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United Methodist Church

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Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services during January 2022

(Church Website or Facebook Group Page)

Sunday, January 30, 2022

This Sunday Worship Online Only

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Scripture: Psalm 71:1-6 and Luke 4:21-30

Sermon: "Go and Take Refuge"

Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Prelude: "Give Me Jesus'" arr. Hayes

Postlude: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Hayes

Stephen Cook, Director of Music on Organ

Introit: "Make A Joyful Noise" arr. J. L. Clark

Special Music and Anthem: "Great Is Thy Name" by Andrea Klouse; Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist.

Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God #110", "Surely the Presence of the Lord #328", "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms #133"

Sunday School for preschoolers and elementary grade kids is again meeting by Zoom **Sunday mornings, 9:15-9:45.** Please contact Heather Reynolds (khreynolds89@earthlink.net or 626-272-6629) for the zoom info and other information.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in your prayers.

Our condolences to **Jeffrey Black** and family upon the death of his mother **Mindy Black** on January 22, 2022, following a long battle with cancer. Services are pending.



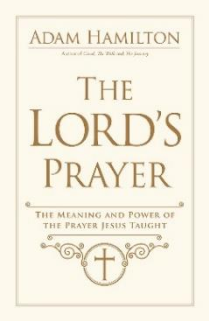
Chancel Flowers Last Sunday:

The flowers on the altar on Sunday, January 23, were given in memory of family and friends by Lynne Rivera.

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.





CGS BOOK STUDY FOR LENT 2022

Our 2022 Lenten book study will be based on *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught* by Pastor Adam Hamilton.

The discussions will be 6 Mondays, February 28 through April 4, 2022, 7:00PM to 8:00PM via ZOOM. The 1-hour meeting will include a 15-minute DVD of Pastor Hamilton's sharing his thoughts followed by our discussing the main points of the book, related scripture, and DVD.

We know the Lord's Prayer by heart; we pray it often. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it? Each week we will explore a different line of the prayer and its meaning in the Bible, in prayer, and our lives.

The book is available from Cokesbury or Amazon.

Please let Diane Lucas know (dlucasarc@gmail.com) if you will be attending so she can send the weekly Zoom link to you.

We look forward to our meaningful time together! ***-Diane & Craig Lucas***

2022 Memorial/Veteran's Day Flowers



It has become a tradition at our church to have special Chancel Flowers on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day in honor of **all** those who have served or are currently serving in our country's armed forces. We would like to honor your service, or the service of a loved one, by adding your name, rank and the branch in which you served to our list. We invite you to give a donation to the flower fund to keep this tradition going. Checks should be made payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd" and turned into the office with "Veterans' Flowers" on the memo line of the check. Suggested annual donation of $20 covers both holidays. Those making a donation will be shown with an asterisk, but all who have served or are currently serving will be listed.

Women's Book Study

Do you like to read? If so, consider joining the Women's Book Study which meets every Wednesday at noon. We are currently meeting via Zoom. Once in person gatherings resume, we will meet in the library.

In February we will start our next book, Apples Never Fall, which would be a good time to join in our lively conversation.

For further information contact Leslie Kenan at leskenan@gmail.com.

Please Pledge for 2022

Reminder 2022, Pledge Cards can still be turned in! Each Financial and Stewardship Commitment is greatly appreciated as it helps the church continue its ministries and mission . . .

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Church of the Good Shepherd

"Where God's Love Lives"-- Pledge Card for 2022

Name: _____

Address:_____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Effective Date: _____

Amount:

❑ $ _____ Weekly (Estimated Annual Pledge $_____)

❑ $_____ Monthly (Estimated Annual Pledge $_____)

❑ $ _____ Quarterly (Estimated Annual Pledge $_____)

❑ $ _____ Annually, or:

❑ $_____ One-time Gift

Date CGS will receive my/our Quarterly/Annual/One-time Gift: _____

I/we choose to give our financial gifts electronically.
(Please check one of the options below)

❑ I/we currently have a form **on file** – please update the Authorization Form for Automatic Withdrawal of Funds to reflect this current pledge

❑ I/we am/are **new** to electronic giving - please find the completed Authorization Form for Automatic Withdrawal of Funds form attached

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Above is a copy of our 2022 pledge card that you can cut out and turn in if you're missing your card. You may also contact the church office, 626-447-2181, if you need the Direct Deposit form.



Walking Group

Next Tuesday is the first Tuesday of the month so we will be walking at the Arboretum for a fun change. We will be meeting 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. Other Tuesdays we continue to meet at the church.

Plastic Bags and Egg Cartons



Foothill Unity Center is still collecting egg cartons and plastic bags. During this PANDEMIC era we have a different location for dropping them off. Whenever you are in the vicinity of the church, they can be placed in the box located near the entrance to the office. Arrangements have been made to transfer the contents of the box to Fellowship Hall for future delivery to the Center.

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.

<u>It has not been determined yet whether February will be virtual or in-person services. We will notify you ASAP.</u>

In January 2022, Sunday worship services will be online only. We will not have in-person worship services or meetings for the month of January.

This is due to the unfortunate surge of the Omicron Covid 19 variant and hearing concerns from church members. So, after consultation with our parish nurses, a nurse practitioner, some worship team leaders, and discernment in prayer, we believe it is best to keep everyone safe this month.

We will continue to offer our wonderful online worship services with music from section leaders, the assigned Lay Reader, and the amazing AV team.

Please join us online for worship this month!

Together in Christ's Service,
Pastor Eva

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open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

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