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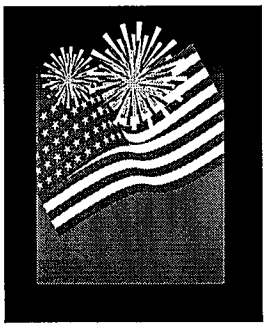


YEAH!

My name is Matt Johnstone. In the most ancient of days (10 or so years ago – High School), I came to Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church for Youth Group. It was an hour drive each way from my home up in the mountains, but something - the fellowship, the love of the community...something kept me coming back for two full years. I went to college and kept up contacts here. I went to seminary, and the early days of work and leadership at SotH were still a huge part of the foundation of my ministry.

About a month and a half ago, I called up Gary, and asked if he needed a young adult and social media guy for the summer. I was later to discover that the Session had just come to the conclusion that ministry to young people would be a focus of the church in the months and years to come, but was unsure of just how to proceed. After some fits and starts, I started on Sunday, June 12, as the Young and Emerging Adult Hotshot (YEAH). Pentecost Sunday was the appointed day. I cannot imagine a better day of the liturgical year for starting something new – for celebrating the Spirit of God, which moves in the work of God's people.

Acts 2 tells us that on the day of Pentecost "tongues, as if of fire," were distributed on the heads of each one of those gathered. I can only imagine just how the mighty wind bore in the flame which adorned their heads. Did it blow through the door, and touch each one in turn? Did the spark of heaven leap from person to person, illuminating their features? I imagine so, that the divine fire was a fire – although unlike any fire that we have ever known – and spread as mundane flames do.

It is my fervent prayer that God will start a fire, here – a fire in the hearts of those who need the ministry of God's church, and a fire in my heart. I pray that the energetic, vibrant young people of this church may be a light to the world, shining forth in South Hill and Puyallup and beyond. I pray that together we may learn more of the Word of God and the walk of Christian life. And I pray that God will send out the Holy Spirit on this ministry, that the Word of the Lord and the service of God's people may be a blessing to this community.

– Matt Johnstone

Looking Ahead at Worship

July 3, 2011 **Vacation Bible School-Themed Worship** **9:30 a.m.**

Please come and celebrate and worship with the children and youth as they present songs, scripture, and stories from their Vacation Bible School week!

July 10, 2011 **4th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m.**

"I Am The True Vine"
(seventh in a series of seven)
John 15: 1-17

Rev. Gary E. Mathiesen

July 17, 2011 **5th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m.**

Rev. Gary E. Mathiesen

July 24, 2011 – No Worship Service Held at SOTH

The Annual All-Church Camp Out is being held this weekend, and there will be no service held at Shepherd of the Hill on Sunday, July 24.

July 31, 2011 **7th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m.**

Guest preacher

Church Leadership for 2011-2012

Session Committee Chairpersons:

Administration: Jim Ritter (2012) & Dick Ryan (2013)
Fellowship: Mary Stevens (2012) & Mark Severin (2013)
Christian Education: Helen Carpenter (2012)
Mission: Anne Bennett (2012) & Marianne Bastin (2013)
Property & Grounds: Ed Sharp (2012) & Don Wiggins (2013)
Worship: Tom McCrady (2012) & Doug Boyles (2013)

Nominating Committee:

Ed Sharp, Elder Chair
Marianne Bastin, Elder Vice-Chair
Louise Knowles, Deacon Representative
Phil Barttels
Natalie Miller
Brian Stubbs
Greg Woodruff

Board of Deacons:

Moderator: Merry Pantaleo (2012)
Vice-Moderator: Beth Mercer (2013)
Secretary: Pat Williams (2013)
Treasurer: Ken Emly (2013)
Laura Krippaehne (2012)
Becky Maxa (2012)
Kim Randall (2012)
Jane Ann Severin (2012)
Gina Sharp (2012)
Cindy Sexton (2013)
Louise Knowles (2013)
Betty Young (2013)

MEXICO 2011

MEET TIA LLAMA

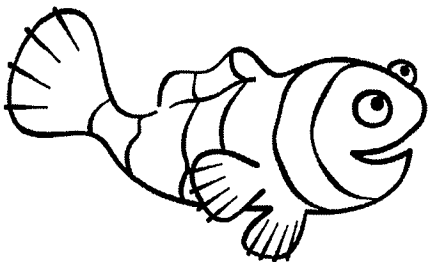
I'm not sure we've ever had a mission trip mascot before. But thanks to Kharl Severin's more-than-slightly unique but completely lovable t-shirt design, we have one this year for Mexico 2011. So, off to Tijuana with Tia Llama as five adults, two student leaders, and eight youth head South for another adventure across the border.

"Join with others in following my example..."
Phil 3:17

The most rewarding part of our trips with Presbyterian Border Ministries is in the "joining". We get a chance to expand our past thinking about mission work from one where we "go to serve" to one where we "go to learn and work with another church family." We have always been blessed by the hospitality, friendship, worship, partnership, and protection of a local congregation as we literally live with them for a week. We anticipate once again that our culture, life goals, and spiritual practices will be challenged by what we encounter from people who have so little that live in the *much* that they receive from our God. Please pray with us as we continue to prepare for our experience together. Pray that we do not come home the same way we left, but are changed by relationships and God's Spirit that is at work with us. Pray for the people that we will meet and the work they are already doing that we will humbly come alongside to join.

THE TEAM: Barbara Williams, Tom McCrady, Emily Mathiesen, AJ Warr, Brett Shoemaker, Kayla Ferguson, Rob Sharp, Katie Noll, CJ Krippaehne, Joey Williams, Karl Severin, Josh Little, Kevin McCrady, Chelsea Sharp, and Laura Brake.

THE WORK: The verdict is still out on specifics but will most likely include a mixture of physical projects and work with the children and youth of a church and community where we will reside.



V.B.S.I.A.
"Vacation Bible School is Awesome!"

The week started off with "Gomer, the Beach Comber" (a.k.a. Brett Shoemaker) singing "V.B.S.I.A." a song he made up just for VBS. After getting the kids in the mood for a fun and beach-y VBS, the groups of kids each headed off in their own direction:

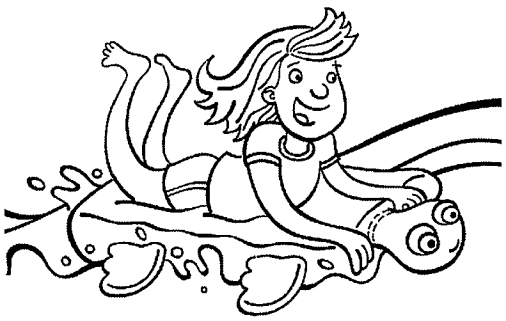
Our enormous 5th & 6th grade group (almost 30 kids!) went to Memory Verse, where on the first day they "swam" across the wooden floor of the Fruitland Grange to collect words to create the day's Bible verse. Beth Mercer and Maria Woodruff had amazing energy that they passed along to the kids.

Meanwhile downstairs at the grange, the uber-organized snack ladies, Kim Sando and Barbara Kendall, were preparing for their first group. No child would go unfed at SOTH's SonSurf Beach Bash!

The 3rd & 4th graders stayed in the sanctuary after the opening skit to learn some music and dance moves. No one can dance "The Twist" quite like Lisa Martin and Teresa Noll--their enthusiasm and freeze-dance skill was truly infectious!

Off to crafts for the 2nd graders, where Betty Young and Cindy Tobosa guided the kids through a sand-castle craft. Anyone else would put the words "kids" "sand" and "carpet" together and they would be very, very afraid; but, Betty and Cindy had everything under control.

The 1st graders walked into the Calvin room for story time and were greeted by Brad Maxa. Moments later, Brad walked out, and in walked Joseph, a carpenter, who told all the kids about the extraordinary child that Jesus was.



Rita Bennett and her crew greeted the kindergarteners with an exciting game of Sharks and Minnows. Those kids really burned off some energy, and got ready for the rest of the day of bible learning.

All this happened in the first 40 minutes of the first day of VBS.

On the first day, we had 98 kids, about 50 volunteers, and tons of enthusiasm and dedication. My personal goal for VBS is always for all the kids to worship, fellowship and learn about Jesus in the most non-boring way possible. I like to joke that we put the "Vacation" in "Vacation Bible School"; but, kids should know that going to church can be a fun and vibrant experience--church has an important place in the modern kid's life. I'd say that we've accomplished that (and much more!)

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated and prayed for a great week! Blessings to you!

Susan Boyles

Summer 2011 Music Opportunities at SOTH

Everyone is invited to participate this summer in our unique summer music offerings! We are having a "Summer Pick Up Choir" and a "Summer Pick Up Praise Team" on four different Sundays over the next two months. This is your chance to try singing in the choir, singing with the praise team and/or playing an instrument with the praise team! Maybe you just want to have a new and fun, "one shot" experience participating in our SOTH Music Program, OR maybe you would like to see what it is like to sing in the Choir or play in the Praise Team. YOU ARE INVITED! Come and find out what it is like!

Here is what will happen. On Sunday, July 31st and Sunday, August 14th ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SING is welcome to join members of our choir at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary before the worship service to practice the anthem we will sing. Then, with whoever shows up, we will practice and then sing at the 9:30 a.m. service that day. No pressure or long-term commitment is required. Just show up, sing with us, have some fun, and participate during worship.

Also, we will have an open invitation for anyone interested in singing and playing with the Praise Team to join us on Sunday July 17th, and Sunday August 7th for a "pick up" group at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary who will sing at the 9:30 a.m. service that day. If you play the bass guitar, the guitar, piano, or sing . . . you are welcome to join us! If there are drummers and bass players out there in the congregation who are interested, please let me know in advance so we can plan for how we would incorporate your playing into the service.

Everyone else, JUST SHOW UP and we will work out the songs for the day on that morning. We can involve numerous guitar players, singers and piano players on the same Sunday by alternating who will play on each song if necessary. ***There are probably members of our congregation who would enjoy having the opportunity to be involved in the music of our church, but perhaps they just need a chance to participate in a rehearsal to find out what it's like!***

We would love to have some new people involved, so do not be afraid to come and join us!
The more the merrier!

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE:

July 17th	Summer "Pick Up" Praise Team
July 31st	Summer "Pick Up" Choir
August 7th	Summer "Pick Up" Praise Team
August 14th	Summer "Pick Up" Choir

Blessings!
Kathryn Lehmann, Music Director

News & Notes . . .

Meet at the Clock Tower

All women of the church are invited to meet at the Farmer's Market at Pioneer Park in downtown Puyallup on **Saturday, July 16th at 10:00 a.m.** Please meet under the clock tower at the library entrance. We will enjoy fellowshipping with one another as we take in the sights and smells of the market. Afterwards (for those that would like to) we will go to lunch at one of the downtown restaurants.

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday, July 17th** immediately following the worship service, to nominate Jane VonHeeder as elder to the board of session, class of 2013.

2011 All-Church Camp Out

Grayland Beach State Park
July 22nd, 23rd & 24th

It's July!!! Hopefully you've got your site reserved! If not, you'll need to contact State of Washington Parks & Recreation directly, (888) 226-7688, about site availability. If you're not a camper, please join us for the day on Saturday or Sunday. The camp out activity schedule and other camp info will be e-mailed to campers by the 15th. It will also be available in the Fellowship Hall for non-e-mailers and for daytrippers. In the meantime. if you need more information please contact Mark Severin or Mary Stevens.

Relay for Life Update

A big THANK YOU to all who helped the 2011 SOTH Relay for Life team raise over $9000 to help in the fight against cancer. (It's not to late to make a last minute donation.) Since we've added ten pictures & names to our banner in the past two years – I hope you will seriously consider joining our 2012 team when we start up in January. REMEMBER those we've lost, CELEBRATE with the survivors and FIGHT BACK against cancer.

Women's Fall Retreat – Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for October 14-15, 2011 for the Annual Women's Retreat at Camp Lakeview on Tanwax Lake in Graham. More details coming soon!

Note of Thanks

I would like to thank the leadership and congregation of the church for surprising me with kind thoughts and words of appreciation at coffee time on Sunday June 12th. The framed Spanish photos (by Ken Emly) are beautiful, and the card from the session and deacons meant a lot to me. For 14 years it has been – and still will be – an honor to serve the people of Shepherd of Hill and our surrounding community.
– Gina Sharp, Office Manager

Lost and Found

There is quite an accumulation of coats, dishes, umbrellas, etc. located in and near the coat rack in the hallway off of the narthex. Please look through these items and claim what is yours today! Later this summer, all leftover items will be donated to St. Francis House.

Newsletter Deadline

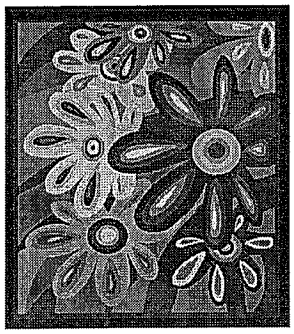
The deadline to submit items to the **August newsletter is Wednesday, July 20th at 10am.** All items must be in written form (hard copy or email) and submitted to the church office.

Summer Church Office Hours

Beginning the week of July 3rd, we begin our summer office schedule for eight weeks. The church's main office will be open for business Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Please Recycle!

We have bins next to the refrigerator in the kitchen, for recycling cans, plastic bottles, and clean paper. Do your part to reduce garbage volume and take care of the earth God provided us!



Women's Brunch – Saturday, July 9th

All women are invited to a potluck brunch at the church on **Saturday, July 9th at 9:00am.** Bring a breakfast-style dish to share as we fellowship together. Kim Randall will be giving a presentation on floral design! You are welcome to bring some flowers and a vase from home to create your own bouquet. For more information, contact Susan Boyles at 253-262-1844 or susan.boyles@gmail.com.

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:	Book:	At the home of:
July 19	*Monique and the Mango Rains: Two Years with a Midwife in Mali,* by Kris Holloway	Beth Mercer (845-4402)
August 16	*Girl with the Dragon Tattoo,* by Stieg Larson	Kathryn Lehmann (770-1053)
Sept. 20	*Out Stealing Horses,* by Per Petterson	Gayle Shenk (848-3621)

July Mission Opportunities

Friday, July 1st: *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)

Sunday, July 17th: *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)

Weekdays during July: *Hangout/Drop-in ministry with the Homeless in Puyallup.*
Noon - 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, & Friday at First Christian Church, 623 9th Ave. SW; Tuesday & Thursday at Community of Christ, 503 2nd St. SW. Volunteer your time for fellowship and build relationships, provide snacks, or donate supplies. Contact Bonnie Goddard (from 1st Christian) to volunteer. (Phone: 253-848-5907; or e-mail: bonniejafra@aol.com) You can also contact SOTH members Marty Warr or Carlista Barttels to find out more information.

"The great tragedy of the church is not that rich people do not care about the poor but that rich people do not know the poor." – Shane Claiborne, author and activist

FISH Food Bank Emphasis for July:

Pastas & Sauces ~ Pasta Meals ~ Rice ~ Beans ~ Mac & Cheese

The donation box is located in the narthex.

DON'T JUST GO TO CHURCH!

BE THE CHURCH:

PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION!

SAVE THE DATES: Oct. 7th, 8th, & 9th

Throughout the weekend, on Oct. 7th, 8th, and 9th, there will be varied local **FAITH IN ACTION** mission work projects appropriate for the participation of ALL the people of SOTH. So that you will have time to serve, we will NOT have our regularly scheduled morning worship services on Sunday, October 9th! Instead, on that evening, SOTH will be participating in our first ever **FAITH IN ACTION** Celebration!

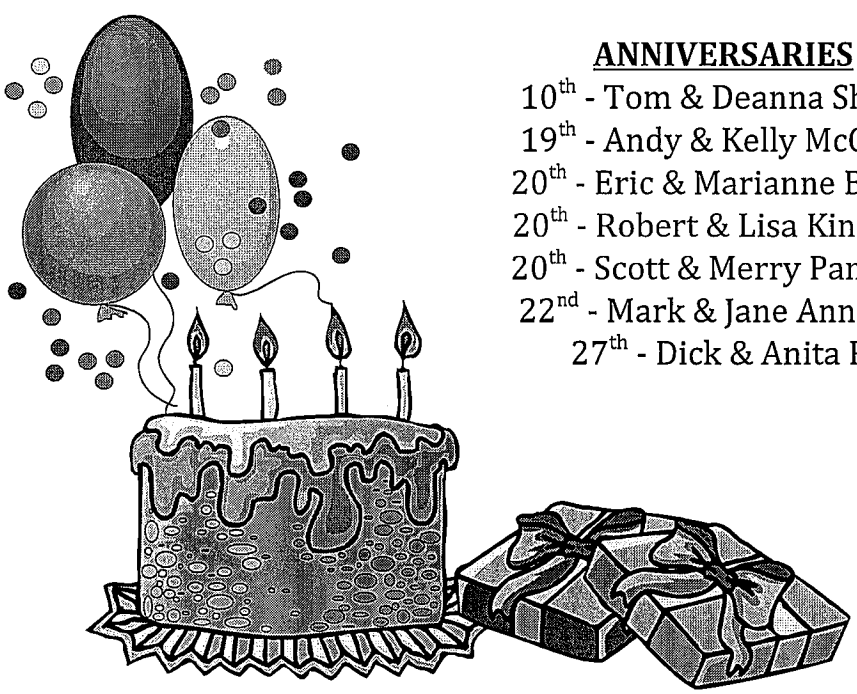
FAITH IN ACTION Small Groups:

Besides the actual community service projects mentioned above and the Sunday Celebration, one of the key components of the **FAITH IN ACTION** event is service-oriented, Bible-based education and discussion set in small groups or classes. Starting Sept. 11th, varied small groups will participate in a 4-week study of the concept of loving our neighbors in a manner that follows Jesus' teaching and example. This is a DVD-based teaching curriculum with participant guides. Each small group will need a facilitator. If you would like to volunteer as a small group facilitator, contact Carlista Barttels (845-5442) or cbarttels@comcast.net.

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

1st - Molly Southwell
2nd - Chuck Bills
4th - Michael Pinkard
8th - Glen Baker
11th - David Leath
13th - Dick Ryan
19th - Don Wiggins
20th - Dave Hawley
23rd - Bill Johnson
24th - Trillian Long
24th - Don Wagaman
25th - Leone Chauner
26th - Hank Torgrimson
27th - Gladys Bills
29th - Don Boose



ANNIVERSARIES

10th - Tom & Deanna Shafar
19th - Andy & Kelly McClure
20th - Eric & Marianne Bastin
20th - Robert & Lisa Kinnaird
20th - Scott & Merry Pantaleo
22nd - Mark & Jane Ann Severin
27th - Dick & Anita Ryan

Children's & Youth Ministries

God's Gang

We'll have three crazy God's Gang evenings before the start of the school year – when it's back to the normal crazy God's Gang evenings! God's Gang is for kids entering 3rd-6th grade in the fall.

We'll meet in the fellowship hall of the church on these Mondays, from 6:30-8:00pm:

Monday, July 11th: 3rd Annual Big Messy Night—biggest, messiest, and yuckiest yet! Bring a change clothes if you don't want to go home slimy.
Monday, August 1st: Mini-games night—we did it last year, and it was so much fun that we're doing it again: a night filled with quick games and challenges. Earn money for an end of the night auction of prizes.
Monday, August 22nd: Water games—if the weather is hot, we'll be turning on the sprinklers and bringing out the water balloons.

Junior High + Senior High

Youth Groups in the Park

Wednesdays in July and August
(7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)
Join us for YOUTH GROUP IN THE PARK once again this summer. All Junior and Senior Highers are invited to attend! Meet at Shepherd of the Hill at 6:30 p.m. for a ride down to **Pioneer Park** if you need it! The last Wednesday night in August will be a movie night at Mission Woods Presbyterian Church (3rd annual).

Summer Backpack Experience

August 17-20 (Thursday-Saturday)
$80 per person
Four days, three nights, including high rocky mountain lakes, stunning peak-top vistas, and laughs and great sharing around a camp stove. We have turned people away from the adventure the past couple of years as it is almost guaranteed to fill up. We can take up to nine students on this trip, as well as two additional adult leaders. Cost is $80, scholarships available, $40 suggested for adult volunteers to cover some of the gas and food. Trip location and packing list will be available closer to the date.

Mexico Sunday

Sunday, August 28
9:30am for worship in the morning led by the team
7:00pm for more stories and a slide show
This is always a great Sunday to share with our church family who we went to represent on our mission adventure. Hope you can join us once again!

Junior High Urban Plunge Rescheduled

We had originally planned to lead an adventure to Seattle to serve alongside ministries to the homeless for a couple of days serving meals and learning about ministry and Christian presence in the inner-city, staying at a Presbyterian church in the area. We have had to reschedule that for this summer, and hope to do an overnighter this fall. We would love to hear feedback about whether this is something you are interested in pursuing with your young person.

Prayer and Odbal Nights

Look for a few "prayer and odbal nights" to spring up. These will be simple nights to show up at church, pray for one another and be goofy around the kitchen table with ping pong paddles in our hands while singing songs from the Mulan soundtrack. Watch for texts, you never know when they might strike!