

HATE THE EVIL, AND LOVE THE GOOD,

AND ESTABLISH JUDGMENT IN THE GATE:
IT MAY BE THAT THE LORD GOD OF HOSTS WILL BE
GRACIOUS UNTO THE REMNANT OF JOSEPH.

AMOS 5:15 (KJV)



Operation Christmas Child

Please Note: Today, 11/12, is the last day for the Sunday School children to bring presents to put in the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to those who have given or are giving. We will make a boy and a girl very happy this Christmas.

This is a project of Samaritan's Purse. We are filling 2 shoe boxes with small Christmas presents for needy children somewhere in the world: one box for a boy (5-9 years old) and one box for a girl (5-9 years old). The filled shoe boxes will be taken to a collection center at North Creek Church in Walnut Creek. They will make sure the boxes get to their destinations in time for Christmas. We will have helped make Christmas special for a boy and a girl somewhere in the world.

Ideas for gifts are toys (dolls, stuffed animals, toy trucks and cars, yo-yo, jump rope, stickers), school supplies (pencils, pens, crayons, small notebooks), personal items (bar soap, brush, comb, hair accessories, sunglasses, small purse). There are many suggestions on the Operation Christmas Child website. We may also put a Christmas card in each box with our church address in case the recipient is willing and able to write back. Note: No weapons, sharp items, breakable items, liquid items or food. Contact Janine Crowe with questions.



Holy Shepherd Christian Preschool
presents their
Annual Christmas Play
depicting the very first Christmas
December 4 at 11:30 in Gregersen Hall



Altar flowers this morning have been given by Belle Lindskoog.

Annual Wine Event

Come join us for
a holiday get-together
Saturday, December 2, 5:00 p.m.
Home of Joan Kiekhaefer &
Steve Rosenzweig
95 Sleepy Hollow Lane, Orinda
Bring a bottle of wine and
a heavy appetizer to share
RSVP to Lisa Merlin
510.506.2061 or
merlinfmly@aol.com



THE GREAT COOKIE EXCHANGE

Saturday, December 9
10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Gregersen Hall
Bring 2 - 3 dozen cookies to
share and also a \$5
Christmas ornament or
a white elephant gift.
Cristi Chow is the
contact person

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
November 12, 2017
Phone 925-254-3422
www.holyshepherd.org
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY - 12:15 pm, Bible Lunch Bunch,
Lesson 4, Acts 3; CFM Library, Bring your
own lunch

November 16 - 9:00 am Women's Bible
Study, Lesson 5, Acts 4, CFM

November 20 - 10:00 am, XMAS mailing for
troops

Preschool closed through November 24

November 22 - Loaves & Fishes, Pittsburg

November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

Office & LARC Closed through November 24

November 26 - Begin one service at 9:30 am
through December 31

December 2 - Annual Wine Event off-site

December 3 - First Sunday in Advent

December 4 - 11:30 am Preschool Annual
Christmas Play

December 7 - 9:00 am Women's Bible Study,
CFM



You are invited to write a Christmas Letter to a soldier serving in a Combat Zone in the Afghanistan/

Iraq theatres.

We are asking each HSLC member/family to submit **ONE** greeting/letter/ drawing on the special stationery designed for this important ministry. Please write/draw your message of support, appreciation and encouragement in bold black ink, sign and drop them in the baskets provided **no later than November 19!**

We could also use any hotel sample size individual soaps, toothpaste and brushes, packaged wet wipes, lotions or moisturizing soap (body wash) to mail to the troops.

Worshippers will have the opportunity to compose their thoughts at the coffee hours following each service.

A special letter-writing party is scheduled for **November 19** in the CFM in place of **Adult Education**.

Join us Monday, November 20, at 10:00 a.m. to prepare all for mailing to our troops!

Save the Following Dates

Denny & Paula Lofstrom of International Health Partners will be visiting the Bay Area in January. They will speak at our services on **January 21st**. We will have a fundraiser for them the evening of Saturday, **January 27th**. Also, there will be a sign-up during the coffee hour starting mid-December, if you would like to have them for lunch or dinner during their stay in the Bay area!



Holy Shepherd will again be assisting Orinda Community Church with Winter Nights the week of **February 3rd - 10th**. Sign ups will be in mid-January.



November 12 Robert Fleischmann
Nils Kjell
November 14 Donna Benseler
November 18 **Fred & Marla Schroeder**



Marty Party



HEALING

*Donna Zelinski Dottie Russell
Carol Kramer Dona Lawrentz
Marlys Howard Laverne Rodean
Calvin (grandson of Pastor Ken [SOV in the 1970's] & Earna Mikulasek) who is undergoing cancer treatments at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston.*

WELLNESS

*Mary Moore Pearl Gregersen
Rolf Benseler Pat Tveitmoe
Cathy Johnson Grace Adams*

PEACE / COMFORT

*Laura Lyman Kitti Colucci
Rosemarie Routson*

THOSE WHO GRIEVE

*Prayers go out to Donna Zelinski whose mother, Frances Zonfrello, passed away last week following a lengthy illness.
Christian sympathies go out to John and Pat Pomidor at the death of John's mother, Jeannette Pomidor, this past week. Memorial services will be held in Florida, with an interment service pending in Ohio.*

MILITARY

*Keep our armed forces safe and give them courage, hope and strength.
Ryan Bingham Brian Henson
Megan Howard*

All those affected by:

Hurricane Harvey (includes Daniel and Sungie Song), Hurricanes Irma and Maria; Mexico City Earthquake; Las Vegas Shooting; Northern CA Fires; Sutherland Springs, TX - Church Shooting

LARC needs buttons for an upcoming project. Flat back buttons are best but they will take any and all. You will find containers where you can deposit the buttons in Gregersen Hall and CFM. Thank you for helping!



Adopting a Homeless Person or Family for Christmas

Would you like to help a formerly homeless person or family get set up in their apartment? Lutheran Social Services has a program they call "Home, Sweet Home" where a basket of household supplies are given to the family or young adult who is transitioning from homeless to an apartment. Since they may only have a grocery bag holding all their possessions we can help someone set up house keeping in their new apartment with all the basics. A list of helpful items is in Gregersen Hall. Please choose some items you might be willing to buy and sign your name and check the items you'd like to bring. We will begin collecting these items December 3 through December 10. This will be a wonderful way to share your joy of Christmas with someone who could use a hand up. Questions...contact Diana Yorgan 925-788-2957 or Cristi Chow 925-876-0352.

**New Day, New Week,
and New Possibilities!**

Sunday, November 12

8:30 am Traditions Worship Service
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Gregersen Hall hosted by Gerry & Barbara Perry
9:45 am Education for all ages
10:45 am Celebrations Worship Service
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM hosted by Louise & Howard Harpham
12:15 pm KCCL Worship
12:15 pm Bible & Lunch Bunch CFM, Lesson 4, Acts 3; bring your own lunch. **Correction: Please note there is NO meeting on 11/19.**

Monday, November 13

10:30 am AA Meeting
11:00 am LARC
3:30 pm Orinda Mandarin Program

Tuesday, November 14

10:30 am Preschool Chapel
11:00 am Caregiver Coffee
11:00 am LARC
6:00 pm Boy Scout Pack Meeting
7:00 pm Heritage Fund Meeting

Wednesday, November 15

10:30 am Preschool Chapel
11:00 am LARC
3:30 pm Orinda Mandarin Program
7:30 pm Al-Anon
7:30 pm Spirit Borne

Thursday, November 16

9:00 am Women's Bible Study, Lesson 5, Acts 4, CFM
11:00 am LARC
6:00 pm Canticle Choir
7:00 pm Bell Choir

Friday, November 17

11:00 am LARC
7:30 pm KCCL Taize

Saturday, November 18

Sunday, November 19 (Coffee in CFM after both services with letter writing event)

8:30 am Traditions Worship Service
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM
9:45 am Letter Writing for Chaplains Wings
10:45 am Celebrations Worship Service
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM hosted by Bob & Marci Bauer
Letter Writing for Chaplains Wings
12:15 pm KCCL Worship

*One Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
November 26 - December 31
December 3 First Sunday in Advent
Christmas Eve Services
4, 6 and 10 p.m.*

The weekly news inserts are available on the church's website every week - go to www.holyshepherd.org and click on Weekly News.

Attendance November 5
8:30 a.m. 69 10:45 a.m. 32

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