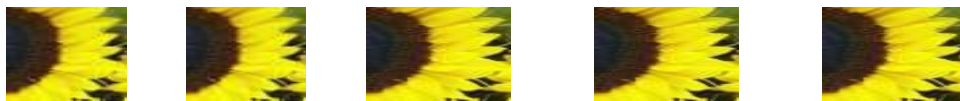


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*"A CARING COMMUNITY TOUCHED BY CHRIST,
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OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN NEED YOU

By Linda Rasmussen

Sunday School is looking for someone to step up and become coordinator for the 2008-09 program year. Please pray about this request and see if it might be the job for **you**. Linda Rasmussen is happy to have someone shadow her this program year to learn the ins and outs of Sunday School program planning and delivery. If this position speaks to you, please call Linda at 503.531.8699.

Sunday School is also looking for teachers and substitute teachers. We would also like volunteers to help with planning activities for our 3rd through 5th grade youth group. Please call Linda Rasmussen at 503.531.8699 or Wendy Roeder at 503.690.0627 if you have time to share God's love with the children and youth of our parish.

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Celebrating The Kid In All Of Us!

BY Shannon Heizenrader

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. 1 John 3:1a

Join us the afternoon of October 6 to see God's children of all ages come together in fellowship. After enjoying lunch, everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. So far Pastor Michelle will teach the art of making communion bread and Craig Haydamack will be outside with some sports activities.

We are looking for people to help with the following areas: arts and crafts, gardening, wood working/carpentry. If you have a special talent you would like to share, please let us know! Contact Shannon Heizenrader at smhznrd@verizon.net (put SOV in the subject line) or call 503-720-0170.

We will also be collecting items for the Hillsboro Family Shelter. They are in need of cleaning supplies, linens, personal hygiene items, bus tickets, day planners, infant supplies, medical supplies and birthday items (wrapping paper, new toys, board games, and teen gift items.) They also could use items for children including school supplies, coloring books, early reader books, socks, underwear and crayons. Look in the narthex for more information. When you are shopping this summer, consider picking-up something extra for someone in need in our community.

We hope to see you on October 6! Thanks to this year's committee: Co-chairs..... Johana Haydamack and Shannon Heizenrader, Corrine Gilbertson, Andrea Gorven, Theresa Kotvis, Diane Lewis and Tammy McDonald.

COMING SOON....S.O.V. JUNIOR CHOIR!

SUBMITTED BY Kevin Cope, Minister of Worship



Beginning this September, our music program at S.O.V. will include a Junior Choir. This will be open to all children from grades 1 through 6. (we can be flexible about age limits) We hope to accomplish two goals through this new endeavor: 1) to give our children a great musical and spiritual experience as they come to know the joy of singing to the Lord, and 2) to enhance our overall experience of worship at S.O.V.

We will be meeting on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings in the sanctuary (it depends on what works best for everybody), probably at 7:00 pm. More specific details will be forthcoming. Also, if your child plays an instrument, we will try to work that into our musical numbers. Talent level, however, is really not the issue here. We want to have fun, build community, “make a joyful noise,” and “come into His presence with singing.”

See me if you or your children are interested. We will sign them right up!

ALSO—RALLY DAY, Sunday, September 9th, both services. Lots of fun, special music, drama, games and worship as we kick off the Sunday School Year. A men’s gospel choir from Liberia will be performing at both services.

ALSO—CONCERT on Sunday, September 30th at 6:00 pm: THE SCHOOLBUS TRIO
Tammie Dees, Kevin Cope and Dan Nichols will present a variety of music: gospel, standards, classical, jazz, etc. Come and enjoy!

WEDDING INVITATION FROM MINDY HART AND PATRICK OTT

Because Shepherd of the Valley plays such an important part in our lives, Patrick and I would like to invite our church family to attend our wedding ceremony on Saturday, September 15th at 5:00 pm at the church.

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during this exciting (and overwhelming!) time in our lives!



WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Mindy and Pat on Sunday, August 26th—time to be announced later. This invitation is open to all men, women and children of SOV. The Sunday Social Supper will be rescheduled.

PARISH NURSE CORNER

SUBMITTED BY **Corrine Gilbertson, Parish Nurse**

Parish Nurses Sandy Madsen and Linda Graham are teaching a workshop called Living Well with Chronic Conditions. This six-week workshop is for people with Asthma, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Arthritis and other chronic health concerns. It teaches practical skills for living a healthy life with an on-going health condition. The classes are fun and interactive. Participants share their successes and build a common source of support. The workshop builds confidence for managing health, staying active and enjoying life. Workshops meet 2 ½ hours each week for six weeks. The cost is \$50 to cover course materials. Some insurance companies cover this fee.

Please register through **Linda Graham** by calling at 503-681-1791 or email at linda.graham@tuality.org.

Class Schedule:

August 21- September 25

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Tuality Health Education Center

334 SE Eighth Ave, Hillsboro.



Living Well with Chronic Conditions is the Chronic Disease Self Management Program developed and tested by Stanford University. It is designed to complement and enhance medical treatment and disease management. Research has shown that participants are able to manage their symptoms better and communicate more easily with their doctors and loved ones. People who take the program feel better, are less limited by their illness, and may spend less time at the doctor or in the hospital.

“Sunday Social Supper”

Submitted by Diane Lewis



Sundays, Aug. 5th & Aug. 26th “Sunday Social Supper” A family potluck sponsored by the Executive Committee - 6:00 p.—This is an opportunity for members in all age groups to gather together to share a meal, relax, get to know each other better and ask any questions regarding all that is going on at SOV. Bring a favorite summer dish to share and tableware and beverages will be provided.

RUMMAGE SALE - BAKE SALE - HOT DOG SALE UPDATE

Submitted by Peggy Vermaas, Vice-President

ALL FUNDS GO TOWARDS THE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH CALLING OUR NEW PASTOR: TRANSPORTATION COSTS RELATED TO INTERVIEWS AND MOVING EXPENSES AS NEEDED.

Greetings all from your rummage committee! We have been meeting regularly working on all of the preparation for the upcoming sale. Remember the dates are Thursday, August 9th for set up (9 am to finish) and the sale will be Friday, August 10th and Saturday, August 11th beginning at 8 am until 6 pm. Marty McDonald has agreed to organize getting the stuff out of storage and over to the church on the Sunday before the sale. He will need lots of volunteers so consider helping on that Sunday afternoon. Many hands will make for a light load. Please consider helping with this very big job as your contribution to this effort.

Then, we will need lots of help on Thursday as there will be many tasks to do. We need to get sections of the church partitioned off from the public for security reasons. Then, we will need to unpack, sort, price, display and clean up a bit. Unless folks have already priced things, the pricing will occur as we sort and display. This is a great opportunity for fellowship. Few things compare with the friendship that develops when we work closely with each other. Consider coming to work with us for any portion of that day. There will be music throughout the day. Coffee and treats in the morning and lunch for all provided in the afternoon of the day of set up by Thrivent. Let us know if you can help so we can plan the lunch. Charlotte will be making calls to schedule workers for the days of the sale.

RUMMAGE SALE: Please continue to clean out your closets so we will have a good supply of things. You can continue to bring things early and into storage at Verna Wick's house; bring it to the church on the Sunday before the sale; or, bring it on Thursday, the day of set up. Here are some more examples of things we can sell: old cook books, jewelry, children's and adult board games, tools, yard equipment and furniture, books, records, movies, tapes of all kinds, craft supplies, sewing supplies, musical instruments, bedding, decorative pillows, bikes, tricycles, children's toys of all kinds, children's books, children's clothing, children's yard toys.

BAKE SALE: We have decided to add a bake sale to our rummage sale this year. We feel homemade baked goods have a special appeal as well as providing an opportunity for our excellent cooks to show off their talents. So, let us know if you are interested in providing a baked item. We would still like the goods to be there on Thursday during set up so we are ready for a really good sale day on Friday. Of course, folks can bring things on the days of the sale as well. Let us know if you want to participate in the sale. There has been one suggestion that we have a group baking cookies during the sale and sell the fresh, hot cookies individually. It would also send the aroma of cookies baking throughout the sanctuary. If you would like to assist with some cookie baking, let us know and we'll do some planning.

HOT DOG SALE: Back by popular demand will be our hot dog barbeque!! We will be setting up in the parking lot with tables and chairs out in the shade. Hot dogs and cold drinks will be available. Supplies have been donated and so all earn is profit!!!

RUMMAGE SALE - BAKE SALE - HOT DOG SALE UPDATE....continued from page 4



CONSIGNMENT ITEMS: Do you have any items that you would like to make available to sell and have a PORTION of the proceeds go to the church? This could expand your market and help the church as well. Give it some thought!

ON-GOING CONSIGNMENT: We have taken a load of better quality clothing to 'New to You' in McMinnville where they will attempt to sell our items for greater than rummage sale costs. If you have what you consider to be better quality clothing that would fit into this category then let the committee know. We can take as many as 50 items at a time to 'New to You' and they will send us a monthly check as items sell. We will continue this project for the next six months to see if the congregation is responsive to this as a way of generating income from our no longer used clothing items.

BE OUR ADVERTISER!! Invite your friends and family members to this event. Invite them to contribute and attend as we believe it will be a great event for all. WE ARE A CARING COMMUNITY TOUCHED BY CHRIST AND TOUCHING OTHERS FOR CHRIST. Please consider participating in some way to help fund our new Pastor.

SOV SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Submitted by Craig Haydamack



Sunday, July 29th...3:00 p.....SOV vs. St. Andrew at Trinity Field in Hillsboro

Sunday, August 5th...Rain Out Game—to be announced

Sunday, August 12th...League Tournament...Meldrum Bar Park in Gladstone

Please contact Coach Craig for more information (693-6026, haydamack4@comcast.net)

Keeping in touch....The “Call Committee”

Diane Lewis, Council President

As we move forward after almost seven months since Pastor Kurt died suddenly, we are still wondering sometimes just how to put everything together, get everything accomplished, keep our dreams alive for our ministries, our building plan and move forward in faith.

The call process is a process. We, as a council, are directed by our constitution to select a call committee of 6 people that will represent the diversity of our congregation. The council also voted to have two alternates so that if one of the call committee, for any reason is unable to stay through the completion of the process that we will have people that are current on what is happening with the committees progress. The history of SOV is that we have had three women and three men serve on the call committee. We hope to have the same balance for our two alternates. To date we don't have enough women to complete this goal.

Our membership has been stretched in many directions over the last couple of years as we go forward in the dreams and the ministry of our church. It is understandable that people are wondering just what this unexpected process for selecting a new pastor will entail. Pastor Michelle is a wonderful resource for you if you have any questions and I will be glad to talk to anyone that is considering being part of this committee. If we don't have enough women to achieve our goal then we will make our selection with the members that have already shown an interest in serving on the call committee.

From my own two personal experiences of being on a call committee, I can tell you that this can take from 6 months to 18 months to complete. The duties are shared between the committee members and by the whole church. This group of people learns the pulse of the congregation as they lead the congregation in completing the information that we need to create the church profile. This is a special opportunity to serve and I still feel a special bond with the people I served with on both call committees.

The committee represents us as a church but we are still all part of the process and will have different opportunities to participate as we go through the process of creating our church profile and as we enter into the meeting of the candidates that will be interviewed. We all will be able to interact with each person as they come to meet us as well and be part of this process.

Please pray for the council as we go through working to complete the call committee that will represent each of us in this important calling for SOV as well as the members that will complete this important committee. Please pray too for the person that God is preparing to serve as our Shepherd of the Valley and for Pastor Michelle as she guides us through this process.



SOV CALENDAR FOR AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>WEDNESDAY EVENINGS—7:00 PM— THROUGH AUGUST 22ND. BIBLE STUDY AT THE HOME OF KEN AND CHARLOTTE HARRIS. WE WILL BE STUDYING THE PROPHETS:</p>			1 7p Bible Study @ home of Ken & Charlotte Harris	2 Rebekah Circle to continue the first Thurs. in September	3	4
5 8:30a & 10:30a Worship 6:00p—Sunday Social Supper	6 6:45p—Social Concerns Meet 7p Scouts	7 9a KOK Chapel 7p—Parish Ed Meeting	8 6:15p KOK Staff Mtg. 7p Bible Study @ home of Ken & Charlotte Harris	9 <i>RUMMAGE SALE AT SOV...</i> • THURSDAY, AUG. 9TH—SET UP STARTING AT 9:00 A • FRIDAY, AUG. 10TH—SALE FROM 8:00 A TO 6:00 P • SATURDAY, AUG. 10TH—SALE FROM 8:00 A TO 6:00 P	10	11
12 8:30a & 10:30a Worship	13 7p Scouts	14 9a KOK Chapel	15 7p Bible Study @ home of Ken & Charlotte Harris	16 7p—Church Council Meeting	17	18
19 8:30a & 10:30a Worship	20 7p Scouts	21 9a KOK Chapel 6:30p—SOV Women's Dinner—location to be announced	22 7P Bible Study @ home of Ken & Charlotte Harris	23 NEWSLETTER DAY	24	25
26 8:30 10:30a—Worship Srv. 6:00p—Sunday Social Supper	27 7p Scouts	28 9a KOK Chapel	29	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, Aug. 5th—Sunday Social Supper • Sunday, Aug. 26th—Sunday Social Supper • Sunday, Sept. 2nd—One Service • Sunday, Sept. 9th—Rally Day • Sunday, Sept. 30th @ 6p—Concert—Kevin Cope, Tammy Dees & Dan Nichols • Saturday, Oct. 6th—Children's Sabbath 	

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE JULY 2007 SUBMITTED BY MERT WARNEKING

OUTREACH FOR JUNE 2007

- We spent 91 hours and 825 miles on our projects
- We received furniture and clothing with an estimated value of \$500
- We spent \$116 on refugees
- We gave 8 food baskets and spent \$110 on perishables

If you put a dollar value on the above, it would come to 20% spent on outreach compared to the dollars spent on outreach plus the June offerings

Our 2 main projects this month are our new refugee family and backpacks. We already have 61 names of children for backpacks. Bob McFall gave us 144 backpacks and we have 20 or 30 bought on sale last fall. We are working on getting names for more children. How many we will be able to fill will depend on how much money we receive from the congregation. Ken told me that we have received \$500 so far, and will receive \$400 from Thrivent.



Our new refugee family arrived on July 3rd. We couldn't get them into their apartment until July 7th, so they stayed with me until then. They are a very nice family. They fled Burundi to Tanzania in 1993, when thousands of people were being killed in a civil war. Larina found an article on the internet about Burundi and it is posted on the bulletin board. The four younger children were born in Tanzania. It is interesting that Burundi's religions are Christianity and indigenous beliefs. The family is catholic.

The father, Desire Hezumuryango, has worked in construction. He has a "Certificate of Competence" from the Tanganyika Christian Refugee Program, which describes the work he is competent in. It says: "Construction—Construction of mechanical workshop, construction of house, making furniture for schools, construction of pit latrines" Roads—"Road formation, graveling, catch water drain excavation and Mitre drain excavation." He received a degree in masonry from the Ecoje de Travbus Technical School. Hopefully he will find a job quickly. His wife's name is Regina Bizimana. Children are Jenny Munezero, girl, age 13; Divine Irambona, girl, age 12; Jean Valjean Rwandika, boy, age 8; Jospin Espee Mugisha, boy, age 5; and Jessley Bukeyenzeza, boy, age 7 months. The father, Desire, speaks some English, French, Kirundi (Burendi), Kiawshili (Swahili) and Lingata. The mother, Regina, speaks some French, Kirundi and some Kiawshili. The three older children speak Kirundi which is the native Burundi language.

The family signed up at IRCO (International Refugee Commission of Oregon) last week. Both parents will attend learning English, learning to ride the bus and MAX and help with finding jobs within the next 8 months.

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

We must be “having fun,” because time sure is sure flying! Sundays seem to roll around before I know it!... It is true that there is a lot going on here at Shepherd of the Valley: Many exciting things are happening. Certainly, it is good that a lot of ministry is occurring, but as your pastor during this interim time, I want us to use caution so that “a lot” doesn’t cross the line and become “too much.” As many of you in leadership are well aware, smaller churches can easily get caught in a cycle of “doing” that takes on a life of its own, and this can cause members to burn out. So, as we move into the future God is preparing for your congregation, let’s make time to pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance in all we undertake, and let’s remember the old adage “slow and steady wins the race.”

I’ve been with you here at Shepherd for three months, but somehow it seems longer. I think that’s the nature of interim ministry: It is especially intense in the beginning. That’s why the interim pastor is sometimes called “the faster pastor”: Where most called pastors get to enjoy a “honeymoon” period of getting to know the congregation, we interims have to come in, assess the situation, get to know the people, build trust with the leadership, clean up any “messes,” and help launch the work of the call committee within a relatively short time.... Having done some reflection on where we are in this process, I’d like to share some of my thoughts with you.

As I’ve said in several of my sermons, there is still a lot of pain among the members of the congregation. Recently, I shared this in a conversation with pastoral counselor Dr. Jim Boyer, and he commented that SOV may in some senses be an intentional “fellowship of the wounded.” Well, there’s a good basis for that in Scripture: Recall Jesus’ saying that the well have no need of a physician, but the sick do.... Still, in spite of your collective grief and individual wounds, I can already see some signs of health and new life just in the short time I’ve been here. I’d like to highlight just a few of these below.

Vacation Bible School was a wonderfully rich time of sharing stories, laughter, music, crafts, and games. This is the kind of activity that helps us get to know one another in new ways. The Sunday Social Supper at Diane and Eric Lewis’s house was also a nice way to connect. The Social Ministry Committee has been energized by the arrival of Desire and Regine and their five children. The Garage Sale Committee is gearing up for the “main event” in August. An enthusiastic crew of volunteers pitches in every Tuesday here at SOVS, and bit by bit things are getting cleaned up. Take a look around and see the difference!S Thank you, all! This is surely a sign of new life—a sign that you care about your church home and want it to be a welcoming place for all who enter!

We recently received one new member, Mark Branes, and I have visited with several other people about joining the congregation. Two individuals will be joining in the near future, and two other families are considering joining. There are two weddings on the horizon: Larina Hoffbeck’s brother, Wade and his fiancée, Colleen, who are being married at the Rose Garden on August 4th; and Mindy Hart and Pat Ott, who will be married here at SOV on Sept. 15. I have conducted a couple of home visits with members recently, and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know people better. Bit by bit, I hope to do more of this in the future. There just isn’t enough time to converse on a Sunday morning! Thank you all for your hospitality!

It is wonderful to see the Holy Spirit stirring up new leadership among you and bringing things to fruition: The Call Committee is beginning to come together, and it looks like it will be a faithful and thoughtful group. The Building Committee is “on a roll” with its plans for selling the southeast corner of the property and moving another step closer toward the actual building phase. The Capital Campaign Committee is in the early stages of being formed. The Prayer Team is also being formed, and Caring and Sharing is not far behind.... Good things are happening here at Shepherd of the Valley, as God raises you up to new life!

In Christ’s Service,
Pastor Michelle Manicke