



Good Sam Notes

“Go and Do Likewise”

Interfaith Shelter Needs Your Help!

Overnight hosts are needed for: Saturday, January 9; Sunday the 10th; Tuesday the 12th; and Thursday the 14th.

Plus, we would like a female host to join the male host on Wednesday, January 6; Thursday the 7th; Friday the 8th, and Thursday the 14th.

Our set-up day is Saturday, January 2nd, starting at 8:30am in Roetter Hall. There are already a few volunteers but as is true: many hands make light work!

Want to volunteer for this ministry to the poor and needy? Please [contact Jim or Jill Lawrence](#).

We are housing the guests in rooms 3 & 4 in Roetter Hall from Monday, January 4 until Saturday morning, January 16, when they move to Pacific Beach Methodist Church.

Welcome New Family Members!

To our guests today: Thanks for letting us worship with you today! Please join us for refreshments after the service. To find out more about what's going on at Good Sam, please pick up a Welcome Packet at the Greeters' Table, or visit our website at: www.goodsamchurch.org for a full calendar of events and descriptions of our various groups and ministries.

Grab and Fill a Grocery Bag!

Please pick up a CCSA “Meals-in-a-Sack” grocery bag as you leave church today. Bags will also be available for the next few Sundays. The Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA) serves low-income families in Clairemont and Pacific Beach. Because the need for food is so great this time of year, the food pantry at the Clairemont Service Center can use a boost for the new year.

Attached to each bag is a shopping list of suggested items. Not all of the items must be purchased - just do the best you can

If possible, please return the bags of food to church by Christmas Eve. We hope to line the curb in front of the church with luminaries and bags of food for the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service.

Christmas Calendar

December 20

9:30am Children's Christmas Pageant

December 24

5:00pm Carols Christmas Eve service

10:30pm Contemplative Christmas Eve service

December 25

10:00am Christmas Day service

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Diocesan Convention Just Around the Corner

February 12 & 13 36th Annual Diocesan Convention

Valentine's Day weekend falls on the Diocesan Convention weekend in our diocese. Fall in love with the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego all over again! Join us at First United Methodist Church in Mission Valley (San Diego) on Friday, February 12 and Saturday, February 13 for the annual gathering of our church family.

Pre-Convention Budget & Resolution Hearings

Saturday, January 9, 10:00am -11:30am

St. Margaret's, Palm Desert

Tuesday, January 12, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

St. Paul's Cathedral

Thursday, January 14, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

St. Thomas, Temecula

We will gather on Saturday for a festive Eucharist and enjoy the sounds of a volunteer, diocesan-wide choir. There will be a service project, a canned food drive, shopping opportunities and much more. This Convention is about more than church business; it is about being the church in the world today.

For all Convention information, from gala dinner to nomination forms. visit the diocesan web site.

This Week's Calendar

Today

9:30am Lessons and Carols (WC)

Tuesday, December 15

5:00pm Dominican Advent Party (RH)

5:30pm Men's Group (Choir Room)

7:00pm Bible Study for Young Adults and Parents of Young Families (Orletskys)

Wednesday, December 16

6:30am Men's Small Group (SR Denny's)

9:30am Healing Service (Chapel)

10:30am Bible Study (RH #6)

5:30pm Healing Service (Chapel)

6:30pm OSL Presentation (RH #5)

7:30pm Bell A'Peal rehearsal (Nursery)

Thursday, December 17

12 noon Office Christmas Party (offsite)

6:30pm OSL class (RH #5)

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (WC)

Friday, December 18

5:00pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (WC)

6:00pm Youth Group (RH #5, 6, 7, Kit.)

Saturday, December 19

8:00am Men's Breakfast (RH #6, Kit)

4:00pm OSL Meeting (RH #5)

Sunday, December 20

9:30am Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday Adult Education

Time	Speaker	Title
This Week 11:00am	Budget Committee	Budget Forum: Realistic Budget
Dec 20 & 27		No Adult Education
Jan 3 & 10		TBA
Jan 17		Annual General Meeting
Jan 24	David Mosely	
Jan 31		No Adult Education

There will be no Adult Education classes starting next week until January 3rd, where we will have a session on Centering Prayer.

The Psalms of Ascent classes are on break until January 10, 2010.

Job Posting: Bookkeeper

Part Time. Under the general supervision of the Treasurer, maintain financial records of Good Samaritan Episcopal Church. Process payroll, disbursements and receipts. Enter data into accounting software and donor database. Prepare monthly bank reconciliations and financial statements, quarterly giving statements and other reports as needed. Organize and maintain accounting files. Schedule is four hours per day, two days a week with an hourly rate of \$12 to \$15 DOQ. Interested applicants should send their resume to Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, Attn: Arthur Kassebaum, 4321 Eastgate Mall, San Diego CA 92121 or [email it](mailto:arthur@goodsamchurch.org)

The Angels Invited the Shepherds to Christmas...

And the magi followed the star. Who will you be inviting to Christmas this year? We have helpers to make it easy for you. You'll find bright-colored business cards on the table as you enter the church, at the Greeters Table and over in Roetter Hall. There are two designs to choose from!

Pop them in your Christmas cards, stick one in a Christmas gift to your neighbor and your mailman. Keep them in your purse or wallet to spontaneously invite somebody you talk to in the weeks leading up to Christmas!

Advent/Christmas Party

The Dominicans (of Newman Center, Catholic Community @ UCSD) invite you all to their holiday Advent/Christmas party on December 15 in Roetter Hall, 6-9pm.

Appetizers & refreshments served. Bring a tasty treat to round out the evening!

Bring Out Your Pledge!

Not pledged yet? Never fear, it is not too late to turn in your pledge for 2010. Red high heels are not required, just your pledge cards.

Never pledged? Lost your pledge card? Call the office at 858-458-1501 and we'll help!

PRAYER LIST

Join the Vestry! Deadline This Week!

Are you interested in becoming a leader at Good Samaritan? Interested in discerning the answer to "Where is God leading us?" If so, fill out the Vestry Nomination form below or on the website at http://www.goodsamchurch.org/We_Are_The_Vestry.php and hand it to a vestry member or to Leanne in the office. Time commitments vary depending on which ministry is chosen. Vestry Members serve for 3 years, 9 2-hour meetings each year and attend the Vestry Retreat which is held right after the Annual General Meeting in January. **Deadline is December 15.**

**GOOD SAMARITAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY NOMINATION FORM**

I would like to nominate: _____ for a position on the Vestry for a three year term, starting in 2010.

Signed: _____

Please have your nominee answer the following questions, to be submitted with this form, on a separate sheet of paper:

1. In your opinion, what are the greatest challenges facing our church in the next three years?

2. What are the greatest opportunities you anticipate in the next three years?

3. What gifts do you offer to our Vestry?

4. How do you plan to use your gifts to meet the challenges and opportunities at Good Samaritan?