

# Shepherd's Voice

## August 2021



With the emergence and spread of the Delta variant, it is time to re-ignite our vigilance and good practice to mitigate the spread.

While not yet a crisis, the trends are heading in the wrong direction. Please continue the safe practices when greeting others.

Encourage vaccinations, minimize close proximity, clean and disinfect areas, and hand sanitizing.

Thank you for your faithfulness, perseverance, and patience.

Bishop Bob Hoshibata

Ernie Cheetham Aug 1

Murrie Schraven Aug 13

Karen Bajalis Aug 18



Tom and Vonnie Miller Aug 3

Randal and Gail Rudder Aug 15



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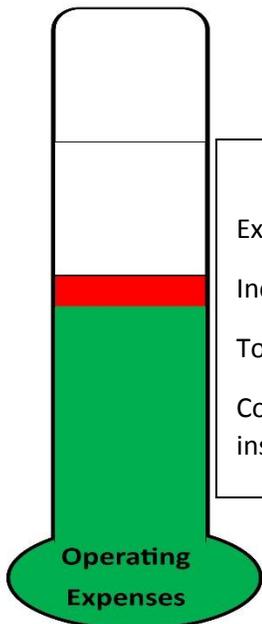
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### Suggested Items needed for children going back to school

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| 3 ring binders/paper | #2 pencils       | Wipe board erasers and wipe board pens |
| Glue sticks          | Highlighters     | 16/24 box of crayons                   |
| Pencil box           | Red pencils/pens | Kleenex                                |
|                      | Lysol wipes      | Spiral notebooks                       |
|                      | Hand sanitizers  | Backpacks                              |
|                      |                  | Compressed can of air for dusting      |



	Jan – Jun	June
Expense	\$8311.50	\$44,079.57
Income	\$8,739.91	\$41,341.21
Total	\$(1,571.59)	\$(2,738.36)
Comment: Higher expense in June due to insurance payment		





*Psalm 25:4-5 Show me Your ways, LORD, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long.*

No matter how old we are, we continue to learn, and we continue to grow in response to the ever-changing world around us. In fact, the world changes so fast that sometimes it can be overwhelming to keep up with the new ways in which we are required to do things.

I admire people who are advanced in age and have learned to utilize their smart phones and computers. On the other hand, I certainly don't blame those who choose to say, "No thank you," to those devices. The Covid 19 pandemic has required all of us to learn new ways to do things. Especially how to communicate through technology. I have no evidence to back this up, but I bet today's senior citizens have been required to continue learning more, and at a higher level, than any past generation has. My mom fits into this category. It's not just the technology. In the community where she lives, during the pandemic, they were constantly changing procedures for things like meals, from dining in, to picking meals up, to having them delivered and back to take out. She exclaimed at one point that she was so tired of learning new things.

Our children also have much to learn. This is the time of year when children go back to school. A whole new crop of Kindergarteners have their back packs packed and are eagerly awaiting the day when they can walk through the doors of their classrooms for the first time.

I'm reminded of Robert Fulghum's famous essay, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." You probably remember it. As you read through these quips, think about how God has called us to live in community with one and other. Fulghum writes:

"All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the Graduate School Mountain, but there in the sand pile at Sunday school. These are the things I learned.

- Share everything.
- Play fair.
- Don't hit people.
- Put things back where you found them.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
- Wash your hands before you eat.
- Flush.
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
- Live a balanced life.
- Learn some and think some and draw and paint
- and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
- Take a nap every afternoon.

When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Our current sermon series is titled, "No Longer Strangers." Inspired by Mihee Kim-Kort.

It is a walk through the letter to the Ephesians. It teaches the church how to be a community worthy of the gospel. In the midst of familiar interpersonal conflicts, the writer of Ephesians reminds them that they are now in Christ Jesus, no longer strangers to God. And importantly, no longer alienated from each other, because of this new life in Christ. They are experiencing a radical transformation of their identity as individuals and as a community. These six weeks, we explore the questions: What does it look like to live rooted in reconciliation - vertical and horizontal - with God and with neighbor? And, how do we practice it in radical ways?

No matter our age, we continue to learn whether we like it or not. More important than learning technology is learning to live in Christian community. We begin our transformation in kindergarten. But it takes a lifetime to learn to love like Jesus. This little essay from Robert Fulham has stood the test of time, because it brings us back to basic human dignity. My prayer is that you will continue to grow in love for one and other and be a great help to each other. Remember, "When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together."

**FYI: The office will be closed Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be open on Thursday and Friday that week instead. From noon to 4 pm**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time	2	3	4 1:30 pm - Prayer Group 12 pm to 4 pm Office Hrs 4pm Worship Team	5 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH	6 Bingo Family Fun Night 6 PM	7
8 Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time	9	10	11 1:30 pm - Prayer Group 12 pm to 4 pm Office Hrs 4 pm McGuire/Rose Wedding Rehearsal	12 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH	13	14
15 Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time Worship Design after service 12:30pm Leadership Board Meeting	16	17	18 1:30 pm - Prayer Group 12 pm to 4 pm Office Hrs 4 pm McGuire/Rose Wedding	19 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH 4pm Worship Team	20	21
22 Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time	23	24	25 1:30 pm - Prayer Group 12 pm to 4 pm Office Hrs. 4pm Worship meeting	26 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH	27	28
29 Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time	30 Pastor Janet Out of Town	31 Pastor Janet Out of Town	1 1:30 pm - Prayer Group 12 pm to 4 pm Office Hrs 4pm Worship meeting	2 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH	3 Fun Friday at 6 pm	4
5	6	NOTES	Masking and Social Distancing are required.			

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