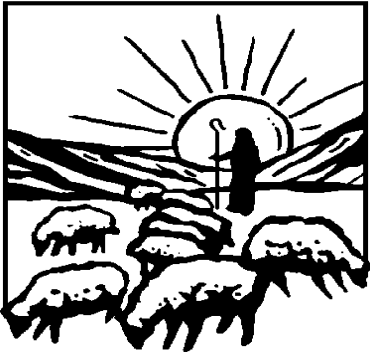


April 2010

The Shepherd's Lyre



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THY ROD AND THY STAFF

"May you live in interesting times" says the Chinese blessing. We're there. The Shepherd of the Hills sanctuary addition is complete (about 98%) and is a great worship space. Holy Week is upon us and the new sanctuary really complements our celebration of new life and Christ's resurrection on Easter morning. A little sunshine, super choir music, several new members, and it is good to be a part of SHCC at Easter. What interesting and wonderful times.

We will celebrate Maundy Thursday with our 7 pm SHCC tradition of a communion and candlelight "upper room" worship service. We will meet upstairs in the Christian Education building. This is designed as a sit on the floor, wear comfortable clothes, bring a blanket and "New Testament era" food to share as a part of our communion service. The first person meditation this year will be "I am Thomas, the Doubter." Friends, family, guests and strangers are all invited.

Easter Sunday is always busy, always fun and always worshipful at SHCC. We will begin at 8 am with breakfast provided by the men of the church (CMF). At 9 am, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers through elementary school age children. (Remember to bring an Easter basket.) Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:30 am. The Service of Worship, a celebration of Christ's resurrection, will begin at 10:40 am. Easter Sunday will be a wonderful day of celebration at SHCC. Please join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ in our new Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church Sanctuary.

God bless,

Rod



*The Southwest Region and Shepherd of the Hills
Christian Church
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Cordially invite your presence and prayers
For the Ordination to Christian Ministry
of Randall Keith Hill*

on

Sunday, April 11, 2010, 4:00 pm

at

*Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)*

of

Austin, Texas

6909 W. Courtyard Drive

Reception at the church following the service



Youth Choir Musical



This year's Youth Sunday Choir performance is going to be especially wonderful! The date is Sunday, May 16th, during the regular worship time.

The Youth Choir will perform "100% Chance of Rain", a great jazz musical about Noah's Ark. There will be singing and dancing and percussion instruments!

Rehearsals will be on Sundays after worship service and will end by 2:00 pm.

April 4 - Easter - NO REHEARSAL

April 11

April 18

April 25

May 2

May 9

May 15 - SATURDAY DRESS REHEARSAL- 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Shepherd's Fund Grant


The Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church (SHCC) Shepherd's Fund was established in 1987 to assure the continued support of Outreach Ministries of SHCC. SHCC awarded its first grant to an Austin area non profit from the interest on the Fund in 2009. The grant will be made to an Austin area non profit, recommended by the Shepherd's Fund Committee, and selected by the SHCC Outreach Committee.


Applications for this \$4000 grant are now available and may be downloaded from the SHCC website (www.shccaustin.org). For more information, please contact Jerry Miller at jmiller620189@austin.rr.com Applications are due by May 15, 2010, and the grant award will be made by July 1.


Worship Committee Report


The Worship Committee met recently to "fine tune" our Worship Service in our new Sanctuary. As of Easter Sunday (April 4, 2010), we will try another method of Communion. We will proceed up to the Communion Table, from back to front of the Sanctuary, and return to our seats. After everyone has partaken of Communion, we will stand at our seats, holding hands, and sing our closing hymn. We plan to try this method during the month of April as we try out new ideas in our new Worship area. Other updates from the Committee are "special music", coordinated by Mark and the Choir, on the 5th Sundays of the month (May, August, and October), new attendance pads, our acolytes wearing robes, and Diane Roberson training acolytes. Stay tuned for other updates as we plan to move forward at SHCC.


Opportunities for Fellowship and Growth


 **The CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) Lunch** will be on **Thursday, April 1, at 11:30 am** at the Bamboo Grill, 6507 Jester Blvd. Everyone is invited to join us, CWF women as well as guests.

 The next meeting of the **CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship)** will be **Friday, April 2, at 7:00 am** at the Waterloo Ice House on 360 at 2222. Any questions, please call Adrian Gentry (345-3541).

 The **Book Club** is reading The Lost Hours by Karen White. Everyone is invited to join us for our discussion of this and other books when we meet again **at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 12**. We will be at the Triumph Café on Spicewood Springs Road and new faces are always welcome.

 **CWF Day Group:** Our monthly CWF Day Meeting will be **Wednesday, April 21 at 2 pm**. Our lesson for April is Chapter 7 in our study book, entitled "Veiled Threat". The Bad Women are Tamar, a Bible character we have heard of; the present day story is about Tammy and, of course, she shares how she has been "done wrong". It will be very interesting, as usual.
☎Milesa (288-8306)

 **The Theological Discovery Group** will meet on **Friday, April 23 at 12:00 pm** to discuss the book Abraham : A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths by Bruce Feiler. Please bring your lunch and join us in the Carnes Education Building.

 **CWF Monday Night Escape Group:** We will meet **Monday, April 26** at the Waterloo Ice House for dinner **at 5:30 pm**. Instead of our regular study, the group will meet back at the church at 7:00 pm to work on our entry for the Quadrennial fundraiser "Bras for a Cause" to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. For the fundraiser, groups will submit a decorated bra, pay a \$10 entry fee, and then everyone attending the assembly will vote – all proceeds go to Susan G. Komen. We have two entries planned to send with our representatives, so come and lend your creative spirit and join in the fellowship! Contact Linda Hoops at lhoops@austin.rr.com or 914-8622 if you have questions.

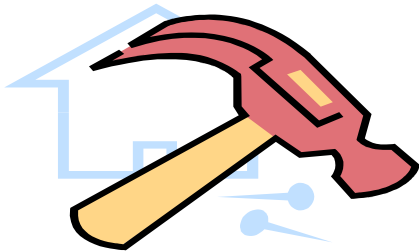
 **The ORG ("Old Retired Guys")** group meets every Tuesday for breakfast and discussion, 8:00 am at Triumph Café, 3808 Spicewood Springs Rd.

Outreach Opportunities

Hands on Housing

Hands on Housing will take place on Saturday, April 17. It is an all-day, very fun event which requires no construction or painting skills, just a willingness to join in for a good cause!

More details to follow. Mark your calendars now and plan to be involved!



ARCH

Austin Resource Center for the Homeless
Tuesday, April 17, 5:45 pm

500 East 7th St. at Neches

Join us to help feed a gourmet meal to about 100 homeless men. If you are interested, please contact Suzanne Gonzalez.

suzanne_gonzalez@msn.com

Mobile Loaves & Fishes – April 19th

Our next Make Ready and Truck Run teams meet **April 19** (the 3rd Monday) at **5:15 pm**. Our teams will prepare sack “lunches” for the homeless and working poor and then go out in a truck to distribute the food and other items.



Volunteer Opportunity

Planned Living Assistance Network of Central Texas (PLANCTX) is in need volunteers to answer the office phone on Wednesday afternoons, Thursday mornings and all day Friday. Any contribution of time to assist this organization with providing access for families with needs because they have members who have severe mental illness would be greatly appreciated. The office is located on the grounds of the Austin State Hospital. If interested please contact Debbie Webb, Executive Director at 512-851-0901 or 512-799-9358. PLANCTX is an organization that has received an allocation in 2010 from the SHCC Outreach Committee.

Randalls Good Neighbor Program

When you shop at Randalls, tell your checker to link your Remarkable Card to the number **6201**. Once linked, every time you shop, the amount of your purchase will be recorded in SHCC's account. Every Quarter we will receive a check for 1% of that amount. That money is designated to Outreach.



<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>
Hudson Valenti	April 7
Zachary Austin	April 11
Payton Vaughan	April 11
Jeffrey Hoops	April 12
David Carroll	April 15
Gregory Ross	April 16
David Dick	April 18
Pat Tumlinson	April 21
Allison Dillon	April 25
Ellen Carroll	April 27
Amanda Lewis	April 29
David Valenti	April 29



Leaders for Spring 2010:

- April 4:** Tara Nash and Kim Keating
- April 11:** Mary Ann Coleman and Sheri Brice
- April 18:** Chris Adams and Gail Adams
- April 25:** Mary Ann Coleman and Tara Nash
- May 2:** Russell Nash and Pat Vaughan
- May 9:** Ginny Lucich and Pat Vaughan
- May 16:** Dana and Russell Austin
- May 23:** Russell and Dana Austin
- May 30:** Chris Adams and Gail Adams

If you need to switch dates, that is perfectly understandable! Please call someone from the list and try to make arrangements to switch. Please let the Church Office know of any changes.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



<u>NAME</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
Mark & Stacy Manning	April 1
Ira & Betty Fariss	April 6
Joe Howard & Marian Dozier	April 12
Jim Rose Berry	April 28

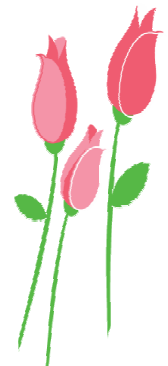


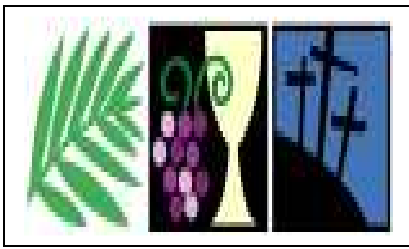
May Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the May newsletter and Calendar is **Wednesday, April 28 at 12 noon.**

Thank you!

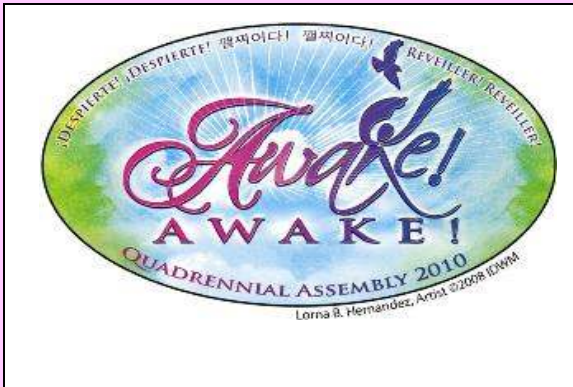
Congratulations to Kathryn and Aaron Ojeda on the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Victoria Ojeda, on March 16, 2010. Baby Kathryn weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, was 20 ¼ inches tall, and was also welcomed by proud grandma Linda Hoops.





April 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 11:30 am CWF Lunch @ Bamboo Grill 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	2 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 am CMF Prayer Breakfast	3
4 EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 am Community Breakfast 9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Easter Celebration	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 8:00 am ORG 5:45 pm ARCH	7 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	8	9	10
11 HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship 12:00 pm Youth Musical Rehearsal 4:00 pm Randy Hill Ordination Service	12 7:00 pm Book Club (at Triumph Café)	13 7 am-7pm Travis County Run-off election 8:00 am ORG 11:00 am Disciples' Clergy Lunch @ HPCC	14 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	15 7:00 pm Cabinet Meeting	16	17 Hands On Housing
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2010 Quadrennial Assembly

Greensboro, NC

June 23 - 27, 2010

A gathering of the women of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ, their family and friends, to praise God through worship, fellowship, study, and work.

Workshop Listing and Registration Materials are available in the church office.

For more information, please call the office at 343-7858 or Melanie Holtz at 466-9716. Through the proceeds of the special offering on Women's Sunday, a fundraiser, and budgeted education funds, SHCC will support our representatives to this event by providing the \$375 registration fee.

You can help! During the women's Quadrennial Assembly, June 23 – 27, we will be gathering items for health/hygiene kits and assembling them while we are there. Melanie Holtz and Susan Hill are attending Quadrennial Assembly and would like help from the Shepherd of the Hills community in collecting the items needed to help assemble Hygiene Kits.

In the face of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty, Hygiene Kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. A box will be placed in the narthex to collect the kits.

To assemble one Hygiene Kit you will need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards)
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six Band-Aids®
- Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure
- \$2 for shipping per kit

Please **DO NOT** add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Toothpaste that has an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment.

2010 BBA Camps

CYF Conference: June 20-26
Eighter's Camp: June 27- July 3
Beginner's Camp: July 6-9
Chi Rho Camp: July 11-17
Junior Camp: July 19-24

2010 Area Assembly

New Wine! New Wineskins!

April 30 - May 1, 2010
Central Christian Church
720 N. Main Street
San Antonio, TX 78205
Registration form available
online:www.bluebonnetarea.org

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