

The Shepherd's Crook



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A VIEW FROM THE PEWS.....

I've been thinking a lot lately about serving others. With the annual youth group mission trip coming up in July, it comes as no surprise that my mind would drift that way. What sometimes surprises me is that more people don't get involved in serving others. Don't get me wrong; I'm not necessarily talking about our church, but the church in general (all of God's people as a whole regardless of denomination). What could possibly be holding Christians back? I think the reasons are varied and numerous.

I believe some people may think that they are not good enough to be used by God. Many Christians may have only superficially skimmed the Bible. Their ideas of God and the way He accomplishes His ends are based on vague recollections of things learned in Sunday school many years before or through what they've seen in movies. Think of your best friend. Unless your best friend is your twin (Suzanne, Jolene, Mason, Colby, and Becky... you're off the hook), there was a time that your best friend was a stranger. How did that person become your best friend? You met her, liked her, and wanted to know more about her. You asked her questions, spent time with her, got to know her, and grew to love her. It became as if you had never not known her.

That is the relationship God longs for with each of us. When we take the time to explore His word and discover His heart for us, we begin to learn more

about His character. We begin to realize that God uses flawed people. He uses unlikely people. He uses the small and weak to confound the great and strong. He does this more often than not. Paul tells us repeatedly in 2 Corinthians, Chapter 13 that when we are weak, we are strong in Christ. The fact is that God's strength shows most brilliantly and undeniably when He accomplishes His purposes through the most unlikely channels. There can be no doubt to Whom the glory is due.

We may think we don't have the tools we need to do the job. There is a saying that I like: "God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called." Our main stumbling block most times is that we think we know better than God. Have you ever had an unexplainable urge to do something you've never tried before, but then you talk yourself out of it? I believe we do this a lot with God. I believe He calls us to serve in many areas, but we choose not to follow that calling because we feel we are not equipped to do the job.

My first several mission trips were very frightening. I had no idea what to expect and was very nervous about doing everything "right". Each one got a little easier, but the last one was amazing. I made the decision before we left for San Diego that I would completely empty myself of expectation and any preconceived ideas of how *I wanted things to go*. Instead, I really tried to just seek God and love

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on whoever He put in front of me. I didn't worry about how to do it "right". I just prayed about everything and faced each situation with a servant attitude, trusting in God to equip me as each need presented itself. You know what? He never let me down once! If you feel called, step out in faith. God is faithful to equip you with whatever you need.

We don't realize that as Christians, we are *commanded* to spread the Gospel, making disciples of all men.

The Great Commission, Matthew 28:16-20 "Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

Jesus defines "disciple" for us in the passage as one who observes all that he (Jesus) has commanded. What has Jesus commanded? When asked what the greatest commandments were he answered:

"The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

Any other command Jesus gives in scripture falls in line with these two commandments. When we face the world with a servant attitude, whether in a position of servitude or leadership, seeking first to love God and love our neighbor, great things happen. When our heart is in sync with God's heart and we see others through God's eyes, we will naturally care for them as God would and want to serve them. When we see a person who is unsaved and perishing, it should break our hearts as it does God's. In word and deed, we are called to be Christ's epistle to the world as Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 2:15-17.

"For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those

who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ."

The biggest thing that holds any of us back is thinking that we need to serve God in our own strength. Not only is that difficult; it is impossible. Jesus tells us we must be perfect as God is perfect. Paul tells us all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. What is the answer? The answer is the undeserved grace of Christ. His death on the cross covers our imperfections like putty covers nail holes in a wall. In Christ, we are perfected. When we give ourselves to Him confessing that He is the Lord of our lives and we believe in our hearts that God has raised Him from a death freely given for the remission of our sin, then we become vessels that He can use to touch the lives of others.

How can you serve? Believe. Believe that through Christ and His strength you are good enough to serve. Believe that Christ, through the Holy Spirit, will equip you to serve. Believe that He has called you to be His hands and feet in the world, making disciples of all men. Get to know Him and just believe.

—Bill Boucher

Thank you for supporting Presbyterian Women's Annual Mothers Day Flower Sale. Over a \$1000 was made to help support the Youth Mission Trip and Camperships!

—Barbara Swanson & Dawn Diehl

The deadline for the July issue of The Shepherd's Crook is Saturday, June 15.



June:

- 02 Jackie Noland
Diane Welling
- 05 Marsha Morton
Barbara Swanson
- 12 Burton Kugler
- 14 Teri Longenecker
- 15 Jane Seid
- 16 Harley Brown
- 17 Connie van der Vegt
- 18 Donna Cadwallader
Sean Sands
Hazen Harvell
- 20 Chad Hestermann
- 24 Carissa Mendez
- 26 Fred Finke
- 28 Jim Frustaci
- 30 Scott Watson

Flock D is responsible for Ushers, Communion Servers & Coffee Hour Servers during the month of June. **Elders for Flock D** are **Mary Kennedy and Carissa Mendez.**

Members of Flock D:

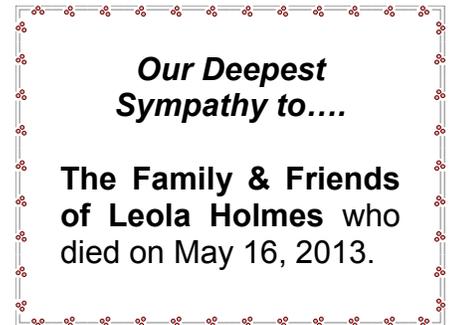
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- Donna Brecht
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- Maxine Chappell
- Mary Cooksey
- Ted & Chaney Cooper
- McKenna, Rowan
- Mike & Dawn Diehl
- Justin, Jude
- Jim & Jeannette Frustaci
- Steve & Julie Hammack
- Claire, Jillian
- Dan & Anise Herod
- Wally Hill
- Mary Hull
- Penny & Robert Kountz
- Matt, Dylan, Brian, Robbie
- Evan League
- Jimmy Martinez
- Jim & Mary McCarron
- Art & Jan Myers
- Diana Rau
- Sara & Larry Tyburczyk
- Wendy
- Michelle & Scott Watson
- Jolene, Suzanne, Kristiana,
- Alexis
- Jerry Wetsel

- June 2** Vera Waldron's 66th wedding anniversary
- June 9** Noel & Joyce Matthews 42nd anniversary
- June 16 OPEN**
- June 23 OPEN**
- June 30 OPEN**

Arrangements are \$20 each. Please pay one week in advance so that we can order the flowers. Thank you!



Joe Vail, Jerry Noland, Jan Carlson, David Hull, John Maphet, Betty Casady, Donna Cadwallader, Pat Pester, Joan Moore's granddaughter, Katerina; Blane, Ava, & Tiffany; Brittany Otter, Petra Apps, Connie Jungbluth, Birda Siani, Abby Fessler, Catherine Roy, Ina Hansen, the Presbytery of Zimbabwe; our military men & women, clients of our Food Bank, clients of Growing Home.



 There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those of you who would be willing to provide special music (vocal or instrumental) for worship during the summer months when the choir is on break. The choir's last Sunday to sing is May 26 so we will need volunteers from June 2 through Labor Day to provide the anthem (and offertory if you wish). Please sign up. Thank you!





During the month of April the Food Bank gave out 218 orders to 167 families, serving a total of 568 people (which included 226 children served). Items needed for June are: toilet paper, crackers (Ritz-type or saltines) and bar soap. If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring to the Food Bank or place in the bench in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support.

FINANCE NEWS

The good news is...Good Shepherd finances are about where they should be for this time of year. Thank you for your continuing support. Income from pledges and contributions should be \$12,716 per month to meet our annual budget. Rental income should add approximately \$2,416 per month. Through May 12, actual income from pledges and contributions total \$61,001, and rental income is \$8,927.

The operating budget expenses should average \$16,131 per month. Our current monthly average is about \$13,700. This means that all of us our being good financial stewards.

Other financial news includes the following contributions over and above pledges and contributions:

One Great Hour	\$800.01
GSPC Food Bank	\$607.00
Two Cents a Meal	\$176.97
Youth mission and Triennium	\$2,238.00

If you have any questions about specific income or expenses, please contact a member of the Finance Committee.

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Hope you are saving your gently used items to donate to our Annual Yard & Bake Sale to be held on Friday & Saturday, June 28th and 29th. Due to VBS being on June 17-21, you will not be able to bring items in until Saturday, June 22nd. Lots of volunteers will be needed to carry up items, price, sort, etc. starting after church on Sun., June 23rd and continuing in the mornings throughout the week. Also, lots of baked items, jams, jellies, etc. will be needed. Contact Barbara Swanson if you can help!

GOOD SHEPHERD AND GOOD COOKS

DESSERT COFFEE CAKE

Source: Sue Holland

Cream together:

1/2 C. sugar 1/2 C. shortening 1 egg

Add:

1 1/2 C. flour 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 C. milk

Mix well. Spread half of this mixture in a greased 8 x 8 pan.

Filling: (Mix ingredients together)

1/4 C. brown sugar 1 T. flour
1 T. cinnamon 1/4 C. dates
1/4 C. nuts 1/4 C. melted butter

Sprinkle over dough and spread remaining dough over filling. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. (I usually double the recipe to make a 9 x 13 pan)

ORANGE COFFEE CAKE

Source: Sue Holland

1/2 C. shortening 1/4 tsp. salt
1 C. sugar 2 C. flour
2 eggs peel of 1/2 orange
1 C. sour milk 1 C. raisins
1 t. soda

Grind the orange peel and raisins together and set aside. Cream shortening, sugar and eggs. Mix soda in sour milk and add alternately with dry ingredients. Add ground orange peel and raisins. Pour into a greased 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

TOPPING:

1/2 c. Sugar Juice of one orange

Blend and pour over warm cake.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

In one of the chapters of Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose Driven Life*, he talks about servants and service. Greatness is defined in terms of power, possessions and prestige. Not many aspire to be the best servant or even to be a servant. Even Jesus' disciples argued about which one should be considered the most favored.

Rick Warren states that everyone wants to lead, and no one wants to be a servant. Perhaps some of us want to be neither servant nor leader. We argue that we have been there and done that; it is someone else's turn.

Real servants make themselves available. They pay attention to needs; they do their best with what they have. Real servants do every task with equal dedication, and they are faithful to their ministry. Finally, real servants maintain a low profile.

Rev. Warren names John Wesley as an incredible servant of God. His motto was "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can." That is greatness.

In these current times of change and opportunity at Good Shepherd, look for ways you can help—those small tasks no one else is doing, or even some big task that seems too much to handle. If all of us continue to do all we can, we will be blessed. Your ministry matters.

If you are not sure how or where to help, contact a session member or the church office. A place or project will be found for you.

Submitted by Joyce Matthews



Following a very challenging year in 2012, I am delighted to share good news in this letter! First, we are looking forward to partnering with 14 congregations this summer for Partnership Day Camps. We expect to see nearly 600 children and youth in Partnership Day Camps this summer and we are excited that much of the funding of this program is coming from Denver Presbytery and the Synod of the Rocky Mountains. This funding enables us to send out two teams of staff members every week this summer and to partner with 14 congregations.

Our second piece of good news is that a generous supporter of Highlands has offered a \$70,000 Matching Grant for our mid-year debt reduction payment. Highlands has loan payments of \$144,000 due by June 23rd. For each dollar donated to Highlands for debt reduction between now and June 20th, we will receive a \$1 matching gift up to a maximum of \$70,000. Imagine . . . if we raise \$70,000 we will receive an additional \$70,000 to reduce our debt! These are required payments . . . and a generous donor has already offered to help us with the last half of this challenge if we will meet the first half.

Daily during this Lenten season, I am reading Gospeled Lives by John Indermark. This devotional book focuses on encounters with Jesus. The author writes "Gospeled lives are lives profoundly affected by an encounter with Jesus." I enjoy reading these Gospel stories because they are the foundation of the story we live and tell at Highlands. Each weekend . . . and especially in the summer . . . people leave Highlands having encountered Christ. They return to their daily routines to live Gospeled lives, profoundly affected by their time here at Highlands.

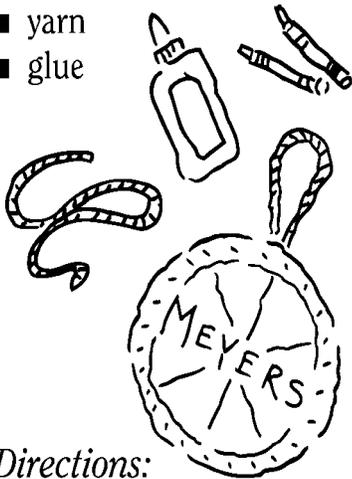
Can you help us now to meet his matching grant challenge? Every \$1 you give will be matched by \$1. Our hope is to raise \$70,000 by June 20th and fully meet this challenge! Thank you for being our partner in ministry! Thank you for your generosity to Highlands. (You can give through GSPC—just mark your checks Highlands Camp.)

—Maria Shupe, Highlands Camp

Make a Family Shield

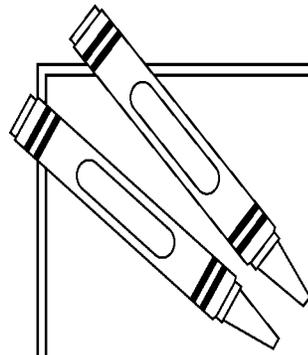
Materials you'll need:

- a paper plate
- crayons or markers
- yarn
- glue



Directions:

1. Write your last name on the paper plate.
2. Divide the plate into sections, one for each member of your family. Don't forget your pets!
3. Fill in each section with a different design for each family member. Include their favorite colors, foods, hobbies or anything that describes them.
4. Glue a piece of yarn to the back to use as a hanger. Be sure the glue is dry before hanging your shield.



Just for **KIDS**

Fathers and Sons of the Bible

Proverbs 13:1 says,
"A wise son heeds his father's instruction."

In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of these fathers and their sons from the Old Testament. Names may be forward, backward, diagonal,  up or down. Circle them.

ADAM	JAPHETH	ISHMAEL	JUDAH	JOSEPH
CAIN	ELKANAH	ISAAC	LEVI	MANASSEH
ABEL	SAMUEL	ESAU	GAD	EPHRAIM
SETH	AARON	JACOB	NAPHTALI	SAUL
NOAH	NADAB	REUBEN	SIMEON	JONATHAN
HAM	HUR	DAN	ISSACHAR	DAVID
SHEM	CALEB	ASHER	ZEBULUN	SOLOMON
	ABRAHAM		BENJAMIN	

M A N A S S E H E S A U A W
 I B I D O H S I S S A U L R
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June 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOTE: Barb Mitchell will be on vacation thru June 11th.						1 SH 12–6 pm
2 Guest Preacher Communion Summer Hours Begin 9 am BBQ after church	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4	5	6	7 Babysitting Night 4–11 pm (FH) (Fundraiser for Shea & Shelby For Triennium)	8 Memorial Service for Leola Holmes GSPC Sanctuary 10 a.m. SH 12–6 pm
9 Guest Preacher SH 8:30am–2 pm	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 Session (FH) 6:30 pm	12	13	14 Set up for VBS	15 SH 12–6 pm Set up for VBS
16 Guest Preacher 2 Cents Meal Father's Day SH 8:30am–2 pm	17 VBS Day Camp 9 am–noon	18 VBS Day Camp 9 am–noon	19 VBS Day Camp 9 am–noon	20 VBS Day Camp 9 am–noon	21 FH 3pm-midnight SH 5pm-midnight VBS Day Camp 9 am–noon	22 SH 12–6 pm FH 8 am–6 pm
23 Guest Preacher SH 2–6 pm SH 8:30am–1 pm	24 Yard Sale Sort & Price 9am–noon	25 Church Women United 9–1 Yard Sale Sort & Price 9 am–noon	26 Yard Sale Sort & Price 9 am–noon	27 Yard Sale Sort & Price 9 am–noon	28 Church Yard Sale 8 am–2 pm	29 Church Yard Sale 8 am–2 pm
30 Guest Preacher SH 8:30 am–2 pm						

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Sunday School 8:45 am
Adult Classes 8:30 am
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Nursery provided all morning



**The purpose of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
is to receive God's unfailing love with gratitude
and to pass on what we have received from God in Christ
to our community, nation, and the world
with excitement, reverence, and holy love.**



**-We receive nurture for discipleship through worship,
teaching, fellowship, and mutual support.**



**-We then live out our faith in God by serving others
in the power of the Holy Spirit through mission and outreach.**