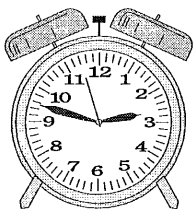


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Daylight
Saving Time
begins on
**Sunday,
March 13**

Spring ahead an hour!

People of the Cross

"If anyone would come after me, he/she must deny him/herself and take up his/her cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

There were many people who played an important part in the events that led to the Crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection.

Think about it for a moment ... Barabbas - a notorious criminal - was released to freedom instead of Jesus, the criminals - a believer and scoffer - crucified next to Jesus, Herod Antipas (who called for the head of John the Baptist) who mocked Jesus during his trial, Caiaphas the High Priest who was intent on finding some charge to silence Jesus, Pontius Pilate (and his wife) who could not find any fault in Jesus but gave him over to the crowd to be crucified nonetheless, and the Roman centurion who witnessed the death of Jesus as he stood guard.

During the season of Lent ... including Holy Week ... we will visit some of the people who were associated with Jesus around the events that led to his crucifixion and the resurrection:

- **Judas Iscariot** - One of the Twelve disciples of Jesus who betrayed Jesus into the hands of the authorities.
- **Peter** - Another one of the Twelve disciples of Jesus who denied knowing Jesus in the hours that led to his crucifixion.
- **Simon of Cyrene** - A man from North Africa who happened to be in Jerusalem during Jesus' trial and was pulled from the crowd to carry the cross of Jesus to Golgotha (the place of execution).
- **Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus** - Two members of the Sanhedrin who secretly admired and followed Jesus and gave Jesus a proper burial.
- **Mary Magdalene** - A disciple of Jesus who followed Jesus from a distance throughout his trial, execution and burial.

Each of these people play an important part in the events of Jesus' death and resurrection. As disciples of Jesus, they teach us about discipleship. Granted, some of the examples are not to be celebrated ... as such ... but each were disciples of Jesus. Judas was a tragic figure, Peter lost an opportunity to declare his allegiance, Simon of Cyrene was an innocent bystander who came to be a disciple under unusual circumstances, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus anonymously followed Jesus at a safe distance and Mary Magdalene did her best to stay loyal to Jesus at his darkest hour.

Discipleship has its "ups and downs." These disciples can teach us about what it means to follow Jesus ... especially at times of difficulty and weakness.

I pray that Lent will be a time of opportunity for you to rediscover your commitment to follow Jesus as a disciple.

Blessings - *Gary*

Looking Ahead at Worship

The focus for each Sunday in Lent through Holy Week will be upon some of the disciples who were present in the events that led to Jesus' trial, crucifixion, death and resurrection. These people of the cross will give us insight into the meaning of discipleship.

March 6, 2011 8:00/10:30 a.m.

Communion Sunday

"Great Prayers of the Old Testament:
The Unfairness of Life",
(twelfth in a series of twelve)
Rev. Gary E. Mathiesen

Theme: Job cries out to God from the midst
of hurt and pain . . .and lives on.

March 9, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs
forty days before Easter (excluding Sundays).

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice
of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful
as a sign of repentance. The ashes used are
gathered after the palms from the previous
year's Palm Sunday are burned.

This worship will give you the opportunity
to reflect on the reality of your sin and the
meaning of the cross of Jesus.

*"Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."*

March 13, 2011 8:00/10:30 a.m.

1st Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2011 8:00/10:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday in Lent

"People of the Cross: Betrayal"
Judas Iscariot

Rev. Gary E. Mathiesen

Matthew 26:14-56

(First in a series of Five)

Theme: Judas is a tragic figure. He betrayed
Jesus into the hands of those who would
silence Jesus. In our worst places and times
of hopelessness and despair - when we least
expect it - there is the forgiveness of Jesus.

March 27, 2011 8:00/10:30 a.m.

3rd Sunday in Lent

"People of the Cross: Denial"

Rev. Gary E. Mathiesen

Peter

Mark 14:66-72

(Second in a series of Five)

Theme: Peter is often depicted as the leader or
spokesman for the Twelve disciples. And yet ...
he failed at a critical time. But it does not end in
failure. Once again, Jesus has the last word.

Music News

Join Us and Sing!

This is a special time of the church year to join the choir to sing on Easter Sunday, April 24th. The choir would like to invite anyone in the congregation who would like to sing with us for Easter to start coming to rehearsals on Wednesday, March 16th through Easter Sunday. We would love to have you sing with us! We rehearse from 6:30-8pm every Wednesday in the sanctuary.

Seeking Musicians

The Praise Team is looking for guitarists, drummers, pianists, and singers who would be interested in helping lead songs at the 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Service. We rehearse on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For more information, call Kathryn Lehmann at 253-770-1053.

112th Street Expansion Project

Hello SOTH Family,

It has been awhile since the last update regarding progress with Pierce County on the property negotiations associated with the 112th Street expansion project.

As many of you already know, Pierce County has targeted the SOTH property as a low point along the 112th Street corridor and will require a portion of the property for installation of a storm water detention pond. We are actively negotiating with the county on purchase price and currently have hired a private engineering firm to assist in determining best market value. While we continue negotiations, it was necessary to grant the county access to begin the project.

You will see signs between 86th Avenue and Woodland Avenue indicating work commencing February 28th and continuing thru March 21st. This initial work will be the moving of all utilities along 112th (power poles, water lines, etc.) to make way for the road expansion. During this time, access to the church may be interrupted as the work progresses.

As further details and time line on the balance of the project, as well as any final resolution on the property reimbursement is available, we will provide that information to you.

Thank you for your continued patience.

Respectfully,
Ed Sharp, Elder

Session Highlights

At the February 10th meeting, the Board of Session:

- Approved the adult education class "Good Samaritan", April 3 through June 5
- Approved the Vacation Bible School curriculum from Gospel Light "Son Surf Beach Bash"
- Approved vacation and study leave requests for Rev. Gary E. Mathiesen
- Accepted the membership request for Greg and Maria Woodruff
- Approved the bylaws for the women's group "Sisters of Shepherd"
- Approved Relay for Life selling flowers - two Sundays for daffodils and two Sundays for tulips

News & Notes . . .

Spring Work Party - April 9

Spring Cleanup of the Church Grounds

It's that age-old tradition of picking up the branches, prettifying up the grounds and getting ready for the next growing season.

"Many hands make light work" as they say!
Please plan to join the Property & Grounds team for a cleanup day at SOTH.

When: Saturday, April 9

Time: 9:00am - Noon

What to Bring: Wheel barrows, gloves, lawn rakes, shovels, brooms; leaf blowers or whatever you think necessary to help with project.

Questions? Please call:

Scott Pantaleo 253-315-1813

Ed Sharp 253-683-0549

Sisters of Shepherd

Watch for exciting fellowship and service opportunities coming soon for the women and girls of SOTH! The board is actively getting organized and making plans!

Your 2011 S.O.S. Board is:

Facilitator:	Gina Sharp
Vice-Facilitator:	Susan Boyles
Secretary:	Maria Woodruff
Treasurer:	Jane Ann Severin
Historian:	Susan Jankelson
Advertising:	Raye Chynoweth
Mission Liaison:	Twila Elrod
Sunshine Group:	Fran Miller, Anita Ryan, & Cindy Sexton

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline to submit items to the **Monday, March 21** at 10:00 a.m. All items must be in written form (hard copy or email) and submitted to the church office.

Church Office Hours

The church's main office is open for business Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Women's Spring Retreat

"Give us this day our daily bread..." We'll explore our daily bread - nourishment in its many forms - at the Sisters of Shepherd Spring Retreat. The retreat will take place on **Saturday, May 14th from 9am-1pm at the Tillicum Presbyterian Center.** We'll be having a brunch, with food by Valerie Emly. This is a free retreat, and there will be sign ups in the fellowship hall starting in mid-April. We'll be meeting at the church at 8:30ish and we'll be driving over to the Tillicum Center together. For more information, please contact Susan Boyles.

VBS is coming soon!

Mark your calendars for **June 27th--July 1st**, when SOTH will be hosting a SonSurf Beach Bash! If you would like to help in any way, please contact Susan Boyles on Sunday mornings or at susan.boyles@gmail.com.

Sunday School News

Sunday school students will be receiving their fish banks soon. Encourage your child to collect spare change to put in the fish bank. The kids can bring the fish banks back to church on Palm Sunday (April 17th), and the money they have collected will be donated to the "One Great Hour of Sharing" campaign.

Susan Boyles will have extra fish banks available if anyone's get lost or broken.

We are continuing to collect offering for Heifer International during Sunday school music time.

Some upcoming dates to note:

April 17th: Palm Sunday. The Sunday school students will be singing during the 10:30 service. Also, kids should bring in their fish banks for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

April 24th: Easter Sunday. No Sunday school

MEXICO 2011

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church will be partnering once again for a border-cross adventure to Tijuana with Presbyterian Border Ministries, July 9-17, 2011

Check out the blog at: www.tijuana2011.blogspot.com

Next Mission Meeting & Registration Deadline

March 20, Sunday, 7:00 p.m.

SOTH Fellowship Hall

"This will be the last chance to join the team, so get on board!"

Contact Brett Shoemaker for more information: ZirbDAD@gmail.com

March Mission Opportunities

Friday, March 4th: Homeless Dinner at Puyallup Armory.

Arrive to serve the meal at 5:30 p.m. Provide chicken casserole, corn, green beans, lettuce salad w/ dressing, milk, & juice. Contact Bev Cascio to volunteer. (phone: 253-862-7132 or email: bev.cascio@gmail.com)

Saturday, March 5th and Sat. March 19th: Freezing Nights at SOTH.

Help set up, provide a dinner item, serve dinner, spend the evening in fellowship with our guests, stay overnight, provide a breakfast item, serve breakfast, or clean up. Contact Marty Warr (841-1926; martinwarr@comcast.net) or Kim Randall (846-8406; neemepoo@blarg.net) for more information on the Freezing Nights ministry. Please contact Brad Maxa (848-4887; bmaxa@gth-law.com) to volunteer, or see the sign-up sheet that is posted in fellowship hall.

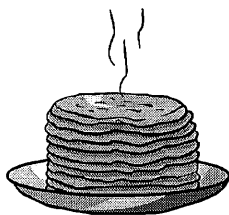
Sunday, March 20th: Lunch at Nativity House in Tacoma.

Make sandwiches after 2nd service. Leave SOTH at 12:30 p.m. to serve lunch. Contact Sheri Martin to volunteer. (Phone: 253-840-3742; or e-mail: sheralyna@msn.com)

Then Jesus said to the man who had invited him: When you give a dinner or a banquet, don't invite your friends and family and relatives and rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return, and you will be paid back. When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. They cannot pay you back. But God will bless you and reward you when his people rise from death.

Luke 14: 12 - 14 Contemporary English Version

Fish Food Bank Emphasis for March:



CEREALS - OATMEAL - PANCAKE MIX

The donation box is located in the narthex.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

4th - Lyle Buchanan
6th - Bill Schneider
7th - Matthew Hawley
7th - Roxanne Johnson
9th - Rob Sharp
11th - Rick Elrod
14th - Stephanie Baker
15th - Gayle Shenk
17th - Miles Mercer
17th - Joey Williams

19th - Katelin Noll
20th - Ken Emly
21st - Brittain Southwell
23rd - Dorothy Shaughnessy
25th - Brian Southwell
25th - Sadie Waller
29th - Julie Weigand
29th - Tom McCrady
31st - Natalie Miller



ANNIVERSARIES

4th - Jim & Nancy Doty
13th - Don & Pat Wiggins
17th - Rick & Twila Elrod
18th - John & Laura Krippaehne
23rd - Mark & Teresa Noll
28th - Michael & Marie Underwood

Fellowship Opportunities

Movie Nights

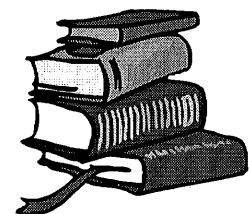
The movie starts at 7:00pm. Susan Boyles will bring the popcorn and lemonade, you bring a comfy pillow or chair if you wish. Contact Susan for more details.

Friday, March 25th: Despicable Me (PG)

Friday, April 29th: Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2 (G)

Help Spread Some Sunshine!

Save **Saturday, March 26th from 10am-2pm at Shepherd of the Hill** for a special inter-generational activity that will help Sisters of Shepherd spread sunshine to our SOTH family and friends. Please watch the weekly announcements for more details.



Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club meets every third Tuesday of the month in member's homes at 7:00 p.m. Members pre-read the book, and then discuss their thoughts at the meeting. **All women are invited to attend!**

Date:

March 15

April 19

May 17

Book:

Camel Bookmobile, by Masha Hamilton

Lottery, by Patricia Wood

Netherland, by Joseph O'Neill

At the home of:

Jane Ann Severin (535-1394)

Valerie Emly (507-4282)

TBD

Tuesday Morning

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

All men are invited to gather with us each Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. in the church, for breakfast of oatmeal, coffee, orange juice, toast, and jelly. We follow this with Bible study where presently we are working our way through Paul's letter to the Romans.

All-Kids Easter Party

Saturday, April 16th 5:30-6:30pm

All kids are invited to an Easter Celebration! We'll do a craft, have a snack, play a game. Parents, please bring a dozen filled Easter eggs for an egg hunt! See Susan Boyles for more details.

Sound View Summer Camps

Registration has started for this summer's camps at Camp Sound View, on the Key Peninsula. Shepherd of the Hill **has scholarships available** for Sound View camps! The dates are:

If you're finishing:

Grades 2-3: Tuesday-Friday, July 5-8

Grades 4-6: Sunday-Friday, July 17-22; OR Sunday-Saturday, August 7-13

Grades 6-8: Sunday-Saturday, July 10-16; OR Sunday-Friday, August 14-19

Grades 9-12: Sunday-Wednesday, July 31-Aug 3

See Susan Boyles or Brett Shoemaker, call Sound View at (253) 884-9202, or check out www.soundviewcamp.com for more information.

Youth Ministries

GOD'S GANG

3rd-6th Grades

Meets Mondays from 6:30-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall



We're continuing our World Tour this month, then lots of fun, different stuff going on in April — check it out!

March 7th: Australia

March 14th: Antarctica

March 21st: North America

March 28th: *No God's Gang*

Looking ahead:

April 4th: *No God's Gang*

April 8th: God's Gang Lock-in

(5pm April 8th - 9am April 9th)

April 11th: No Gods' Gang

April 17th: Nativity House

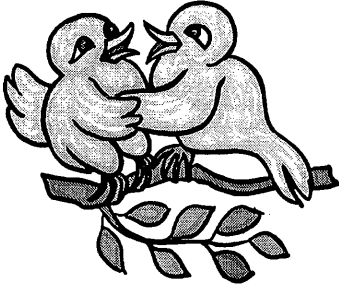
April 18th: *No God's Gang*

April 22nd: Watch at the Cross

April 25th: Back to the regular schedule!

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

7-8th Grades



Birds and the Bees Meet the Word of God!

Human Sexuality and Relationship Seminar for 7-9 grade students.

CURRENTLY DECIDING BETWEEN March 18-19 and April 8-9

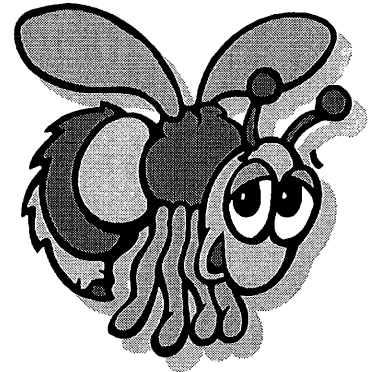
Please make your preference known @

ZirbDAD@gmail.com

Parents should be receiving letters this week with detailed information OR go online to:

www.birdsbees2011.blogspot.com for more info

This is an every-two-year event that gives our Junior High students an opportunity to process the gift and the challenge of the bodies, relationships, and passions given to us by God!



Rock and Worship Road Show!

\$10 at Key Arena

with some great Christian bands

Definitely want to show up for this one!

Saturday, March 5

<http://therockandworshiproadshow.com/>
for more information

Go to www.sothyouthgroup.blogspot.com
to save seats on the bus!

Be Thinking About:

Bloomsday 2011 - Spokane, WA

Saturday April 30-Sunday May 1

Registration info coming soon!

Regular Youth Group Weeks:

NO Youth Group March 6

(Due to Concert on 5th)

Sunday, March 13

5:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, March 20

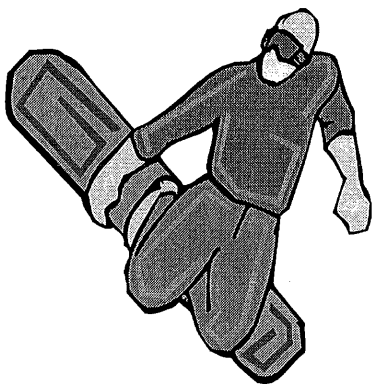
5:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, March 27

5:00 – 6:45 p.m.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

9th-12th Grades



Spring Break Ski Trip

Wednesday, March 30 – Sunday, April 3

Start off with a day at White Pass, spend the night in Packwood, then take off for a day of travel to Central Oregon, and a couple more days on Mount Bachelor, staying at First Presbyterian Church in Bend. All details will be online soon, but you won't want to miss out on this first-ever ski/snowboard tour! Check out the online registrations and details on the blog page!



****new** Mission Trip**

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Wednesday, March 2

7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Julie (Snider) Schoenberg speaks!!

Come play some mind games first, though.

Wednesday, March 9

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday service.

Simple dinner at 6:30.

Service at 7:30.

Discussion of "What is Ash Wednesday All About", Ice Cream, and Odbal at 8:30.

What could be better?

Wednesday, March 16, 23, & 30

7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Yep, back to normal if that's even possible.

We'll see you each week for more odbal, messes, contemplation, fiery discussions, and growing in grace together. MARCH 23 will be a special event yet to be announced (can't give away too much info in the newsletter, but this is the one you'll want to bring all the friends to. See you there!
