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Reflections from the Rector

As I write this article I do so sitting in Roetter Hall having been displaced by the good folks at Abbey Carpet who are laying new carpets in the office. This of course being the initial phase of our refurbishment project that will include a sanctuary that has new pew covers, new carpet and a fresh coat of paint. It is very exciting and we are extremely grateful to Jay Smith, Carol Tuggey, Janet Herrman, John Veneziano and Dave Wade who have worked hard to make this all happen in a short time frame. Also, we thank all those who donated funds to ensure the "refreshing" of our worship space. It is all very exciting and will renew a space that has seen a lot of traffic over the last twenty years.

It is a reminder that it is necessary to occasionally stop and look at space, systems, the way we go about life and ask if it is grown a little old and whether it needs refreshing, a new coat of paint or a little renewing.

So, in the coming months not only the sanctuary will receive a new coat of paint. Look also for the following to be sporting a new refreshing color:

Communications: The branding committee has been hard at work with Fishhook to come up with a new logo and image that are reflective of Good Sam. This new logo provides an impetus for us to consider the way we communicate events and news at Good Sam and the format by which we do so. Leanne and a committee have put together a communications repainting and presented this to the Admin Fractal and then to the Vestry. It will look much the same, as will the sanctuary, just a little more fresh.

Education: The Education Committee has been working hard to ensure that we

are able to provide learning experiences for all ages, suiting our schedule and our generational differences. It also will look familiar like the sanctuary but it will have a more vibrant color as we provide wonderful opportunities during the service and after the service for adults and children.

Organization: With Hanna Hake agreeing to offer her church administration gifts, part - time, we finally have in place a staff person to help us solidify the organizational and administrative shifts we have been working towards. The committee leaders and co-leaders and their vestry team members have already had a meeting in which we set goals for each small group, ministry and committee. These goals include developing a mission statement that let's everyone know how the ministry fits into our overall goals and sense of self. We have also been challenged to look at how we schedule events and strive to create a calendar a year in advance so as to ensure there are no conflicts as we try to accommodate two very busy communities. Events and ministries will all look familiar like the sanctuary, they will simply have a new coat of paint.

I encourage you to look forward to a fresh look and new coat of paint for these ministries. They will look much the same only with more color and fresh and a little new.

Please, read our article below with regards to the changes in communications.

— *Rev Chris Chase+*

Upcoming Events

ANNUAL GOOD SAMARITAN BEACH PARTY – Friday, September 3rd

We will celebrate the end of summer together at La Jolla Shores Beach on the grass at the north end of the parking lot, Friday, September 3rd, starting at 5pm and ending sometime after dark. Our Good Samaritan annual evening of fellowship and fun at the beach will be coordinated by Jane and Les Davis. La Jolla Shores Beach runs adjacent to Camino del Oro St and to El Paseo Grande St. Barbecues will be provided and will be hot and ready for cooking by 5:30! We provide ocean, sand, and a wonderful sunset. You will need to bring your own meat/fish to barbecue, buns/rolls, musical instruments, blankets, towels, beach chairs, flashlights, and other beach paraphernalia, AND something to share for 10 as follows:

A-G : Beverages/Chips
H-O : Salads or Appetizers
P-Z : Desserts

Condiments, plates, cups, napkins, and utensils will be provided. If you have a barbecue which you can bring, or if you can arrive early to help stake out and hold some space, please contact Les or Jane at church.

Special Note

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New Look, New Ways to Communicate

At the August home forums, we are revealing our new logo and brand. This affords us the opportunity to consider all the ways in which we communicate information here at Good Samaritan, with its members and the outside world.

As part of this, starting in September, a new print publication will wend its way to you. Yet to be titled, we will release it quarterly and cover that quarter's events, Christian education and outreach opportunities as well as sharing past successes. It'll also help keep Good Sam's mission and brand in the forefront of our minds and in our planning.

But it means saying goodbye to the monthly Tidings. Indeed, this issue will be its last. With its often out-of-date information and lack of submissions, we figured there had to be a more timely way of getting that information to you, while still providing a forum for the longer pieces that help us remember why we are all members of this particular body of Christ.

We already use more timely ways of getting information to you: Email. The website. The Good Sam Notes. Facebook.

All of these are ways for you to learn about happenings at Good Sam and how you can be involved. In the survey we took last year, not a single respondent answered that they got their information via the Tidings alone, and most respondents made use of all our communications channels.

So where will you find your favorite part of the Tidings? The Treasurer's Report and the Summary of Approved Vestry Minutes will be placed on the website with reminders to look sent to you via email and in the Good Sam Notes. Worried about not having your friend's birthday or anniversary listed? The first Sunday of every month we

will publish the list of birthdays and anniversaries, which when we are blessing the same at the altar. Upcoming events and the calendar are already on the website, and there's "the week ahead" in each Notes as well.

There are those who do not get the Notes because they are shut-in or far away. We plan to take care of our shut-ins by sending them a nicely put together packet of documents and Notes.

If you have an abhorrence for the computer and don't have email or know how to get on the internet, we can add you to the shut-in list too. Just let us know who you are and you will receive the notes and documents in the mail as well.

To help us make this transition, please subscribe to the email list if you haven't already. Go to the following web link and enter your email address. You will receive an email which will ask you to confirm your subscription, which once you do, you're in.

Sign Up:

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

As we are bringing this new quarterly newsletter in-house, we especially give our deep and heartfelt thanks to Ken Warburton, long-time editor of the Tidings, for such dedicated service. It was Ken who realized it was time to give our communications a fresh coat of paint. Thank you Ken.

— *Leanne Shawler / Fr. Chris*

Senior Warden's Report

I will keep this brief because much of the information is written up elsewhere in this Tidings - it has been a busy summer! Our August vestry meeting was highlighted by the report from our 'Branding Committee'. They have selected a new logo for Good Sam and, after some reflection and

sharing, I must say that it was really well received and readily approved by the vestry. We plan to share it with everyone at our home forums this month and we look forward to implementing it in all of our communications and outreach. The informal home forums are all set for the last week in August, 22nd through the 26th, and I hope everyone can plan to attend at least one of the four, taking place in University City, Carmel Valley, and Scripps's Ranch. An invitation to attend is found elsewhere in this Tidings. The home forums are followed by a summer evening of fellowship and fund raising at our annual auction on Saturday, August 28. The food is terrific and auction bidding is fun and rewarding. The whole evening is a great bargain at \$15 per person so make your reservations soon. Jay Smith updated the vestry on the sanctuary refurbishment project which is moving along well and still within budget. In fact, by the time you read this we should be worshipping in the sanctuary again. The refreshing summer experience in Roetter Hall seems to have been received well and rekindled a lot of memories, and given us a chance to experiment a bit with the worship service. It will be interesting to hear people's thoughts at our home forums. As you can appreciate by reading the vestry news, all of our ministries continue to be quite active during the summer and fall plans are well underway. Because of the home forums the vestry will not have a formal meeting in August but will resume monthly meetings in September.

— *Dave Miller*

Vestry in Brief

July 13, 2010

Rector's Report: Rev Chris Chase

Services in Roetter hall are going splendidly during the sanctuary renovation with the computer-

projected responses working well. People have loved being in Roetter Hall, which was the worship center for years until the sanctuary and offices were built, and are enjoying the openness of the glass windows and the close sense of community.

Lars Stairs-Almquist will continue as Campus Minister again in the fall. Meanwhile he'll help on projects and work with Outreach Committee to identify a parish-wide education project. Several UCSD students have attended services at Good Sam this summer.

The James Hubbell cross and candles that complement the altar in Roetter Hall are completed, and together with the altar, form a circle.

Senior Warden's Report

Logo Presentation -- The branding team, headed by Leanne Shawler, first met in April to look at demographics and define who we -- the collective members of Good Samaritan Church -- are. Fishhook, a church communications company, assisted in the process. Evan McBroom visited the church in May, attended both services as a "newcomer," presented information on branding at the morning's educational forum, and met with an expanded Good Sam branding committee for two hours. The remaining three meetings with the team and Fishhook in June and July were conducted using computers with cameras at Evan's location and at Good Sam, using Skype. For the record, this may have been our first use of this technology. Leanne presented the process and the resulting logo and tag and the vestry members were delighted with the outcome and accepted it unanimously. The information will be shared with the congregation at the August home forums and will be rolled out in communications.

Home forums will be in lieu of the August vestry meeting. Vestry members are invited to attend as many

forums as they can.

Sanctuary Refurbishment Project

We're ahead of schedule on repairs, painting, and carpeting and the project is within the approved budgeted amount.

Tidings as Quarterly Publication

The vestry voted to transition the Tidings into a quarterly publication reflecting the church's vision rather than publishing information that may be out of date or is redundant to emails. The communications plan will reach everyone in the congregation using various means, including a monthly mailing to those who request it, while reducing costs of publication.

Vestry Auction Trip

The vestry's auction donation will be a trip to the Huntington Museum in San Marino on October 9th. For \$75 per person those who sign up will get bus transportation (approximately 2 hours each way) with refreshments provided by vestry members, a tour, and box lunch.

Ministries Updates

Christian Education and Youth -- Jan Devans is the new committee chair for the Education Committee. Sunday School curriculum is ready with a wheel of activities (bell choir, woodworking, an organic garden, and Christmas pageant) that span several weeks or months each for ages 7-12. iPads with Christian education projects will be used for middle school and high school students.

Outreach -- Fathers' Day donations were collected and church members helped pack food at CCSA. The day care center Good Sam has been supporting in Appalachia has been closed and the funds will be redirected. The worship committee is looking for a church project within the community. Carol Hamilton is the new chair of the outreach committee.

Fellowship -- Summer breakfasts have been popular. The auction is

coming up and donations are needed from the members of the church. Reservations are required for the dinner and auction for \$15 per person. The Youth group will sell greenery for Christmas with direct delivery to people's homes.

Worship Committee -- The committee wants feedback on the music that has been used for services in Roetter Hall. Without an organ or piano, traditional hymns are not being played.

Parish Growth -- Newcomers have been invited to a dinner on July 24th.

Upcoming Dates

Sanctuary Remodel	Jun 21-Jul 31
Home Forums	Aug. 22, 24, 25, 26
Auction	Aug 28
Beach Party	Sep 3
Budget Hearings	Sep 19 / Oct 17
Sep Vestry Meeting	Sep 22
Men's Retreat	Nov 12-14
Ingathering	Nov 14

— Jan Craven

Treasurer's Report

What's to say? Again our income was less than we had expected, but our expenses were also less than we had planned. We are still ahead for the year, but only by cutting back on what we had hoped to do.

Treasurer's Report Summary of June 2010 Financial Activity of Operating Fund		
	This Month	Year to Date
Income	\$ 36,407	\$ 285,644
Expenses	\$ 45,097	\$ 267,162
Operating increase / (decrease)	\$ (8,690)	\$ 18,482

The refurbishment of our sanctuary is progressing quite nicely. We are paying for this upkeep of our facilities by special donations made to the "Pew Fund" by individuals and by groups within the church and by special events

that were held over the past several years that donated their proceeds to this fund. (It's not too late to donate to this fund if you would like to support this endeavor!) We will also have to use some of the funds that we have set aside in the past few years for deferred maintenance.

— *Arthur Kassebaum*

Update on Outreach

“To encourage and support Good Samaritans to connect with and be involved in mission activities from our neighborhoods to the world community, so that we may reflect the life of Jesus Christ.”

The Outreach Committee members and Good Samaritans have been very busy reaching out. Eric Lynn passed the chairmanship position to Carol Hamilton. Blessedly, Eric will stay deeply involved in outreach through his work with CCSA. He has provided wonderful leadership.

As you are aware, Good Samaritan sent funds to the Maple Tree Children's Center in Tennessee. Unfortunately, due to a lack of funding after August, the center will be closed. There is hope that Head Start will take over the facility in the fall of 2011. Harry Chase, our contact in Tennessee has asked that we allow him to use the funds we sent to help women and children receive mental health counseling and services. Jellico, where the MTCC is located has the highest rate of child abuse in the state of Tennessee. Many women as head of household have fallen to drugs. The Outreach Committee voted to approve the redirection of the funds to the St. James Appalachian Fund which is managed by Harry Chase. We ask that you join us as we our direct prayers to these women and their children as they work to get healthy while living in a very difficult environment.

Our June distribution of funds will

go to CAF Operation Rebound which is an organization that helps disabled veterans become competitive athletes. We look forward to hearing from Nico, a former Marine who is involved in this worthy program. Our own Cindy Taylor is helping us with this project.

July funds will go to camperships to Camp Stevens through the St. Luke's Refugee Network. The Womens Group contributed \$1,000 and the Outreach Committee \$1,000 in support of this project.

CCSA - We had a successful morning packing food on July 10. 14 Good Samaritans made short work of the job and enjoyed the fellowship. Thanks you. Thank you.

BACKPACKS - August 12 is the deadline for providing a backpack and goodies for needy children through CCSA. See Eric's display at church.

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - Monarch School for homeless children is looking to us to start providing dinner for 70 one Friday a month. This is similar to our program for Rachel's House.

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO COORDINATE THIS PROJECT WITH MONARCH.

The Newman's are interesting in a joint venture with Good Samaritans once a month to pick up food in El Cajon from the Golden Share Foods Program and distribute it at Good Sam. Food is ordered online or by phone so we do not need to deal in ordering or payment. WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO WORK WITH NEWMAN'S TO COORDINATE THIS MONTHLY PROJECT. A GREAT WAY TO GET INVOLVED WITH OUR NEIGHBORS. See their website at www.goldensharefoods.com

Voices for children is looking for volunteers to serve as a court appointed special advocate for children. Training is available and there are many ways to help. See their website at www.voices4children.com

Well, as you can see, much is going on. I have not covered it all, but we will soon run out of space. Look for updates online, in the Good Sam Notes and our bulletin board.

Peace to each of you,

— *Carol Hamilton*

Dreams: God's Forgotten Language

If the recent Leonardo di Caprio "Inception" movie intrigued you about dreams, you won't have to go far to attend this fascinating weekend conference because it is being held right here at Good Sam, starting Friday, September 17 and lasting all day Saturday. Canon Thom Rasnick, a friend of Fr. Chris, is coming to San Diego to share his knowledge of dreams. He has been involved in working with dreams and healing for the last 10 years, studying dreams from a Jungian and scriptural perspective. He leads dream groups and helps individuals interpret their dreams, a process that can lead to profound healing.

Cost is \$35 per person before August 15, after that the price goes up to \$45, so time is running out if you want to attend at the cheap rate. Pick up a blue brochure as you leave or enter church to see the schedule. This conference is being sponsored by the San Diego Chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician (known as OSL to many of us), so if you have any more questions or need additional information, please contact Robin Fowler at rjfowler3210@att.net or Mike or Barbara McBride at barn47@aol.com.

— *Leanne Shawler*

ALTAR SCHEDULE

If you cannot fulfill these assignments please arrange for a replacement and inform Alan Wilson 858-761-3955 (AlanWilson@san.rr.com)
 Readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Edition (NRSV) Bible. All Servers should arrive 15 minutes early.

AUGUST 1	AUGUST 8	AUGUST 15	AUGUST 22	AUGUST 29
Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56:42	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14
LECTORS	LECTORS	LECTORS	LECTORS	LECTORS
9:30 Peder Shea Esther Stearns POP Diane Blaisdell	9:30 Bob Dingeman Jill Loomis POP Teddy McCracken	9:30 Thelma Gray Jane Davis POP Ben Preyer	9:30 Jeff Theiss Barbara Theiss POP Carole Denton	9:30 Carol Tuggey Verdery Kassebaum POP Gary Powell
CHALICE/LEMS	CHALICE/LEMS	CHALICE/LEMS	CHALICE/LEMS	CHALICE/LEMS
9:30 Carol Tuggey Gary Powell Germaine Bergeron-Lynn	9:30 Jim Lawrence Teddy McCracken Kathleen Ide	9:30 Les and Jane Davis Robin Fowler	9:30 Steve and Sally Nichols Diana Davis	9:30 Carol Tuggey Gary Powell Thelma Gray
ACOLYTES	ACOLYTES	ACOLYTES	ACOLYTES	ACOLYTES
9:30 (A) Joel Burgess (C) Jeremy Burgess	9:30 (A) Sam Rohrbach (C) Alyssa Meija	9:30 (A) Sam Chase (C) Daniel Rohrbach	9:30 (A) Katie Herrman (C) Sarah Herrman	9:30 (A) Beth Lambert (C) Lisa Hannaman
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
9:30 Bob Mac Dougall Eric Lynn Randy Santos	9:30 Dick McCracken Bill Beck Terry Orletsky	9:30 Bob Mac Dougall Eric Lynn Alan Wilson	9:30 Jim Lawrence Jay Smith Alan Wilson	9:30 Jinni Dunn Jason and Ashley Holiday Jay Smith
GREETERS	GREETERS	GREETERS	GREETERS	GREETERS
9:30 Bob and Carol Hamilton Jacqui Todd	9:30 Katie and Jinny Dunn Jason and Ashley Holliday	9:30 Joan Broughton Equilla Luke	9:30 Mike and Judy West	9:30 Joan Broughton Equilla Luke
ALTAR	ALTAR	ALTAR	ALTAR	ALTAR
9:30 Kathleen Ide Verdery Kassebaum Nancy Higgins	9:30 Ana Mathen Jan Anderson Mary Glassey	9:30 Margaret Ong & Rose Kawi Daphne Preyer	9:30 Brenda Holman Lois Fife Germaine Bergeron-Lynn	9:30 Kathleen Ide Verdery Kassebaum Nancy Higgins
Order of St. Luke	Order of St. Luke	Order of St. Luke	Order of St. Luke	Order of St. Luke
9:30 Teddy McCracken Lalu Mookan Diane Blaisdell Thelma Gray	9:30 Steve Nichols Sally Nichols Robin Fowler Jeanie Fowler	9:30 Diana Davis Kent Davis Thomas Kassebaum Teddy McCracken	9:30 Thomas Kassebaum Kathleen Ide Les Davis Rebecca Chase	9:30 Linda Gallagher Teddy McCracken Germaine Bergeron Lynn Eric Lynn

Good Samaritans of the Month

The RRR was so happy to find out after she first met Ross and Andréa “Dréa” Wilderman that they were expecting their first baby! Lydia was born June 4, 2009. The RRR thought she’d better wait to interview the Wildermans. You know how busy parents with a new born are! Well, this summer, I caught up with Ross & Dréa in an unusually cool month of July.

RRR: Please tell us where you are both from, and how you met.

Ross: Dréa is from Glen Ridge, New Jersey. This is where she was born and raised. Her family still resides in the New Jersey area. I’m from Steamboat Springs, Colorado. I was born in Englewood, Colorado, and raised in Tabernash, Colorado, and Steamboat Springs. My family is primarily in Colorado and Virginia. We arrived in San Diego May of 2008.

Dréa: We met in graduate school at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Ross graduated with his Ph.D. in Biochemistry, and I graduated with a Master’s of Science in Plant Physiology. We received our degrees at the same ceremony in December 2007! We were married on the day of the worst ice/snow storm of Winter 2007/2008. And we were brought to San Diego when Ross took a position as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at UCSD. I work as a Staff Researcher at the UCSD School of Medicine.



Ross, Lydia, and Wilderman

RRR: So were you both raised Episcopalian? And how did you find us at good Sam?

Dréa: I was raised Catholic, and Ross was raised United Methodist.

Ross: We found Good Sam by searching Google. It happened to be the closest church to our apartment, and was within walking distance. We chose Good Sam after a short search because of the open and vibrant community. We were also really impressed with how friendly everyone was.

Dréa: Ann Carlton came up and gave us hugs!

RRR: What do you enjoy about Good Sam? Anything you’d like to see us do more of?

Ross: We’ve really liked how open the community is -- in terms of both the people and the space. We really enjoy the Adult Education Classes, especially the Lenten Series on financial management. We would be interested in another series focused on Practical Christian Living.

RRR: So, as busy new parents, what do you enjoy in your leisure time?

Dréa: We enjoy the outdoors including trips to the zoo & to the beach, hiking, camping, and traveling. I really enjoy knitting and gardening.

Ross: I love photography and brewing beer, cider, and mead.

RRR: Brewing beer! Wow, that’s a neat hobby. Folks, I think we should ask Ross to organize us a beer making party! Don’t you just love how the RRR uncovers hidden talents? Welcome to Good Sam, Ross, Dréa and Lydia!

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Lord, I thank you for the many ways you bless me now. Let me ever be attentive to the blessings you send. Let me always return thanks for your blessings. And as I receive our blessings into my heart, guide me always to seek and do your will. Remembering:

- You are not alone- for god is with you.*
- You are not defenseless- for god is your protector.*
- You are not inadequate- for god is your sufficiency.*
- You are not useless- for god has a purpose for your life.*
- You are not worthless- for god sent his only son to die for you.*
- You are not without hope- for god has a place prepared for you.*
- You are not unloved- for god loves you with an everlasting love.*
- You are not rejected- for god calls you his own.*

In the name of Jesus Christ amen.

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An Invitation to Home Forums

Fr. Chase and your Vestry invite parishioners to attend our home forum meetings during the last week of August, three evenings and one Sunday afternoon. The purpose of these two hour forums is to meet with parishioners in an informal and interactive setting to encourage discussion by parishioners of their views of our programs, priorities, and challenges. The theme this year will be "Back To The Future" and the program will include discussions on how we view Good Sam, reaching out under our new logo, setting a vision for our ministries, and the use of technology in our education programs – we plan to engage you with our new IPADS. Our new Parish Life Director, Hanna Hake, will attend each forum and is looking forward to hear everyone's views on the programs and ministries at Good Sam. Before the vestry begins its fall planning to set priorities and stewardship goals, they also need to listen to what new ideas and fresh thoughts may be out there amongst parishioners. It is an especially good opportunity for new members to learn more about their parish and to share their aspirations for Good Samaritan as their place of worship. Four parishioners have agreed to open their homes** so everyone will be able to choose a time and place that is most convenient for them. There will be light refreshments and the agenda will be the same at each forum. The forums will not work without you so we hope you can find the time to attend and share in this mid-year reflection. Simply contact one of the hosts and let them know you plan to be there. If you need to hire a baby sitter in order for both parents to attend please let us know and we will reimburse you for the cost. If you need help with a ride please contact Leanne Shawler at the church office and we will arrange one for you. Please save the dates: **Sunday August 22nd, 4-6pm; Tuesday, August 24th, 7-9pm; Wednesday, August 25th, 7-9pm; and Thursday, August 26th, 7-9pm.** Contact the Church office for details and locations.