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The Word
of the
Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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 23rd, 2023 - 3rd 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: Luke 24:13-35
Sermon: "The Power of Possibilities: Is to Be Shared With Others"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching
Prelude: "Gather Us In" arr. Cotter
Postlude: "Thou, O Lord, Shall Endure" by Raymond Herbek
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Children's Choir: "I Can Do All Things (based on Phillipians 4:13)"
Diane Lucas, Children's Choir Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist

The April 16th Alter Flowers were given in loving memory of Dr. John Goodno by Jim and Carole Sano.

Among the Church Family

Thurston LaVay's services will be held on Saturday, April 22nd at 2pm at La Canada Presbyterian Church. Let us keep the family in our prayers.

Forum on the United Methodist Church

This Sunday, April 23rd, after worship, we will have a 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.

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.**

Note about Checks to the Church

When submitting checks, please make sure to write out **Church of the Good Shepherd**. The bank <u>will not</u> accept any checks written out to CGS. Also, please rememeber to write in the memo line if the donation is for something other than general pledge or offering, examples: Altar Flowers, Youth SSP, Easter Giving, etc.

Paint Night and Martinelli's



SARAH CIRCLE had a fun time learning how to water color during last Thursday's "Paint Night & Martinelli's" led by Mary Archibald!

Update Through March from the Finance Committee

In 2023, the church has received pledges from 86 families that total 327,448. For reference, in 2022 the pledged total was 335,340 from 95 families. The church operating results through March are below.

March YTD			
	Actual	**Budget**	**Variance**
Income	175,851	183,401	-7,550
Expense	173,707	173,037	670
Net	2,143	10,364	-8,221

Some reminders: in 2023, the cost of providing alter flowers is $60.00. If you have signed up to provide alter flowers, please make your payment promptly through the church office. Being prompt will save the time the church staff devotes to reconciling and following up.

If there is a change in your financial situation and you need to modify your pledge amount, please make our financial secretary Jenny Lee aware so we can factor the change into our budget and spending plans in 2023.

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.

Save the Date- May Forum- UMC 101 for New Members!

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 (PastorEva@cgsum.org) if you would like to attend.

Children's Center Fundraiser at Villa Catrina

Bring Your Family, Friends and
Neighbors to a Fundraising Event Benefiting

THE GOOD SHEPHERD
CHILDREN'S CENTER
95-1643994, 501(c)(3)

Thursday, April 20th
11:00Am – 9:00pm

Villa Catrina
251 N. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA
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Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown



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 voice, 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.