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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 30th, 2023 - 4th 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: Psalm 23 and Acts 2: 42-47
Sermon: "The Power of Possibilities For the Whole Community"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching
Prelude: "In the Garden" arr. Hoekstra
Postlude: "We Sing of God" arr. Smith
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Youth Choir: "Open" by Judith Silver, "Go Ye Into All the World" by Eugene Butler, "A Closing Prayer," by Don Besig; Janice Clark, Youth Choir Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist
Youth Bells: "He is Exalted" arr. Ryan;
Carolyn Noonchester, Youth Bells Director
The April 23rd Altar Flowers were given in Celebration of Hannah Ng's birthday by her family!

Last Sunday's April 23rd Sermon Message referenced an article from the Pasadena Star News "Christianity Changed My Outlook" by Matt Fleming (April 9th edition) and included this prayer (attributed to Bill Bright)that is our prayer for the week,
"Lord Jesus, I want to know You personally. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."

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.

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.**



A Fun Parent's Night Out!

The Church of the Good Shepherd Christian Education Committee and Girl Scout Troop 2631 offered free babysitting on Parent's Night Out on April 15th. The evening included dinner, crafts, games, singing, and dancing for children ages 2 to 5th grade.

Note about Checks to the Church

When submitting checks, please make sure to write out **Church of the Good Shepherd**. The bank will not 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.

Sarah Circle

THANK YOU! Sarah Circle/United Women in Faith thanks Girl Scout Troop 7901 and its leaders Diane Gin and Kimmie Ng of Shepherd of the Hills UMC in Monterey Park, the Shepherds Fellowship group and the Good Shepherd congregation for their contributions of food and hygiene supplies for Lancer's Pantry, the non-profit group that supports students in need at Pasadena City College. Your support for these students will help further their goals for high education. We appreciate your help.

Volunteers Needed - Food Drive



The National Association of Letter Carriers is sponsoring a food drive and needs volunteers at the following letter carrier locations on May 13th:

- Foothill Unity Center, Monrovia
- Arcadia (Sierra Madre) Post Office
- Monrovia Post Office
- Altadena Post Office
- Pasadena (Lincoln) Post Office
- San Marino Post Office
- South Pasadena Post Office

Visit www.foothillunitycenter.org/volunteer/ to register as a volunteer. If you are unable to volunteer, contribute by leaving non-perishable food by your mailbox. Your mail carrier will deliver it to the participating food banks.

The Stamp Out Hunger Donor Drive is a drive with a single mission - to feed the hungry in America, and as always, with your help, we will!

Avenue of the Churches Walk- Family Promise Fundraiser Recap

The Church of the Good Shepherd Walking Group want to thank all who participated in or helped sponsor the Avenue of the Churches Walk on April 15th! Nearly $2,000 and counting was raised for Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley as it continues to help families with secure housing and basic needs.

Much appreciation to the CGS Foundation for their grant that provided funds for the tote bags, banners, refreshments, and supplies. And thank you also to the following businesses for donating items. Please stop by and support these businesses:

-Pasadena Playhouse
-Pasadena Pops
-Matt Denny's
-Starbucks on Sierra Madre Villa & Foothill
-Dick's Sporting Goods
-Big 5 Sporting Goods
-Huntington Gardens & Art Museum
-1st Avenue Salon in Arcadia (Vanessa)
-Nothing Bundt Cake (Rosemead & Pasadena locations)

Walk Day participants included: church members, Sarah Circle, Children's Center families, Scout Troop volunteers, Family Promise Alumni Families and Board Members!















Beginning April 26, the Wednesday Book Group will read and discuss *Brave Hearted - The Women of the American West.* Join us in the library at noon for lively discussion and fellowship!

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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.