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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
Sunday Nursery Care available starting at 9:30am
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG
Attendance pads and cards are in the pews.
The Offeratory box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.

## *Sunday, November 22nd - Christ the King Sunday and Commitment Sunday*

**Scripture: Psalm 145: 1-7, Sermon: Stewardship Series – "Thrive: Witness & Proclamation"**
**Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, Preaching**
**Prelude: "Amazing Grace" arr. Dan Chadburn**
**Postlude: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Gene Roberson, Franklyn Shen, piano**
**Youth Bells: "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Hurlbutt – Carolyn Noonchester, Director**
**Youth Choir: "Soli Deo" by Herbert Beuerle;**
**"Prayer of Thanksgiving" by Knox/Wilson; "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig;**
**Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist**

**AFTER WORSHIP- ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT!**

## *Monday, November 23rd - Thanksgiving Service (Chapel at 7:30pm)*

**Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, Reflection & Prayers**
**Prelude: "We Gather Together" arr. Marcia Wells**
**Postlude: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" by George Elvey**
**Youth Choir: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" arr. J.L. Clark;**
**"Sing Thanks" by J.L. Clark;**
**Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist**

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 November 8th Altar Flowers were given in honor of Church of the Good Shepherd Veterans and those serving our country in the military; in celebration of Craig Lucas's birthday given by Diane, Addie, and Ellie.*

## *Sunday, November 29th - 1st Sunday of Advent (Hope) and Thanksgiving Weekend*

**Scripture: Isaiah 64: 1-4 and Mark 13: 24-30**
**Sermon: Advent Series – "What Time is It?"**
**Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, Preaching**
**Prelude: "Come All Christians, Be Committed" arr. Porter;**
**Postlude: "Postlude on "Ash Grove" arr. Martin**
**Stephen Cook, Director of Music**
**Chancel Choir: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"; "My Lord, He Is a Comin' Soon" by Laura Winnen & Jeff Cothran; "Peace, Peace"**
**Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist**



## Crafters Thank You

Crafters/United Women in Faith thanks everyone who bought items at our Craft Boutique on Sunday, October 18th and Sunday, October 25th. Because of your participation in our annual boutique, we will be able to donate $2, 146.72, total, to missions and charities. Thanks again, for your generous support.

## UMCOR Thank You

Sarah Circle/United Women in Faith thank everyone who contributed to our collection for UMCOR Disaster Relief on Sunday, November 1. Thanks to your generosity, we will be donating $262.51 to UMCOR.

## Shepherds Fellowship Group

Sheperds Fellowship Group will celebrate the Christmas holiday at Matt Denny's on December 8th at 5:30. Please RSVP to Margaret Blair by December 6th.

**Book Club- will not meet on Nov. 25th**
**Men's Study Group- will not meet on Nov. 26th**
**Sunday Adult Bible Study Class- will not meet on Nov. 29th**

# The One, Two, Threes of Giving

Dear Good Shepherd Members and Friends,

As we prepare to reflect on what we are thankful for at Thanksgiving and to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas, the church thanks you for the generosity of presence, gifts, and service you have shown this past year.

ONE: We know you have the choice of saving, spending, and giving of your finances. Because of your faithful giving, Good Shepherd has been able to support our ministries, employ dedicated staff, and serve the community.

TWO: We now invite you to continue your generosity and give to our two holiday offerings: Thanksgiving collection (Nov. 22nd & Nov. 29th) and Christmas collection (Trek to the Tree on Dec. 20th).

THREE: There are three ways to give to these holiday offerings.

- **In Person:** In worship on the dates listed above, or in the offering box any Sunday in November & December (envelopes will be provided).
- **Online:** Visit www.cgsum.org to make a donation, select GIVE tab and then complete your information and check the appropriate box for the correct holiday offering.
- **By Mail or Drop Off:** to the church office (400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA. 91007). All gifts must be received by Dec. 31 to receive credit for the current tax year.

May the love of Christ fill your home this Holiday Season.

Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin

Church of the Good Shepherd UMC

# 27th Annual SSP Cabaret














Thank you for joining us at the 27th Annual SSP Cabaret! Our youth raised over $2,000 toward next summer's service project in Tsaile, Arizona.

A special thank-you to Janice Clark, who develops the theme, selects the songs, creates the choreography, and brings the entire program together. Janice, we couldn't do it without you, and we are so lucky to have you leading our Youth Choir!

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL FEATURE PHOTOS FROM LINDA BROWN'S RETIREMENT RECOGNITION!

# It's Time to Order Pointsettias!

Church of the Good Shepherd has a tradition of decorating our altar and chancel area with beautiful pointsettias at Christmas time. We are pre-selling 6" potted red pointsettias for $25 each to be used in the sanctuary for services beginning Sunday, December 13th.



Plants may be picked up at church after the 9pm Chirstmas Eve service on Wednesday, December 24th. The remaining plants will be donated for delivery by our team of volunteers to more home-bound church members.

To order, visit our table after Church services on November 22nd or November 29th, or fill out this order form and drop it off with your payment at the Church Office (400 W Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007). Deadline: November 29

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# Pointsettia Order Form

Your Name(s): _____ Phone Number: _____

The number of plants to be ordered: _____ x $25/plant = _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Will you pick up your plants on Wednesday, Dec. 24th after the 9pm service? _____

Will you donate your plant/s? _____

Are you able to assist with the delivery of plants to our home-bound members? _____

Your check should be made out to **Church of the Good Shepherd** for $25 per plant. Write "pointsettia" on the memo line. **The last day to order is Sunday, November 29th.**

*Flowers may be picked up following the 9pm Christmas Eve Service on December 24th. Flowers which remain will be donated to church members unless other arrangements are made.*

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

# ADVENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us for 10 AM worship, followed by our Advent Christmas Party! Enjoy an afternoon full of festive fun, including cookie decorating, ornament making, photos with Santa, hot cocoa station and more. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you!

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**District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee**
**Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin**
**Director of Youth & Young Adults: Franklyn Shen**
**Director of Music: Stephen Cook**
**Director of the Children's Center: Cindy Ostry**

## Special Events in November & Decemeber!

- **Nov. 22nd THIS SUNDAY** Join us after worship as we deck the halls for Advent!
- **Nov. 23rd** Thanksgiving Chapel Service with music & refelctions (Monday, 7:30pm)



- **Dec. 13th** Advent Party after Worship & Pastor Appreciation
  - Please note- due to a lack of coordinator- there is no Alternative Market this year, but Foothill Unity Angels and info on how to donate to Foothill Unity will be provided!
- **Dec. 19th New Event! Lumos Classical Music Concert- tickets must be purchased through www.lumos-experiences.com (see events in Arcadia and classical music)**
- ***Dec. 24th*** Christmas Eve Services (Thursday 5pm, 9pm, and 11pm)

**Upcoming Newsletters Will Be Published on the Following Dates:**
Dec. 1st & Dec. 14th. Reminder- articles, photos, and announcements are due by 3:00p.m. the Friday before the publication date. Email items to cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com

***Church of the Good Shepherd Mission Statement:***
***At Church of the Good Shepherd, 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.***