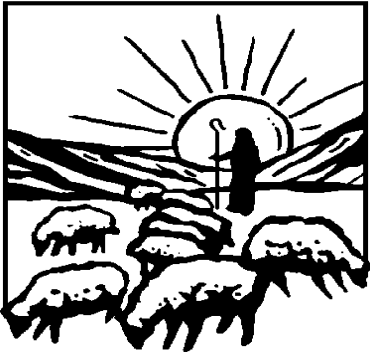


March 2010

The Shepherd's Lyre



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THY ROD AND THY STAFF

We're in! After what seems like an eternity – a year dreaming, a year planning, a year building – we are finally in the new worship space! I don't want my "Thank you, Jesus" to sound trite, because it is the place to start, and our Service of Dedication was a great celebration of praise, but I don't want to stop there, either. I want to thank everyone involved in the process [insert the full directory list of members here]. Yes, that's right, it's not just Randy, Hank, and Vicki; it's not just Bobby and Jim, or Suzanne, Laura, Kim, Tom, Bill or Bob. All of those were greatly involved and we do thank them, but this was a total community project and the total community deserves the credit and the sincere "thank you" for all of your work, patience, flexibility, and endurance. Now we can sit back, take a deep breath, savor the moments and enjoy the beauty and peace of God's spiritual house. The whole SHCC deserves this moment to revel in a great sense of accomplishment --- take the time to enjoy this moment. We won't stay in this moment forever, however. It, too, will pass. There is ministry to do and plans are underway, but for now, what a great time to be Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church. Thank you, God. Thank you, SHCC community, one and all.

God bless,

Rod

Luke 9:33a



WOMEN'S SUNDAY SHCC will have a special treat when Adonna Bowman will be our guest speaker on Sunday, March 7th during our **Disciple Women's Sunday** event. We look forward to hearing from her!



32nd Annual CROP Walk

Please join us the weekend of **March 6-7** as we raise funds to tackle hunger in Austin and around the world.

Saturday, March 6 - Registration at 9:30 am; Walk begins at 10:00 am
 Sunday, March 7 – Registration at 1:45 pm; Walk begins at 2:30

New Location!

Walter E. Long Park
 6614 Blue Bluff Rd. (near Travis County Expo Center)

The CROP Hunger Walk brings together Austinites to raise awareness and funds for international hunger relief and development, as well as local hunger fighting. In 2009, 2000 walkers representing 110 faith communities and other organizations in Austin raised nearly \$132,000! 25% of the money raised locally stays locally. 75% helps support Church World Service, national sponsor of CROP Hunger Walks. For more info, visit their website at: churchworldservice.org

The **SHCC community** will stay for a sandwich lunch after church on Sunday, March 7, and then join the CROP Walk as a group. RSVP with Russell Nash (266-6334).

Outreach Highlights

The Shepherd's Fund was established in 1987 as a charitable trust by an agreement between Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church and the Trustees to assure the continual support of outreach ministries of Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church. Only the interest earned on the Fund is available for funding projects. The expenditures from the Fund are determined by the Outreach Committee. The investment decisions regarding the Fund are made by the Trustees. The first grant was made in 2009 to Bethany Christian Church for the Food Pantry.

At the January 2010 meeting of the Outreach Committee, policies as well as an annual process for making distributions from the Shepherd's Fund were adopted. The Shepherd's Fund grant award for 2010 will be in the amount of \$4000. Notice of grant availability will be broadly distributed throughout the Austin area non-profit community through the Center for Community Based and Non Profit Organizations at the Austin Community College. The List Serve includes 5000 or so area non-profits, but we will not know which organizations are on the List Serve. **As a result we are also advising the entire SHCC congregation through the Newsletter of the application availability which will begin in mid to late March. If you are aware of an organization that may have an interest in applying for a grant please do let them know of this opportunity. These organizations may go to the SHCC website <http://www.shccaustin.org> to obtain the application, or may contact Jerry Miller at jmiller620189@austin.rr.com for more information. Applications are due by May 15, 2010. The grant award will be made by July 1.**

Organizations receiving allocations from the Outreach Committee in 2010 will not be eligible for the 2010 Shepherd's Fund grant. A list of organizations that are planned for Outreach Committee allocations is located on the SHCC website.



Missing and
At Large.....

Hymnals

A number of hymnals seem to be missing from our inventory. Now that our seating is increased, we have noticed that we are low on hymnals.

If you have borrowed a hymnal, please return it ASAP!

Thanks for your help!



Welcome

to the Flock!

We are very pleased to welcome Judy Ward and Heather Pahany, who became members of SHCC on February 14, 2010.

On February 21, Ashley Faulk joined the SHCC community.


On February 28, we welcomed two new families to SHCC:


Rachel and Jason Flowers with their two daughters, Storie Ann and Sydney.


Kim and Patrick Keating, and their children Makenna, Cole, and Ava.


A very warm welcome to you all!


Opportunities for Fellowship and Growth


 **The CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) Lunch** will be on **Thursday, March 4, at 11:30 am** at the Bamboo Grill, 6507 Jester Blvd. REMEMBER, you don't have to be a member of CWF and you don't have to be a woman. JUST COME for lunch and a visit with everyone. Hope to see you there! Milesa (288-8306)


 The next meeting of the **CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship)** will be **Friday, March 5, at 7:00 am** at the Waterloo Ice House on 360 at 2222. Any questions, please call Adrian Gentry (345-3541)

 The **Book Club** meets on the second Monday of each month at **7:00 p.m.** You are always invited to join us at the Triumph Café on Spicewood Springs Road for good company and conversation about books. We will meet again on **Monday, March 8**, when we will discuss In The Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez. This is a fictionalized account of events during the time of Trujillo in the Dominican Republic. You don't have to read the book to be a part of the conversation. We'd love to have you.

 **CWF Day Group:** The CWF Study Group will meet on **Wednesday, March 17 at 2:00 pm.** We will meet at the church. The topic from our Study Book, Really Bad Girls of the Bible, is Chapter 6, "Just Desserts". This is about Herodias and Salome AND some other Bad People – think about Herod-the-not-so-Great (according to our author!) We will discuss our lesson and have refreshments. Hope to see you there!
☎ Milesa (288-8306)

 **CWF Monday Night Escape Group:** We will meet **Monday, March 22 at 5:30 pm** at Waterloo Ice House (Loop 360 and 2222) for dinner. Then we will go to the church at 7:00 for a devotional. Our devotional is taken from the Just Women magazine, published by the International Disciples Women's Ministries. The topic is Slavery in the Twenty-First Century. All ladies are invited to join us! Gayle Rainwater (663-9416)

 **The Theological Discovery Group** will meet on **Friday, March 26th at 12:00 Noon** at SHCC. This month we will be discussing "Come Be My Light, The Private Writings of the Saint of Calcutta" by Mother Teresa.

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

A Message from the Moderator

What's Next?

It truly has been a time of rejoicing as we have moved into our new sanctuary. What a great day of celebration and thanksgiving we had on February 28. Thanks to Rod for getting us started on Hank's suggestion that we move out the wall and raise the roof, and we appreciate the hard work of everyone else who has put so much time and effort into making it the beautiful building that it is.

Now that we are in, we can focus again on other things. Certainly the work of the church has continued, but we have curtailed some of our activities and I would like to see us put new energy into what we have to offer our members and potential members in providing everyone a more complete church experience. I would like for all of you to consider those things outside of worship that you would like to see us doing. If you would like to see a particular kind of study group or outreach project started, or you would like to see more opportunities for fellowship, please communicate your ideas with me or the ministers or the appropriate committee chair. You might even take the initiative and plan an activity to include others who might be interested. This was how the book club got started eleven years ago when Billy Tumlinson got a group of interested readers together and it was how Pat White organized a group to put together health kits for Haiti last month.

We have a beautiful new space for worship and fellowship, but the building is not the church. I hope that we will celebrate our new building with new enthusiasm for making Shepherd of the Hills a place where we can grow together in faith and as a church family.

Blessings,
Suzanne Gonzalez



Make a Joyful Noise!

You have the opportunity to be a part of the
**FIRST EVER CHILDREN'S SPRING MUSICAL
TO BE HELD IN THE BEAUTIFUL, BRAND
NEW SANCTUARY AT OUR CHURCH!**

We will start rehearsing in March for the Children's Musical, which will take place sometime in May. Look for more details to be forthcoming. For information, please contact Cindy Long (cclong@swbell.net)



<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>
Stacy Manning	March 1
Mary Ann Coleman	March 2
Steve Rainwater	March 2
Ira Fariss	March 3
Ginny Lucich	March 9
Hank Anawaty	March 14
Jonah Coleman	March 14
Wade Coleman	March 16
Brenda Jones	March 19
Phillip Vaughan	March 23
Dave Proctor	March 25
Chris Adams	March 29
Fletcher Bosworth	March 29
Jeff Lucich	March 30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



<u>NAME</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
David & Jennifer Carroll	March 6
Bill Little and Kim Scofield	March 8
Davor & Milesa Juricic	March 10
Jerry & Pat Vaughan	March 16

Always Close In Heart

If anyone wants to contact Lucinda Valenti in Afghanistan, here is her address:

Lucinda Valenti
 Task Force Med Chapel
 APO AE 0-9354

News and notes from home would be greatly appreciated!

February 14, 2010

Dear Rod:

I have been blessed here at SHCC. I believe that God put me in this loving environment when I needed it the most in my life. My life has evolved around the children and the church for the past year. I have thoroughly enjoyed the celebrations and challenges I have endured during my time here. However, the time has come for me to spend more time with my family.

With the utmost respect, I hereby tender my resignation as Education Coordinator of Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church effective Sunday, March 28, 2010. The decision to resign has been a very difficult one for me and after continuous prayer and heart-felt deliberations regarding the future well-being of my family.

Serving this wonderful community, it has been an honor that I will always cherish. SHCC will always have a special place in my heart.

Please keep me in your prayers during this transition in my life.

Love and blessings,

Haydee



March 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 8:00 am ORG 5:45 p.m. ARCH	3 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	4 11:30 am CWF Lunch @ Bamboo Grill	5 7:00 am CMF Prayer Breakfast @ Waterloo on 360	6 <i>CYF Spring Rally in Gonzales March 5-7</i>
7 Disciple Women's Sunday 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday Sch. 10:40 am Worship 12:00 pm CWF Mtg CROPWalk Lunch 1:45 pm CROP Walk 6:00 pm Lenten Study	8 7:00 pm Book Club (at Triumph Café)	9 8:00 am ORG 11:00 am Disciples Clergy Lunch @ HPCC	10 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday Sch. 10:40 am Worship 12:00 pm Outreach Committee 12:00 pm Acolyte Trng 6:00 pm Lenten Study	15 5:15 p.m Mobile Loaves & Fishes	16 8:00 am ORG	17 2:00 pm CWF Meeting @ SHCC 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	18 7:00 pm Cabinet Meeting	19	20
21 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship 12:00 pm ShepherdsMtg 6:00 pm Lenten Study	22 5:30 pm CWF Women's Monday Night Escape Group	23 8:00 am ORG	24 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	25	26 12:00 pm Theological Discovery Group	27
28 PALM SUNDAY 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship 12:00 pm Reception for Haydee 6:00 pm Lenten Study	29 12:00 noon Newsletter Deadline	30 8:00 am ORG	31 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	<p>April Newsletter Deadline The deadline for submissions for the April newsletter and calendar is Monday, March 29 at 12 noon.</p>		



ACOLYTE TRAINING

will be held on Sunday, March 14, immediately following the morning Worship Service. All interested children aged 4-12 are invited to attend.

Outreach Opportunities

Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH)

Tuesday, March 2, 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

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.

Mobile Loaves & Fishes
Monday, March 15, 5:15 pm

We need help making sandwiches, loading the truck, and distributing food to the homeless and working poor of Austin.



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.



**Daylight Savings Time Begins
on Sunday, March 14.
Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour!**

**2010 BBA
Camps**

**CYF Spring Rally: March 5-7
CYF Conference: June 20-26
Eigher's Camp: June 27-July 3
Beginner's Camp: July 6-9
Chi Rho Camp: July 11-17
Junior Camp: July 19-24**

Bluebonnet Area Assembly

April 30 - May 1

**Central Christian Church,
San Antonio, Texas**

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