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**Worship Schedule for
The Church of the Good Shepherd
Sunday, October 12, 2014**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Gospel Lesson is Matthew 22:1-14

The Witness is "RSVP"

Senior Pastor Philip Bertolo Wood, Preaching

8:00 a.m. – Worship in the Chapel.

9:00 – Bible Study – AEC

9:30 – Carol Choir Call Time.

9:30 – Chancel Choir rehearsal – MR.

9:30 – 12:30 – Childcare – Toddler Room.

10:00 a.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary – Carol
Choir to sing in the service.

10:00 – Sunday School after Children's Time.

11:15 – Coffee Fellowship – Jordan Hall & Patio.

11:30 – Youth Bells, open to 6–12 graders. Sanct.

11:30 – Carol Choir– grades 2-6 – Activity Center.

11:30 – Finance Presentation in Jordan Hall.

11:30 – Conversation with the Pastor.

4:30 p.m. – Youth Choir, 6–12 graders. MR.

6:00 – Youth Choir Dinner – (bring \$3) - JH.

6:30 – UMYF - Open to all 6th – 12th graders.
Joscelle will be leading Middle School and
Franklyn leading the Senior High.

6:30 – Parenting Group meets in the Lounge.

6:30 – Book Study on "People of the Book"
meets in the AEC.

8:00 – KNIGHTS – Franklyn will lead to-knight.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please continue to pray for those mentioned previously in church and in the newsletter and be sure to include **Ruth King** who is in TCU at Methodist Hospital.

Thank You Note:

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the good thoughts, prayers and cards following my recent knee surgery. Your good wishes have helped me recovery nicely. I am coming along really well. Thank you for your kind thoughts and concerns as I get on the good side of the recovery process. *-Elaine Iverson*

Pastor's Travels:

Associate Pastor Joshua Clough will be traveling next week to the United Methodist Young Pastor's Network meeting in Kansas. Pastor Joshua will be gone October 10 – 17, at the event at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, with Adam Hamilton and Mike Slaughter.

Finance Presentation after Church on October 12

On Sunday, October 12, in Jordan Hall after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, there will be a special Finance Presentation recasting the current year's budget for the remainder of the year. All are encouraged to attend.

Conversation with the Pastor

On **Sundays, October 12 and 19**, we will be having the **Conversation with the Pastor** immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Services. These two one hour conversations are updated versions of our former New Member Classes. They are designed to lead one to a deeper commitment through Christ by becoming a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Child care will be provided. We will be welcoming our newest members on Sunday, October 26, 2014. Please be present to guide and uphold our new sisters and brothers as we continue to celebrate the growth of our mission and ministry in this region.

Trunk O' Treat Friday, October 31

On **Halloween**, Friday, October 31, Church of the Good Shepherd will host our annual **Trunk O' Treat** event at **6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** At this event we provide a safe and fun place for children in our church and community to dress-up in family friendly costumes, with friends, family, and neighbors, and receive tasty candy and treats. Come join us!

You can participate in two ways. Bring your children or grandchildren, bring the whole family and trick o'treat in our parking lot. This event is free and open to everyone! Or, bring your vehicle, decorate it in fall harvest themes, and dress-up in fun costumes to hand out candy to our children and families. Last year we welcomed about 200 guests so bring plenty of candy (we will also accept candy donations!).

We need your help! **If you wish to participate please contact Lynn Whitaker to sign-up 626-446-7860** and/or sign up after worship service at the table. We need as many cars as possible to fill our parking lot! Vehicle participants please arrive at 6:00 p.m. to set up, we will barricade the parking lot at 6:15 p.m.

FLU SHOTS At CGS October 26

Thanks to the Health Ministries program at Methodist Hospital, CGS will be offering free flu shots to anyone age 9 years and older, on Sunday, October 26th, 9 AM - noon in the Lounge. Requests for sign-ups will start in a couple of weeks. If you are a nurse, or know of a nurse who would like to assist us that morning, please email Margaret Blair at kdblair@earthlink.net.

Music in Sacred Spaces October 19, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.

Music in Sacred Spaces Season opening concert is, **Sunday, October 19, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Chapel. The concert will feature: **"Sketches of Spain" where Classical Guitar and Flamenco Song & Dance have an encuentro, or encounter.** This show will take a modern audience on a journey through the colorful sites of Andalusia and introduce them to the beauty of Classical Spanish music and the intensity of Flamenco, featuring: **Lauren Satiago**, Singer and Dancer; **Kai Narezo**, Flamenco guitarist; **Scott Wolf**, classical guitarist, and **Wendy Castellanos**, Flamenco dancer! Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience great music and dance!! Requested donation of \$15 taken at the door, \$10 for students with valid ID. Invite your friends, neighbors and family to this exciting presentation.

Take a Trip to Israel

On Thursday evening, **October 16, 2014**, **Harry Heflin** will provide a slide show and oral presentation on his recent trip to Israel. The United Methodist Men are your hosts at 6:30 PM for dinner and 7:15 for the show. All are welcome. Bring your curiosity and questions on this land and people about which we hear so much but seem to know so little. Dinner is \$5.00 unless it is your first time - then it is free.

Three New Studies to Begin this Month!

The month of October brings three exciting new learning opportunities to Church of the Good Shepherd. All will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Beginning on October 12, the **Parenting Group**, led by Elsa Cordero Wood, will meet to discuss and learn parenting skills. One topic is the stages of the brain of 12-24 year olds. Parents and grandparents of children of all ages are invited to come to the Parenting Group which will meet in the Lounge off Jordan Hall on 10/12, 10/26, 11/9 and 11/16. Questions? Contact Elsa at: elcw25@gmail.com or 626-355-9135.

Join Pastor Phil in the Adult Education Center (AEC) on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 for a 6 week study of the novel, **"People of the Book"** by Geraldine Brooks. The study begins on Sunday, October 12, and ends on Sunday, November 16, 2014. This book is available at bookstores and on Amazon.com.

Pastor Joshua invites us explore the foundations of our Christian tradition, grow together in our faith in Christ, and encourage each other in community. In **"Revival,"** Adam Hamilton uses his captivating storytelling talent to take us on a **six-week journey** through England tracing the life of John Wesley. Today we find ourselves in a world much like Wesley's – polarized, where faith seems to falter, and the gap between rich and poor widens. Many of us have a faith in need of revival. Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to 21st century Christians, calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed. His story is our story. It's our heritage, it defines our faith, and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion. Prior to the study, Pastor Joshua will spend a week at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection where Adam Hamilton is the Senior Pastor as a participant in the Young Pastors Network. The dates of this study: 10/26; 11/2; 11/9; 11/16; 11/23; 11/30. This book is available through Cokesbury.com or Amazon.com.

"Fill the Bowl Project"

Fill the Bowl Project is part of The Humane Society of the United States' Animal Protection Ministries program. Every year, thousands of churches across the county donate food to local food pantries and other programs that help fight hunger. Pets are a vital part of our community but are often overlooked in times of need. Through the Fill the Bowl Project, faith communities can help by collecting new, unopened cans and bags of pet food (dog and cat). One simple donation provides food for a pet and peace of mind for an owner. Donations will be collected from October 1 to November 23, 2014. Look for the Fill the Bowl Project bins outside the Children's Center Office.

Avanti!

Growth in renewal and inspiration--that's what our journey with Jesus gifts us with: the security of our church family, the inestimable value of the Sunday School teachers, of choir directors, Franklyn, Janice, Tim, Linda, Karen, Hilda, fellowship groups, conversations, crisis counseling, the celebrations of birth, resurrection, marriages, the joy of the holidays and missional opportunities.

We extend ourselves out of thanksgiving, and not out of guilt or obligation.

The continuity of grace is what we receive and share as we move forward.

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Phil

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open minds,
open doors*

Upcoming Events:

Now through November 23 – 2015 Finance Campaign.

All the month of October and into November (thru the 23rd), we will be collecting new, unopened cans and bags of dog and cat food for the Humane Society's "Fill the Bowl Project." Place your donations in the bins outside the Children's Center Office.

October 12 and 19 – Conversation with the Pastor (updated version of the New Member Class) at 11:30 a.m.

October 12 – Parenting Group led by Elsa Wood, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Lounge.

October 12 – Book Study led by Pastor Phil, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the AEC begins.

October 17-19 – Fall Women's Retreat at Aldersgate Retreat Center.

October 25 – Walkathon for Club 21.

October 26 – New Members received during Worship Services.

October 26 – Flu Shots in the Lounge, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

October 26 – Church Council meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the AEC.

October 26 – Book Study led by Pastor Joshua, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Library begins.

October 31 – Annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween in the church parking lot!