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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 28th - 5th Sunday of Easter

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 22: 25-31 and John 21: 15-19
Sermon: "Take Time to Love Jesus"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" arr. Carter
Postlude: "Thou, O Lord, Shall Endure by Raymond Herbek
Youth Choir: "Morning Alleluia" by J.L. Clark;
"Fill-A Me Up" by Pepper Choplin; "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig;
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist







Pictures from this Sunday's Family BBQ. Thank you to Cindy Ostry for organizing, Franklyn Shen for grilling, the volunteers, and the Church Foundation for making this event possible!

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 ARCADIA INTERFAITH ACTION GROUP
cordially invites you to attend our
Interfaith National Day of Prayer Service
on
Thursday, May 2nd, 7:00 p.m.
at
THE SANTA ANITA CHURCH
226 W. Colorado Bl., Arcadia, CA 91007
Theme: We will be praying for "HOPE"
A Collection will be hosted benefiting Foothill Unity Center

Sarah Circle Meeting - Thursday, May 2nd

All women are invited to attend our upcoming Sarah Circle meeting at 6:30pm, Thursday, May 2nd in Jordan Hall. Church of the Good Shepherd has a long-standing relationship with Family Promise. Come join us to hear the latest regarding this wonderful organization from Family Promise board member, Karen Roberson.

United Women in Faith Fundraiser

United Women in Faith is excited to announce that Alex DiPeppe's Restaurant in Arcadia is participating with us in a fundraiser. Proceeds from a percentage of sales will go to mission projects supported by UWiF. It will be for *Every Thursday for the Whole Month of May!!!* This local, longtime favorite eatery specializes in Pizza, Pasta, and More. Flyers will be available April 28th.

Adult Sunday School Class

Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday at 9:00am-9:45am in the Church Library. All are welcome! On April 28th, we will start a new series on Wisdom Literature: "The Human Experience" and we will look at the book of Ecclesiastes.

We invite you to meet with us in fellowship and prayer as well as in studying Scripture. For information about the class contact Carolyn (carolyniga@gmail.com) or Don (donthorson@alumni.stanford.edu).

United Methodist General Conference Meets from April 23rd - May 3rd



Pastor Eva, who attended past General Conferences, as a lay delegate in 2000 and 2004, will lead a basic info session after worship this Sunday, April 28th from 11:30-12noon in the Lounge.

Every 4 years*, elected United Methodist Delegates from all over the world gather for General Conference. General Conference serves as the legislative body of the UMC where rules, policies, and principals are set.

Below are Resources for General Conference that can be found on the official website: resourceumc.org

- The video "What is... the General Conference?" provides a quick overview of General Conference and how it serves the denomination.
- A General Conference page on UMC.org offers a curated collection of member-friendly explanations.
- Ask The UMC is a key source of information. An article that might be of interest is "How are General Conference delegates chosen?"
- The name of the General Conference taking place in 2024* is actually the 2020 General Conference. Learn more in the video "2020 General Conference...in 2024."
- Those yearning to learn more about how General Conference works are encouraged to register for the free, on-demand training course "Exploring General Conference."

Mother's Day & Baptisms Worship Service on Sunday May 12th!



Please join us for this special service honoring mothers and the women who helped raised us. We will also baptize infants, children, and youth during this worship service. Parents must attend a **Baptism Orientation** with Pastor Eva. Please contact Pastor Eva for more information by calling the church Office 626-447-2181, or by email to: pastoreva@cgsum.org.

Save the Date: Celebrate Pentecost with us on May 19th!

- Music Sunday with all choirs participating
- Youth Confirmation
- Receiving of New Members
- All are encouraged to wear red or bright colored clothing

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

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK:

Heavenly Father, in glorifying Jesus and sending us your Spirit, you open the way to eternal life for me. May my sharing in this Gift increase my love for you and make my faith in you grow stronger each day of my life. 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.