



Good Sam Notes

“Go and Do Likewise”

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



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 and Return by Christmas Eve!

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.

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Thank You Christmas Pageant Peeps!

Thank you to all the children and parents who have worked so hard to making today's Christmas Pageant a success.

Special thanks to organizers Kendra Landolt and Rebecca Chase for making it happen.

Thanks also to all those who made Lessons & Carols a glorious reality: Braden McKinley and the choir, Jo Anne Hammond and bell choir, Margie Orem and the children's bell choir, Andrew Stubbs, Mark Carrillo and the congregational hymn singing, readers and everyone.

Thank you for making this Advent season a special one!

Today's Open Plate Goes To...

This quarter's Open Plate Offering, taken today is in support of the Maple Tree Children's Center in Jellico, located in Northeastern Tennessee in the Appalachia Mountains.

We hope to send funds to purchase an educational activity center (or two) for the youngest children.

Their mission is to empower the people in rural socioeconomic disadvantaged communities to reach their fullest potential and contribute to a secure future.

Please help us help these little ones.

Thank you, your Outreach Committee

Serving Opportunities

We have two leadership positions that have recently opened up. These can be also co-led positions. See Chris or one of the wardens (Carol or Dave) if you are interested in serving in either of these Sunday ministries. Any age from teen on up can fill these positions.

Leader of the Usher Team Ministry: recruits new ushers, coordinates training for ushers, is their spokesperson on both the Worship and Parish Growth Team Ministries.

Leader of the Acolyte Team Ministry: recruits and trains new acolytes (they process the cross and help Chris at the altar during preparation and clean up of the Eucharist), is their spokesperson at the Worship Team Ministry.

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.

Sunday Adult Christian Education

Time	Speaker	Title
Dec 20 & 27		No Adult Education
Jan 3 & 10		TBA
Jan 17		Annual General Meeting
Jan 24	David Mosely	
Jan 31		No Adult Education

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

Did You Request Some Sunday Adult Christian Education Time?

Somebody offered to Chris on a Sunday that they would like to lead the Adult Christian Education in January. As you can see in the table above there are two slots available.

Unfortunately, because this offer was made on a Sunday, Chris cannot remember either the topic or the person.

The moral to this story is: if you have an important need or request, email or call the office on Tuesday because Chris gets so many requests while shaking hands and hugging after the service that he cannot possibly remember them all.

However, we need to finalize January's schedule, so please call the office if that person was you!

This Week's Calendar

Today

9:30am Children's Christmas Pageant

Tuesday, December 22

10:00am Staff Meeting (Chris' office)

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

Wednesday, December 23

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 24

10:30am Classic Residence service

5:00pm Christmas Eve service (WC)

10:30pm Contemplative Christmas Eve (WC)

Friday, December 25

Office Closed

10:00am Christmas Day service (WC)

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.

Christmas Tree Recycling: Plan Now

By Gary Arps (taken from the Diocesan Newsletter)

It's not too soon to begin thinking of how to dispose of trees and other cut greens.

The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department has announced its 35th Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program, from December 26 until January 23, 2010. For curbside collection in private bins and the 96-gallon city-provided bins, trim all greens to four feet or less. Nothing will be picked up off the curb.

Sixteen temporary drop off locations are also being set up, from Rancho Bernardo to Otay Mesa. To find a location in San Diego, visit this web site: <http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/dropoff>.

Both natural green and flocked (fake snow covered) trees are accepted. Remove the stands, lights, ornaments and other decorations. Do not leave these items at the drop off points.

Visit this web site for more locations: <http://www3.signonsandiego.com/stories/2008/dec/26/1m26recycle124054-trees/>

Don't forget: The Miramar Greenery (inside Miramar Landfill) accepts recyclable green waste year-round. And, recycled green plant waste is available for mulching free (up to two cubic yards) year round.

PRAYER LIST