

The WORD of the Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist

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The Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist Church
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007 - www.cgsum.org 626-447-2181
In-Person Worship this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

This Sunday, December 19, 2021, in Worship

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Trek to the Tree
Bring your Christmas Offering and
2022 Pledge Card (if you haven't turned it in yet.)
Wear your festive Christmas Sweaters!
Scripture: Luke 1:68-79
Sermon Title: "Go Into the Way of Peace"
The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, preaching
Prelude: "Mary, Did You Know?" by Greene & Lawry, arr. Banks, Franklyn Shen, piano.
Postlude: "Easy on Me" by Kurstin & Adkins, arr. Madeira,
Stephanie Shen, cello, Franklyn Shen, piano.
Special Music: "What Child Is This?"16th Century, arr. Carlson,
Stephanie Shen, cello, Franklyn Shen, piano.
The hymns for this Sunday: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #218",
"That Boy-Child of Mary (vs.4-6) #241", "O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines #729"

Among the Church Family

Please continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in your prayers. Be sure to include **Ila Harris** who is in need of prayers due to health problems. You may contact the church office for further information. And pray for **Jackie Olson** whose health has declined and her family is preparing for Home Hospice Care soon. She would love to hear from her UMW and church friends.

Chancel Flowers Last Sunday:

In memory of Dad (Knight Raymond) by Dave, Bill, Phil and Anita and their families.

In memory of Arlene Morgan Briggs by Janis M. Eiler and family.

In memory of John Zessau by his family.



2021 Giving

As we close out the year, please get your 2021 contribution turned into the church office by December 23, 2021, so that we can insure crediting your giving for this year.



Trek to the Tree Worship Service this Sunday, December 19th

Join us for the Trek to the Tree Worship Service this Sunday December 19th! This is a revised date so people will have time to bring both their pledge cards and Christmas offering envelopes to worship this Sunday. They will be placed in special offering boxes that will then be placed by the trees during worship. Pledge cards were mailed to everyone last month. The pledge cards that have already been submitted will be included in the special offering box. The Christmas Offering Letter was mailed out last week. Extra copies of both will be available after worship or through the church office.



Also, members are encouraged to wear their festive Christmas sweaters on the 19th!

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER
FOR GOOD SHEPHERD CHILDREN'S CENTER

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH | 4-8PM

CHIPOTLE at 400 S. BALDWIN AVE, ARCADIA, CA, 91007

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE JAKA7MR
OR SHOW THE FLYER IN RESTAURANT

Fliers are available in the church office or the Children's Center Office.

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify.

Christmas Eve Pageant



The 5:00PM Family Christmas Pageant is back!!! We invite all children ages 5-18 to participate in the Christmas pageant, which will be a part of the Christmas Eve Family Service on Friday, Dec. 24, 2021. We will have one rehearsal on Sunday, Dec. 19th, from 11:15AM-12:30PM (lunch will not be included), and all members of the Children's Choir, Youth Bells, and Youth Choir will be participating in the service. We would also like to accommodate those children and youth coming from out of town after Dec. 19th for Christmas. If you let us know, you can still participate by coming at 3:30PM on Friday, Dec. 24th. You will need to wear the color of what you would like to be (white for angel, brown for shepherd, black for animal). If you are interested in participating, please contact Franklyn Shen at (626) 272-5081, or by email at fnjshen@sbcglobal.net.

SEASON OF GIVING!

The FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER will be packing up Christmas food baskets and family gifts on December 18th so turn in any food donations and family games or monetary donations soon!

Also check the church website for ALTERNATIVE MARKET order forms to give gifts that give twice! You can use your giving as a "teachable moment "for children and grandkids to demonstrate that some gifts given in their honor are helping others throughout the world. Gifts such as school kits, books, toys, games and animals help children see how this gift is reaching other children and their families!

REMINDER: DO NOT respond to fake emails that claim to be from Pastor Eva but are not from her umcpastoreva@gmail.com email and are asking for favors, money, gift cards, etc.

Celebrate the Christmas Season at Good Shepherd



December 19: Trek to the Tree and Wear Festive Sweaters!

Christmas Eve, December 24, Worship Services at CGS:

5:00 p.m. Family Service – Sanctuary - Featuring a Children's Christmas Pageant, our Youth and Children's Choirs singing and Youth Bells playing. Children are encouraged to attend this service with their parents.

9:00 p.m. Lessons, Carols, and Candles – Sanctuary - Christmas message by Pastor Eva. Chancel Choir and Bells will also be featured. Service in the Sanctuary concludes with candles.

December 26th Online Christmas Service presented by Conference Leaders with Special Year End message given by Bishop Grant Hagiya. No In-Person worship this Sunday.

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Games for Foothill Unity



This year the Foothill Unity Center is not going to have individual Angels for the Angel Tree. This year they are giving "family gifts". This means that they are requesting family games and puzzles. If you bring a game please put it in the white barrel in the Narthex. They are also asking for $25 gift cards for stores such as Target, Kohls, Walmart, Amazon and Marshalls. Please place your gift cards in an envelope and write on it 'FOR FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER'S FAMILY GIFTS" and place it in the offering box in the Narthex or drop it off at the church office. Thank you for supporting this meaningful project in a different way this year!

The 2022 Flower Chart



Sign up for altar flowers by calling the church office, 626-447-2181, to give flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" loved ones (or in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, special event or accomplishment). The cost of the flowers is $50 (payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd"). Please mail the check to the church and write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. Or you may pay for flowers online through the church website. The church office will place your order with ZuZu's Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message announced in church by Pastor Eva on the appropriate Sunday as well as in the Sunday bulletin and the following week's newsletter. After the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service that Sunday, you may take your flowers home with you or let us know and we will have them in the church office on Monday morning after 9:00 a.m. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship center.

Attention: Walkers!!



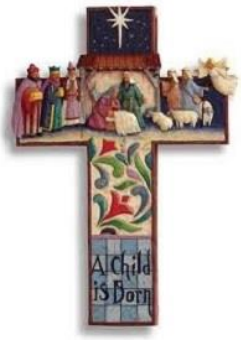
We have made some changes to our group! Most Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. we will meet at the church as usual, but the first Tuesday of each month, for a fun change, will be we will be meeting at the Arboretum at 8:00 a.m. inside by the stairs at the bottom. Everyone is invited to join us! The Arboretum is at 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, 91007. Cost is $15 for Adults, Seniors (62+) $11, annual pass is $65.

The Alternative Christmas Market



Last call for the Alternative Market! You won't need a bag or a box to purchase meaningful gifts for friends, family, grandkids and co-workers. Your gift could be a breathing, hope-giving, money-making, fruit bearing, women empowering, food providing, milk-making, shelter giving, refugee assisting, community building, life changing miracle! Your purchases help people locally, nationally and around the world to help end poverty and achieve self-reliance. Organization offering gifts are CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, TREES FOR LIFE, FINCA, HEIFER PROJECT, UNION STATION, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, AND FAMILY PROMISE. Run off a shopping list from our church website or pick up a copy on Sunday in the Narthex or in the church office during the week. An insert of the list is in this newsletter and on the next page. Fill out the form, indicate the number of cards needed for each item, make your check out to CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD then indicate if you want your cards sent by mail or picked up on Sunday in the Narthex or during the week in the church office.

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open minds,
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