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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, January Twenty Sixth - 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 61: 1-3 and Luke 4: 16-21
Sermon Title: "Gathering at His Home Town"
Prelude: "Meditation on "How Great Thou Art" arr. Carter
Postlude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Jordan
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "When Morning Gilds the Sky" by Dan Bird;
"In Jesus We Grow" by Lee Dangler;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The January 19th Chancel Flowers were given in memory of Otto Brazier's birthday by Diane Lucas.



Sarah Veeraraj and her girl scout troop collecting donations for victims of the Eaton Fire.

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.**

The Wednesday Book Group is currently reading The Briar Club. Join us on Wednesdays at 11:30am in the Lounge!



Sarah Circle Meets Thursday, February 6th

Sarah Circle and United Women in Faith are having a painting party! No, we are not painting Jordan Hall. Mary Archibald is going to teach us how to paint flowers! Join us for this creative and fun evening beginning at 6:30pm in Jordan Hall. Please bring $5 for supplies that Mary will provide. If you still have the paintbrush and paints that she gave us from her previous lesson, please bring those as well. A short business meeting will precede our program and refreshments will be served.

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- GIFT CARDS (Stores & Restaurants) for church members, Altadena UMC (Target), and St. Mark's School families. Drop them in the offering box on Sundays or to the church mailbox anytime.
- MONETARY DONATIONS: Los Angeles Fires Recovery Fund for UMC Churches – online donation at www.calpacumc.org/donate OR CHECKS payable to the California-Pacific Conference, mailed to California-Pacific Conference, Los Angeles Fires Recovery Fund, PO Box 6006, Pasadena CA 91102.
- DONATE only essential items (food, toiletries, baby supplies, pet food) to the following places: Foothill Unity (Pasadena), LA County Food Banks, Red Cross, YMCA.
- Please do not drop off donations to the church (except for day listed below)- the places listed above are already set up for immediate distribution for families in need.
- A church youth has a ONE time collection drive at church this Sunday- see flyer.
- Remember that Pastor Eva and church staff would never ask for money or gift cards to be directly made out to them or given to them directly.

LA FIRE AID

DONATION DRIVE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025



DROP-OFF LOCATION:

Church of Good Shepherd
400 W Duarte Rd, Arcadia, CA 91007

11:30-2 PM

NO FOOD ACCEPTED!!

ITEMS NEEDED:

- **NEW BABY CLOTHES**
- Kid Toys
- Feminine Hygiene products
- New Packaged undergarments
- **Masks**
- New Tolitries
- Water

For More Information : **Contact us @la.fire.aid or text (626) 215-4095**

We're raising dough!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

25%
OF NET SALES WILL BE DONATED*

January 23, 2025
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
600 W Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA

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*20% fundraiser: Up to 20% of net sales from your designated and registered fundraising event will be donated to your approved organization. Minimum sales of $100 on the specified date, time and location required to receive 20% donation. 25% fundraiser: Up to 25% of net sales from your designated and registered fundraising event will be donated to your approved organization. Minimum sales of $150 on the specified date, time and location required to receive 25% donation. General terms: Details on percentage of net sales to be donated and the minimum sales requirement will be provided during the event registration process. Fundraising events available only at participating US bakery-cafes. Fundraising event details and available dates and times for fundraising events will vary by bakery-cafe. Gift card purchases, catering orders, and orders placed on third party delivery sites are excluded and will not count towards the total net sales from your designated fundraising event. This offer will be void if flyer is distributed in or near the participating bakery-cafe on the night of the event. Fundraising events may be cancelled without notice due to abuse, error, fraud, computer error, electronic or technical malfunctions, or other unforeseen or unintended circumstances. Other restrictions may apply. For more information on how our fundraising events work, please visit: https://fundraising.panerabread.com/faq.

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Family Promise - "Calling All Volunteers" for Winter Hosting
February 16th - February 23rd

When Jesus looked and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." Matthew 14: 14-16

Many thanks to those who volunteered in 2024 to help provide a refuge at Good Shepherd for our local temporarily homeless families! You have indeed responded generously to Jesus's command as stated above in Matthew 14: 14-16.

Our first hosting opportunity of 2025 is less than four weeks away. Please call or email me with your favorite volunteer task as soon as possible. We don't know how the displaced people from the recent fires will affect our hosting. But, with your help, we can accommodate 2 to 3 families.

Volunteer Positions Needed:

Date	Day (February)	Hosting Need	Volunteers needed for EACH hosting task
15	Saturday	Set Up Crew, 2 to 3-pm	6
16	Sunday	Dinner	2
17	Monday	Dinner & Overnight	2
18	Tuesday	Dinner & Overnight	2
19	Wednesday	Dinner & Overnight	2
20	Thursday	Dinner & Overnight	2
21	Friday	Dinner & Overnight	2
22	Saturday	Filled	---
23	Sunday	Laundry Crew, 11:30 am	2
		Take Down Crew, 2 to 3-pm	6

2025 Hosting Schedule	
Winter	February 16 - 23
Spring	May 18 – May 25
Summer	TBD
Fall	TBD

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Resident Bishop: Rev. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee
Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Franklyn Shen
Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

January Events:

- January 23rd UWF/Sarah Circle PANERA Fundraiser- details to come
- January 25th Church Council & 80th Anniversary Planning Meeting
- February 2nd Heritage and Holy Communion Sunday
- March 9th United Women in Faith & Sarah Circle Sunday

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

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.