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

400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007 || www.cgsum.org || 626-447-2181
Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in our Sanctuary
Sunday Nursery Care available starting at 9:30am
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

## *Sunday, April 12th - Second Sunday of Easter*
## *Communion and Hynm Sing Sunday*

Attendance pads and cards are in the pews.
The Offeratory Box is located in the Narthex.

**Scripture Lesson: Psalm 16: 1-6 and Acts 2: 22-28**
**Reflection on the Hymns: "Songs that Matter"**
**Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor**
**Prelude: "Were You There?"**
**Postlude: "Intonation on "Old 100th" arr. Bender**
**Stephen Cook, Director of Music**




**Invite family, friends, and neighbors to this Sunday's Worship Service that includes singing our favorite hymns, stories about the hymns, Children's Message, and Holy Communion!**
**Some of the hymns that we will sing are: Here I Am Lord, Great is Thy Faithfulness, It is Well With My Soul, Lord of the Dance, and Precious Lord, Take My Hand.**

**Easter donations may still be placed in the Offertory Box or online (www.cgsum.org).**

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.**

## Save the Date! Vacation Bible School 2026

Mark your calendars and spread the word! VBS at Church of the Good Shepherd will be from July 20th-24th, 5:30pm to 8:00pm including dinner! 3 years to 5th grade participants welcome, as are volunteers 6th grade and up! More details and registration will be available in May. Mark your calendars and share with family and friends!

## Sarah Circle/United Women in Faith

Sarah Circle/UWF will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, April 9th, in Jordan Hall at 6:30 pm. Our guest speaker is Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, who will be talking about "Care for the Soul with Slow Down Therapy." Hope to see everyone there!

## Kitchen Shower & Luncheon on April 19th!




- Lunch prepared in our new kitchen
- Appreciation moments to all Kitchen Fund donors
- Stocking the kitchen with new supplies from the Wishlist (see note below)

Financial Contributions to help with Wishlist items:

- In Person or Mail: Cash or Checks (with Kitchen Wishlist written in memo line)
- Online Payment via church website: www.cgsum.org; use GIVE tab and enter the amount in the Kitchen Supplies box

Because the Wishlist items have been selected from specific retail & wholesale sources, we remind all to NOT purchase the items yourself, only financial contributions are needed.

PLEASE RSVP to the Church Office (626-447-2181) or by email to info@cgsum.org




Easter Sunday was a wonderful day as church members, friends, and visitors celebrated the risen Christ with worship and fellowship! The youth led the 6:00am Easter Sunrise Service in the courtyard with music from the youth choir and bells; prayers and liturgy; messages of faith by youth speakers; and closing UMYF Benediction.

The 10:00am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary heralded in the Good News of the Resurrection with a Brass Ensemble (funded by the Fran Syverson music fund); the wonderful Chancel Choir; the dedicated work of the ushers; our amazing AV crew; Easter flowers; readings by the Lay Reader, Richard Vethamani; and Sermon by Rev. Thai-Erwin.

Fellowship and Refreshements followed the service as the children hunted for Easter eggs in the courtyard and people placed flowers on the colorful blooming cross on the patio.

# Church of the Good Shepherd on Easter Sunday!















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**Resident Bishop: Rev. Dottie Escobedo-Frank**
**District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee**
**Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin**
**Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Franklyn Shen**
**Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook**
**Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown**

## *In Our Prayers*

- The families of Janet Bartel and Norma Link who passed away.
- For church members and loved ones: Ila Harris, Carolyn Iga, Warren Hasseler, Richard Vethamani, Norm Collar, Karen (Elaine Iverson's daughter in law), David (Karen Schaefer's son), Rachel (Lynne Rivera's aunty), Greg Terhorst (Brittany Turnquist's father & church's kitchen contractor), Jon Pritikin (Nancy Neuner's son).
- For peace in the world, the protection of service men & women in the US and overseas, and for the innocent children affected by war.

**Please email prayer requests and updates to: cgsprayerchain2@gmail.com**

## SAVE THE DATES!

- April 12th Church Council Meeting (new date)
- April 19th Kitchen Shower & All Church Luncheon!

***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.***