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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, March 2nd - Transfiguration & Heritage Sunday with Holy Communion

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

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 99: 1 - 5 and Luke 9: 28 - 36
Sermon Title: "Gathering at His Transfiguration"
Prelude: "Break Thou Bread of Life" arr. Shackley
Postlude: "Praise to the Lord" arr. Cherwien
"Behold the Tabernacle of God" by Paul Sjolund;
"Christ's Whose Glory Fills the Skies" by Gilbert Martin
Music Director, Stephen Cook; Chancel Choir Director, Kirk Averitt



Among the Church Family

Please keep the family of *Dorothy Denne* in your prayers upon her passing on February 10th. There will be a graveside service this Thursday, Feb. 27th (10:00am) at Live Oak Cemetary in Monrovia.

Blood Pressure Screening

Health Ministries will be offering free blood pressure screenings this Sunday, March 2nd in the Lounge after the worship service.



Looking Ahead to Ash Wednesday, March 5th

- Ashes to Go- come receive Ashes anytime between 7:30am-9:00am by the portico in the parking lot in front of the Sanctuary doors
- Ash Wednesday Chapel Service- 7:00pm Service to receive Ashes and Communion

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.**

Support the Church Youth Sierra Service Project Team!

The youth will begin selling Sierra Service Project Stock after worship on Sundays to help fundraise for our service project trip this summer. Each youth will need to raise $800 each. We will be helping the communities in South Bay San Diego, California, from July 27 – August 1, 2025. We will be leaving on July 27th and returning on August 1st. The projects they will work on include painting, rebuilding fences and other exterior home repairs. The youth will share their experiences with a BBQ after church in August. Thank you for investing in our youth!





UWF/Sarah Circle Sunday on March 9th

The UWF/Sarah Circle leaders will lead us in worship with special liturgy, music, and sharing on this Sunday. All women of faith are encouraged to attend and to invite other women as we celebrate this ministry.

Join Sarah Circle/UWFaith for their monthly gathering on March 6th!

"Reading has its Rewards" is the subject of the Sarah Circle/UWFaith program for March 6 in Jordan Hall, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sandy Jelinek will be presenting an introduction to the United Women in Faith Reading Program and previewing some of the books in the 2025 UWF Reading Program catalog which is available online at: uwfaith.org.

If you enjoy reading as a pastime, join us for this preview of the 2025 offerings. Refreshments will be served.

Time Change Sunday March 9th



When you go to bed on Saturday, March 8th, remember to change your clocks AHEAD one hour. And when you come to church on Sunday, participate in TIME CHANGE SUNDAY. It's easy. Just drop your change into the yellow buckets held by United Women in Faith (formerly known as UMW). Your donations will be used to provide services to women, children, and youth, locally and globally. Be a part of our outreach.

Save the Date!

United Women in Faith will be hosting a Fundraiser at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse on Thursday, March 20th from 4 - 9pm.



Church of the Good Shepherd's 80th Anniversary Celebration! Sunday, June 1st, 2025

Join us for the Special Anniversary Sunday Worship Service followed by a Fellowship Mixer in the Sunday school play yard and then a Luncheon in Jordan Fellowship Hall. More details to come!

Looking at Our Methodist Roots....Where It All Began

Holy Club. Bible Moths. Methodists. These are just a few of the names people called John and Charles Wesley and their small group when they first gathered. The Wesleys are considered founders of the Methodist Church.

It all began around 1728 at Oxford University. Charles had not always been good at his studies or faith, instead preferring cards, music, and theater. By his final year, he was ready to devote himself more to study and faith. Charles knew he could not do this on his own. So he gathered with a small group to discuss literature, and they eventually moved onto faith materials. Even with these conversations, he continued to struggle. He reached out to his brother John for assistance. John had already graduated and was ordained in the Church of England. When he returned to Oxford, he assumed leadership of the group and brought to it his organization skills and some initial instruction.

It was common for the Wesleys and their group to engage regularly in prayer, fasting, giving alms and visiting those in prison. Others started noticing the group. Some called them "Sacramentarians," that is they sought the sacrament of communion frequently. Others called the group "Supererogation-men," referring to their desire to go beyond what is typically required in hopes of winning divine approval.

By the time they were called "The Holy Club," there were actually at least four small groups connected with the growing movement. It was the name "Methodists" that eventually stuck. The Wesleys and their colleagues stuck to their methods and the Methodist movement would spread throughout Great Britain and into the Americas and now the world.

Article adapted from Andrew J. Schleicher's story first published on September 21, 2015 from United Methodist Communications (umc.org/Why the Wesleys and others came to be called Methodists).

Church of the Good Shepherd 80th Anniversary Trivia Questions!

#1 Where did the first charter members of the church worship?

#2 Who was the first minister officially appointed to the church?

Answers will be posted in next week's newsletter.

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Upcoming Events:

- March 5th Ash Wednesday (Ashes on the Go 7:30am-9:00 in the parking lot portico by the Sanctuary doors) and (Chapel Service 7:00pm)
- March 9th United Women in Faith/Sarah Circle Service and Time Change Sunday
- March 23rd Scouting Ministry Sunday
- March 30th Combined Choir Concert "Fauré's Requiem" in Worship
- May 3rd Annual Walk-a-thon- more details to come
- June 1st 80th Anniversary Event!

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.