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United Methodist Church

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Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services during February 2022

(Church Website or Facebook Group Page)

Sunday, February 6, 2022

This Sunday Worship Online Only

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Scripture: Psalm 138 and Luke 5:1-11

Sermon: "Go and Follow Jesus"

Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Prelude: "Andante" by William Selby

Postlude: "Trumpet Dialogue Recessional" by Alice Jordan

Stephen Cook, Director of Music on Organ

Introit: "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" arr. Bird

Special Music and Anthem: "The Water of Grace" by Joseph Martin with flute; Danilo Lozano, flute solo.

Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "To God Be the Glory #98", "Thy Word Is a Lamp #601", "Standing on the Promises #374"

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.

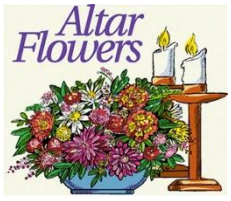
Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in your prayers.

Prayers for Charles Richardson and family on the passing of his sister, Kathleen, in Texas. Condolences to the family, and prayers for them as they travel to Texas later this month for her Memorial Service.

Prayers for Galo Cordero, our former Custodian, and his daughter Elsa Cordero Wood and son-in-law Rev. Dr. Philip Bertolo Wood, our former Pastor, upon the death of their wife and mother, Consuelo (Connie), this past week after a lengthy illness. Condolences and blessings to the entire family upon her passing.



Chancel Flowers Last Sunday:

The flowers on the altar on Sunday, January 30, were given in memory of Otto Brazier's birthday by Diane Lucas.



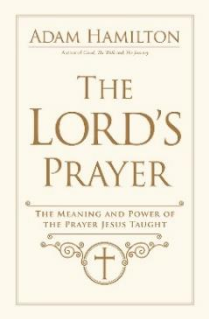
2022 Flower Chart

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.

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.



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***

Covid Testing Information

The city of Temple City and the LA County Sheriff's Department Community Advisory Council are co-hosting Covid PCR and Rapid Testing at the Temple City Park, 9701 Las Tunas Dr., Temple City, **every Thursday, from 8 am to 4 pm**, until further notice. No appointments needed, simply walk up. Anyone 4 years and older is eligible for testing. Testing is available to everyone regardless of insurance and citizenship at NO COST. You do not have to be symptomatic to get tested. Testing will occur while supplies last. The line may shut down before 4 pm to allow the testing clinic to close by 4 pm.

"Thank You"

Greetings CGS Family,

It's been a while. You all have not heard from or seen me in a while (in part because the pandemic put us back to online services), but there is another reason too. I wanted to let you all know that I have decided to no longer pursue ordained ministry, which means that I will no longer be interning with Good Shepherd. In the UMC, the candidacy process is a time to do much prayer, discernment, reflection, and discussion with people one trusts about the possibility of a career in ordained ministry. I have been especially intentional about doing these things ever since I arrived at Fuller, and over time, I have simply come to realize that ordained ministry is not my calling. It has nothing to do with the United Methodist Church or the Church of the Good Shepherd. It is simply that through all of my experiences, it has become clear to me that ordained ministry is not my path.

Regardless, this is hardly goodbye. I will continue attending church at Good Shepherd, so you all will continue to see me. I want to thank all of you at Good Shepherd for your tremendous support. You have been so kind and gracious to me. You offered me great opportunities as an intern, and I always felt encouraged and supported by you. In my final newsletter article before I left for hospital chaplaincy a few months ago, I told you all that I was deeply appreciative of you and that I felt genuinely blessed to be a part of CGS. Those sentiments have not changed. ***--Michael Chesnut***

Please Pledge for 2022 by Wednesday, February 9

Reminder: 2022 Pledge Cards can still be turned in to the church office by next Wednesday, February 9! 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.

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.

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open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

We will continue to be a closed campus for the month of February. So, no in-person worship services again this month, February 2022.

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

This is due to the unfortunate surge of the Omicron Covid 19 variant and hearing concerns from church members. So, after further 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