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Fall Worship Services
8:30 a & 11:00 a

Sunday School
9:45 all ages

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"A caring community
touched by Christ,
touching others for Christ"

YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

Youth Group Outing

(MS & HS)

Sunday, December 11th

Wings and Waves

12 - 6:30 pm

Please bring \$15



HS will meet Sunday
December 4th @ 6:00 p @
SOV in the youth room.

PASTOR'S PAGE



"Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified." Luke 2:9

Driving home at night after the blessing of sitting with my granddaughters for a few hours. Crossing the Fremont bridge, high above the Willamette, looking at the west hills. There were lights twinkling all over. Downtown Portland glowing to the left. There was a quarter moon hanging over it all. It was a lovely sight I would loved to have frozen in time, but I took it in at 50 mph.

The "glory of the Lord shining"? Hardly, but the moment made me think of that light brought forth in Luke's recounting of the birth of the Christ. And yet, who knows, maybe such innocuous moments of light may speak to others of the "glory of the Lord".

Luke says that the folks who took in that shining were terrified. The first words they heard after that startling moment were "be not afraid". From then on did the light give them a sense of peace? Maybe it did. The same sense of calming wonderment that came to me driving across the Fremont bridge at night.

And that sets me to wondering. While we will never know how many folks rolling down Cornell have that feeling when they look up and see a cross on the roof of SOV? And of course in the end this is not about a cross on the roof of our building. It is about being lifted by the light of the Christ at all kinds of moments. Whenever we are worried, overwhelmed, feeling lost, a little bit of light can make a whole lot of difference.

May we pay attention and take in such moments ourselves. May we know that we can be that moment of light for others. May the light of the Christ be a guide for us all this Advent and Christmas season.

In His name,
Pastor Randy

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT...Submitted by Lee Bonacker

Please accept my apologies for this short newsletter. My husband and I suffered from the flu during the Thanksgiving holiday and I'm still ill, so this letter will be a bit truncated. However, drinking eggnog in pajamas for all these days is a bit of a consolation.

The lot partition extension has been approved, as expected. So that extension will provide more time to try to resolve the Lazy Boy easement encroachment problem. Please do pray for a speedy solution to the problem. Wouldn't that be a lovely Christmas present for SOV?

The city of Beaverton also approved the permit for siding. Today, (11/28/11) is a lovely day, and Dave is installing the siding even as this letter is being written. Remember the wind last week? They just couldn't work in that, so the nice weather is appreciated.



Wendy and Linda are coping with some unexpected loss of staff at KOK. Peggy is stepping in to fill the gaps, so please pray for all of them as well. KOK continues to build enrollment, and is a valuable mission for SOV.

Next year's budget will be finished for Council to vote on at this December's council meeting. Thanks to Betty for all her hard work getting those figures together, plus the excellent job she does as Treasurer as well. For example, she puts together the graphs you see in the bulletin every week, so we can all stay abreast of SOV's financial situation. In January, there will be a Town Hall Meeting to vote on the budget. Tammy will let everyone know the date, once it's firmed up.

The Thanksgiving baskets were all put together and delivered on the 20th of November. This was my first time to help with that, and I was so impressed with the organization and thought. Larina has it down! Also, thank you to everyone who contributed to making that ministry possible.

During this month, the Executive Committee and Council worked on a rental contract for the Oregon Evergreen Church. Everyone has received an email with the times, but the information on the times the sanctuary will be used is also on the website calendar. Basically, the times are Sunday afternoons from 1:30 – 5:00, and Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 9:30. The exception is the third Thursday of the month, when Council meets. Then the rental time will switch to Friday on 7:30 – 9:30. We look forward to the blessing that this unexpected rental income will provide for the budget, but also getting together with them for some fellowship activities. The fellowship committee will have the details on that, so I'll let them fill you in.

If I've left anyone or anything out, we'll catch up on the next newsletter. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

SOV Christmas Concert

Be sure to save this date...

Sunday December 11th 6:00 pm

SOV will have its annual Christmas Concert.

A "Merry Olde English Concert"

Come and listen to the music of the SOV Adult Choir, SOV Youth Choir, The Transport Five and an appearance by Bear Noel along with other holiday season favorites.

Please bring your favorite holiday cookies to share.



Just a reminder...



If you use the building please leave it as you found it or better. This means straightening the chairs in the sanctuary, emptying the trash, cleaning up, turning off all lights including bathroom lights and making sure the doors are closed and locked.

Also... SOV does not have janitorial service if you would like to vacuum, dust, clean bathrooms, wash floors, etc. we would appreciate any volunteer help. You can clean at your convenience just let the church office know so that we can cover the areas not being attended to.

Fellowship Committee....Submitted by Diane and Peggy

"Whenever two or more are gathered in his name. . . there is love." That is certainly the feeling that lives here at Shepherd.

First of all, thanks to all who contributed to our "Giving Thanks with a Grateful Heart" dinner. Approximately 80 people attended with lots of positive comments on the meal, the decorations and the program. We appreciate all of you that helped "feed" the piggy. The donations that came in helped cover 90% of the costs of our event. The committee appreciated the feed back. Our program provided updates on several of our committees including the Memorial Endowment committee, Kids of the Kingdom Preschool, and our Middle School and High School Youth Groups activities. And we shared time together . . . visiting with old friends . . . visiting with soon to be friends . . . a good time as a family in Christ. The gift of your presence was appreciated.

Fellowship Committee continued...

Our December fellowship will include our regular Sunday fellowship hour, our SOV children's program being presented during second service on December 11th, our SOV Christmas Concert on the evening of December 11th, Christmas Caroling on Dec. 18, our member luncheon on Thursday December 29th at noon, and a New Year's Day Sunday brunch.

"A Merry Olde English Christmas" is our theme for the Christmas concert on Dec. 11 at 6 PM. Everyone is invited to bring Christmas scones or any family traditional favorite cookie. (all nationalities of Christmas treats are welcome). This will be an event that is filled with youth choir, adult choir, Transport 5, Pastor Randy, Bear Noel and of course we get to have a Christmas sing a long!

Christmas Caroling will be Dec. 18 at 4:30 PM. All ages are encouraged to be part of this fun event! We will meet at the church and car pool to Laurel Parc and Rock Creek Retirement communities and return to SOV for a potluck soup/chili supper. We are looking for a couple volunteers to be at church to keep the soup and chili hot and ready to serve when we get back. Please contact Diane, Peggy or Tammy if you can help.

We will not be providing refreshments during Christmas Eve Services and beverages only on Christmas Day services.

New Years Day Brunch! 11:30 AM

We will celebrate the start of our new year with a New Year's Brunch following our 10:30 AM service. The members of Oregon Evergreen Church (OEC) have been invited to join in our worship and brunch and will be helping contribute food for our brunch.

If you would like to help contribute to our menu feel free to bring a breakfast hot dish, fresh fruit or holiday breakfast breads. As always we want the congregation to know that bringing food is optional as our main focus is spending time together in celebration as a family in Christ as we start a new year together. All ideas and help are welcome.

Fellowship is in continual need of helpers, Sunday treats and supplies (coffee, tea, sugar, creamers, hot chocolate). If you are baking or buying for the holiday season, please consider setting aside some to share with your SOV family. We have lots of freezer space and so would like to get a supply of treats into the freezer to pull out on Sundays when we are light on contributions. We are all busy this time of year. Consider making your contribution of help and supplies.

Lots of fun happens in the kitchen! You would be amazed at all the problem solving that takes place as well as fun and laughter that vibrates through the kitchen! Come share in the many opportunities of fun and fellowship!

As this year comes to a close, we look back on the many times of sharing that have occurred. Lot's of laughs as we have fun working together.

Together in Christ.





Ladies Christmas Dinner

SOV's Annual Ladies Christmas Dinner

Tuesday December 6, 2011

6:00 pm

Crossroads Restaurant

@Embassy Suites Hotel / Tigard

Please RSVP to Charleen Kuykendall

Now Hiring....

Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool is hiring a lead teacher and an aide for their Three's program. Please contact by phone 503-645-0236 or by email kokpreschool@gmail.com to submit your resume. We are looking for creative, energetic and caring people to join our team and would like them to start by the first of January, 2012.

Advent wreaths are attributed to Martin Luther (1483–1546), a German priest who initiated the Protestant Reformation, and they're designed using evergreen branches forming a never-ending circle.

The circle and the evergreen branches both symbolize the promise of eternal life through Christ. Four blue candles (replacing the former colors of purple & pink) are placed on the wreath, representing the four Sundays of Advent. The four blue candles symbolizing hope and the truth of Christ.

A fifth candle, generally white and placed in the center of the wreath, is the Christ candle and is lit on Christmas Eve in honor of His birth.



Advent

JANUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE DECEMBER 20TH

Advent/Christmas Schedule

Wednesday Night Advent

Soup Suppers & Vesper Service

Dates: Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, and 21

5:45 p.m. Soup Supper

6:30 p.m. Vesper Service



Please sign-up in narthex to bring soup or bread

Poinsettia Donations/Remembrances

Sign-up in the narthex beginning November 20



3 Christmas Eve Services

4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

11:00 p.m.

Sunday -Christmas Day Service

One service at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday – New Years Day, Jan 01

One service at 10:30 a.m.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04 Aimable H.	18 Kevin H.
08 Lorna H.	20 Lisa RB
08 Tommy W.	22 Terry W.
09 Sabrina H.	23 Linda R.
09 Hayden P.	24 Ron F.
10 Jessley H.	24 Elaine K.
12 Prosper H.	25 Desire H.
14 Nidhi K.	29 Sheila V.
14 Aaron S.	31 Harvey A.
17 Michael M.	31 Trevor M.
17 John R.	



God's Blessing
 For a
 Joyful New Year
 In
 Life!

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Matt & Theresa Kotvis
December 30th

happy anniversary

SOCIAL CONCERNS...Submitted by Larina Hoffbeck

Thank you to everyone who helped out with this year's Thanksgiving Food Baskets! We had about 40 volunteers (including the confirmation class) over the week-end who provided 43 families with boxes filled with turkey or chicken, fresh vegetables, milk, eggs, stuffing, rolls, pie and other food for their Thanksgiving celebrations.

Our December focus will be Beaverton Youth Second Home, a host home program for homeless high school students in the Beaverton School District which is facilitated by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. We look forward to having a speaker from BYSH at both services on December 11. If you would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please pick up one of their brochures from the Social Concerns bulletin board, or check out their site at: http://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/pdf/community/community_2nd%20Home%20Brochure.pdf



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Kids of the Kingdom

Our Christmas Program is December 13, Tuesday, at 6:30 pm. Families, friends and congregation are all invited.

Pre-K News

We had lots of fun in November! We welcomed a new friend to our class and now we have eight friends to discover and enjoy what God has given us. We watched the weather and noticed the leaves changing color and falling from the trees. We painted leaves then stamped with them. We went on a nature walk and checked off items we found along the way. We collected leaves and made leaf men. We made scarecrows from shapes. We learned about forest animals and sampled foods that God has provided for them. We prepared cornbread muffins and invited our families to a lunchtime Thanksgiving feast. We learned new songs about squirrels, scarecrows, the harvest, turkeys, and being thankful to God. We talked about what it means to be thankful and made a list of what God has given us. We made a book about the forest and animals that live there. We learned about the fruits of the Spirit and how we can be more like Jesus. We decorated turkeys with our families and shared them with our friends at morning circle. We learned new letters and sounds and are continuing counting and patterning. We also had a lot of fun acting out the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff.



Looking ahead to December, we will focus on the nativity story. We will dress up as wise men and shepherds and the Holy family. We will have several managers available so everyone will have an opportunity to play with baby Jesus. We will make stars and sheep. We will talk about giving and make gifts for our families at our own "elf workshop." We will learn new songs about the birth of baby Jesus, stars, shepherds, and angels. We will continue counting, patterning, weather watching and graphing. We will review letters we have learned and make a special nativity book to share with our families. We will make a special snack and share it with our friends in the Threes Class. We will also have special evening Christmas program and invite our families to share songs and the story of Jesus' birth. We will play outside as the weather permits and enjoy the world God has created for us.

Three's News

We learned lots about Thanksgiving in November-Turkeys, giving thanks and counting our blessings. We enjoyed the bean filled sensory table and pumpkin smelling playdoh. Our month ended with us sharing Thanksgiving songs and pumpkin muffins we made with our families.

December brings the nativity story. We will learn about the birth of Jesus, the angels and shepherds sharing the great news and the kings who brought gifts to the newborn king. We will count to ten with the song "Angel Band" and learn several new songs for our Christmas Program. We will make lots of green and red things to decorate our classroom (remember to wear appropriate play clothes for these messy occasions).



2's News

In November, we finished up our fall theme with orange, yellow and brown colors. We made a turkey placemat, a feather turkey and a thank you Lord pumpkin. We painted, played with the trains and playdoh and cooked muffins for snack. We welcomed a new friend to our class.

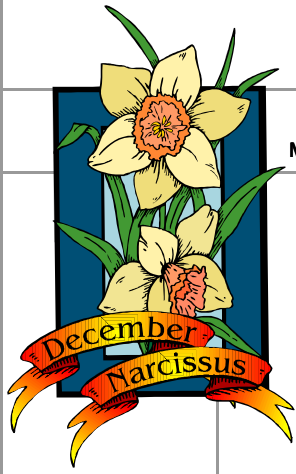
December we look to the nativity story. We will make puppets, retell the Christmas story using picture magnets and learn songs for our Christmas program. We are a very busy group!

Christmas Caroling

Sunday December 18th
Meeting at SOV to carpool
Caroling will take place at Laurel Parc and Rock
Creek Retirement Centers
Followed by potluck chili/soup supper.



December 2011



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 9:00 a KOK 1:00 - 7:00 p Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30 p Men's Night OEC 7:30 - 9:30p</p>	<p>2 9:00 KOK</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Birthday Sunday Blood Pressure ck Scrip Order 6 p HS Youth Group OEC 1:30 - 5:00p</p>	<p>5 9:00 a KOK</p>	<p>6 7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 a KOK/Chapel 6:00 p Ladies Christmas Dinner Crossroads @ Embassy Suites 6:30 p Youth Choir Practice</p>	<p>7 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 5:45 p Soup Supper 6:30 p Vesper Service</p>	<p>8 9:00 a KOK 7:00 p LLL OEC 7:30 - 9:30p</p>	<p>9 9:00 KOK 5:00-9:00 p Youth Group Childcare fundraiser</p>	
<p>11 8:30 Worship 11:00 a SS Christmas Program 12 - 6:30 p Youth Group Outing 6:00 p Christmas Concert OEC 1:30 - 5:00p</p>	<p>12 9:00 a KOK</p>	<p>13 9:00 a KOK 6:00 - 7:30 p KOK Christmas Program</p>	<p>14 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 5:45 p Soup Supper 6:30 p Vesper Service</p>	<p>15 10:00 a LLL 6:15 a Executive Council 7:00 p Council Meeting</p>	<p>16 9:00 KOK</p> <p>OEC 7:30 - 9:30p</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship No Sunday School Caroling & Soup Supper</p> <p>OEC 1:30 - 5:00p</p>	<p>19 Winter Break</p>	<p>20 Winter Break</p>	<p>21 5:45 p Soup Supper 6:30 p Vesper Service Winter Break</p>	<p>22 Winter Break OEC 7:30 - 9:30p</p>	<p>23 Winter Break</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Worship 4:00 p 6:00 p 11:00 p</p>
<p>25 Christmas Day Worship 10:30 a No Sunday School</p> <p>OEC 1:30-5:00p</p>	<p>26 Winter Break</p>	<p>27 Winter Break</p>	<p>28 Winter Break</p>	<p>29 12:00 p All Church Luncheon Winter Break OEC 7:30 - 9:30p</p>	<p>30 Winter Break</p>	<p>31 New Years Eve</p>