

September 2011

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HOMECOMING SUNDAY

September 11

All-Church BBQ Picnic Potluck

This year it will be a "Red, White, & Blue" picnic kick-off to the church year. Please wear red, white, and blue clothing to worship if you are able.

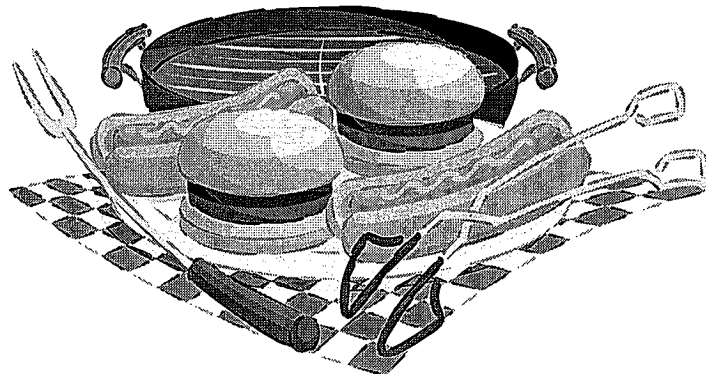
The picnic will commence about noon, right after the church service.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns & fixings, and lemonade will be provided by the Fellowship and Christian Education Committees.

If you would like to bring a salad, a side dish, or a dessert to share, please do!

We'll also all have an opportunity to find out more about SOTH's "Faith In Action" program this fall.

Rain or shine, we'll have a great time!!!



Looking Ahead at Worship

September 11, 2011

13th Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Rev. Lynn Longfield

September 18, 2011

14th Sunday after Pentecost
"Faith in Action: Detours"
(First in a series of Three)
The Parable of the Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37

8:00/10:30 a.m.

Rev. Gary E. Mathiesen

We have opportunities in life to take our usual route or to follow God's prompting to take a divine detour. But this detour will not be easy. It will require us to disadvantage ourselves so that we can help someone else. By exploring the parable of the good Samaritan we see that he decided to take a divine detour on his highway of life. It was a detour that took risk, personal involvement, time and money - all things we often use as excuses not to act.

September 25, 2011

15th Sunday after Pentecost
"Faith in Action: Seeing People Differently"
(Second in a series of Three)
Jesus Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah
Luke 4:14-21

8:00/10:30 a.m.

Rev. Gary E. Mathiesen

We all have assumptions, responses and judgments that influence how we see the world and other people. We have given Jesus our hearts, now we need to give him our eyes. Through exploring Luke 4: 14-21, we will see how Jesus focused on hurting people by looking through the lens of compassion. By looking at people from Jesus' point of view, we will be compelled to act compassionately toward them.

Eleven Days of Prayer

Remembering September 11, Praying for Peace

This year we will observe the tenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2011—when terrorist attacks on New York and Washington D.C. killed thousands and precipitated a "War on Terror" that has now spanned a decade and circled the globe. As it happens, this tenth anniversary falls on a Sunday. The Revised Common Lectionary epistle reading for Sunday, August 28, 2011—Romans 12:9-21—offers an excellent resource for reflection and a profound opportunity for prayer as we approach this significant anniversary. This passage from Paul's letter to the church at Rome sets forth the parameters for Christian life in a time of fear and violence, hatred and persecution. It also offers a compelling model for faithful Christian witness and response in our own day—a time no less fraught with conflict, anxiety, and suspicion among neighbors and nations.

The materials provided at the link below are designed to promote and accompany an eleven-day "season of prayer" around Romans 12:9-21 in preparation for the tenth anniversary of September 11.

http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/september11/pdfs/eleven_days_of_prayer.pdf

A few printed copies can also be found in the narthex for those that do not have internet access.

(www.pcusa.org)

Faith In Action Bible Study Groups:

4 weeks of study about God's plan for serving others!

Order study materials & sign-up on September 4th, 11th, & 18th

Sunday: (Start date is Sept. 18th, with preliminary introduction on Sept. 11th)

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

At SOTH: Adult Education Sunday School Class in the Calvin Room

Leaders: Doug Boyles and Anne Bennett

Sunday: (Start date is Sept. 18th, with preliminary introduction on Sept. 11th)

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

At SOTH: Senior High, Junior High, & Multi-age Sunday School Classes

Leaders: Brett Shoemaker, Brad Maxa, Jane VonHeeder & Team

Monday: (Start date is Sept. 19th)

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

At Carpenter's Home: 15004 30th Ave. Ct. E. Tacoma, 98446

(intersection of 152nd St. and Waller Road)

Leader: Helen Carpenter 253-535-0110 (hihelen@qwest.net)

Tuesday: (Start date is Sept. 20th)

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

At SOTH: in Fellowship Hall

Leader: Dave Williams 253-905-2751 (raccoon1942@comcast.net)

Thursday: (Start date is Sept. 22nd)

6:15 – 7:15 a.m.

At Lois Hopkins' Home: Women's Group, 4502 6th St. S.E. Apt. 332, Puyallup, 98374

Leader: Carlista Barttels 253-845-5442 (cbarttels@comcast.net)

Thursday: (Start date is Sept. 22nd)

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

At SOTH: Young Adults Fellowship, in Fellowship Hall

Leader: Matt Johnstone 253-677-3973 (matthew.marcus.luke.johnstone@gmail.com)

Saturday: (Start date is Sept. 24th)

8:00 – 9:15 a.m.

At SOTH: Men's Group, in the kitchen

Leader: Mark Severin 253-535-1394 (mjasev@comcast.net)

****Personal Devotions** are also included in the Bible study materials. Order a study kit even if you choose not to join a study group and do the 28-day FaithStep Devotional as an individual study.

Faith In Action Projects

Sign up on September 11th, 18th, & 25th

1a. FIA Childcare at SOTH - Saturday, October 8th

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Babysit children of FIA Volunteers at SOTH

1b. FIA Childcare at SOTH – Sunday, October 9th

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Babysit children of FIA Volunteers at SOTH

2. Door Painting – Saturday, October 8th

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Paint metal doors and trim at the Salvation Army Senior Center (walls were previously painted)

3a. Youth Supply Drive (Shift #1) - Saturday, October 8th

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Hand out list of suggested items to purchase at Top Food and Drug Store as donations for Youth Resources, a program that supports homeless and at-risk teens in Pierce County. Collect donated items in a bin outside front door.

3b. Youth Supply Drive (Shift #2) - Saturday, October 8th

11:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Hand out list of suggested items to purchase at Top Food and Drug Store as donations for Youth Resources, a program that supports homeless and at-risk teens in Pierce County. Collect donated items in a bin outside front door.

3c. Youth Supply Drive (Shift #3) - Saturday, October 8th

2:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Hand out list of suggested items to purchase at Top Food and Drug Store as donations for Youth Resources, a program that supports homeless and at-risk teens in Pierce County. Collect donated items in a bin outside front door.

4a. Farm Help (Shift #1 and 2) - Saturday, October 8th

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Do chores, such as picking squash, cleaning fields, composting, and other specific tasks at L'Arche Farms & Gardens, a home for people with developmental disabilities.

4b. Farm Help (Shift #1) - Saturday, October 8th

9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Do chores, such as picking squash, cleaning fields, composting, and other specific tasks at L'Arche Farms & Gardens, a home for people with developmental disabilities.

4c. Farm Help (Shift #2) - Saturday, October 8th

11:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Do chores, such as picking squash, cleaning fields, composting, and other specific tasks at L'Arche Farms & Gardens, a home for people with developmental disabilities.

5. Servants for St. Francis – Saturday, October 8th

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Work at the St. Francis Store/clothing bank to remove out of season items and replace them with winter-season items. Upper Teens and adults only, please.

6a. Cards to Care at SOTH – Sunday, October 9th

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Create note cards using stamping and scrapbooking materials. These cards will be used for SOTH visitation.

6b. Cards to Care at SOTH – Sunday, October 9th

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Create note cards using stamping and scrapbooking materials. These cards will be used for SOTH visitation.

7. Celebration Dinner at SOTH – Sunday, October 9th

2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Set up, prepare, serve and clean up for the Celebration Dinner at SOTH

8a. Homeless Supply Drive (Shift #1) – Sunday, October 9th

9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Hand out list of suggested items to purchase at Top Foods as donations for the SOTH Freezing Nights Program and Bags of Grace, both of which give hygiene and snack items to homeless individuals. Collect donated items in a bin outside front door.

8b. Homeless Supply Drive (Shift #2) – Sunday, October 9th

11:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Hand out list of suggested items to purchase at Top Foods as donations for the SOTH Freezing Nights Program and Bags of Grace, both of which give hygiene and snack items to homeless individuals. Collect donated items in a bin outside front door.

9a. Keeping Grounded (Shift #1 and 2) – Sunday, October 9th

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Do yard maintenance chores, such as trimming, raking, and weeding. Also do building maintenance such as high-level dusting, cleaning and painting at our Presbytery Office in Lakewood.

9b. Keeping Grounded (Shift #1) – Sunday, October 9th

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Do yard maintenance chores, such as trimming, raking, and weeding. Also do building maintenance such as high-level dusting, cleaning and painting at our Presbytery Office in Lakewood.

9c. Keeping Grounded (Shift #2) – Sunday, October 9th

11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Do yard maintenance chores, such as trimming, raking, and weeding. Also do building maintenance such as high-level dusting, cleaning and painting at our Presbytery Office in Lakewood.

10. Blankets for Kids at SOTH (NO experience required!) – Sunday, October 9th

8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Make children's blankets for "From Our Heart", a volunteer organization that donates blankets to children who are insecure due to illness, trauma, homelessness, etc. Knitted, crocheted, and quilted blankets are accepted. Tasks will be guided as needed. All skill levels are welcome!

11. Help A Neighbor – Sunday, October 9th

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Do yard work for a disabled neighbor, including mowing, weed-whacking, and hauling away yard waste. Food donations are needed to give to this couple. Older high school students and adults only please.

12. Kids in Motels – This is an ongoing project during our Faith In Action Campaign

Sept. 11th – Oct. 16th during Sunday School time

Create zip-lock bags filled with age-appropriate items for kids and youth whose families have been place in temporary motel housing with Open Hearth Ministries.

ORDER YOUR SOTH T-SHIRT

We encourage all Faith In Action volunteers to wear a SOTH T-Shirt during their time of service. If you do not already have a T-shirt, be sure to order one!

**T-shirts orders will be accepted after worship on September 4th, September 11th, and September 18th. Full payment of \$10 per shirt is requested at the time you place your order. Sizes available are: Youth Medium, Youth Large, Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult X-Large, & Adult XX-Large. T-Shirts will be available for pick-up on Oct. 2nd or at your Faith In Action project work site.

Welcome, New Members!

- **Tad and Katy Green** moved to Puyallup in 2009 from Phoenix, Arizona. We were thrilled to leave the desert for greener and cooler lands. Our move was also driven by a desire to raise a family in a smaller town. Our first child, James, was born in January 2010 and we have a baby girl expected to arrive in mid-September. Loving hiking, camping, and backpacking, the Pacific Northwest has been a great place for us to settle. Tad grew up in the Northwest, including a brief stay in Puyallup, but has also lived in Guam, Egypt and Germany. Katy spent her childhood in the Black Hills of South Dakota and Flagstaff, Arizona but was fortunate to spend a year of high school studying in Finland. This variety of living has fostered a desire to travel as much as possible, so we're slowly getting better at packing the bare essentials for young children. We look forward to the fun filled and adventurous years ahead, and to becoming a part of the SOTH church family.
- **Mary Nicholson:** I was born in Oklahoma, but my family moved to Salem, Oregon when I was ten. I have two sons, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. I enjoy taking short trips, like down the Oregon Coast, or any place in Washington or Oregon. I enjoy putting puzzles together, crocheting, and baking.

In the Life of the Church . . .

PHD's Luncheon

The next PHD's Luncheon (for retired-age individuals) will be held at the church on **Friday, September 16th at 12:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. (This is a week later than usual, due to the opening of the Fair.) Please contact Anita Ryan for more information at 253-845-0685.

Dinners for Eight

Fellowship Committee will be starting up again a SOTH tradition for fellowship around the dinner table. The first dinners will be held on **Saturday, October 29th**. We will start signing up volunteer hosts on Sunday, October 2nd. Once we have hosts, the committee will put together guests and hosts to make up dinner parties of eight. It's a great way to meet and/or get to know better fellow SOTH members. Please look for the sign up information in the Fellowship Hall on October 2nd. And if the evening of Oct. 29th is already "booked" on your calendar, don't worry. There will be more opportunities in the months to come!

Sisters of Shepherd Fall Retreat

The Sisters of Shepherd will be escaping to the seaside for our annual fall retreat! The retreat will be on Saturday, October 15th from 8:00am-6:30pm, with the option of spending the night on Friday night for some fellowship time. Sign-ups will take place on September 18th & 25th —look for Cindy Sexton or Maria Woodruff in the fellowship hall! The cost will be \$45. Food will be provided by Valerie Emly. For further information, contact Susan Boyles at 253-262-1844.

Upper Room Devotional Booklets

A Gift from the Deacons: If you are someone who likes to use the Upper Room for daily devotions, you have been blessed by the Deacons of SOTH. The church budget has been tight recently, and you have been paying to help off set the cost of the subscription to the Upper Room. Now, the news is, that the Deacons are paying for our subscription from their budget. With a hearty "hallelujah" we thank the Deacons for the spiritual nurture of the congregation by this generous gesture. If you would like to try Upper Room for the first time, or if you are a faithful devotee, pick up a copy on the round table in the Narthex.

Tuesday Morning Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Wow! Summer is fading fast and our fall start of the Tuesday Bible Study will soon begin. Our first meeting is on **September 13th, 7:00am** at the church. We start off with a healthy breakfast of coffee, oatmeal(all the trimmings), toast, peanut butter and jelly. We share prayer concerns and then start our lesson by 7:30am.

We will be starting with Romans, I believe Lesson 19 , Romans chapter 7. More information will follow. We extend an invitation to all the men of SOTH. Our attendance has been pretty consistent with 12 to 15 men each week . We can always use a few more good men (or maybe not so good!). Give it some consideration, I believe it is a wonderful study. Our study leader, Don Boose, has signed his new contract (pretty lucrative in my eyes). Unfortunately, my pay has stayed the same. Hoping to see all you old faces, and with a little luck a few new ones. If you need more information call me at 253-845-5320 .

– Don Wagaman (leader since the beginning of time)

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!**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Book:</u>	<u>At the home of:</u>
Sept. 20	<i>Out Stealing Horses</i> , by Per Petterson	Gayle Shenk (848-3621)
Oct. 18	<i>Tipping Point</i> , by Malcolm Gladwell	Fran Miller (848-4679)
Nov. 15	<i>Loving Frank</i> , by Nancy Horan	Jane VonHeeder (531-1682)

Newsletter Deadline

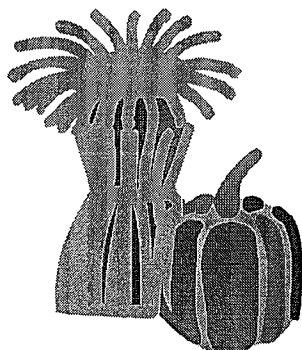
The deadline to submit items to the **October newsletter is Wednesday, September 21st at 10am.** All items must be in written form (hard copy or email) and submitted to the church office.

Christmas Program

For the Christmas Program this year, we will be staging a production called "Twas the Year Before Christmas." This presentation will be performed on Saturday evening, December 10th. All kids will be practicing the music during Sunday school music time. There will be two rehearsals for kids with non-speaking parts on Sundays in November. For kids who are interested in speaking parts, the angel choir, or music solos, there will be an **interest meeting on Sunday, September 25th at 4pm** in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will take place most Sundays in October and November, in either early or later afternoon.

Movie Nights

Movie nights are back for kids of all ages! Movies start at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall, popcorn and lemonade are provided. Come out for time to fellowship, have a snack, and see a great show! Contact Susan Boyles for more information.
September 23rd:
Tangled, rated PG
November 18th:
Gnomeo and Juliet, rated G



Fall Festival

Save the date for the Fall Festival! We'll be celebrating the fall and showing off our costumes on **Saturday, October 22nd** from 6-8pm. We'll have games, hot dog dinner, and some trick or treating. Kids should wear their costume and bring their friends!
Price of Admission: Canned food for the Puyallup Food Bank!
If you can donate or volunteer, please contact Susan Boyles.

Puyallup Food Bank Emphasis for September:

Oatmeal ~ Cereals ~ Pancake Mix

The donation box is located in the narthex.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

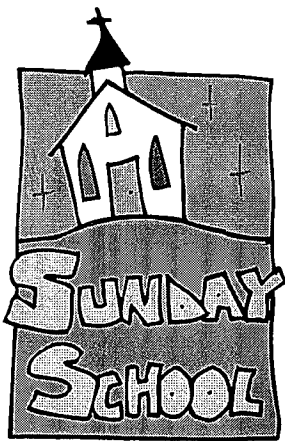
1st - Ron Hale
1st - Ed Miller
1st - Emelia Shoemaker
5th - Ed Macke
11th - Sara Warr
12th - Wes Randall
13th - Deborah Baker
13th - Paul Cascio
14th - Guy Kenyon
18th - Brianne Newman
19th - Mary Yoest
20th - Carol Lincoln
20th - Leata Thom
20th - Alex Tobosa
20th - Marty Warr
22nd - Kevin McCrady
27th - Wendy Shoemaker



ANNIVERSARIES

5th - Dana & Michelle Brown
6th - Bill & Brenda Johnson
15th - Skip & Sharilyn Brown
21st - Randy & Jo Brake
21st - Jim & Rose Marie Heath
24th - John & Mary Stevens
29th - Steve & Janet Yoest

Sunday School



Sunday School starts up again on September 11th! Check out the SOTH website (www.shepherdofthehill.org) to download the photo/medical form ahead of time. Click on the "media" tab, then on "forms". Each child will need a new photo/medical release form.

On September 11th, parents may register their child in the Christian Education wing starting at 9:00am. Students will have music in the CE wing with Teresa Noll and Lisa Martin, followed some get-to-know you time with their class.

These are the classes for this year:

Primary: for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, this class is taught by Thomasina Goodspeed, Maria Woodruff and Rose Marie Heath.

Multi-Age: for children in 3rd-6th grade, this class is taught by Jane VonHeeder, Cindy Tobosa, Brian Southwell, Mary Mathiesen and John Stevens.

Children younger than Kindergarten are invited to attend music time with their parents from 9:15-9:30am in the fellowship hall. The nursery will also be open for any parents who would like to attend an adult education class. Children in the nursery will enjoy free-play as well as a short story time.

FAITH IN ACTION Notes: This fall we're asking our kids to donate small toys/activities or money to go towards a Faith In Action project. We'll be putting together activity kits for children staying in hotels as part of the Open Hearth homeless shelter program.

Also, there will be NO Sunday school on October 9th.

God's Gang

This fall we'll be looking at friendship: How to be a good friend, and how to choose friends who are good for you. As always, God's Gang meets Monday nights in the fellowship hall from 6:30-8:00pm. We welcome all kids (and their friends) who are in the 3rd through 6th grade!

September 12th: Back to School Night!
Come wearing your school logo or colors, or those of your favorite school!

September 19th: Ugly Clothes Night

September 26th: Nerd Night

Youth Ministries

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUPS LEADERS' MEETING

Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Community building and new year planning! Please plan to join us! If you are interested in volunteering with either our Junior High or Senior High programs, please contact Brett Shoemaker as soon as possible!

Junior High Youth Group

LOL

Oh, yes, we'll have plenty of time to laugh. But this year's theme will be one a new shout to LIVE OUT LOUD with our lives in Christ, together as a crazy group of Junior High students. We have a fairly small, but energetic and committed group of LIVERS OUT LOUD all ready to go, I know. But get all your other friends to youth this September to get acquainted to this great group so can build up and prepare to really let God in to our lives and let God shine out in some amazing ways!

FIRST L.O.L.!

T.B.D. (*We'd love your feedback about the Fair and how that affects our start-up plans!*) It will be September 18 or 25, though.... FROM THEN ON...Sunday Nights, 5:00 – 6:30 (or till 7:00 with odbal) will be the usual plan once again!

OTHER EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR:

CORN MAZE!!!

FALL RETREAT!!!

URBAN PLUNGE!!!

ALWAYS OTHER SURPRISES ALONG THE WAY!!!

Senior High Youth Group

CRAZY LOVE

If you want to get a great book to get your spirit in gear for the new year, and to get a trailer into this year of youth group: CRAZY LOVE by Francis Chan is the one. This reshapes our focus on the love that comes uniquely from our God and compels us to model the way we love ourselves and others in a similar crazy way. We'll be challenged, encouraged, fed, and equipped as we work through this book together.

FIRST GET CRAZY TIME!

Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.

Here it is, finally, the start up of a great bunch of Senior High students and leaders ready to love, serve, and focus on God together. Laugh, worship, sing, study, and play odbal starting on the 22nd!

FOCUS: God's Crazy Love

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. starting September 21

OTHER EVENTS TO LOOK FOR:

Corn Maze in OCTOBER!!

Fall Ocean Retreat in NOVEMBER!!

Chili Bowl in DECEMBER!!

Mission Trip Start-Up in JANUARY!!

Ski Retreat to Silver Mountain, Idaho in FEBRUARY!!