

THE HORN

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OUR MISSION: To proclaim the message of Christ through joyful worship,
quality education and loving service.

AUGUST 2011

**Rally
Day
Kickoff**
Sunday
August 21

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**CHILDREN'S
FAITH CONNECTION
KICK-OFF**

+

**POT LUCK
PICNIC
AFTER CHURCH**

Confirmation Class

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 6-7:30
FOR 6TH AND 7TH GRADERS**

**Wednesday Night
FAITH & FELLOWSHIP**

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**Kids Choir
Begins**

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**Wednesday night
Adult
Classes 6:05-7:30 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 5:30—7:30 P.M.
EVERY WEEK, STARTS WITH A KID-FRIENDLY DINNER**

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8:30AM
Contemporary Service
10:30 AM
Children's Faith Connection
(formerly Sunday School)
30 mins. during late worship

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE *by Pr. Bob Willse*

Dear Partners in Ministry:



Last month Joan and I flew to L.A. to see the play *Les Miserables*. As we were driving we saw the signs that the "I-405" would be closed for a weekend. I wondered what was happening that an entire stretch of the freeway would be closed. After we came home, I saw on the news that Caltrans was closing the freeway as part of the widening process. And so "CARMAGEDDON" was born.

There was fear that all of the L.A. basin would come to a screeching halt, since the I-405 is such a major freeway. But as we discovered, people made other plans, they looked ahead and envisioned a weekend without gridlock. They stayed home. They worked together. They planned, gathered resources, and took the steps necessary to avoid gridlock and disappointment. Likewise in Northern California the Bay Bridge has been closed for a number of three-day weekends as the "new" bridge is built.



We have faced detours and closed roads before, and will face them in the future as well. For some, those become opportunities for something new and different while for others it is just one more frustration in life.



We are facing one of those "detours" here at Shepherd of the Hills in the near future. As was announced at the May Semi-Annual meeting, our line of credit is coming due with a huge balloon payment. We used this money to renovate the buildings we have made into our education complex and the SHY building, as well as provide some relief for our budgets in the last six years. Now we must pay off that debt as we move forward in ministry. Consider it our own "widening the ministry" moment.

An application has been made with Thrivent to borrow the money. I am confident that Thrivent will approve our request, but we will be conducting a financial campaign to pay for this loan. The Steering Team has set a goal of \$250,000 to be raised during the *3-year campaign*. Sunday, September 18 is pledge Sunday. You will be hearing more about this campaign during August and early September. I am asking you now to begin thinking, praying and preparing for your pledge to this necessary campaign.

Shalom
Pastor Bob



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Laura Barton*

If you were in second service on Sunday July 24th you were lucky enough to hear our Worship Team share, "This is the Stuff" (that drives me crazy) by Francesca Battistelli.

For those of you who weren't lucky enough to hear it, it is a wonderful song about how the little things in our life that inconvenience us and sometimes get in the way of remembering how blessed we are. My personal favorite was the line about losing your cell phone. However, the line that stays with me the most is, "In the middle of my little mess, I forget how big I'm blessed." We are incredibly blessed and all God asks of us is that we use and share our blessings.



Sometimes when we get caught up in the big stuff, and little stuff we forget to notice the blessings. Shepherd of the Hills is a very blessed congregation.

We have a building, yes, we owe \$\$\$, but we've got a beautiful building that meets our needs for worship, education, fellowship, and our school.

We also have a staff that is very dedicated to the business of the church, overseeing the worship of our church, and keeping us all connected. We have amazing volunteers; I can't begin to add the hours each week that are volunteered. And last, but definitely not least, we are blessed with a great variety of members and regular attenders.

People who walk in our doors always feel welcomed and valued. We may not always agree with everyone, but we are united with the purpose of worshiping and serving our Lord. We are truly blessed here at SOTH.

When August 21st rolls around please take time to stay for a potluck and help kick off the beginning of another exciting academic year at SOTH. It will be the kick-off for lots of events that you can be a part of. If you are new to SOTH we invite you to join us so we can get to know you a little better and you can get to know your church family a little better.

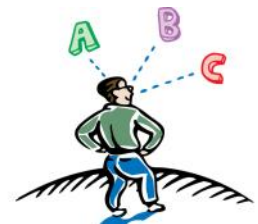
If you are wondering how you can be involved, please ask someone on the Steering Team, we would be happy to help you find what you are looking for. The small group leaders will be there to answer questions about their respective groups. There is something, big or small for everyone. Definitely join us for the potluck when we can celebrate the blessings of our church and Kick Off the new academic year.

Hope to see each of you in church for **joyful worship!**

Watch for and become involved in **quality education.**

Lend a hand to help out with **loving service.**

Laura Barton



There's a place
for **You!**

TREASURER'S REPORT *by Bruce Smith, Treasurer*

The finance team, representing the congregation for the Steering Team, met for the first time in July. One of the items we discussed was the financial reports that are posted monthly to the Steering Team Bulletin board in the Office hallway. They are posted there for your review. We also just talked about our views of the church finances and how we fit in. You have a great group representing and checking the accounting for you. The team consists of myself (Treasurer), Gene Clark (Financial Secretary), Esther Merkel (Bookkeeper), Joan Strader (Office Manager), Richard Barela (Congregational member), and Susan Gibbs (Congregational member). If you want to know about the church finances feel free to discuss it with any of us. If you have issues with the accounting or expenses, again feel free to contact us. We are there for you.

June 30th ended the church fiscal year. The numbers below represent where we ended the year. July 1st starts the new Fiscal year. The monthly accounting is not finished up until approximately the 10th of the month, so the reporting in the Horn articles will always be one month behind. Last month represented offerings and expenses thru 31 May. The following numbers represent the entire fiscal year through 30 June.

Financial Numbers:

Jun 11 Income	June 11 Expenses	Jun 11 Balance
29,574.36	34,853.44	-5,278.43
July 10 – June 11 Income	July 10 – June 11 Expenses	YTD Balance
386,890.79 (307,503 Projected)	384,937.53 (345,397 Projected)	-12,215.75 (we took two loan advances totaling 14,200)

Loan Balances:

1 st Mortgage Thrivent	\$448,437.00 (1159.20 Principal/1826.49 Interest payments made)
American River Bank (AMR) Revolving	
Building Loan	\$104,290.29
Operational Advances	<u>\$ 69,331.21</u>
Total AMR	\$173,621.50 (1965.00 Principal/550.40 Interest payments made)
Total Loan Balances:	\$622,059.26 as of 31 June 2011
Total Loan Balances:	\$637,224.50 as of 01 July 2010

In May 2011 the church voted in a balanced budget of \$363,009. That means we expect to receive in offerings (pledged, non-pledged, and cash), contributions thru events, contributions from the Preschool, contributions from employers as matching funds at least \$363,009. We also expect to have expenses throughout the year totaling \$363,009.

Thank you for your pledges, contributions, and offerings. They make the church and the work in our community possible. The Mocha Java Challenge for the month of July has been met every week so far. Thank you for forgoing one Mocha or coffee or other treat each week. It is making a difference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce D. Smith
SOTH Treasurer 2011-2014



STEWARDSHIP TEAM *by Bob Popey*

February 1945, in the very rural Bavarian Forest, World War II intruded in an area of Germany largely physically unaffected by the war. An American bomber on a raid to destroy the Messerschmitt Factory south of Regensburg, took flac which badly damaged the plane, the pilot managed to keep the plane aloft, allowing one of his crew to parachute to safety, before crashing into a field on a small farm near the village of Haselbach. The rest of the crew died in the crash.



MEMORIAL

What do these events have to do with the people of Shepherd of the Hills, on another continent half a world away. I have been doing a lot of research and reading to take on the Challenges of the Stewardship Team and a major theme I have discovered, is why we join a Church, why we join in the Ministry and mission, and why we give of our time, talents and money. The Church gives us the Opportunity to share with others of ourselves. In other words God has built into us the "Need to Give."

What do these things have to do with each other? The rest of the story I believe is instructive. In January of 2006, I was trying to improve my German and was reading on line versions of newspapers in various places we liked to visit. In one I found a classified ad for a property (which we weren't in the market for) in the area of our favorite part of Germany. On a whim we followed it up, and in June became the owners of a small farm. After the closing, we met at the farm to do a hand over tour, get the keys, and have a celebratory beer. The brother of the previous owner told us about the plane wreck. We did try to follow up with the Historian of the Air Force in Europe, thinking that perhaps a small memorial would be in order. The Americans had nothing for us. So the thoughts of a remembrance ended.

Robbie, Anja, and I arrived here on Sunday and within hours was told the Mayor wanted to speak with us. The people of the village had for quite some time, felt the need to honor these men that died here among them. Now the conditions were favorable to do just that. Americans now owned the property, a boy that saw the plane go down, now at 80 years old, is a Stone Mason who will donate the marker and engraving, and other people of the village will prepare the ground and do the installation, all to commemorate men who were war enemies.

These people saw the opportunity to give of themselves, some at significant cost. This is their need to remember and are aggressively pursuing the opportunity. In the coming months we will have similar opportunities to engage the Ministry of Shepherd of the Hills. We have a large financial challenge ahead, but this is our opportunity to participate with God in his Work.

Bob Popey



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE TEAM *by Kristina Haugen*



Annual Picnic Join us for our Annual Church Picnic Pot Luck on Sunday, August 21st after late service. We will be kicking off the Fall activities and sharing fellowship as we get ready for the start of School and get ready for the usual fall beginnings. There is a sign-up sheet in the Atrium for you to say what you will bring. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be available. But this year we will accept free will offerings to cover the cost of the meat. (Sorry, it's a budget thing!)

SMALL GROUPS NEWS *by Small Group Leader Jacquie Smith*

Well, as hard as it is to believe, the summer is coming to an end. And that means the start up of several of our Small Groups: HIS People, White Water, and Women's Evening Bible Study (WEBS) to name a few. I hope that everyone has had a great summer and are refreshed and ready to start a new year of activities with your respective Small Group.



Women's EVENING BIBLE STUDY
 WEBS will meet for the first time on August 22 and are beginning a nine-month study "TO FOLLOW AND TO SERVE": The Gospel of Mark. They meet the 4th Monday of each month from 7 PM to 8:45 PM in the Education II building at church. WEBS invites you to visit and join in the fun and discussion. They are a group of women, some young and some of mature years, some who are veterans of Bible studies and some who are studying the Bible for the first time; all would love to share your company. Your questions may be directed to Co-leaders Joan Marquand-Willse (448-4757) or Ginny Kingsbury (365-2657).

HIS People begins their fall session September 12th and will finish the study "The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah", a part of the Faith Lessons Series by Ray Vander Laan. This group meets at The Weaver's home and you can direct questions to Gary Weaver (448-0520) or Bruce Smith (592-1314).



White Water also begins their fall session on September 12th with "The Life and Ministry of the Messiah" an 8 week series. If you would like to join them or have questions, please contact Jacquie Smith (451-8033) or Joan Strader (631-5620) Study Books will cost \$10. They will meet at Joyce Reed's home.

One date you may want to put on your calendar is **August 21, which is Rally Day**. The Small Group leaders will be out in the Big Room ready and willing to answer any of your Small Group questions. All groups have an open chair policy and gladly welcome new members. You can even sit in on a session if you aren't sure you want to commit. The Bible Studies usually have a number of sessions for a series, i.e., 5-10 sessions, so you can commit for a set period of time, then cycle out if you want to.

I hope you have a great rest of the summer, and look forward to seeing and visiting with you on August 21.



Worship and Music Team

READINGS FOR AUGUST 2011

August 7 -- Pentecost 8
 1 Kings 19:9-18
 Romans 10:5-15
 Matthew 14:22-33

August 14 -- Pentecost 9
 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
 Matthew 15:10-28

August 21 -- Pentecost 10
 Isaiah 51:1-6
 Romans 12:1-8
 Matthew 16:13-20

August 28 -- Pentecost 11
 Jeremiah 15:15-21
 Romans 12:9-21
 Matthew 16:21-28



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



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Marilyn and Gary Weaver	8/8
Jeanne and Rick Meyers	8/19
Penny and Les Terry	8/21
Cindy and Don Ward	8/28

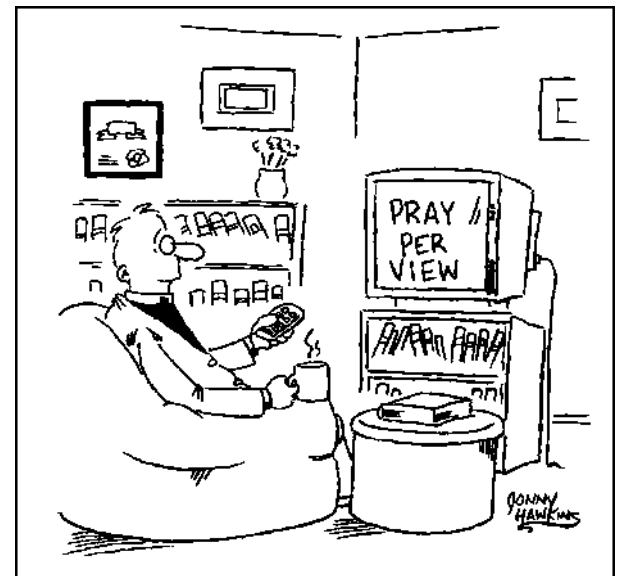
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dan Buckley, Kathe Clarke	8/1
Michele Gomez, Nathan Kelsh	8/8
Penny Terry	8/10
Landon Wollstadt	8/11
Pat Van Nordstrom, Danae Gill	8/12
Carole Schneider	8/21
Les Terry	8/24
Ron Tuggle, Laura Barton	8/27
Aaron Jesinger	8/28
Lauren Carlson	8/29
Stacey Webb	8/30
Karen Kelsh	8/31

POND STRUCTURE (AKA Water Feature) AVAILABLE, FREE!

From Pastor Bob's & Joan's house, it's a heavy-duty black plastic pond with pump and parts to create a water fountain.

Approximate size is 6 ft. long x 3-1/2 ft. wide by 2 ft. deep. To seal the deal, please call 448-4757.



If we have missed your celebration, we apologize. Please let us know by contacting the church office by email: sob580@sbcglobal.net or by telephone at 448-8599.

PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Kathy Webb, Director*



Summer School was a success and, as staff, we had a relaxing summer and we are ready for our new school year to begin. This year school will start on August 15th with our parent visitation days. We will then enjoy some free art projects as we settle into our new classrooms and routines.

We have made a few changes to our schedule this year. We will no longer be offering an extended care program, but instead, we are adding another T-Th 4/5 year old class. We are continuing to offer our cherubs program in the afternoon. Our cherubs program is an extension of the preschool day, from 11:30-2:00. The children hear a bible story and do a project to go along with that story.



We have a few available spots for the fall of 2011/2012 school year. If you are interested in your child attending our preschool this year or in the future please call the preschool office at 447-6278 to be added to the waiting list.

Our staff for the **2011-2012** School Year is:

- ♥ Kathy Webb-Director
- ♥ Tami Barrow-Asst. Director/3 Year old Teacher
- ♥ Stacey Webb-3 Year old Teacher
- ♥ Jillian Coffelt- 4 Year old Teacher
- ♥ Kathy Kidd- 4 Year old Teacher
- ♥ Patti Irwin- 4 Year old Teacher
- ♥ Tiffani Lanting- 4 Year Old Teacher
- ♥ Karen Loban- Teacher
- ♥ Monica Ellis- Aide

SPECIAL DELIVERY

**Fairmont and Padan
School Supplies!**



Lots of brand new school supplies ARE GOING to Fairmont and Padan Elementary schools for the beginning of School — thanks to our VBS kids and Shepherd of the Hills generous donors.

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM NEWS *by Martha Pierce*

The Youth Team meets on the Second Sunday of the month in Elliott's office.

Does the idea of working with the Youth of our church make your heart pound? That may be God urging you to VOLUNTEER with our Youth programs! The Youth Team is praying for VOLUNTEERS to step forward and work with the amazing kids of our congregation. Sharing a few hours each week or month with these kids will reward you in ways you can't imagine.

VOLUNTEERS can help in a variety of ways:

- ✝ driving
- ✝ helping with prep-work
- ✝ providing food
- ✝ being a leader/mentor



SHY parents can help with the GAS group! You'll see below that GAS and SHY will be meeting at the same time; why not bring your child to SHY and stay and hang out with the GAS kids! Call Martha at 447-5446 for more information.

Our Youth Group Schedule for Fall 2011 is:

- ✝ KFC (Kid's for Christ, grades 3-5) will meet from 12:00-1:30, twice each month, beginning 8/21. Children should eat their lunch between 11:30-12:00, before KFC.
- ✝ GAS (God's All Stars, grades 6-8) will begin meeting weekly on Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30 beginning 8/21.
- ✝ SHY (Senior High Youth, grades 9-12) will meeting weekly on Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30 beginning 8/21.

MISSION TEAM *by Bill Pierce, Team Leader*

We are going to be gearing up for the Pumpkin Patch very soon. I do not have an exact delivery date for the Pumpkin's as of yet—Mid-October, most likely. I will announce a Mission Team meeting very soon, at which time the Pumpkin Patch will be the main focal point to get things going.



Pumpkins on the Hill

When this meeting is scheduled, please attend or give me a call or email with your thoughts and ideas. We will be relying on all the dedicated folks who have designed and staffed the "Patch" in the past. Thank you all for your time and I look forward to working with you all. Each year we fine tune the process and decide what to keep and what to change. We are open to your suggestions. Also, you can block off your calendar to help out during the weeks of Pumpkins on the Hill, the 2 weeks leading up to Halloween!

Remember: Feeding the Hungry continues year round! The second Friday of each month; The sign-up clipboard is in the Atrium for cooks, servers, and clean up—also to donate desserts.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH . . .

Thanks to **Janet Bunger** and **Jennifer Krause** for sharing their talents as they helped **Hannah Cushing** and **Kennedy Haugen** and **Joan Marquand-Willse** make baby Rag Quilts and purses. This is the second year the Youth Ministry team has sponsored the Summer Sewing Class.



SUMMER
SEWING CLASSES

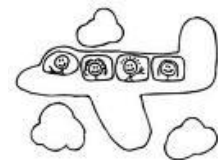
While shopping for their fabric for the class, Joan and Hannah were assisted by **Barbara Worsham**, a sales associate at JoAnn's fabrics. Ah, the cycle of service!

Congrats to **Tiffani Lanting** for her dedication and walking over two days raising funds to help fight cancer. And congrats also to **Michele Gomez** for participating in a 50 mile bike ride with the Lance Armstrong "LiveStrong" group also fighting cancer.



Summertime has been travel time for:

- ♥ the **Buckleys** to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.
- ♥ **Elvin Amundsen** to Minnesota to celebrate the "home church's" 150th anniversary.
- ♥ the **Barretts** to Disneyland.
- ♥ **Dominik & Alex Friedrich** to visit grandparents in Germany.
- ♥ **Bob, Robbie, and Anja Popey** to their homestead in southern Germany.
- ♥ **Roger Sandwisch** to Minnesota, for his annual fishing trip.
- ♥ the **Carpenters** to parts unknown
- ♥ **Ari Krass** to Russia to see family and friends.
- ♥ **Kris Golomb** to New York City; while **Mike** headed to Mexico.
- ♥ the **Bartons** to the "family farm" in South Dakota.
- ♥ **Gail & Buzz George** in Washington D.C. for July 4th
- ♥ the **Bakkens** to Hawaii as they do annually.
- ♥ **Ginny Kingsbury** to Virginia and Maine.
- ♥ **Burt & Elsie Jacobson** to Phoenix for great-grandparent duties.
- ♥ **Mari** and baby **Caleb Page** back from Virginia so that grandparents **Bill & Martha Pierce** could show them off! And a quick family trip to Santa Cruz.



This is a partial list, so please feel free to share with the church office your travels for the September HORN.

The wedding of the year was not in England, but in Woodland as **Don and Dot Mrochinski** hosted daughter **Loni's** nuptials. Best Wishes, Loni!



A Loss
in our Church
Family

Our prayers ascend for the family and friends of **Lillian Houser**, who died last month, as well as prayers for **Chris Curtis** and her family at the death of her dad, **Les Weigel**. These two, both in their 90's died within days of each other, we will miss these mature children of God.

EDUCATION TEAM NEWS *By Samantha Christensen, Team Leader*

Can't wait for School to start?

Well, we can't wait for Faith and Fellowship and Children's Faith Connection to start up as well! Faith and Fellowship will start back up on August 24th at 5:30 with dinner, then Kids Choir at 6pm.



Then we are changing a little bit with KFC and FFC meeting separately at 6:30 for 45 minutes, then everybody getting back together for dessert and ending at 7:30.

If you know of a child in grades 1st through 6th, we would love to see them at Faith and Fellowship. This year we are going to put the Fun back into Faith and Fellowship!

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED- if you would like to help our youth grow in their faith or if you just have a special talent you want to share (cooking, art, storytelling, singing, community service) Please call Samantha at 585-899-0708.



Children's Faith Connection will be starting back up in August 21st with a continuation of the summer school curriculum through the month of August.

OUTREACH TEAM *by June Dorsey*



It's been pretty quiet the last couple of months for the Outreach Team, what with vacations, etc. But that will soon change, beginning in mid-August. We are already gearing up for the fall, starting with our next "Community Parking Lot Sale" scheduled for **September 17th**. Then before we know it the Pumpkins will be arriving.

**PARKING LOT
SALE SEPT. 17**

A REMINDER: We still need volunteers to be Greeters on Sunday morning. So contact June Dorsey to sign up to be a Greeter. It only requires a little of your time and it is a rewarding experience. Meeting a visitor and making them feel welcome is so important to our Ministry. There is a real need for volunteers for the second service...For those who have already served as a Greeter, thank you so much.



WOMEN'S RETREAT TEAM *by Samantha Christensen*

Annual Women's Retreat (September 30, October 1, 2)

Alliance Redwoods Conference Center

Seaside Escape—

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

We urge every women in our congregation (and their BFFs) to attend our annual Women's Retreat. Please sign up on the clip board in the Atrium. The registration price for this year's retreat is \$140 each. A \$25 deposit is required, checks are payable to Shepherd of the Hills (memo line Women's Retreat) and give to Jeanne Barling or put in offering plate. Shocking Pink envelopes are in the back of the church, so you can make payments throughout the summer. Payment in full is due by September 25th. See Samantha Christensen if you need a scholarship form.



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH (SHY) *by Elliott Smith*

August has arrived. Hello! to a new school year, a new year of SHY and a new Confirmation class; Goodbye! to summer, and to our graduated seniors, class of 2011! We'll be honoring the seniors as a congregation on Sunday, August 21st during the second service, so please come if you can! The very first week of August is seeing us off on our summer trip, this year to Spirit West Coast, an awesome three-day Christian concert and festival down in Monterey at Laguna Seca Race Track! We'll be gone from August 3rd-7th. Please pray for us as we worship, pray, get into the Word and have some awesome fellowship! SHY will resume on August 14th, 6-7 pm hangout time, 7-8:30 pm games and message. Come check it out if you're in high school!



Also high schoolers, mark your calendar: Sunday August 28th is our high school-led church services, then we'll be having an end-of-the-year SHY barbeque to say goodbye to our seniors, so make sure you clear your day!



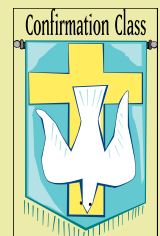
Sr. High Youth



SHY

Also, we're always looking for adults of *any* age to come hangout with us in SHY on a regular basis on Sunday nights. If you are at all curious about this opportunity, contact Elliott Smith! We're also seeking some brothers and sisters to take a leading role in the middle school group, who really needs a youth night apart from the education Confirmation already provides. Please pray about these opportunities, we need you! Plus, I don't know how else to say this but... it's a ton of fun. Get with it!

Attention all SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS of 2011-2012!!! CONFIRMATION BEGINS AUGUST 17th!!! (And there is no Faith & Fellowship dinner that first night... so eat dinner beforehand!) Wednesday, 6-7:30 pm in the Education portable in between the SHY building and the preschool. For more information on Confirmation please contact Elliott Smith ASAP! RossESmithIII@gmail.com



MEET OUR MEMBERS . . . Popey Family—Bob, Tracy, Rob & Anja

The Popey's are native to western Pennsylvania, although they have spent very little time there over the last 19 years due to Tracy's varied assignments with the US Air Force. They have lived, and been members of Lutheran congregations in, Pittsburgh, PA, Philadelphia, PA, Dayton, OH, Columbus, MS (Lutheran – is that Christian?), San Antonio, TX, and Ramstein, Germany. Their longest time in one place has been in Germany, where they lived for 11 years, and where Anja joined the family. (Rob arrived in Mississippi, although doesn't like to talk about that much. He was only there for 2 weeks...)



Over the years, Bob has been heavily involved in Boy Scouting, serving at the Den, Pack, Troop, Crew and District levels in a variety of volunteer positions. He has also been heavily involved in church, serving on the Advisory Council, keeping the sound system operational, coordinating the sound team, assisting with worship in many capacities, and leading the youth group. His hobbies include cooking and volunteering at the Western Railway Museum. He is looking forward to learning how to operate the streetcars! Ding, ding!! He graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a B.A. in Speech/Communications, emphasis – Broadcasting, in 1982 and is now quite the amateur comic.

Tracy grew up in a Pittsburgh suburb and attended Allegheny College, earning her B.S. in Chemistry and German in 1997. She spent a year studying at the University of Regensburg, Germany on a Fulbright Scholarship, and then attended the Medical College of Pennsylvania, currently Drexel University College of Medicine, on an Air Force scholarship, graduating with her M.D. in 1992. She completed an internship in General Surgery at Wright-Patterson Medical Center (Ohio) in 1993, served as a Flight Surgeon at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi from 1993-1995, then completed her residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, TX, in 1999. Her next stop was Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, where she held multiple positions to include Staff Orthopedic Surgeon, Chief, Orthopedic Clinic, Chief, Orthopedic Surgery Service, and Chief, Department of Surgery. In 2007 she again put on her flight surgeon wings to serve as Validating Flight Surgeon and Director, Theater Patient Movement Requirements Center – Europe at Ramstein, Germany, while still providing orthopedic surgery care at Landstuhl. The Air Force then brought her and the whole Popey family to northern California, where she is the Orthopedic Flight Commander. Other non-military/non-medical interests include music, as she has played a variety of musical instruments, to include piano, cello and oboe. She currently enjoys playing in church as well as with the Solano Winds. She also served as chair of the Worship and Music Committee for their Ramstein chapel service for several years, led several religious education classes, and has been active in the Boy Scout program as troop chaplain, medic and merit badge counselor.

Rob was born on 16 May 1995 in Amory, Mississippi, and headed for Texas as soon as he could, 2 weeks later. He lived in San Antonio, where he was baptized, and then moved to Germany, where he lived effectively in 2 worlds, attending school in the local German system and also participating in many activities on base. He has taken advantage of many Boy Scout programs, earning the Arrow of Light in 2005, being inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2007, and joining the ranks of the Eagle Scouts in 2010. He has inherited his father's love of cooking, both at home and at camp, has played the piano since 2002, and is interested in computers and computer gaming.

Anja was born on 06 Dec, St Nicholas' Day, 1999, 4 months after the remainder of the family arrived in Germany. She slept for 24 hrs, and has been talking non-stop ever since. She also bridged the German-American spheres, attending German schools and playing on German youth soccer teams while also being active in many of the on-base activities. She enjoys music, playing piano, recorder, and flute, and is looking forward to starting violin lessons. She has been active in Girl Scouts and has really enjoyed tagging along for her brother's Boy Scout activities as much as she could. They joined Shepherd of the Hills in 2010 and have been active in many forms of ministry and worship.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER . . .

We remember the following persons in our prayers. If you have a prayer request, please call the church office (448-8599) and you will be put on our prayer chain. If your need is over and you no longer wish to be on the prayer chain, please let us know that as well.

- ♥ . . . those asking for our prayers (unless otherwise requested, names will normally appear here for a month): . . . *Jo Ann & Darrel Akers; Chris Curtis and family (death of her dad Les Weigel), Greg Gomez; The family of Lillian Houser; Barbara Murphy and her mother Lois Walker; Gary Weaver and anyone undergoing medical tests or treatment or suffering loss; and*
- ♥ . . . those members of our armed forces deployed for operations overseas—especially Shepherd of the Hills extended family members, *Terry Abner's son Aaron and Dave & Karen Della's nephew Brock, Jacquie and Bruce Smith's daughter Jill; Penny Terry's nephew Chris; Bill and Martha Pierce's son-in-law Brian; Elliot Smith's sister Jessica; and Tracy Popey.* Please let the church office know if someone from your family is called up or deployed, or has returned home, and we will include them by name in our prayers each week.



QUICK REMINDER- If you are using the church, or are the last one to leave you are special and need to remember a few special details. Our church building needs to be left secure and shut down.

****Make sure ALL the lights are off.**

****ALL the air needs to be turned off—heat, air, and fans (don't touch hallway thermostat).**

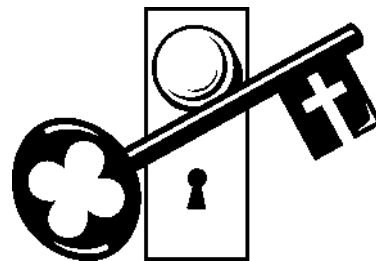
****ALL the doors locked and checked. (Kitchen door and the Big Room outside door can be tricky, be sure to check)**

Following ALL these steps will insure our building is left secure, and we aren't throwing dollars away using energy when we are not here. Just remember the word ALL-

A—Air off (heat, AC, and fans)

L—Lights off

L—Lock it up



WOMEN'S MORNING CIRCLE

The Women's Morning Bible Study Group meets at church every 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 AM. Please contact Ari Krass (448-1482) or Wilma Rasmussen (447-9072) for more information.

THE LUNCH BUNCH

This group meets the third Monday of each month at 11:30 AM at various Vacaville restaurants. All adults are welcome to join for fellowship. For information, please call Ari Krass (448-1482). Watch bulletins for location announcements.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

They meet each third Thursday at 1:00 PM at Wilma Rasmussen's house. They welcome newcomers who like to knit or crochet. They will break for the summer, and will resume September 15th.



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Traditional Sunday Worship service 8:30 AM

Contemporary Sunday Service 10:30 AM

Children's Faith Connection 20 mins. during late service

(Nursery care provided)

