



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS WEEKLY EMAIL BLAST AUGUST 16, 2018

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{Submissions for the Email Blast are to be submitted to Joan Marquand-Willse of the Outreach Team.}

Please note: For privacy and security, the Blast does not include personal contact information for event leaders. Current phone directories are available in the church office. Or, you may contact the church office (by email or phone) for assistance.

Bible Readings:

Sunday, August 19 – Pentecost 13

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalms 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

The next Family Playground Day is Saturday, August 18th, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, at Alamo Creek Park

Families are invited to enjoy some casual time for kids to play and parents/caregivers to connect. Bring your own beverage and if you wish, a snack to share. Last minute updates will be posted on the Shepherd of the Hills Facebook page.

Event is hosted by the Betsy and JT Ratashak-Vogel family. Questions can be texted/called to Betsy.

Are you able to provide a meal to Brian and Chris Swetland? Brian Swetland was in a horrific accident on July 22nd while racing his BMX bike. He must follow strict bedrest guidelines to allow healing of his shattered pelvis. Chris has started a new job which prevents her from providing Brian's meals. If you would like to help the Swetlands, you can sign up using the following website link which has been set up by Brian's school band support group from Fairfield High School:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/y3q87m>

Submitted by Care Callers Small Group, Marilyn Weaver, Leader

This Sunday is our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks". All students, teachers, staff, and volunteers at any school are encouraged to bring their backpacks or bags to church for this special blessing time at both services.

Submitted by Pastor Bob

Annual collection for Padan and Fairmont Elementary School. On Tuesday and Wednesday over 500 notebooks as well as pencils, pens, color markers, and some loose paper were distributed (somewhat evenly) for the students and teachers at Padan and Fairmont Elementary Schools. The

Principal of Padan and the Office Manager of Fairmont were very appreciative of these gifts!! Thank you very much for your gifts and support for these two schools.

Submitted by Pastor Bob

The Stewardship Team has been working on a letter to you, our church family, with the focus on the fall Stewardship campaign when we make various commitments for the upcoming year. A letter has been addressed to each household and is waiting for pickup from the box in the church entryway. We feel it has helpful information for decision making as we approach commitment weekend in September.

Submitted by Stan Stolte, Stewardship Team Leader

Sunday School begins on August 26th from 9:40 to 10:20 a.m.

Please use a registration form for your children.

There will also be an adult class at the same time which begins with a four-week class for parents as we focus on ideas for including children in worship service. As children will be in worship with their families, there are more opportunities for families to participate and help. All are welcome to this first class on August 26th as we want all ideas.

Submitted by the Education Team; Ginny Kingsbury, Leader

The next men's breakfast will be at the Black Oak at 9 am on August 25th, Saturday.

See you there!!

Submitted by Bill Smith and John Erickson

Jody Holmes, CHP officer and friend of CHP Officer Kirk Griess, has asked that anyone who wishes to make a donation to support the family should use the following website: www.cahpcu.org. Officer Griess died in the line on duty on I-80 on Friday, August 10.

If you would like to assist the family of the driver who was killed as well, this is a website where you can make a donation: <https://www.gofundme.com/6q4dd-funeral-funds> Please read Keri Griess' powerful testimony as well.

"While I am grieving the tragic loss of my husband, knowing my husband's love of his job, his kind heart for our community, I would like to honor what I know his wishes would be. This family is also grieving. Please share and generously donate so that this man's loved ones can bring him home and have closure. I ask this in honor of my husband's memory. I offer my sincere condolences. God Bless, Keri Griess"

Submitted by Pastor Bob

Fall Women's Retreat 2018 at Mt. Cross will be September 7-9, 2018

Please page down to read all the details about this marvelous retreat opportunity. Laura Barton and Martha Pierce are also available to answer questions, offer encouragement, and possibly assist with carpools to Mt. Cross.

Alert Solano: www.AlertSolano.com The County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services launched a new and improved emergency notification system, Alert Solano, at the end of June.

1. In the event of an emergency, public safety officials can send a message about a potential safety hazard or concern.

2. This system allows users to provide customized information for the most efficient delivery of emergency information. Participants can register up to five addresses and it is recommended every person in a household sign up.
3. Alerts can be sent to all devices listed in the Alert Solano account, maximizing the chances of alerting users in a timely manner.
4. A land-line will work for notifications, but a computer is needed to sign up for Alert Solano.

Submitted by Barbara Blue

Parking Lot Sale set for Saturday, October 27th, 8 a.m.-12 noon. The sale will be held on the second Saturday of Pumpkins on the Hill, which generated foot traffic for both events.

- **Sell your stuff:** Please start thinking about gathering items to sell, maybe inviting Aunt Lizzie to join you, as well as your next door neighbor. Together you have a lot of stuff to sell, right? It will be F-U-N and could be profitable.
- Storage **clean-out** opportunity: If you have just a few items to pass on (small or big), we'll be collecting them at the church October 25-26, two days before the sale. No clothing, please. Church sales tables will be set up and all money will be donated to a cause-to-be-chosen by the Outreach Team.
- **Food sales:** Is there a church group interested in providing and selling donuts and hot dogs/cold drinks/snacks? The Parking Lot Sale brings people and they do eat while shopping. If your group wants to take charge of food sales for the day, the profits go to your group too.

Submitted by the Outreach Team, Joan Marquand-Willse. P/Lot Sale Leader

Editor's note about Sunday worship assistants: If you know you accepted a task but the information below doesn't list your name, please do what you have agreed to do. Please forgive me if there have been changes or additions that aren't included below.

from Joan M-W, editor of the Blast

Assisting Sunday, August 19

8:30 a.m.

Ushers: RA & Stan Stolte

Reader: Stan Stolte

Communion Set-Up: RA & Stan Stolte

Communion Assistants: _____

Communion Replenishment: Rick Meyers

10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Kay & Gene Clark

Reader: Ron Gibson

Communion Assistants: _____

Acolyte: William Albers

Communion Clean-up: Lila Carney

Counters: Kari Bakken and Heidi Albers

Fall Women's Retreat 2018 at Mt. Cross

September 7-9, 2018

Who: Women ages 18+

When: 7:30PM Friday, September 7 - 12PM Sunday, September 9

Cost: includes housing, meals, and all programming through Sunday lunch

Cabin (stay with up to 6 others): **\$110**

Shared Lodge (stay with up to 2 others): **\$130**

Single Lodge (own room, shared bathroom): **\$150**

Saturday only: **\$70**

All registrations require a non-refundable, \$50 deposit.

Final payment is due September 1, after which there are no refunds.

Service Opportunity:

Sunday, September 9 is "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday! We're inviting the whole community to join us for worship Sunday morning, lunch, and then to do service projects at camp that afternoon, to be done by 4PM.

Please mark in your registration whether you'd like to stay to serve afterwards.

To Register: <https://mtcross.campbrainregistration.com/>

Please note:

- Housing is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. We have very limited lodge space. If your desired accommodation is not available, please call in to discuss options or to be put on a waiting list.

- Regardless of initial cost, registration prices increase \$20 on September 1.

For registration questions, including housing requests, please contact our registrar at: 831.336.5179

or mtcross@mtcross.org

About the Theme:

When was the last time you truly embarked on an intentional, spiritual journey?

Separate from your commitment to weekly worship - have you incorporated contemplative practices that help you engage and heal the world?

This weekend, we're embarking on a journey together. We'll look at which practices we most need personally, which questions are burning within us, and which places our God is calling us. Putting those together, we'll individually and collectively begin walking a contemplative path that continually renews us in God's presence in order to engage and heal this beautiful and weary world.

AND! Wine will be served, the high ropes and archery course will be open, there will be an option to create your own labyrinth, we'll worship together, and have a campfire with s'mores!

Come join us for a beautiful, fun, joyous, and contemplative weekend in the woods that will be just the start of our journey together!