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The Word

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
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, August 17th - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Attendance cards are in the pews OR sign in online as you enter!
The Offering box is located in the back of the Chapel.
On Heritage Sundays- any offering placed in the offering box before the service begins will be brought up to the altar during the Offertory in worship.

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:23-29
Sermon: "God's Word: A Fire and a Hammer"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "There Is No Name So Sweet" arr. Colvin
Postlude: "Postlude in G major" by J.C. Bach
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Music by Leanne Baroldi

Please note this Sunday's service will be held in the **Chapel.**
Join us after worship for coffee fellowship hosted by the Chancel Choir and the Bevel Coffee Cart.







Thank you to Franklyn for serving as our Worship Leader and to the Youth for presenting the service, participating in SSP, and sharing their experiences with us. We also thank Cindy and Kevin Snavely and Jenny and James Lee for cooking the delicious food!

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 Book Group

We are temporarily meeting in the music room.
Our next book is *The 6:20 Man.* Join us for fellowship and lively discussion!

CGS at the STORM-QUAKES Game - Saturday, August 9th



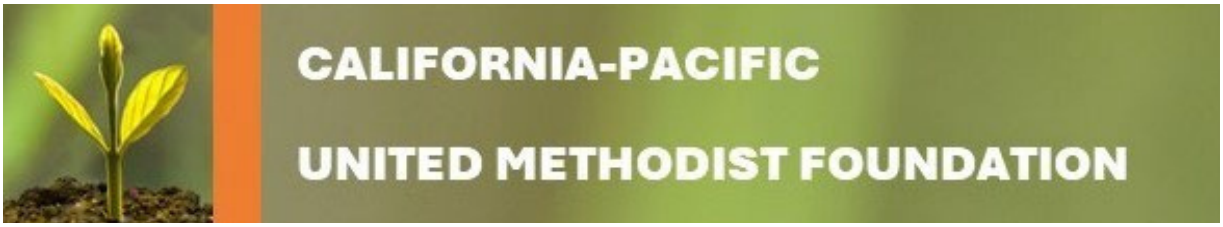
30 CGS members and friends were present to watch the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes beat the Lake Elsinore Storm 4-1 in an exciting game which included 2 Quakes home runs! As usual, the weather was hot in Arcadia and a comfortable mid-70's with breezes at the game. After the game, all enjoyed the festive fireworks.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Change of date for the ½ year Giving Statements- they will be emailed out by August 15th, and post mailed to those without emails.
- The Finance Committee thanks the 93 families and individuals who pledged in 2025!
- New Pledge Commitments are welcome anytime- please contact Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org or 626-447-2181) for a pledge card or more info.

Save the Date for these Upcoming Fall Events!

- Sept. 14th Heritage & Communion Sunday- return to Sanctuary Services
- Sept. 28th Fall Festival (food, Crafters Fair, games, music, and more)!
- Oct. 5th Crafters Fair continues
- Oct. 31st Halloween Trunk or Treat



CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD HAS BEEN CHOSEN
AS 1 of 10 CHURCHES IN OUR CONFERENCE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT
"CULTIVATING GENEROUS CONGREGATIONS"

The Cal-Pac Foundation and Connectional Ministries has chosen Good Shepherd to participate in an enriching event in September. We are 1 of 10 churches (2 from each of the 5 districts) selected. A team of 4 persons along with Pastor Eva will attend this event led by the Lily School of Philanthropy's Lake Institute on Faith Giving. The team will receive training in support of our important ministries and work. This valuable training and resources will then be shared with the church and its leaders.

As the team prepares for the event, we are gathering information from all church members about what they value, what they hope for the church, and what do you see for this church's future!

First- what do you value. Think about what you cherish in life. Family, friends, a place, a characteristic, a memento, or whatever it may be. Knowing what our church members value (both in life and in church) will help shape our work, ministries, and goals for the future. Next week's newsletter will provide more info and list the team.

Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering box on Sundays OR email your answers to Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org).

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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

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR THE FALL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8th

Starting Monday, September 8th the church office office will be Open

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: 9:00am-3:00pm
- Closed Fridays

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission Statement:
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.