

Sabbath Rest

When Sandy is cooking, something amazing happens! The aroma of her creation drifts throughout the Lodge, even into the Upper Room, where it invites the guests to come join us for a time of fellowship at the table.

The Lord has an open invitation, which is mentioned in Psalms 34:8 "Taste and see that Jehovah is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him", to come to His table and commune with Him, with the promise to those who heed His call that He will bless them.

What are your cravings?

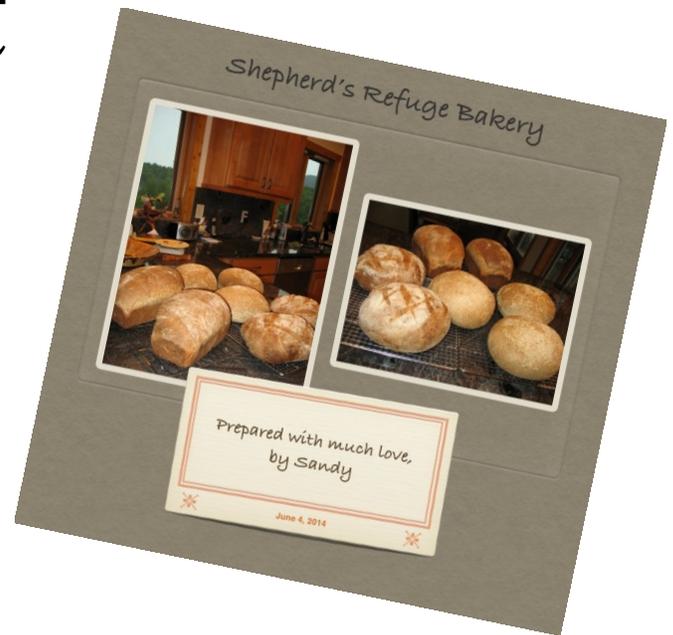
The water we serve our guests could just as well be bottled! It comes from a well that is 400 feet (120m) deep, does not need to be treated for anything, nothing has to be removed, and nothing added. It is absolutely refreshing, a cold drink on a hot Spring day.

The Lord has His way of refreshing us as mentioned in John 4:10, "Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that says to you, Give Me to drink, you would have asked of Him, and He would have given you living water."

Are you thirsty?



The basis for establishing ECFA and developing *Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship*TM is stated clearly by the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 8:21 (NIV): "For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men."



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The purpose of Shepherd's Refuge is:
To strengthen His church in fulfilling its Great Commission
by caring for its leadership!

Deuteronomy 7:9 Therefore, know that Jehovah your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.

Continuity (a follow up to the article in the [Winter Newsletter](#))

It happened! Sandy and Ruedi were called to the bedside of her dying father in Switzerland. The day the call came in they left and were still able to spend almost a week with him. For 7 weeks that followed, Shepherd's Refuge functioned without its traditional hosts!

The Lord is simply amazing us, once again, with His perfect plans, giving Rob and Fran, Members of the Board of Directors, together with Stacey, our resident student, the opportunity to take over and host the guests. We are so grateful to the Lord and to those three who stepped up to the challenge!

Do you know someone that could do the same, be willing and gifted to be on call to hosts the guests at Shepherd's Refuge? If so, please let us know. There will be future opportunities, some planned, and some at a moments notice.

Keep this in mind:

Check out our [web-site](#) and our [Face Book page](#) for the latest news and updates. Progress reports are available online, or by sending us an email, or even better, by giving us a call!

Let these Guest Comments speak for themselves:

"The opportunity to simply step away for even a few days - turning off electronics and disconnecting from all the noise - made it easier to refresh and think."
"We came to rest and we did! We came to disconnect from the "Busyness" of the ministry and reconnect with each other and our calling."
"We were needing to reconnect, regroup and rekindle our affection and passion in our marriage and ministry. These happened so wonderfully!"

Want to make a difference?



- ⇒ Encourage and support your pastor to decide to take time off.
- ⇒ Help him/her remove the feeling of guilt when they do decide to get away.
- ⇒ Think about the health of their own family relationship.
- ⇒ Consider the benefits to the congregation from a well rested pastor.
- ⇒ Understand the consequences of a burnt-out pastor!
- ⇒ [You can decide to make a difference, become a Ministry Partner](#)

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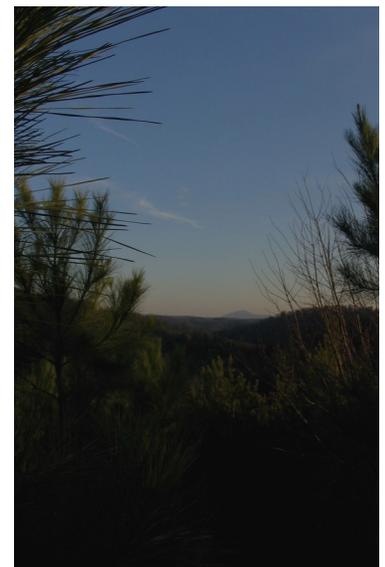
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