

Shepherd of the Sierra Presbyterian Church



A Unique Lenten Experience

by Pastor Dave

The Season of Lent is coming soon and this year we will be providing a number of ways for you to enter and experience this season. As many of you know, I have been taking classes on Christian Spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. A part of that program includes a practicum segment which provides an opportunity for me to engage with others in the area of spiritual practices.

I have decided to focus my practicum on the season of Lent and have developed a multi-layered approach to invite others into various Lenten practices. The following is a brief description of what will be offered.

1) Sunday Worship — Each Sunday in Lent we will be looking at biblical texts that center on traditional Lenten themes such as transformation, grace, longing, and human searching for truth. Each Sunday the sermons will engage not only the bible, but also the words and music of U2 (which should be no surprise to those who know me well). A bulletin insert will be provided each Sunday for you to explore more deeply the theme of the week by using a series of questions and reflective prompts.

2) Exploration of the thought of Thomas Merton — In addition to the weekly sermon series, I will also offer a class on the theology and thought of Thomas Merton during the educational time between services. These classes will look at the importance of Merton on subjects such as contemplation, compassion, and Christian unity. There will be time for discussion and feedback during each class.

3) Finally, I will offer daily devotionals via our webpage or your personal email that will look at various styles of prayer such as breath prayer, the prayer of Examen, and Centering Prayer. Each person who participates in these daily devotionals will be given reflective questions that will allow for personal reflection on the process as a whole.

I invite you to participate in as many of these Lenten experiences as you wish. The Season of Lent is a time of reflection and spiritual growth. It is my hope that through this process you will be better prepared to enter into Holy Week and to fully celebrate Easter Sunday.



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FEBRUARY 2018

- 2/2 Breakfast Work Group
- 2/2 The Gathering Inn
- 2/3 Rise Against Hunger
- 2/4 Souper Bowl of Caring
- 2/4 Out-to-Brunch/Lunch
- 2/8 SOS Women
- 2/10 Sac Sings Sacred
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday Taizé
- 2/14 Directory Photos
- 2/15 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 2/15 Directory Photos
- 2/16 Directory Photos
- 2/17 Directory Photos
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- 2/19 Office Closed
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- 2/28 Lenten Taizé Worship

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February 14
7:30p

Welcome to the Shepherd Family

Pastor Dave recently concluded a new members class in which seven adults attended. Please take time to welcome our newest members.

Heather Lovette was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and was raised in Citrus Heights. She is currently a stay-at-home mom (Heather and Scott have a teenage son, Alex) and a writer. Heather enjoys creative writing, playing bass guitar, cooking and British mysteries. Scott was born in Salinas, California and raised in the Sacramento area. His vocation is IT programming. Scott enjoys family, reading, playing the guitar, British mysteries, video and board games. Heather and Scott enjoy the traditional elements of Shepherd's worship services and the music.



Scott & Heather Lovette



David & Natalie Taylor

David Taylor worked as a commercial realtor. and enjoys cycling and skiing. Natalie is a retired teacher and her hobbies include reading, walking, gardening, traveling and art. Natalie enjoys Pastor Dave's dynamic storytelling in his sermons and the opportunities to be involved at Shepherd. David and Natalie have enjoyed the friendly welcome they have received from our congregation.



June Wilson was born in Port Hueneme, California (a Naval base, as her dad was in the Navy) and was raised in West Covina, California. June retired from Auto Club of Southern California where she was in the auto claims/litigation field. She enjoys dancing, gardening, reading, going for long walks, and antique store shopping. June has lived in Rocklin for over 4 years and was drawn to Shepherd because she was raised Presbyterian and wanted to join a church in this area.

Maragaret Veneman was ordained by the San Francisco Presbytery in 1974. She served many congregations over the years with a focus in Christian Education. In 1996 Margaret received the Distinguished Alumni award from San Francisco Theological Seminary for her many years of faithful work for the Church. She recently moved to the Rocklin area and attends Shepherd with her niece Jackie Dean.



Kathryn (Kitty) Zolani was born and raised in the Sacramento area. She enjoys sewing, crocheting and collecting lady bug trinkets. Kitty attends Shepherd with her mother Eloise Miller and enjoys the singing.

Your Session at Work

by Kent Milton, Clerk of Session

Sometimes progress is a bumpy road, marked by starts, stops and frustration. So it has been for Shepherd's kitchens: ultimate desires readily defined, but for many reasons not easily attained. Shepherd's welcoming of The Gathering Inn as a regular (and often frequent) outreach illustrated the difficulties in preparing meals with insufficient tools — no range, for example. These challenges morphed into articulated concern, which led to formation of a kitchen task force whose assignment was straightforward — devise a workable plan.

Functional logic guided plan development, with costs a significant consideration as well. The plan addresses both kitchens (Worship Center and Fellowship Center). The Worship Center kitchen will be completely reorganized, and include such additions as a range; stainless steel, double compartment sink; and an insulated holding/heating cabinet.

The Fellowship Center kitchen would receive a new range (twin of that in the Worship Center kitchen), a new single-compartment sink, cabinets switched out of the Worship Center kitchen, faucet-sprayer, and a new, 5-by-10-foot movable center island with stools.

Session formally accepted the plan, and thanked the task force, composed of Harry and Mary Prah—co-chairs; Alex Enneking, Joan Nordine, Ralph Richardson, Caroline Weaver, and Session advisory members Jim Thurston and Dianne Willson. Work probably will commence in the spring after financial details are firmed. Session’s preliminary discussion of financing avenues noted that the existing kitchen fund is insufficient to cover all costs. If you would like to purchase an item for the remodeled kitchens, a list of equipment will be available soon.

During the retreat Session also looked at the modernization of Shepherd’s financial transactions, voting to investigate use of electronic funds transfer (EFT), which could provide an alternative to check writing for congregants. Session also considered methods by which on-the-spot contributions can be made electronically in response to immediate needs (eg. hurricanes or earthquakes).

ELDERS

- CARITA CONNELLY
- DAVID COWLES
- DEBBY DILLON
- DEBBY FASL
- LARRY HENDRICK
- PETSY PROETT
- RICK RODGERS
- JIM THURSTON
- DIANNE WILLSON

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- SCOTT WARREN
- CAROLINE WEAVER
- RAE YUND
- MARY KAY ZIEMINSKI



Rapid City Here We Come!

by Ashley Neufeld, Youth Leader

Our Youth Mission Trip got a lot more real about two weeks ago. Eric Heckelman and I sat down and purchased 7 plane tickets to Rapid City, South Dakota! The group is currently 5 youth and 2 adults which will be a great number for a trip this big. Of course, we’d always welcome more. We’ll fly out on Sunday, June 10th and return on Saturday, June 16th.

To make this trip happen, we will be providing youth assistance through fundraisers. For these fundraisers we will have something old and something new. We will continue to have the annual car wash, but since our trip is now occurring in the summer, we don’t have to wash cars on a cold spring morning. I am now planning on holding this in late April when it’s a bit more logical...and warm. We will be ending the “general shares,” but continuing to encourage youth to send out letters to friends and family for “personal shares.” So, if you are endeared to a particular youth, it will still be possible for you to make donations to them directly.

Finally, we will be trying something totally new and I’m super excited to roll it out!! The Wall O’ Money will be a new fundraising adventure and I hope you’ll all get on board. This is a very simple concept. Our old narthex board will be covered with envelopes numbered \$1 through \$150 and decorated by the youth. The basic idea is that you’ll take an envelope for the amount you’d like to donate, write a check and return it to me. Take the 48 envelope if you’d like to donate \$48, take the 132 envelope if you’d like to donate \$132...easy peasy. I love this for many reasons but mainly because it gives everyone an opportunity to give, even \$1.



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- SHARON BRUNDAGE
- JENI CASSADY
- DIANA PELLEGRIN
- HARRY PRAHL

STEPHEN MINISTERS

- RETA BLANCHARD
- CHARLOTTE GREENHALGE
- BARBARA HUBER
- DIANA PELLEGRIN
- CAROL PENN
- HARRY PRAHL
- STEVE WRIGHT

The Wall O’ Money will make its debut in March so keep your eyes peeled.



When: Saturday, February 10, 10a-1:30p and 3p-6:30p

Shepherd Choir performs at 10:30a

Where: Pleasant Grove Community Church
1730 Pleasant Grove Blvd., Roseville

Cost: FREE, but you need to order a ticket

How: Check for ticket ordering info at
www.svchoralcoalition.org/SacSings-Sacred



Ash Wednesday

Taizé Service

**February 14 @
7:30p**

Lenten Taizé Services @ 7:30p

February 14, 21, 28

March 7, 14, 21

**Shepherd of the Sierra
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