

# *the* **Staff**

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## *COGS 50th Anniversary Celebration on September 27*

The celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Church of the Good Shepherd will take place on Sunday, September 27, after the 10:30 service, with a potluck lunch. Please invite family and friends, including those who have been members in the past. There will be an opportunity to tell stories and possibly meet some of the past ministers. Let's rejoice together, with all of our friends, in the 50-year existence of this church.

**FROM THE MODERATOR — LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK**

**Thoughts from the Moderator**

It may be late summer, but there is a spring-like feeling of renewal around COGS. On Saturday, August 15, there was an awesome workday by members of all ages: sprucing up of the grounds, cleaning up the Kiva, overhauling some of the coolers, and preparing the rooms for the Sunday School. The basement hallway has received a new coat of paint, thanks to an Eagle Scout project. We have new chairs that have produced a stunning transformation in the look of the sanctuary and provide an answer to the eternal question, “Where do I put the hymnal?” In the next few weeks, the new hospitality area will be constructed.

I haven’t even gotten to the big news. The Search Committee has identified a candidate for pastor, Rev. William Ingraham. If you haven’t received your letter about the candidate, contact the church office. You will have a chance to meet Rev. Ingraham informally at the ice cream social from 1-3 p.m. on September 12. He will be giving the sermon on September 13 at the 10:30 a.m. service, the only service that morning. After the service there will be a Congregational Meeting to decide if we will call him to be our new pastor. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Blessings,

*Stephen Foiles*, Moderator

**Light the Night Walk**

**DATE: September 26 — LOCATION: Jewish Community Center**

Please join team COGS to help raise awareness, raise funds, and raise hope for blood cancer patients and their families. This two-mile *Light the Night* walk will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, beginning at the Ronald Gardenswartz Jewish

Community Center, 5520 Wyoming Blvd. NE . There will be a sign-up sheet available in the church hallway for walkers and pledges. Please contact Jan Carlton or Beth Kissling for more details.

*Jan Carlton*

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**POWER UP COGS! — CLERK'S REPORT**

**Clerk's Report**

This is a report from the clerk of the Council for COGS. Let me bring you up to date on what happened at the Council's latest meeting. First off, our Moderator, Linc Nagle, asked to be replaced as Moderator. Stephen Foiles, Vice Moderator, has stepped into the Moderator position. The Council accepted Linc's resignation with regrets. Stephen said that Linc has served our church well and with distinction for many years, and we all, not just the Council, thank him for his continued efforts on behalf of COGS. Another change on the Council was the resignation of Mildred Hoak as Clerk. Mildred felt that her health was not good enough to continue as Clerk. The Council accepted her resignation with thanks for her work on behalf of the board and COGS. Bob Rosenak volunteered to be the Clerk, pro tem, until a new Clerk was chosen. At this time, anyone who is

interested in being on the Council as Clerk or as Vice Moderator should contact the Nominating Committee. The members are Jon Mitovich, Orp Christopher, Enid Bradley, Ron Glaser, and Pat Rosenak.

In other action at the special Council meeting, the Council approved the choice of the selection committee for a new minister. Rev. Bill Ingraham will be introduced to the members at an ice cream social on Sept. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. Rev. Ingraham will present his candidacy sermon on Sunday, Sept. 13, at 10:30. For that Sunday only, there will be one service. The Council hopes that by having just one service, all members of COGS will attend and be present to vote on Rev. Ingraham as our new called Pastor.

May God bless you. *Bob Rosenak*  
Clerk pro tem

**Messages of Giving from Members of the Church of the Good Shepherd UCC**

Each Sunday, a representative from the Stewardship Committee will present a brief "Giving" message to remind us of why and how we share our gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** with each other and with our community. These messages are anonymous personal glimpses into the thoughts of COGS members about membership, giving, and volunteering. You can share your thoughts on this subject too by sending an e-mail to

[cogs@goodshepherdunitedchurch.com](mailto:cogs@goodshepherdunitedchurch.com) and including the word **GIVING** in the Subject Line. Your name will not be shared, but your thoughts will be heard by the entire congregation. If you prefer, you can mail your thoughts to **Giving Stories** at the church's postal mailing address. We will publish these stories on the church's new **Giving** web page when it is completed in the



near future. The first three messages that have been presented orally to the congregation are attached to this *Staff* e-mail as PDF Files. If you are receiving a paper copy of this *Staff*, you will receive a separate mailing of these messages. Your Stewardship Committee looks forward to sharing **your** story of giving.

*Stewardship: Sharing our gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure to do God's work.*

## CHURCH SCHOOL — SPIRITUALITY STUDY GROUP

### Church School in September

#### Adult Sunday School

Classes meet from 9:15-10 a.m.

#### Contemporary Theology Class

resumes September 6

On September 6, the Contemporary Adult Sunday School class will convene to begin a series of lessons on *Islam*, taught by Paul Carpenter.

Is Islam a mysterious, sinister, ominous, and evil religion, or is it one of love and compassion in the Judeo-Christian tradition? This second largest of the great world religions with over 1.2 billion members (and growing) must be studied and understood if we are ever to have peace and harmony on this little planet Earth. We will examine the history, theology, and, as time permits, the place of Islam in the world today.

*Leader: Paul Carpenter — in the Parlor*

Upon completion of this four-week study of Islam, the group will then begin the study of a new book, *The Dishonest Church*, by Jack Good, a retired U.C.C. pastor.

#### Children's Religious Education

Sundays from 9-10 a.m.  
Lynne Xavier, Coordinator

#### September Teachers:

**Diane Fleming, Shirlee Coppage,  
Jennifer HasBrouck (substitute),  
Jan Carlton, Robert Fleming,  
Autumn Hillard, Kira Nagle,  
Ann Meierkord (substitute)**

- Sept. 6: **Be Opened**  
Focus Scripture: Mark 7:24-37
- Sept. 13: **Who Are You, Jesus?**  
Focus Scripture: Mark 8:27-38
- Sept. 20: **First in Caring**  
Focus Scripture: Mark 9:30-37
- Sept. 27: **Courage for Community**  
Focus Scripture: Esther 7:1-6,  
9-10; 9:20-22

### Come Climb "The Blue Mountain" with Us

The Spirituality Study Group, which meets at Shirley Puariea's on Wednesdays (reconvening on September 9, 3 – 4:30 p.m.) will be studying Eknath Easwaran's book, *Climbing the Blue Mountain, A Guide for the Spiritual Journey*. We would be most pleased to have anyone who would like to join us for this study.

Eknath Easwaran is the author and lecturer from India who does such a fine job of translating Eastern wisdom writings for an English-speaking audience. In the

preface, the editor writes: "The fifteen articles in this collection are a call to a higher state of consciousness than we experience in our normal waking moments. This supreme state is the goal of life. Every great scripture has described this goal and given directions for reaching it. Yet most of us dawdle along the way, getting absorbed in passing fancies." Come join us, and together we will learn how to reach this goal!

*Shirlee Coppage*

505-417-2347

MUSIC AT COGS — CARE CORE

Music Notes

Choirs are getting underway. Consider participating this year — there are several options. **Men’s Ensemble** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month from 6:50-7:30 p.m. **Women’s Ensemble** meets at the same time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays. Both are followed by the weekly **Chancel Choir** rehearsal from 7:30-8:45 p.m. Our music selections are spread over a wide variety of styles. All are welcome!

**Praise Band** rehearses from 6:00-6:45 on Thursdays. If you are interested in substituting or in being a “regular” please contact Linda (280-6362 or [gilmourlk@gmail.com](mailto:gilmourlk@gmail.com)).

**Children’s Choir** starts rehearsals on Sept. 6, Sunday, from 11-11:45 a.m. We will be preparing some exciting anthems to share in church during the fall/winter and also working towards a musical production in the spring. For most of the fall, rehearsals will be at 11 every Sunday, *except* the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. One exception is Sept. 13 when there will be no rehearsal. *All* children are singing during worship on this day, however, and will need to arrive at church by 10 to rehearse.

Come make a joyful noise at COGS!  
Alleluia!

Musically yours,

*Linda Gilmour*

Those for whom we pray

OUR MEMBERS:

**Ted Bradley, Nancy Eberhardt, and Lynn Foiles**

OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS & FRIENDS:

**Fran Doty and Anis Johnson**

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:

**Mildred Ahrend** (Jim Ahrend’s mother), **Robert Chynoweth** (George & Marilyn Chynoweth’s son), **Jeamie DeLaJara** (Renee Crowder’s friend), **Zaira Dier** (friend of COGS), **Alice Dudoich** (Lynn Foiles’ sister-in-law), **Ted Feng** (Patrick Xavier’s uncle), **Brian Festa** (Lori Festa’s brother), **Fran Haley** (Michael Haley’s mother), **Joan Hall** (Ted Bradley’s sister), **Roger Hogeboom** (Don & Barbara Mitchell’s nephew), **Veronica McCarter** (Mercy Martinez-Nunnally’s sister), **Amy Mueller** (daughter of Susan Olson-Phillips & Det Phillips), **Bailey Ellen Paul** (Paula Paul’s

granddaughter), **Michelle Tang** (friend of COGS), and **Cheryl Warnke** (niece of Ethel Shepard)

The members of Church of the Good Shepherd would like to extend our sympathy to Ray Wenger and family on the death of his granddaughter, Shannon, on August 8.

The following have been removed from our prayer list. They would like to thank COGS members for their prayers. We thank God for their improvement and ask God’s continued care and blessings: Rachel Buser, Shalese Fitzgerald, Brady LaVigne, and Shari McAnally. Our thanks that Brian Hierl is home from Qatar.

Remembering all those who are serving their country: **Sam Ferolie** (friend of Jon & Karla Mitovich) in Afghanistan; **Justin Zel Montgomery** (Linc Nagle’s son-in-law) in the Police Department; and **Mike Mueller** (son of Susan Olson-Phillips & Det Phillips) in Iraq.

*Orp Christopher*

## UPCOMING EVENTS — FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Forever Young

Summer is winding down. Time for Forever Young is near. Not just the second Tuesday, but in order to be more adventuresome, we will be planning some trips at other times, so be alert. Schedule for the rest of the year will be available shortly.

**Tuesday, September 15, 2009**

Place: **New Mexico State Fair**

Lunch: **Informal from vendors at the Fair**

Program: **John Palmer will give a tour of the photo exhibit**

Time: **Carpool from church at 10:30 or meet at fair at 11:00**

Note 1: There is a parking fee this year, so car pool is better unless you want to spend more time there.

Note 2: This is on the 3rd Tuesday, rather than the 2nd.

### Emergency Contacts during transition period

During our transition period – until a new pastor has arrived and is established – in case of an emergency (a death or extreme circumstances), please contact either:

Rev. Francis Rath – home: 294-5002  
cell: 362-3750

Rev. Ernie Dunn – 898-3347

Rev. Lee Albertson – work: 265-5749  
cell: 217-6556

***NOTE:** Rev. Albertson will not be available until September 13.*

### Book Group — September

**September 21, 6 p.m.**

Book: *Loving Frank*,  
by Nancy Horan

Hostess: To be announced

*Shari McAnally*

### COGS Children's Outreach/Preschool Financial Report for July 2009

Income for July: \$7,449.86  
Expenses for July: \$19,376.86  
Surplus/Deficit for July: (\$11,927.00)  
Year to Date Income: \$102,754.57  
Year to Date Expenses: \$115,986.89  
Year to Date Surplus/Deficit: (\$13,232.32)  
Reconciled cash in bank as of  
July 31, 2009: \$3,589.17  
Money Market Funds in Cornerstone UCC  
Fund as of July 31, 2009: \$12,000.00

*Ann Travelstead*, Preschool Committee

### Treasurer's Financial Report — July 2009

July income: \$18,737.50  
July expenses: \$37,955.88  
Difference: (\$19,218.38)  
Income year to date: \$185,960.57  
Expenses year to date: \$173,466.54  
Difference: \$12,494.03  
Checking account balance as of  
July 31, 2009: \$125,292.97  
Amount collected for chairs as of  
July 31, 2009: \$5,001.90

*Art Stuart*, Treasurer

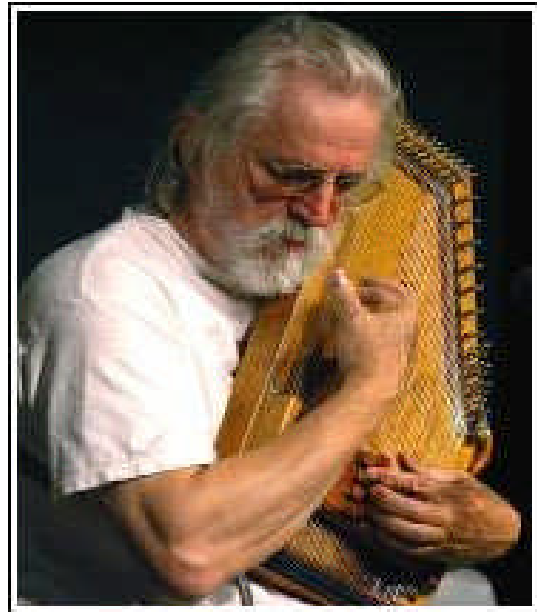
**THANK YOU, BOY SCOUTS — COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT**

***Bryan Bowers, master autoharpist***  
**in concert at COGS, September 12, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 12,  
 Sandia Heights Coffeehouse Concert  
 features Bryan Bowers**

A major artist on the traditional music circuit, Bryan Bowers is recognized worldwide as a master autoharpist. He was inducted into the Autoharp Hall of Fame in 1993, and he stands only with Maybelle Carter, Kilby Snow, and Sara Carter. For nearly three decades he has been to the autoharp what Earl Scruggs was to the five-string banjo. He presents instrumental virtuosity combined with warmth, eloquence, expression, and professionalism. He is also well-known as a singer-songwriter, and increasingly also as a storyteller. To listen to his music from "Bristlecone Pine", check out [www.bryanbowers.com](http://www.bryanbowers.com).

*"... This man makes more music from an autoharp than you can imagine from a 12-string guitar and a harpsichord combined. He has more stage presence and charisma than any stage performer in recent memory." — The Washington Times*



The concert will be at Church of the Good Shepherd at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:45. Refreshments will be provided. Admission at the door only is \$15, \$10/ seniors & teens, \$5 12 and under. SHHA members are free. Come early for the best seating. For more information, please contact Linda Bolton, 856-7100, [nlightsmgt@aol.com](mailto:nlightsmgt@aol.com).

***Thank you!***

**to Colin McClung and the Boy Scouts**

**A note of appreciation to Eagle Scout candidate Colin McClung and his team of Boy Scouts for the fine job they did of painting the walls of the downstairs hallway and for the chair dollies Colin constructed for the old sanctuary chairs. Thank you so much!!**

## LIFE LINE SCREENING — PRAYER GROUP

**Life Line Screening comes to COGS:  
Protect your health & your life  
Reserve the date — Register now**

### COGS will host Life Line Screening on September 9

Four different health screenings will be offered. The screenings are performed using Doppler color-flow, ultrasound systems and include the following (value package):

- A Carotid Artery Screening — visualizes the build up of plaque in the carotid arteries, which leads to stroke.
- An Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm test — looks for an enlargement in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery
- An Ankle Brachial Index — screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities
- Atrial Fibrillation heart testing — six different views of your heart.

These screenings are completely painless and noninvasive. The cost is \$45 - \$50 each or all for \$149. If you are interested in a bone density check, that is available for an additional \$10 charge.

You may be asking: What is Life Line

Screening, and why should I be interested in its services? Stroke is the #3 cause of death in the U.S. (2<sup>nd</sup> among women), and is the #1 cause of nursing home residency. Life Line will provide these four very simple, inexpensive, quick screenings at COGS on September 9. Early detection is key; this could be a life saver.

You must preregister by calling Judy Gilman at 401-0562, or call 1-800-324-1851 directly to reserve a space, or sign up on the sheet located on the "Happenings" bulletin board in the hallway. Spots fill up quickly.

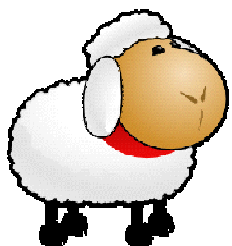
For your information, Judy and others in the church have had these tests before and feel the company is doing a great service for minimal cost.

*Judy Gilman*

### Prayer Group — Healing and Meditative

Not a clique; all are welcome!  
7:00 p.m., Tuesdays, in the parlor.

*Kirby Lewis, 884-1775*



*I Love to Tell the Story*

**We want to read  
YOUR COGS story!**

Please send stories to the church office.



NEIGHBORS IN NEED CAMPAIGN

**UCC Fall Campaign: Neighbors in Need**

The UCC Neighbors in Need (NIN) campaign is now beginning. Through this offering, our church expresses a common commitment to justice and compassion throughout this country and Puerto Rico. The money helps support the Council for American Indian Ministry – which includes our very own Marilyn Levine, who is pastoring two American Indian churches on the Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota. These gifts also fund grants to congregations and individuals throughout the United States, as they fight injustice and poverty. *Please give generously on **October 4** to this worthwhile campaign.*

An example of how the 2008 NIN offerings were used is presented below. For more examples, please visit the UCC's NIN website at <http://www.ucc.org/nin>.

**Learning Alternatives to Violence**

As a witness for justice, the Institute for Peace Studies, in Billings, Montana, seeks through education to examine and promote alternatives to violence in the behavior of individuals, groups, organizations, communities, and nations. The Institute administrator, Ms. Cindy Kunz, shares that the IPS staff has taken Cultural Diversity Programs into communities across Montana. "We visit large city high schools, one-room libraries in rural towns, preschools at the zoo and churches. We can sense within minutes children who are alarmed, prejudiced, or nervous. Students learn about other countries and cultures of Kenya, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Brazil, China, Rwanda, and Sweden from our participating students."

Ms. Kunz shares one of the Peace Institute's success stories. "Farida Muhammad Mohamed came to the U.S. to receive a better education. She has been a part of the Peace Study program for four years. Farida traveled to



the U.S. from Kenya, home of her father. While living in Africa, her Somalian mother suffered horribly. Through time, Farida has opened herself to the Montana audiences she encounters and participates fully in our programs. She shares who she is and all she hopes for the world. She dances, speaks Swahili, and laughs with those she addresses. Furthermore, she responds to questions about skin color and how she reacts to the "N" word. As she has done this, fears are dissolving, uncertainty melting, and interest in making a difference takes over within the group."

"We know we are making a difference because educators vie for our visits and the impact on discrimination is two-fold," says Cindy. "Montana children and youth begin seeing citizens of the world in a new, positive light while, at the same time, learning impulse control and valuable conflict resolution skills."

**It's a win/win situation, and because the Institute for Peace Studies is a 2008 Neighbors in Need grant recipient, your gift to this special UCC offering helped make it possible. Thank you!**



**NEW CHAIRS — EAST SAN JOSE SCHOOL**

***Chairs and Couchsurfers!!***

Many heartfelt thanks go out to the COGS members who answered the last-minute call to unload and unstack our beautiful new sanctuary chairs on Tuesday, August 18. Suffice it to say, tall heavy stacks of chairs don't come down from the back of a semi-trailer easily! Extra-special thanks go out to Meagan Woods (Michael Wilder's girlfriend) who brought along the two Swiss tourists "couch surfing" with her and Michael during their stay in Albuquerque. She and those hardworking young men (who had been strangers to her prior to their arrival in our city in the wee hours of that very morning) worked tirelessly, and we simply couldn't have done it without them. The Lord works in mysterious ways! We wish Simon and Julian many thanks and a wonderful trip across the U.S. God speed.

**School has started at East San Jose Elementary**

The Justice and Community Ministry continues to sponsor East San Jose Elementary School this year. Donations of school supplies for the children runs through August and however long you want to give. The pocket on the Justice bulletin board just inside the door holds the list of supplies requested. Valerie Main will place a box for your gifts on the floor under the table and she plans to deliver them to the school weekly. If you are buying backpacks, please purchase the smaller ones. The large backpacks are too heavy for little children. Shirley and Connie tell us that the Kindergarten-3rd grade children especially like the ones on wheels. They see the college students and business executives using roller luggage and want "grown-up" bags.

Thank you for your generosity. You make a huge difference in the lives of our children.



**School walkway**

## POLICY REGARDING CHILDREN'S PHOTOS ON WEBSITE

### Policy regarding children's photos on COGS website

A Policy allowing photographs of children on the COGS website was approved by the Church Council on August 9, 2009.

#### *Statement of Policy*

Permission of a child's parent or guardian is required before a photograph of said child (under age 18) may be posted on the website of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

An adult may request *in writing* to the website Administrator to **not** post his or her photo on the website.

#### *Further Details*

Complies with the *Children's On-line Privacy Protection Act* of April 21, 2000:

<http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2000/04/coppa1.shtm>

#### *Intent of the policy*

Ordinarily, only photographs of children in a group with no identifying names attached will be posted on the website with the possible exception in the case of a particular child being honored.

A parent may request his/her child be excluded from a posted image in which the child appears or if that is not possible, that said photograph be removed from the website. Such requests should be made *in writing* to the Church Secretary, who will notify the Website Administrator. Similarly, at any time, a parent or guardian may rescind permission by notifying the Church Secretary in writing.

#### *How to obtain a form to sign*

A parent or guardian will be asked to sign a permission form to either allow or not

allow a photograph that includes his/her child to be posted on the church website when:

- the child is enrolled in the Religious Education program;
- the parent or guardian becomes a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd; or
- prior to or at the beginning of a church-sponsored event that includes children and when photographs are likely to be taken — e.g. for guests and others who have not already signed a permission form.

*It is the responsibility of the particular Ministry sponsoring the event to obtain the appropriate Permission Forms, have them available as people come to the event, and then return the signed forms to the Church Secretary after the event.*

A Permission Form may be downloaded from the website or obtained from the Church Secretary.

An *up-to-date* list of those signing the Permission Form (indicating *yes* or *no*) will be maintained by the Church Secretary and made available to the website administrator and members of the Church Council when requested.

### New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence

For help, call 246-9240. State Hotline: 1-800-773-3645; National Hotline: 1-800-799-7233; Statewide Legal Resources Hotline: 1-877-974-3400. Services are FREE and confidential.

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Kate Sauer, *Handbell Choir Director  
and Music Director*

Linda Gilmour, *Chancel Choir / Children's  
Music and Praise Band Director*

Dorenda Morse, *Piano*

Max DuBoisTerre, *Custodian*

Kirk Wortman, *Church Secretary*

Nancy Kolenc, *Community Nurse*

Jacqui Stump, *Sunday Morning Nursery Care*

F. Howard Houldsworth,  
*Pastor Emeritus*

**Worship Schedule**

**8:30 AM** Worship

**9:00 AM** Church School for all ages

**9:15 AM** Fellowship all morning

**10:30 AM** Worship

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**Regular Office Hours**

M — F 9:00 AM — 12:30 PM



**“Never place a period  
where God has placed a comma.”**

[ Gracie Allen ]

**God is still speaking,**

[www.stillspeaking.com](http://www.stillspeaking.com)

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OF CHRIST**

