

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

SERVICE NOTES

Hospitality: Rob & Rita Steinhart, Dr. Bill & Pat Smith

Lay Reader: Janis Lussmyer

Organist: Micheal Stevens

Coffee Connection: Sarah Stevens

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Come one, come all! Help us decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on Thursday, November 30 at 9 am.

PLAY GROUND WORK DAY

December 2 from 9:30—12ish is a playground work day. Please come and help distribute new mulch on the playground.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

Beautiful poinsettias adorn our church for the Christmas season. We invite you to purchase one in honor or in memory of a loved one. Cost is \$20 and you may fill out an order form (in the Sunday bulletin) or call the office to place your order. You may also make your purchase online at www.gspcok.org. Memorial poinsettias will be displayed beginning Sunday December 17th.

MEMBER POINSETTIA DELIVERY

Thank you to Gayle Fish for volunteering to coordinate our member poinsettia deliveries. Contact Julie or Gayle if you'd like to help deliver some of these poinsettias. Deliveries can begin Sunday, December 10.

SEEING AND HEARING: OUR PATH FORWARD

Session has received estimates for replacing and integrating the audio and visual systems in the sanctuary. In the past we might have presented the congregation with an amount and asked for contributions. This time we invite you to pray with the session as we determine our path forward. If you are interested in specific information, please speak with a member of the session.

YEAR END GIVING

This year most of you will receive more charitable year end giving appeals than ever before. Every year there are more good causes and charitable organizations reaching out with their requests for financial support. Jesus did not give out of what he could spare. Jesus did not give out of his riches—he gave away his riches. Gospel-shaped giving doesn't even *begin* until it entails sacrifice and scarcity. That makes you nervous and presses you to look at Jesus' cosmic philanthropy for you. But then that comforts us for we see our inheritance in heaven that can never fade or be lost. All other inheritances (and retirement funds) pale before that.

If you attend a church regularly for spiritual sustenance you should financially support it at some level, and that support should not be nominal. There are many good and important ministries and charities out there, and our family supports many of them. But there is no more foundational and important giving for a Christian than giving to the church which ministers to you. Each year Good Shepherd depends upon 10-18% of our annual giving to occur in December. Your giving makes a difference.