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The Word
of the
Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in our Sanctuary
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, May 4th - Third Sunday of Easter
Heritage and Communion Sunday

Attendance pads are in the pews. The Offering box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Readings: Psalm 30:1-4 and John 21:4-14
Sermon Title: "Easter: Celebrating When Jesus Greets You"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Mazurka in A minor" by Frederic Chopin
Postlude: "God Is Our Refuge and Strength" arr. Powell
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "Jubilate Deo" by Charles Wood
Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Solo by Carolyn Noonchester: "Behold the Lamb"
Choir and Congregation: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Red Hymnal #431



The April 27th Altar Flowers are given by the Hoover Family in loving memory of Maya Rose Levya, a precious 5 year old who passed away. She was the cousin of Clarissa Levya and Sophia Hoover.

The 80th Anniversary Celebration is June 1st!
We will begin with worship at 10:00am, followed by the 11:30am coffee hour mixer, and the 12:30 luncheon. Community representatives (Foothill Unity, Family Promise, Holly Avenue Elementary School, etc.) and past clergy will also be attending. **Please RSVP by May 1st to attend the luncheon**- invite is on pg. 3. RSVP online (www.cgsum.org) or call the church office (626) 447-2181.



All articles, photos, and announcements are **due by 3:00 p.m. Friday** for the following week's newsletter and should be emailed to **cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com.**

Reminder! The Walk for Sierra Service Project Fundraiser is this Saturday, May 3rd (9am-12noon).

Kitchen Renovation Update



The long-anticipated Kitchen Demolition and Construction has begun. Please pardon any inconvenience during the next couple of months.

The kitchen, stage, and front third of the Fellowship Hall will not be available for use during this time. Please do not enter the construction area until we open the curtain to reveal the completion. Remember, good things come to those who wait. We will publish photos of the progress which hopefully will satisfy your curiosity. See the top photo of kitchen sink area before demo and bottom photo of the area on day 3.



A big than you to all our generous donors for making this project a reality, and to the Foundation for their matching grant. Thanks to all our members for your patience and understanding during the construction. We all look forward to seeing our new kitchen and to using it once again. – Joann Steinmeier

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle is collecting old, clean towels for the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society. Wash cloths, hand towels, bath towels, and bath mats will be greatly appreciated. During the week, please drop off your donations in the Church Office. On Sundays, you can drop them off in Fellowship Hall at the north wall.

Wednesday Book Club

Our May book is The Kitchen House. Join us at 11:30 in our new location for May and June- the church music room!



JOIN US FOR THE

Church of the Good Shepherd 80th Anniversary Celebration

JUNE 1, 2025

10 a.m. Celebration Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour Mixer
12:30 p.m. Luncheon will be served

$25 per person • $10 child's box lunch
RSVP by May 1, 2025 as seating is limited

Online reply and payment preferred
or RSVP after Sunday Service

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Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

Upcoming Events:

- May 3rd Annual Walk-a-thon this Saturday!
- May 11th Mother's Day Service
- May 18th Spring Cleaning Day after worship (lunch provided)
- June 1st 80th Anniversary Event with 10am Worship, 11:30am Coffee Fellowship, and 12:30pm Luncheon- see invite and RSVP for the Luncheon by May 1st!

Plus join us Sundays for Adult Sunday school (9:00am), Worship (10:00am), Children and Youth Sunday school (10:15am) and Fellowship Time after worship in the hall with coffee & refreshments. Nursery Care is provided beginning at 9:30am.

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission Statement:
God calls us to welcome all to a vibrant community on a continuing journey of Faith, Growth, Justice, and Service in the image of Christ.