized for clean-up of Classroom 3 and the Fireside Room. Emilie Patton and her Barbeque Crew for a great event, Sue Hertless, Duane Peterson and Betty Jacobsen for communion to the home bound, Larry Huddleston for his work on the church phone system, Laura Mott and Vicki Smiglewski for setting up the new collection bins in the Sanctuary and Jamie and Linda Rodemsky for checking the property on weekends.

Youth and Child Protection Policy: All agreed the policy as submitted should go into effect immediately. It was agreed that the church will pay for the necessary Live Scan fingerprint/background checks with the Police Dept.

Motion made and seconded to adopt the Youth and Child Protection Policy as submitted and will go into effect immediately. Office Administrator will coordinate groups and ensure the rules the policy sets forth are followed. Vote: Ayes, unanimous. MSC

Hands only CPR & AED: Council President would like to see the congregation educated on administering CPR. There was a discussion to purchase an AED (Auto External Defibrillator) for the church. The council was asked to think about purchasing and AED if funds are available.

Facility use requests were approved for:

- *Dana Deniston requests use of kitchen once a month from September through May for Tabernacle School to prepare food for FFF meal.
- *Contra Costa County Elections use of Fellowship Hall for Poll Worker Training on October 9 from 1 PM to 10 PM and October 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by,
Laura Mott for Donna Albrecht, Council Recording Secretary

(A complete copy of the September Minutes is posted in the Narthex.)

Evangelism Meditation

Submitted by Drew Cremisio

As part of Evangelism, I want to share a little of a meditation by Fr. Richard Rohr who is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher bearing witness to the universal awakening within Christian mysticism. He is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Fr. Richard's teaching is grounded in the Franciscan alternative orthodoxy—practices of contemplation and lived *kenosis* (self-emptying), expressing itself in radical compassion, particularly for the socially marginalized.

Please read several times, then take the time to sit quietly and contemplate his words.

Our Western culture leans toward self-sufficiency and independence, and we often need to be reminded that we are part of a greater whole, that we are not alone in our longings and efforts for peace, justice, and healing. This is one of the great gifts of what we usually mean by "church"—a gathering of people in solidarity of purpose, praying and seeking God's presence together. Rest in the knowledge that God's Spirit weaves your participation as a single thread within a life-renewing pattern. You are connected to the source of Life!

Ruth Circle Meeting

Thursday, October 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Light Refreshments precede our bible study time.

Our second session of this year's study of Transformation and Conversion will be interesting. Join us and find out why!



October Anniversaries

Greg and Deborah Castle
October 1, 1988

John and Laura Mott
October 5, 1985

Jeremy and Diane Neely
October 5, 2002

Karl and Karin Bohling
October 11, 1980

J. Brad and Helga Wardle
October 12, 1991

Cal and Betty Fraga
October 16, 1965

Larry and Marcia Sander
October 20, 1073

Duane and Betty Peterson
October 27, 1951



Remembering Our Saints on All Saints Sunday, November 2

On All Saints Sunday, Nov. 2, you are invited to bring a small memento of a love one who has passed. We will place the mementos on a table in front of the altar as part of the worship service to give thanks for the witness of those who have gone before us.

You are invited to call or email Laura in the office by **Wednesday, October 29**, with names of loved ones who have died in the past year. Names will be read during worship.

BOOK SWAP! BOOK SWAP! BOOK SWAP!

Our last book swap was so popular, we're scheduling another one before Christmas! Bring books you've enjoyed and take home new favorites. We started a children's book table last time and every book found a new home.

The swap will be between services on Sunday, December 14.

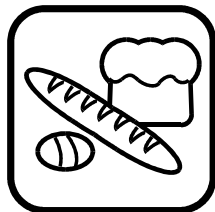


October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Regular Worship Schedule 8:30 a.m. Worship (CH) 9:30 a.m. Refreshment (FH) 11:00 a.m. Worship (CH)</p>			<p>1 3:00 p.m. Worship and Music Committee (FH) 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)</p>	<p>2 9:00 a.m. Senior Food Program (FH) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 SINGLE WORSHIP 9:30 a.m. Single Blended Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Meet & Greet candidate Jeremy Serrano (FH) 6:00 p.m. Women's NA (FH)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 7:00 p.m. Council (FH)</p>	<p>8 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)</p>	<p>9 10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle (FR) Noon DVLC Board (Rm. 3) 1:00 p.m. Contra Costa Election Training (FH) 2:00 p.m. Finance Comm. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Upstairs)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 8:00 a.m. Synodical -Women of the ELCA Retreat (FH)</p>
<p>12 SINGLE WORSHIP 9:30 a.m. Single Blended Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Vote to elect Jeremy Serrano as pastor (CH) 6:00 p.m. Women's NA (FH)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 8:30 a.m. Tabernacle School (Kitchen) 1:00 p.m. Quilting (FH) 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)</p>	<p>16 9:00 a.m. Senior Food Program (FH) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 9:30 a.m. Friends Feeding Friends (Kitchen) (FH)</p>
<p>19 Stewardship Sun. 2 Worship Times See schedule above 6:00 p.m. Women's NA</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Noon Leisure Lunch (FH)</p>	<p>22 1:00 p.m. Contra Costa Election Training (FH) 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)</p>	<p>23 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Boy Scout Eagle Project (Upstairs)</p>
<p>26 See schedule above 6:00 p.m. Women's NA</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)</p>	<p>30 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>31</p>	

Friends Feeding Friends

An outreach ministry that serves the needy in our county



519	Grocery/Food bags distributed
149	Hot Meals provided
18	People helped with household furnishings
12	Churches that helped FFF
10	Shelters/Agencies that referred clients to FFF

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

Sarah Jean's
Dream at age 4 –
"So people who are
really hungry
have food."



FFF has now furnished all the clients in one county department, and helped youth transitioning to housing, families and seniors too. At Berellessa Palms alone, we helped furnish 5 seniors this past month. Thanks to all who donated items to make this possible!

Special thanks go to our daily volunteers and church members who helped this month! We had to assemble over 350 food bags in a day for the only nighttime homeless outreach in Contra Costa County. With help from others, FFF's food bags were distributed from Antioch to Richmond to homeless who are still living outdoors. We also provided camping gear, blankets, and coats to this night outreach.

FFF is preparing for Thanksgiving. Once again, we plan to distribute Thanksgiving grocery boxes. We would appreciate any donations for this project.

Next FFF Lunch: October 18, 2014. 9:30 at Good Shepherd to prep, 12:00 noon at the shelter (2047 Arnold Industrial Way, Concord) to serve. All are welcome!!

Items needed this month:

- Twin, full or queen size beds (free of stains please)
- Small dining tables and chairs
- Recliners or chairs
- Lamps
- Toilet paper, dish detergent and bar soap

Have questions, want to help or know of someone needing help?
Contact Dana (925)768-9087 or Linda (925)864-9266 or email
us at friendsfeedingfriends@yahoo.com or
friendsfeedingfriendsca@gmail.com

The North
Concord
Shelter:

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

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, or
the Contra Costa
Crisis Center
at 211.

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Located east of the
Salvation Army
church between
West Street and
Mendocino Avenue
Concord, CA

Loaves & Fishes
catering kitchen:
510 Garcia, Suite H
Pittsburg, CA

Worship Assistants – October 5, 2014 to November 2, 2014

Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Lector	Acolyte, Torchbearer	Crucifer	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Sound Ministry	Communion to Shut-Ins	Coffee Ministry	Counters	C.O.D.
Single Service at 9:30 am 10/05	9:30	Candace Bradley	Linda Rodemsky Mike Albrecht	Donna Albrecht	Lauren Wardle	Erin Wardle	Ione Bantly Leone McCullough Karin Bohling Tracy Glen	Ron and Mary Figueroa and Victor and Aimee Olmedo	Paul Rusch and Ron Figueroa	Jamie Rodemsky		Gary and Linda Mahloch	Gordon Monroe and Karin Bohling	Mark Deniston
Single Service at 9:30 am 10/12	9:30	Lauren Wardle	Erika Berg Susan Metzger	Kelly Schaefer	Ryan Kich	Johnathon Berg	Donna Abeyta Nancy Knapp Nancy Judge Becky Berg	Larry and Marcia Sander and Connie Summers	Gary and Linda Mahloch	Jamie Rodemsky		Greg and Kristi Buchholz	Carin Olson and Aimee Olmedo	Leone McCullough
Returning 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary 10/19	8:30	Erika Berg	Rosemary Fassel Duane Peterson	Kristi Buchholz	Doug Olson	Sam Buchholz	Kathy Price Eise Welsh Heidi Moss Cindy Rogelstad	Kay Bennett and Jeannette Kaul	Paul Rusch and Ron Figueroa	Jamie Rodemsky		Doug and Reyenne Freeman	Carin Olson and Aimee Olmedo	Emilie Patton
	11:00		Please serve as you feel called	Sherry Chaplin				Jay Neyenhouse						
10/26	8:30	Drew Cremisio	Linda Rodemsky Candace Bradley	Ingrid Burns	Lauren Wardle	Erin Wardle	Jan Harman Eise Welsh Heidi Moss Cindy Rogelstad	Jauire and Eise Welsh	Jim and Carin Olson	Jamie Rodemsky		Jon and Heidi Moss	Tony Rogelstad and Herb Yonge	Jon Moss
	11:00		Rosemary Fassel	Rosemary Fassel				Rosemary Fassel	Please serve as you feel called					
11/02 All Saints Day	8:30	Kelly Schaefer	Sue Hertless Duane Peterson	John Mott	Ryan Kich	Erika Berg	Laura Carlson Vicki Smiglewski Elizabeth Kich Sue Hertless	Willajean Rogelstad	Doug and Reyenne Freeman	Jamie Rodemsky		Ron and Kathy Price	Tony Rogelstad and Herb Yonge	Vick Smiglewski
	11:00		Please serve as you feel called	Laura Mott				Laura Mott	Please serve as you feel called					

2014 Executive Committee:

President: Herb Yonge, **Vice President:** Leone McCullough, **Secretary:** Donna Albrecht
Member-at-Large: Vicki Smiglewski

2014 Congregational Council

Donna Albrecht, Nils Anderson, Greg Buchholz, Drew Cremisio, Mark Deniston,
Leone McCullough, Jon Moss, Emilie Patton, Vicki Smiglewski and Herb Yonge

Ministry Staff:

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Choir Director: Open

Contemporary Music Leader: Tom Deans Flegel - tdeans08@gmail.com

Sound/Technology: Jamie Rodemsky - jamier1263@gmail.com

Treasurer: Lynne Davies - finance@gsconcord.com

Financial Secretary: Laura Mott - lauramott@gsconcord.com

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