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A Well Known Story

by Rev. Chris Chase



It is a well known story that we celebrate every year as Christians.

It is a well known story that is remembered, at least in part, across the globe in one way or another.

It is a well known story that has become the cause for debate, and argument, and stress.

It is the story of a young couple who embark on a journey that leads them from their home, where wedding plans are well underway, to a “foreign” place. While in this strange town of Bethlehem, alone and without any support or friends or family the young woman, the story tells us, gives birth.

Now a part of what makes this story of a birth that much more interesting to outsiders is that it occurs in a stable among the animals. So, while on a journey which takes them to a strange place, away from family and friends and sleeping in a barn like some fugitives this couple become

parents. And, while they try to figure out how to swaddle, or feed, or burp, or why this baby keeps crying, a strange assortment of folks come to visit. Shepherds, and angels and kings. It makes for a crowded nursery and does not allow for much privacy as the couple tries to figure out what next. Even if this mother treasures it all in her heart. And why won't this baby stop crying!

But the journey does not end with the birth of the child or the fulfilling of legal obligations that brought them here in the first place. Days of standing in line to fill out Roman forms make the queues at the DMV seem mild.

Just when they thought they could journey home, they are instructed by another angel, who shows up in a dream, (angels seem to have the propensity to show up any time and anywhere in this story), that they are to abandon their homeland and family and head to a real foreign place, Egypt. They are not to go home but are to travel to a place where the customs and language are very different. They are to be refugees, or migrant workers, or immigrants into Egypt. So the journey continues, only not as one

pregnant but as a couple with an infant child. All the wedding plans, gone. The “respect your parents” commandment, out the window. All those bridesmaid dresses, now become prom dresses. And when will this baby stop crying! The incessant crying of a colicky baby meant they had to sleep on the edge of the caravan of merchants with whom they were traveling. What a journey, what a beginning to family life, what a life.

It is a story we celebrate every year, and across the globe, in a myriad of ways and customs.

As we prepare to celebrate this story in our church, and in our homes with the customs that are particular to you or your family, as we prepare to celebrate this story with busyness and come to the end of a year of journeying, I invite you to take ten minutes to

ask yourself these questions and to answer them:

What has been birthed for you this year? What was the new that surprised you because it happened in a place you did not expect to birth something? Or did the new occur in the regularity of home and routine?

What have you had to learn either as new or anew? Mary and Joseph, like all of us, had no idea how to be parents or to parent (unless they had a pre-published copy of “What to expect...”). What in this year challenged you to grow and learn as you traveled to Egypt? What have been the colicky moments? What are the new dreams and vision given by God?

How has God become Incarnate for you, to you? After all this familiar story is about the extraordinary, Emmanuel God with us!

Lord, your living water nourishes my soul, heals my heart during hard times, strengthening me for ministry. I thank you and praise you for the abundant life you pour out in me. Faith is a miracle you work in me. Let the gift of your faith sustain me always. May the faith I have, whether small or large, work miracles in me, in those you love. Whatever faith I have, I offer to the glory of your name, Jesus Christ, my Redeemer. Amen.

-submitted by Thelma Gray

Staff Update

We've rearranged some responsibilities for staff so here's what each of us are doing and how to get a hold of us. Please note this is a work-in-progress.

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- “Chief Liturgical Officer”: Sunday worship, baptisms, weddings, funerals
- pastoral care of church members and their families
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- financial troubleshooting

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Children's Chapel Leader

- leads children ages 10 and up during Sunday services



Frequently Asked Questions About Mission Statements

by Hanna Hake (hanna@goodsamchurch.org)

What is a mission statement?

A mission statement describes the fundamental purpose of an organization. Why does Good Sam exist? What is the purpose of the different ministries? While the vision statement focuses on an intended future (what we want Good Sam to become in three, five, ten, twenty years), the mission statement focuses on the present (who we are now and why we are here).

Why do we need a mission statement?

As I see it, mission statements have at least two purposes. First, a mission statement tells people outside a group what the group is and why it exists. The statement gives important information about Good Sam to the visitors, newcomers and others, it tells them how we understand ourselves and our purpose. Second, it is important for those who participate in creating the statement. As I see it, the most important thing here is not the statement itself, but the process. To take a break, take time to sit down and try to put into words what your ministry and this congregation is all about. I hope we can have a consolidating and unifying process, where the members of the ministries and the vestry can find common words to describe what they are doing, and why.

When we have one, what happens next?

First of all: don't put the statement in a drawer and forget all about it! The congregation – and the ministries – are always in motion and change when members join or leave. The statements we create now must therefore be revised from time to time, at least once a year, so they always reflect what we do and who we are. This could for instance be done when it's time for the annual meeting and annual report.

Any comments or questions? Please contact me!



Naming the Newsletter

by Leanne Shawler

Last month we asked you for ideas on renaming our newsletter to fit our new brand. Here are our top four submissions for you to choose from, in alphabetical order.

Let me know via email (leannes@goodsamchurch.org) or phone (858-458-1501), which you like best.

1. Adore (*synonym for love; can also be read as “a door” into our community*)
2. Beacon
3. Beattitudes (*a misspelled beatitudes; describes our Christian attitudes*)
4. Journey (*representing our walking along Christ’s way together*)

You’ll also note that this quarter’s issue is smaller. The font is about the same size as last quarter’s, so there are more pages. Oddly enough, it will be cheaper to print and yet still maintain a nice color look and all the info for the quarter.

Let me know your thoughts on the format. Next quarter, we’ll settle into the final look with a new name to grace its cover.

Where Do I Find:

Birthdays and anniversaries? Check the Sunday bulletin on the first Sunday of the month, which is the day that we celebrate these.

The state of our finances? Online under “Informing...” and “News and Notes”. When a new one goes up there’s a direct link in the weekly email (see page 14 to sign up).

Abridged vestry minutes? They’ll be online too.

What Sunday am I serving? All Sunday folk should be on Alan Wilson’s email list. If you aren’t receiving emails from him please email him at alanwilson@san.rr.com They are also on our website.



Finding God at Good Sam

by Verdery Kassebaum

A sower went out to scatter the seed. Some fell upon rocky ground, some on the road, some among thorns, some on good ground.

This parable (Mark 4:3-9, 14-20) means a lot to me, especially verses 18-19: "And others are those [seeds] sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing."

When Arthur and I went church shopping in the spring of 1973, the Church of the Good Samaritan was a small group meeting in the cafeteria of what is now a Montessori school in University City, singing both folk music and hymns from the 1940 Hymnal, using the Episcopal liturgy from whatever was the most recent revision of the 1928 prayer book, enthusiastically passing the peace, and joining hands to sing the Lord's Prayer (this was even before

the David Yantis setting). It was a group of people who loved each other, gathering to worship the God they loved. We never even tried another church.

There have been many times over the years when I have felt God's presence at Good Sam, several of them involving music—a joint choir performance of a Bach motet, the congregation joining hands and singing the Lord's Prayer, traditional hymns, praise songs, a choir anthem, a bell piece, an organ postlude. Others have been the sunlight and sense of space in the empty sanctuary in the afternoon, the church family coming up to the wall behind the altar with their silent supplications, a sermon, the Wednesday morning healing service, blessing our families on Christmas Eve.

But then the weeds and thorns spring up, and God's presence seems dim, far away. The head knows He is there, but the heart cannot seem to find Him. Until something or someone clears out the thorns, and I'm clear again—for a while.

Good Samaritan is much the same way. As a community, we want to

grow into what God wants us to be, to fulfill our unique story, but we get choked by the thorns of financial worries, the weeds of how "other folks" conduct worship, the "desire for other things" that we think might make us more attractive. We know God is there, but our heart cannot seem to find Him. Until something, someone—the Gardener Himself, perhaps—clears out the weeds and we focus again on our unique purpose and worshipping a God we love with people we love.

“What It Means To Walk...”

by Anne Fowler-Smith

Sunday November 7 rolled around quickly and brought not only an extra hour of sleep but beautiful, sunny, and crisp weather for the Race For the Cure at Balboa Park. This is an annual event hosted by the Susan G. Komen Foundation that raises money and awareness for breast cancer. It is one of the largest run/walk events in San Diego.

I joined at least 15,000 other men, women, children and animals that want to take a stand against breast cancer and eradicate this disease. Though this event has become an annual tradition for me since at least 2001, it always takes on a different meaning each year and prompts me to reflect again on how precious our health is, the relationships we nurture, and the time we have on this earth. I choose to walk to honor the memory of those who have died, namely my mom, Midge Fowler, and dear friend Mary Anne Wolfe, but also to celebrate all the survivors from this disease. Several of these survivors are part of our Good Sam family and I am so proud to recognize them as I walk.

As I surveyed the men and women wearing pink “Survivor” shirts, tears formed in my eyes and my heart swelled with pride and empowerment. I can’t put into words the incredible emotions and exhilaration I felt as I watched the steady stream of walkers that kept going on and on for miles along 6th Avenue. It warmed my heart to walk beside all these people who were strangers to me at first but once we started walking, the differences disappeared. We were unified by a common goal – to fight

breast cancer. I felt so much love for each person. The amount of people who have been touched by this disease is staggering yet it is also amazing to see how one disease can galvanize so many people

Another privilege of this experience was to walk with my sister in Christ, Cindy Nelson. It is always neat to have fellowship outside church and get to know someone better as you walk 3 miles together. The outpouring of love from the community for this event was tremendous. There was a group of cheerleaders on the sidelines giving us encouragement as well as dedicated volunteers handing out water.



Above: Ann Fowler-Smith and Cindy Nelson

Another highlight was the music along the sidelines freely provided by kids and adults. The amount of love and organization that goes into this event is clearly evident. I encourage each of you to select a cause that is dear to your heart and support it in whatever way fits you and your spirit.

For myself, The Race for the Cure has become my annual tradition and represents my way of honoring those who have gone before me in this fight and those who continue to fight. We have come a long way with this disease and though we still have strides to make, the hope for a cure prevails. Furthermore, awareness and medical advancements continue to increase every day. I feel very blessed to participate in this event. It makes me so happy to know that more and more women who can't afford mammograms are receiving them through the money raised from the Race for the Cure.

The Canary Club Thanks Us

Dear Rev. Christopher G. Chase and the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church Congregation,

We wish to express our gratitude for allowing our Canary Club to host our monthly meetings, and especially our recent annual show, in your lovely facility.

Our judge from Kansas remarked it was the most gorgeous venue she had been to for a show and our photographer was also delighted - so much natural light and elegant trees!



The caterers were elated with your professional "dream" kitchen. And each of us enjoyed the company and assistance from Mr. Dave Wade who was very conscientious in his duties, helpful and courteous with everyone.

But your generous outreach to the community is the most impressive of all. We now understand why one of our members, Linda Kresser, is so proud of "her" church family.

Men's Retreat Update

Twenty-two men participated in the recent Men's Retreat at Camp Stevens. We began Friday evening with individual introductions, where we learned a lot about each other.

Through the course of the weekend it became evident that God had selected us to be together at this time. The program was outstanding. Dr. David Moseley provided information about the roots of the Nicene Creed and how important it is to understand what we proclaim each Sunday.

The weather could not have been better – cool and brisk, but just right for hiking and biking or reading and relaxing.

Mark your calendar for the 2011 retreat – November 11 – 13.

Good Sammer of the Quarter

by Ruth Lim, Roving Reporter (RRR)

What do you know about Norway? As the RRR is writing this interview, the Norwegian Nobel Committee and the Norway government are under fire from the Chinese Government because the Committee awarded this year's Peace Prize to the imprisoned Chinese human rights activist and writer, Liu Xiao Bo.

The RRR enjoyed the opportunity to talk current news with our very own Norwegian, Hanna Hake! Hanna's husband, Johan is from Sweden. They moved here from Oslo in November of '09. They have two daughters: Emma just turned 7, and Jorunn is 4. Hanna is also our new Parish Life Director.

RRR: *So how did you two meet?*

Hanna: Johan and I met at the Student Christian Movement (SCM) Summer Camp of '99. It was love at first sight! The SCM is an ecumenical student movement. We remained involved with the movement even after we were grown and married!



RRR: *Tell us what brought you here to San Diego. Hanna, you have told me that you'd be here till November 2011.*

Johan: I met my boss, Professor Andrew McCulloch when he was in Oslo collaborating with Simula Research Laboratory. I was a grad student there at the time. McCulloch (he's a friend of Dave Miller's) is a professor in the Dept. of Bioengineering at UCSD. He was the one to encourage me to apply for the post doc position in Bioengineering. And here we are!

RRR: *Here you are! And I have so many questions to ask! How did you find us? And I was told you were raised Lutherans?*

Hanna: We just googled the nearest churches, and found, among others, Good Sam. Since we were raised Lutherans, we first

went to the Lutheran Church near UCSD. But, when we got to Good Sam this past December, we found that it reminded us of our church back home. We felt at home immediately. By the way, did you know that 80% of Norwegians are Lutheran, and that the Church of Norway is our state church?

RRR: *A state religion! I did not know that. I knew the Kingdom of Norway has a parliamentary form of government. I did not know about the religion.*

Hanna: The King is the head of the church. This is our heritage after the Reformation of the 1500's. There is freedom of religion of course, and several religious groups--with the biggest minority group being Muslims. There is also the Humanist group. This is the group who is trying to get rid of the state religion.

Eventually, reason will probably come to Norway, too and we will have separation of church and state. For us, it is very interesting to see how the separation of church and state works here in the U.S. In Norway, even though we still have a state church, the Bishops and church leaders are very actively involved with secular

affairs like the building of power plants, going to war, the Middle East conflict and negotiations, oil exploration and social issues. This is something we miss here!

Johan: I think the focus in Norway is very outward. They look towards the Atlantic, and not necessarily into Europe. Norway is considered a "renegade". It's not part of the European Union. Norwegians pride themselves as not having their own agenda, so they can be impartial in world peace negotiations.

RRR: *Well, I'm impressed. Norway has only a population of 4.8 million. There are about that many Norwegian Americans here! It is a sparsely populated nation, but has one of the highest literacy rates. Norway is one of the best places to live, one of the wealthiest nations in the world, and certainly one of the most peaceful places. And you are bilingual!*

Hanna: Yes, the nation has been fully bilingual since the 60's. It is compulsory to learn English and Norwegian from first grade to high school.

RRR: *What about Swedish? How different is that from Norwegian?*

Hanna: They are almost like two dialects. We can understand each other, like the English and the Americans. I speak to our girls in Norwegian, and Johan in Swedish. But the girls are speaking more Swedish these days. They are attending the Swedish school every Monday at Grace Lutheran Church.

RRR: *What do you do for leisure? Are you getting out to see some of Southern California?*

Johan: Oh, we like the outdoors. We enjoy the parks. We hope to go to Hawaii while we are here, and see the Grand Canyon.

Hanna: The girls love swimming and soccer. So, I am a soccer mom! I have a cousin in L.A. We drive up to go to the Norwegian Church in San Pedro.

In Norway, no one drives 2 -3 hrs to go somewhere for a day only. The communities are smaller, and you have everything you need in a small area. In Oslo, where we lived, we walked everywhere, to work, to school or shopping. Here we must have a car to get around. We are getting used to this culture of getting in the car and driving to places!

RRR: *Well, here's a big welcome to you, and wishing you a wonderful, adventurous stay here with us!*

Sign Up for Our Email List

With our newsletter being quarterly, the best way to stay in touch is via email. Sign up at:

<http://www.goodsamchurch.org/weeklyemaillist.php>

Or go to our website, click on "Informing", then "News and Notes", then "Weekly Email List". If you don't have access to a computer, you can sign up for our "shut-in" updates. Just give the office a call and ask to be put on the list. You will be sent a copy of that month's Good Sam Notes, the Abbreviated Vestry Minutes and the Treasurer's Report in the mail once a month.

Christian Education this Quarter

Adult Christian Education

December 5: Chris finishes his Islam, Part Two series.

December 15: Budget Forum: will our dreams for the budget be realized? Pledges are in by this point and so, the budget committee will reveal all.

January 2: Missionaries to Rwanda: Ted and K-Ellen Cleary left San Diego to become missionaries in Rwanda. They recently returned permanently to San Diego. As a result of their San Diego connection and their speaking at our church, we have generously supported them.

They will provide an overview of the time they spent in Rwanda. They plan to tell stories and review ways God used them with help from supporters during those years. Among their stories will be some from the past four years spent at the Imbabazi Orphanage in Gisenyi, where over 100 children have been raised since the 1994 genocide. Most of these children are presently in middle or secondary school.

January 9: The Women's Group will have their annual meeting at this time. There will be something educational for the men, TBA.

January 23, 30, February 6, 13: Laura Henson: Coping with Addictive Family Systems. Learn about the epidemic of addiction within our culture and what can be done to overcome it.

February 20, 27, March 6: David Moseley returns to finish off his series on the Gospel of Mark.

Sunday School Break

There will be no Sunday School or Adult Christian Education on December 19 (the Christmas Pageant) and December 26.

There is no Adult Christian Education on January 16 (Annual General Meeting).

Children's Wheel Activities

The post-church Sunday School activities for children for the next quarter had not been settled at time of writing. Keep an eye out for them in the Good Sam Notes.

Tea House of the August Moon

Penny and Gary Powell ---- Susan and Dave McKee

On August 28, Roetter Hall was transformed into The Tea House of the August Moon. With the use of skoji screens, huge Japanese prints and fans, Japanese lanterns and tree size ferns, Susan Howard and her team changed our meeting hall into an intimate Japanese tea house. It was the perfect location for the wonderful Asian cuisine prepared by Mimi Santos and Ruth Lim and their team of culinary wizards.



Floral table arrangements were created by Barbara Theiss.

Complimentary wine was provided from the wine cellar of Cleland and Kendra Landolt, and served, along with a variety of beverages, by the bar crew, chaired by Beth Hannaman. Prior to dinner, a silent auction took place, augmented by appetizers prepared by the food committee, and libations provided by the bar committee.

After dinner, Jeff Theiss was the auctioneer for our oral auction. All auctioned items were solicited and organized by the Donations Committee, chaired by Diane Beck. The Cashier Committee was chaired by Bill Beck with IT consultation by Terry Orletsky. Publicity for the event was co-chaired by Linda Gallagher, and the auction program prepared by Gary Powell and printed by Verdery Kassebaum. Returning the facilities back to their normal configuration was under the direction of Robin Fowler.



Many worked on getting the auction organized, but it was those who attended who got to enjoy their work and participate in the work of Good Samaritan by purchasing auction items. Needless to say, many who donated items also purchased other auction

items. The auction resulted in a net amount raised of \$25,171 which was divided between the Men's and the Women's Groups. \$12,000 of the amount raised had already been committed to the renovation of the sanctuary. Designation for the remaining amount will take place at meetings to be held by both groups in January.

The auction event was fun and for many the fun continues as auction dinners and events occur throughout the coming year. If you didn't participate this year, don't miss the next auction!

As the co-chairs for The Tea House of the August Moon, we thank you for your wonderful support and participation which made this auction such a great success.

Report Sexual Misconduct

Our diocese values the tenet of our baptismal covenant to "respect the dignity of every human being." Part of the way we live into that is to train people in the prevention of sexual misconduct. Another part that goes hand-in-hand with training is reporting incidences of sexual misconduct. Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes, takes reports seriously and investigates them thoroughly and confidentially. If you believe you have experienced sexual misconduct of any kind, please contact Bishop Mathes immediately: bishopmathes@edsd.org, 619-481-5450.

As defined by our Safeguarding God's People manual, sexual abuse of a child is when parents or those responsible "commit or allow to be committed any illegal sexual act upon that child, including incest, rape, indecent exposure and prostitution, or to allow that child to be used in any sexually explicit visual material." Regarding adults, our manual states that, "it is particularly important to be careful in our relationships with those under our care or authority, where there may be a power differential. Where clergy or others in positions of authority are the subject of sexual advances by others, they must accept responsibility for maintaining those appropriate boundaries. Not to do so is an abuse of power and a betrayal of trust," (pages 5-6).

Auntie's Attic Report

Judy West, chair, and Thelma Gray, co-chair

We thank Bristol Farms for their generous contributions to our sale. Special thanks to all volunteers and vendors who helped make Auntie's Attic a success.

The total net amount raised at time of going to press is \$4,571.72.

\$1,300 of the proceeds went to outreach, with another \$1,300 going to landscaping. The raffle proceeds (\$1,205) are dedicated to children's ministries. \$766.72 has been reserved for next year's expenses.

The winners of the Raffle were: 1st Prize (iPad) Barbara McBride, 2nd Prize (iPod) Diane Blaisdell, 3rd Prize (iTunes gift card) Alyssa Mejia.



Above: (standing) Mary Mathis, Ashleigh McCracken, (sitting) Teddy and Dick McCracken.



Above: Diane Blaisdell & Janet Herrman



Above: Checking out the wares...



Outreach

by Carol Hamilton

World Vision Caregiver Kit Event/UCSD World AIDS Day/December 1, 2010

World Vision is an international aid Christian humanitarian organization. Over the last few years we have participated in several of their aid programs. On December 1, the students involved with the campus Episcopal and Methodist ministry and Good Sam will be holding a World Vision HIV/AIDS Caregiver Kit Event at UCSD as part of the university's World AIDS Day activities.

This is an opportunity for the UCSD Campus Ministry and our parish to connect with the students and work together on a worthwhile project to provide relief for those suffering from HIV/AIDS in third world countries. According to UNICEF in 2006, every hour 43 children under the age of 15 died as a result of AIDS. The kits that are assembled by the students, faculty, and staff at UCSD will be sent to caregivers in Africa, Asia, or Latin America. The caregivers will take kits to neighboring villages or rural areas and use the contents to provide hygienic care and comfort for children and adults infected with HIV/AIDS.

Everyone is invited to come and participate in the day's activities and/or volunteer to assist the student volunteers in hosting this hands-on event at UCSD, December 1 between the hours of 10:00am and 3:00pm. The website for UCSD's World AIDS Day 2010 is <http://worldAIDSday.ucsd.edu>. For further information, please contact Eric Lynn.

Annual Christmas Food Collection for CCSA

The Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA) serves low-income families and the homeless in Clairemont and Pacific Beach.

Every year the food pantry at the Clairemont Service Center is depleted in December. Therefore, we would like to give the Center a much-needed boost for the new year by collecting "Meals-in-a-Sack" for their pantry.

Please pick up a paper grocery bag and a shopping list as you leave church during December.

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 luminaria and bags of food for the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service.

Armed Services YMCA Wish List

Once again our Women's Group is providing for a military family through the ASYMCA Elf Program. We are providing for a very large family: Mom, Dad, and six children, age 6 and under! Anyone who would like to help by shopping for a family member is encouraged to contact Jane Davis. The gifts may be a "donation" or you may ask for reimbursement from the Women's Group for the things you buy. We expect to spend about \$50 per family member.



Interfaith Shelter: Start the Year on a Good Note!

The 2010-2011 season is the 25th for the InterFaith Shelter Network and the 4th time we will host our 2-week portion of the rotational shelter in Roetter Hall. We are again very blessed to have our own place to provide a safe shelter and warm meals for those in need.

The InterFaith Shelter Network is a cooperative effort of over 95 congregations in seven different regions who link to homeless men, women & children. They are a case-managed shelter whose goal is to help people move towards permanent housing. The Network is administered by the Ecumenical Council of San Diego County and supported by both the City and the County of San Diego and by private contributions.

About half of the congregations are "hosts" who house homeless people in their facilities and assure volunteer staffing. The other half are

“supports” who provide volunteers, meals and donations. Case Managers from community and denominationally-based social service agencies screen and refer each guest into the shelter and provide follow-through services.

Each year we support the InterFaith Shelter Network by taking a “rotational” turn for two weeks. We are again serving the community and offering our own recently renovated Roetter Hall facility.

What You Can Do:

Hosts: Volunteer “hosts” are needed to welcome the guests into the shelter each evening, to help them get settled in, to talk with them, to listen to them, to sit at the table and enjoy a meal with them and to help them in whatever way you can. Hosts will arrive between 5:00pm - 5:30pm, stay overnight in Roetter Hall with the guests, sleeping on a cot or in their own sleeping bag, and be on their way to work or home before 7:30am the next morning.

Meals: Volunteer “meal providers” are needed to prepare evening meals for as many as 12 to 16 people, to bring the food cooked and ready to eat to the shelter, to serve the meals to the guests (buffet style), and to clear away after the meal. Meal providers will arrive at Roetter Hall between 5:30 – 5:45 PM and be on their way home again by 7:00 – 7:15 PM.

Shoppers: Volunteer “shoppers” are needed to replenish food and supplies during the two weeks.

Contributions: Funds are needed to purchase food and supplies for the InterFaith Shelter.

The Good Samaritan 2-week schedule:

Monday, January 3rd through Friday, January 14th, 2011

If this sounds like something you can do for your church and your community, we need you, so please see us at church on Sunday for the sign-up schedule or [contact: Jim & Jill Lawrence](#),

Join the Vestry!

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 on the website (hard copy of the form next week!) at [http://www.goodsamchurch.org/We Are The Vestry.php](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, nine 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.**

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?

Winter at Good Samaritan

December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:30am Lessons & Carols 5:00pm Advent Chili Dinner (RH)	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30am Christmas Pageant	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve services: 5pm Mini- Lessons & Carols 10:30pm Contemplative	25 Christmas Day 10am Holy Eucharis t
26 9:30am only service	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

January 2011

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2	3 Interfaith Shelter moves in	4	5	6 Epiphany	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Interfaith Shelter ends	15
16 11:00am Annual General Meeting	17	18	19	20	21 Vestry Retreat begins	22

February 2011

20	21	22	23	24	25	26 4:00pm Family Night (RH)
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Women's Group Saturdays

9am - 11am, Roetter Hall:

Dec 11th (2nd Saturday) – Advent craft with Tricia Gill and making tamales with Kathleen Ide. Signups are underway.

Jan 8 – Food Packing at CCSA.

Everyone is invited to help pack food bags at CCSA on Clairemont Dr. CCSA hands out over 300 bags of food each month. If you can help, contact Jane at 858-452-1065



Feb 5 – Make It, Take It Flower Arranging. Our Flower Guild leads this workshop. Participants will learn how to make an arrangement in a pot or vase provided by the participant and take it home to enjoy. Signups begin in January. Donations accepted to cover the cost of flowers.

If you are not currently getting the email updates and would like to, (or your email address has changed) please [contact Jane Davis](#) and request to be added to the email group.

Santa will be at the Advent Chili Dinner!

December 12, 5:00pm

Come celebrate the Advent season! The men will provide a chili and corn bread dinner with options of hot dogs and mac & cheese. We will be using Jane Davis' tried and true family chili recipe. It is rumored that Santa will join us to determine who has been naughty and who has been nice. Suggested donation of \$5/adult, \$2/child or \$15/family.

Come join in the fellowship of the Good Sam community and share this evening with a relative or neighbor.



Women's Group Annual Meeting

January 9, 11:00am

Plan to stay for brunch after the 9:30am service for this important meeting. Decisions will be made regarding officers for next year, distribution of proceeds from the auction, 2011 calendar of events and other items of interest. If you would like to help with the brunch, please contact Jane Davis at 858-452-1065.



If you have recommendations for distribution of the Auction proceeds, please get them to Jane Davis by the middle of December so she can publish them *before* the meeting.

The Russians are Coming! The Russians are Coming!

St. Petersburg Russian Strings Orchestra

January 15, 3:00pm, Worship Center

Shades of Doctor Zhivago or the Boatmen of the Volga! Have you ever heard the beautiful haunting melodies of the domro or the balilika? Now is your opportunity to do so when the Russian Strings return.

The St. Petersburg Russians Strings Orchestra are an internationally acclaimed orchestra of 40 members who perform on traditional Russian instruments. In addition to music there will be Russian folk dance, Vladimir Chernov, a world renowned baritone and Susana Poretsky, a former mezzo soprano with the New York Metropolitan Opera. This is one concert you don't want to miss! Purchase tickets and learn more at www.russianstrings.com

Annual General Meeting and Brunch

January 16, immediately after 9:30am service

Please enter through the main doors rather than the side door to ease congestion.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend this important annual event and participate in conducting the business of the church. We begin with a delicious brunch (suggested donation of \$5 for adults), then gather together to review the past year, collect the Annual Report (a great way to find out what all the different ministries have been doing), elect the 2011 vestry members and diocesan delegates, and review the financial report and 2011 budget.

We hope to see you all there.



Save the Date for Family Nights

January 22, February 26

Have you ever sat in your living room on a Saturday evening wondering what you could do for fun? Well wonder no more.

Starting Saturday, January 22, you will have a chance to enjoy a fun filled evening with a great group of people

who are not only friends, but your church family. So mark your calendar. More details will follow the closer we get to the date.



**Married Couples Half Day Retreat
February 5, 9:00am to 1:00 pm,
Roetter Hall**

Just in time for Valentine's Day. Spend time together renewing ways to communicate spousal love and care.

Speakers: Harold and Lisa Mumford from the Catholic Community at UCSD and active Engaged Encounter presenters, and

Laura Henson, M.F.T., Reaching Out for Change, Counseling Services. A light lunch will be served. Cost \$10 per couple.

**Newcomers & New Families Welcome Luncheon
Sunday, February 13, 2011, 12 noon, Roetter Hall**

Will you be my Valentine? Oops, tis a little early since we are still in Christmas time.

Join us for a welcome luncheon, yes, kids are included. Get to know each other and members of the church. Chris and his family will be with us as well as some vestry members.



Right after New Year's you will be contacted with all the details so be on the lookout for a *red* envelope in the mail. If you don't receive one and are new, please come! Not getting a red envelope means we don't have a way of contacting you.

We are so delighted to have you as members of our ever growing Good Sam family!

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