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The Church of the Good Shepherd

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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, April 16th, 2023 - Second Sunday of Easter

Please enter the Sanctuary worship through the double doors off the parking lot. Name tags and check-in are not needed. Attendance pads are in the pews. Masks are no longer required, but are encouraged for those who have high risk factors.

Scripture Lesson: John 20:15-31
Sermon: "The Power of Possibilities: Starts With You", Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching
Pastor Eva will begin a new sermon series called the Power of Possibilities. Jesus said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26. But what does it really mean when we say all things are possible with God? In this Eastertide Season that is driven by the power of God who raised Jesus from the grave, we are given hope, love, peace, and joy again and the power of possibilities for the world seem limitless. But it starts with you, with us and cotinues with others, then our communities, then the world, and extends to God's kingdom in heaven!

Prelude: "Were You There?"
Postlude: "Intonation on "Old 100th"" arr. Bender
Stephen Cook, Director of Music



The Sanctuary was filled on Easter Sunday... with beautiful flowers, with the voices of the Chancel Choir, with music from the Carillon Choir, with the amazing Brass Ensemble (made possible by the Syverson Music Fund) and with blessed prayers, the Message, and Easter liturgy,
Much appreciation to Lay Reader Tom Dukes for the additional prayer reading, Cindy Ostry for the Children's Message, and Chris Holder for delivering Pastor Eva's Sermon so well; and also Kevin and Cindy Snavely for filling in for Sound Tech duties!

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.**

April Church Council Meeting

Church Council will meet on April 29th at Church from 9am-12noon. All Committee and Ministry Chairs are reminded to submit their written reports ahead of time to Joe or Marcia D'Amore.

Shepherd's April Meeting

Shepherd's April meeting on the 11th will feature our soprano section leader Sue Holder who will talk about her family's careers. It will be a traditional potluck. Bring your own dishes and utensils. Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker at church, call her at 626-446-7860, or email her at vlwhit@sbcglobal.net. You can volunteer a food assignment or she will give you one.

Paint Night and Martinelli's

SARAH CIRCLE is having a "Paint Night and Martinelli's" for their program on Thursday, **April 13th!** After our short 7pm business meeting, we will be led by church member Mary Archibald in a scenic painting experience (pictured to the right). We ask that participants bring $5 for supplies and welcome anyone who wishes to join in this fun evening with us! Please contact Margaret Blair (626-574-1827) by **April 11th** so that we can plan our evening. Our meetings are usually the first Thursday of the month. However, due to Holy Week, we have moved it to April 13th.



Avenue of the Churches Walk
Church Fundraiser for Family Promise
This Saturday, April 15th (9am-12noon)!

This Saturday is the fundraiser walk for Family Promise. Cost is $25.00 per person. If you are unable to walk, feel free to sponsor a walker, or make a donation in any amount. Highlights of the event include:

- 9am ~ Registration and Walk Kick Off - Day of Registrations are welcomed!
- Walking with people and getting to know the neighborhood
- Tote bags with free goodies!
- Fun Program at the end of the walk that includes refreshments, music, Family Promise Alumni Speakers, and prize drawings for walkers

Parent's Night Out - Saturday, April 15th (4pm - 7pm)

Church of the Good Shepherd Christian Education Committee and Girl Scout Troop 2631 sponsor Parent's Night Out. This **FREE** babysitting event is for children ages 2 years to 5th grade in Jordan Hall. Evening includes dinner, crafts, games, singing, and dancing.

Easter Sunday at Church of the Good Shepherd!









UMC 101 - Two Upcoming Forums on the United Methodist Church

April 23rd (after worship ~ 11:30am-12:30pm): Presentation on the United Methodist Church. The UMC is a connectional system. Come and find out what's happening now in our own church, our District, our Conference, the Nation, and even the International level. Got questions about anything United Methodist? Email Pastor Eva (pastoreva@cgsum.org) with your questions by April 20th to be answered at the Forum.

May 7th (after worship ~ 11:30am-12:30pm): New Members Class for those interested in joining (or transferring to) Church of the Good Shepherd. Come and learn about Methodist History, Membership Vows, Church Structure, and CGS ministries. Please RSVP to Pastor Eva if you would like to attend.

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Prayer of the Week

We thank you that Easter is not about a people, but all people,
that your love and your Salvation are for all who confess
with voices, hearts and lives that the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen,
that we might know forgiveness, that lives might be reborn
and your name glorified now and for eternity. Amen.

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.