

The Shepherd's Staff

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Saturday, Feb. 9

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Appetizer

Salad

Entrée

Dessert

Cost: \$60 per couple

Valentine's
Dinner



Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby will be hosted by the Cub Scouts on Saturday, February 2 in the fellowship hall beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday will be held February 10. The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will attend the 10:30 a.m. service, assist with ushering, and lead the congregation in the pledges to the American and Christian flag.

Scout Charter Banquet

The annual Scout Charter Banquet will take place on Friday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. Among the evening's activities will be the announcement of this year's winners of the Steltz Award and the Clara Gross Award, both merited by excellence in Scouting.



Cub Pack #291 meets Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. from September to May.

Scout Troop #291 meets Monday nights, 7:00 p.m. year round.



Current Sermon Series

"The DNA of a Godly Church"

January Topics:

A Godly Church Is: God's Church

A Godly Church Is: A Teaching Church

A Godly Church Is: A Preaching Church

A Godly Church Is: Keeping the Door Open



Coming Events

March 3

Agape Meal

March 10

Daylight Saving Time

March 29-30

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Stuck on repeat?

In *Groundhog Day*, Bill Murray is doomed to repeat the same day over and over. For Christians, the "sin cycle" is similar: mess up, repent, resolve to do better — and fail yet again, often in the exact same ways.

That movie is really about grace, contends Mark Lockard. "We fail in small ways ... and in tragic ways," he writes on MinistryMatters.com. "Sometimes I think it would be nice to be able to hit repeat and try again the next day, to aim for perfection, to be the saintly Phil Connors we see at movie's end. But that takes away the spontaneity of the new day, the challenge of being more Christ-like despite a brand new set of circumstances."

On earth, the "chill" of sin keeps biting, but we can "face the stark winter day wrapped warmly in the knowing that it's okay to get it wrong," Lockard writes. "That's part of figuring out who we are as a beloved child of God. That's what

Did You Know. . . ???

♦ **Our Scouts** collect Redner's tapes as a fundraiser and get a 1% return for them? Deposit your Redner's tapes in the folder on the Scout bulletin board in the upper corridor.

♦ **Our Church** sells gifts cards to Redners, Giant and Weis markets and gets a 5% return for them? Cards are available in denominations of \$20, \$50, and \$100 and may be purchased at the Receptionist Desk on Sunday mornings.

♦ **2019 Sponsorship Charts** are posted outside the church office door. Sign up to sponsor bulletins or altar flowers on the special dates in your life.

♦ **A Clothing Drive** is being sponsored by the Preschool on Saturday, April 6. Clean used clothing, shoes, purses, bedding, towels, toys, and bikes. No appliances, electronics kitchen items or books.



Jeff and Karen Grant **The Mission Commitment Project** for January and February is Jeff and Karen Grant of Cru. The Grants live in Florida where they work at Cru Headquarters in Orlando.

Jeff serves on the national team as the Church Partnership Specialist for campuses in the US as part of Cru's Student LINC Ministry. LINC is focused on launching new ministries on campuses all over the United States, in areas where CRU is not currently active. Recently he was in Los Angeles to help launch new ministries in the city.



Jeff, & Karen Grant with Arthur and Katherine

While there he was able to connect with a former student of the New York Film Academy. With her help he was able to access this private facility and together they found 20 students interested in starting a CRU group.

The Vision Project for February

Our February Vision Project is Found and Favored Ministries, a non-profit organization of the music ministry of Allan Scott. Found & Favored Ministries seeks to release the addicted and hurting into the grace and freedom of God through music.

As an ex-drug addict and alcoholic, Allan has seen God restore the pieces of his broken life. He shares his story of hope and freedom through Christ at worship services, conferences and retreats across the country using a mix of inspiring testimony, biblical teaching, powerful worship, and times of response. As a result, folks are released into the freedom of God.

The Allan Scott band has been to Shepherd of the Hills the past two years for the fall Luau/Rally Day celebration. They will be returning again this year.



Youth Club

Wednesdays, 6:15- 8:30 p.m.

4 years to Grade 6

Term II will conclude on April 3

The format this year is for everyone to gather in the fellowship hall for worship at 6:15 p.m. This is followed by a lesson, craft time, game time, a snack at 8:15 p.m.

Dismissal is from the lower level at 8:30 p.m.

H2O Youth

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Shepherd's Den

Children's Church

Pre-K to Grade 4—every Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. service.



Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Toddler—2 years—Room 14

3 years—K—Room 12

Grades 1-3—Room 24

Grades 4-6—Room 25

Grades 9—12—Den

Confirmation Class (Grades 7-8)

Library

Adult—Room 22

Discussion—Parlor East

Spiritual growth—FH



2019 Consistory Officers are: John Oister, president, Paul Yonkovitch, vice-president, Collin Monger, secretary, Vaughn Miller, treasurer

2019 Logistics Officers are: Mark Fryer, president; Jeannette Korchowsky, vice-president; Paul Little, secretary.

The 2018 Annual Report was mailed to members in mid-January. A congregational meeting is planned on February 10 for the acceptance of this report and also the Auditor's Report.

2019 Spiritual Council Officers are: Collin Monger, president & secretary; Jim Jessum, vice-president.

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service

Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m.

Magnify!



Lighten your load

Keeping sabbath, not just on Sundays but throughout the entire week in an integrated way, keeps us sane, says Donna Schaper. While our culture pushes us to move faster, work harder and acquire more money and stuff, sabbath observances promote play, rest, love and worship.

"Sabbath — time for God — is a gift in its origin and in its keeping," Schaper writes in *Sabbath Keeping* (Cowley Publications). "It is not another must; it is a may. God invites us to keep sabbath; God does not demand it."

The commandment to keep the Sabbath day holy, she notes, "is an invitation to a party, not to a hanging. Sabbath keeping is not one more thing to add to our already long lists. [It] is lightness, not heaviness."



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Hebrews 10:24-25 says; "and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Our church is dedicated to regular fellowship, intentionally sharing life together in order to spur one another on to faith and good works. Our connect group ministry helps us achieve this goal because it allows people from our congregation the opportunity to meet in small personal groups and share with fellow believers life's trials, joys, and the love of our creator.

Connect groups range in size with no more than 12 people per group. All the groups meet for two sessions, one in the spring and the other in the fall, to study the same materials and to grow in unity of mind as a congregation. Additionally, groups have the option to meet during the summer and winter months to study topics which interest them. Groups are formed by different demographics: men's groups, women's groups, couple's groups, young family groups, and mixed groups. If you are interested in joining a connect group contact pastor Charles at the church or find one online at our church's website!

Pastoral Staff

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Charles Rowden

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Associate Pastor

James Jessum

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