

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church (USA)

January 2012

Puyallup, Washington

Adult Education Class

Beginning Sunday, January 8th

9:15 a.m. in the Calvin Room

How can we find God's will without hearing voices from Heaven? How do we protect ourselves from technology without becoming Amish? How can we prepare for our own death without pretending it's no problem? Starting Sunday, January 8th and running for six weeks will be an adult education class based on Tony Campolo's book: "**Following Jesus Without Embarrassing God**," where we will look at these issues and more. Facilitated by Brian Stubbs, there is no need to buy the book; handouts will be provided. Just come ready to think deep thoughts and discuss interesting topics.

Deacon's Giving Tree Delivers a Merrier Christmas for Many Families

The Deacons would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of the people who helped provide a merrier Christmas to our Giving Tree families this year. We are pleased to announce that we were able to help out 15 families in our area, due to the generous donations and prayer support from our SOTH church family. Ten of the families were referred by local schools. All of the families were very grateful for the generosity and kindness shown to them. Thank you, again, for your continued support of the Giving Tree.

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday, January 22nd** after the **10:30am** worship service for the approval of pastor compensation, and for Session to present the 2012 church budget. Please plan to attend!

Church Office Closed for the Holidays

The church office will be closed from December 23-January 2. If you have an emergency or concern during that time, please contact your deacon or a session elder.

End of Year Contributions

As a reminder, according to IRS regulations, all contributions for the year 2011 must be received or mailed and postmarked no later than December 31, 2011. All prepaid 2012 pledges received on or before December 31, 2011 will be credited to the individual's 2011 giving records. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Cascio, Financial Secretary, at 253-862-7132.

Homeless Dinner at Puyallup Armory Friday, January 6th

Shepherd of the Hill sponsors this meal on the first Friday of every-other month. If you can arrive to serve the meal at 5:30 p.m., or provide chicken casserole, corn, green beans, lettuce salad w/ dressing, milk, & juice - please contact Bev Cascio to volunteer. (phone: 253-862-7132 or email: bev.cascio@gmail.com)

PHD's Luncheon

Our next luncheon will be held on **Friday, January 13th at 12:30 p.m.** at the church. The program will be presented by Steve Fox on his recent volunteer project to the Cook Islands. For more information, contact Cal and Gloria Gamblin at 253-208-1832 or Don and Pat Wiggins at 253-45-4691.

Dinners for Eight ~ January 14th Fellowship, Fun, and Food!!

What better way to start off the new year than in fellowship! Enjoy an evening of fun, good food, and fellowship with an opportunity to get to know other members of your SOTH church family a little better! Sign up to be a host or a guest at the activities board in the Fellowship Hall.

Movie Nights!

Everyone is welcome to come and see the movies on the big screen! Movies start at 7 pm, popcorn and lemonade are provided. Come out for time to fellowship, have a snack, and see a great show!

Friday, January 20th: Soul Surfer, rated PG

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!

January 17th: *Fragile Beasts*, by Tawni O'Dell;
at Dorothy Shaughnessy's (845-6034)

February 21st: *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*, by Junot Diaz

Women's Brunch

Ladies - save the date of Saturday, January 28th! We will be holding our Annual Breakfast Brunch and election of officers for 2012. More details to come! Contact Gina Sharp for more information at 253-840-4007 or gina.gns@gmail.com.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline to submit items to the February Newsletter is **Monday, January 23rd at 10am**. All items must be in written form (hard copy or email) and submitted to the church office.

Scout Sunday

Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts - please wear your uniform to worship on **February 12th**. More information coming soon!

Looking Ahead at Worship

There will be no Sunday School or Adult Education Classes held December 25th or January 1st.

January 1, 2012

New Year's Day

One Service at 10:30 a.m.
Sermon by Doug Boyles

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## Spiritual Maps

January 8 - March 25, 2012

(Epiphany and Lent)

In real estate, the oft-heard mantra is "location, location, location." Place has meaning and significance in the value it gives to a home or business.

The Bible is also about location. Scripture places a great deal of importance upon location because the location of our encounters with God are intimately tied to our experience with God.

In the Old Testament, for instance (to name only a few), the Abraham story is about a man who was called from one place to another. The Jacob story is about his encounter with God in a dream at Bethel. The Joseph story is about prosperity turned to slavery in Egypt. The Moses story is about several places of significance: the burning bush at Mt. Horeb, and the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai. Elijah encounters the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. King David established Jerusalem as the Royal City. King Solomon built the temple of the Lord. The Bible is about location.

During the season of Epiphany (January - February 2012) and Lent (March 2012), the sermons for those Sundays will focus on the theology of place in our encounter with God through the places Jesus went during his life and ministry: origin in Bethlehem, hometown area of Nazareth of Galilee, flight to Egypt, the testing in the wilderness, the call of God at the Jordan River, transitions around the Sea of Galilee, unfamiliar territory outside Jewish lands, the hostilities in Samaria, and the institutions in Jerusalem. We will use these places as a way to explore our own place of encounter with God.

## Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School held on December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sunday school offering for the winter and spring months will go toward Heifer International ([www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)).

## God's Gang

God's Gang is a weekly youth group for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students that meets Monday nights from 6:30-8:00pm at Shepherd of the Hill. Bring yourself and bring a friend!



We're talking about you and your friends: having confidence in yourself, being a good friend, and where God is in your relationships with others. Come out to God's Gang for a fun night of games, snacks, music and discussions!

January 2<sup>nd</sup>: NO God's Gang  
January 9<sup>th</sup>: "F" Night: Friends having Fun Forever!  
January 16<sup>th</sup>: "G" Night: Giggles, Guffaws and Goofy Games!  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>: "H" Night: Helpful Hints for a Happy Heart!  
January 30<sup>th</sup>: "I" Night: Interesting Ideas Instantly Included.

## Puyallup Food Bank Emphasis for January:

*Pasta & Sauces ~ Rice ~ Beans ~ Mac & Cheese*

The donation box is located in the narthex.

## January Birthdays

4<sup>th</sup> - Greg Woodruff  
5<sup>th</sup> - Thomasina Goodspeed  
6<sup>th</sup> - Zane Brown  
6<sup>th</sup> - Kim Randall  
7<sup>th</sup> - Mark Severin  
11<sup>th</sup> - Lois Hopkins  
12<sup>th</sup> - Laura Krippaehne  
14<sup>th</sup> - Katie Hawley  
17<sup>th</sup> - Brett Shoemaker  
17<sup>th</sup> - Philliss Steinley

18<sup>th</sup> - James Green  
18<sup>th</sup> - Kelly McClure  
19<sup>th</sup> - Brenda Johnson  
19<sup>th</sup> - Kailen Mercer  
19<sup>th</sup> - Teresa Noll  
20<sup>th</sup> - John Steinley  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Hannah Pantaleo  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Sam Randall  
26<sup>th</sup> - Betsy Stubbs

27<sup>th</sup> - Bruce Carpenter  
28<sup>th</sup> - Dick Chauner  
28<sup>th</sup> - Denice Jackson  
28<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Veitenheimer  
29<sup>th</sup> - Betty Macke  
30<sup>th</sup> - Dorothy Johnson  
30<sup>th</sup> - Emma Shoemaker