



## GOOD SAMARITAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1757 244<sup>th</sup> Ave NE ♦ Sammamish WA 98074 ♦ 425-868-2123

March 11, 2008

Dear Good Samaritans:

Easter is fast approaching and we have a wonderful combination of music and celebration planned for that special morning (see choir schedule below). As we prepare for Easter we want to share good news and follow up on discussions at our recent Annual Meeting.

**Priest in Charge** – We are extremely pleased that the Bishop has selected a long term priest in charge candidate for Good Samaritan. As you may have heard in Sunday’s announcements, the Bishop’s Committee is having discussions with the candidate to confirm mutual interest in moving forward together. The individual has an impressive record of service and is enthusiastic about the opportunity to be with us. We will be able to tell you more very soon.

**Good Samaritan Ministry Areas** – In a recent retreat the Bishop’s Committee grouped into seven areas the wide array of ministries that the Good Samaritan community provides. Bishop’s Committee members volunteered to be liaisons for each area. The liaisons will reach out and support the leaders and active participants in each ministry.

<b>Outreach</b> Margaret Starkey India Nishi Sue Hamke Dan Davidson	<b>Education</b> Elisabeth Hall Dan Davidson Tony Fuchs Bill McDonald Paul Bishop	<b>Strategic Planning</b> Bill McDonald Tony Fuchs India Nishi Norm Bottenberg Harry Billingsley	<b>Stewardship</b> Colin Elder Tony Fuchs
<b>Pastoral Care</b> Allan Stratton Sue Hamke Margaret Starkey	<b>Worship</b> Dan Davidson Elisabeth Hall Harry Billingsley Alan Stratton	<b>Admin/Facilities</b> Norm Bottenberg Paul Bishop Colin Elder	

**Education Director** – A budget update funding the Director of Christian Education position was agreed upon by the Bishop’s Committee. This prepares us financially for when we are ready to fill that position. The budget revision also includes continued support for Linda Bruen, Parish Administrator, and Jack Barben, Choir Director. Please talk to any of us and look for additional communication with details.

**Stewardship Thank You** – The “We Are Called” campaign produced dozens of responses from Good Samaritans who expressed interest in growing their involvement into new areas of ministry. We will be involving those volunteers. Don’t hesitate to contact the liaisons or others involved to join in.

The pledging target presented at the annual meeting was reached with the average pledge going up significantly (details are posted in the narthex). We are hopeful that a few more pledges will come in to help support unfunded 2008 needs. Please be on the lookout for a long range Stewardship plan that builds on the “We are Called” theme as we fulfill our mission as Good Samaritans. Kurt Hamke deserves a special thank you for leading the stewardship effort.

**Pre-School** – The Creative Kids Pre-School is flourishing. The good work of our congregation has created a space for the school to thrive as enrollment is now over 70 students. The school is one of many ways we reach out to the community around us. At the same time the school defrays operating costs. Year-to-date \$2,600 has been gifted from Creative Kids which is roughly half of the building and utilities budget for the same period.

If you have a question about anything please use the following information which includes all of the Bishop's Committee contact information. If we can't answer your question we'll find someone who can! Full parish directories are available in the narthex.

Preparation for Easter Services is well underway with choir schedule led by Jack Barben as follows:

Rehearsal -- Thursday, March 13, 6:00 PM  
Perform -- Palm Sunday -- March 16  
Rehearsal -- Immediately following Palm Sunday  
Rehearsal -- Thursday, March 20, 5:45 PM (prior to Maundy Thursday evening service)  
Perform -- Easter Sunday

We look forward to seeing all of you!

Faithfully,

Your Good Samaritan Bishop's Committee

### **Bishop's Committee Members for 2008**

Tony Fuchs, Sr. Warden	425-837-8783	tony_fuchs@yahoo.com
Norm Bottenberg, Jr. Warden	425-391-1394	bberg@oz.net
Colin Elder, Jr. Warden	425-392-4958	elderhome@comcast.net
Linda Bruen, Clerk	425-868-2123	linda@goodsamepiscopal.org
Ruth Nevin, Treasurer	425-392-3827	ruthnevin@comcast.net
Harry Billingsley	425-885-1310	harrybillingsley@gmail.com
Paul Bishop	425-222-6314	bishopp@zgi.com
Dan Davidson	425-836-4326	jedi924@hotmail.com
Elisabeth Hall	425-785-0642	eepresley@gmail.com
Sue Hamke	425-427-8938	susanhamke@yahoo.com
Bill McDonald	425-836-8860	wpmcdonald@comcast.net
India Nishi	425-557-5487	irnishi@comcast.net
Margaret Starkey	425-391-4824	bstarkey1@comcast.net
Alan Stratton	425-837-8632	aljulie@isomedia.com