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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, April 7th - Second Sunday of Easter and Holy Communion Sunday

Attendance pads are in the pews. Masks are no longer required, but are encouraged for those who have high risk factors. The Offering Box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 133; John 20:19-31
Sermon: "Do Not Doubt, But Believe in Jesus!"
Prelude: "Were You There?"
Postlude: "Prelude in F Major" by J.S. Bach
Stephen Cook, Director of Music; Chancel Choir Off







Thank you to the Youth, Carolyn, Janice, Franklyn, Cindy, Kirk, Stephen, and Pastor Eva for leading our Holy Week and Easter services and festivities. We welcome all who visited our Church to continue to join us for fellowship and worship!

Also much appreciation to the Flores, Quiton, and Aquino families for providing and serving the delcious refrehsments after worship on Easter Sunday, and to Coffee Fellowship Coordinator Lynne Rivera for the table centerpieces and decorations!

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.**

Sunday School Classes at Church of the Good Shepherd

9:00am - 9:45am (Library): Adult Sunday School Class

All are welcome! We are currently studying the Book of Phillipians while entertaining questions on how the Bible was formed. We invite you to meet with us in fellowship and prayer as well as studying scripture. For more information, please contact co-teachers: Carolyn Iga(carolyniga@gmail.com) or Don Thorsen (donthorsen@alumni.stanford.edu).



9:30am (Room 2): Nursery Childcare

Available for Children ages 0-4.

10:00am - Sunday School

After the Children's Message in worship, the Children and Middle School Students will be excused to their classes.

Kindergarten - 4th Grade Students: Room 5

5th - 7th Grade Students: Upstairs above the Children's Center

8th - 12th Grade Students: Jordan Hall Lounge

Sarah Circle, Thursday, April 4th

Our next Sarah Circle fellowship meeting will be Thursday, April 4th, 6:30pm in Jordan Hall. Carolyn Iga will join us and lead an open discussion regarding the history of schisms within the Methodist Church. Our meetings are open to all women! Join us!

Sunday, April 7th Special Charge Conference & Church Council

There will be a Special Charge Conference Meeting on Sunday, April 7th at 11:30am. The 1 agenda item that will be voted on is: church approval of the sale of our share of the Long Beach 9th Street Property. Following the Charge Conference meeting, church council will meet from 11:45-12:15 to approve the Budget and discuss any other action items needed.

Shepherds Fellowship Group Potluck, April 9th



Join us for our Group Potluck on Tuesday, April 9th at 5:30pm. Our guest speaker will be Ikenna "Ike" Mmeje, USC Arcadia Hospital President and CEO. Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by April 5th. All are welcome to join us!

Wednesday Women's Book Group

Join us April 10 as we begin our discussion of our latest book, *The River We Remember*. We meet on Wednesdays in the lounge at 11:30am. All our welcome!

Spring Family Game Day & BBQ - Sunday, April 21st



Please join us for some fun family games, fun for all ages! We will also have a barbecue with all the fixings! And, most importantly, fellowship with other families. RSVP to the Church Office, 626-447-2181, or to Cindy Ostry. *This is a free family event thanks to a grant from the Good Shepherd Foundation.*

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD JOB OPENING: PART TIME CUSTODIAN

- 20 hours per week: 5 hours on Sundays 8:30am-1:30pm, remaining 15 hours during the week to be set by the hired Custodian and the Pastor
- Pay $20/hour (or more based on experience)
- Duties Include: Cleaning of Church Rooms and Spaces, Set Up for Church Events, Light Maintenance Work, and other duties as described in the Job Description
- Please contact Pastor Eva for the job description and more info: UmcPastorEva@gmail.com

Thank You for Your Financial Gifts to CGS!

Your generous pledge and special offering commitments help fund the worship, education, outreach, and fellowship ministries of the church; as well as the bulding, maintenance, and staff expenses! If you haven't turned in your 2024 Pledge or Easter Offeringe- there's still time! Please turn them in this month.



Save the Date for these Upcoming Church Events!

- May 2nd Arcadia Interfaith National Day of Prayer Service (time/location TBD)
- May 12th Mother's Day Worship Service- including Infant and Children Baptisms
- May 19th Pentecost- Music Ministry Sunday, Youth Confirmation, and Celebration of CGS members who are 90 and above!

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Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

BENEDICTION FOR THIS WEEK:

Because the tomb is empty, your life can be full, so go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God.
Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed.
Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you.
Alleluia and Amen!

Written by Glen E. Rainsley, in Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship, Updated, ed. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2012), 91.

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.