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The Word

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 Chapel during the Summer Sundays in August and September 7th

Sunday, August 31st - 12h 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: Psalm 81:10-16
Sermon: "The Word of God: Sweet Honey from the Rock"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Gather Us In" arr. Cotter
Postlude: "Thou, O Lord, Shall Endure" by Raymond Herbek
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

Please note this Sunday's service will be held in the **Chapel.**

The August 24th Altar Flowers were given to celebrate Diane Lucas's birthday, given by Craig Lucas.







Pictures from Sunday's Worship in the Chapel

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.**



CGS and Sierra Service Project News

Congratulations to Sarah Veeraraj on her nomination as a full voting Youth Board Member for the 2025-2026 Sierra Service Project Board of Directors! Your voice and vision will be a gift to the SSP community.

Heartfelt thanks to Cindy Chow-Snavely for completing her sixth and final year of service on the SSP Board. Your dedication and leadership have left a lasting impact – thank you for your faithful stewardship.

Congratulations to the 2025-2026 Youth Council!

- President – Hannah Ng
- Vice President/Public Relations: Isabelle Chan and Sarah Veeraraj
- Treasurer - Felix Veeraraj
- Secretary - Katie Lee
- High School Representative - William Shen
- Middle School Representative - Nicholas Ng
- Youth Intern/Young Adult Representative - Kathleen Ng

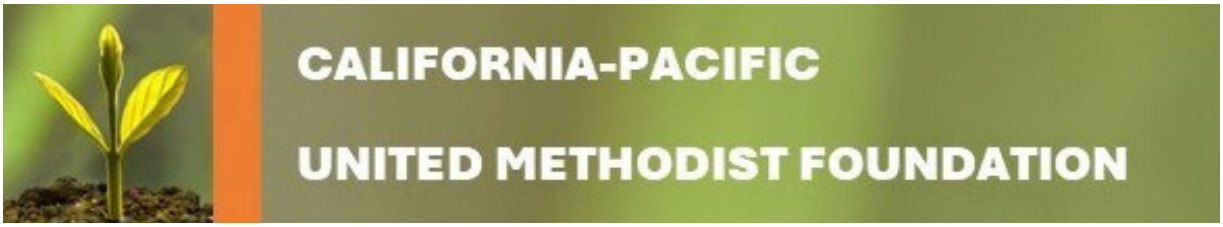


Sarah Circle/United Women in Faith

Sarah Circle/United Women in Faith will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, September 4th at 6:30pm in the Church Library. Our guest speaker will be Cindy Ostry from the Children's Center. We will also be discussing plans for an All Church luncheon on October 19th and our November Thanksgiving Feast.

CHURCH BIBLE STUDY AND BOOK GROUPS

- Sunday Adult Bible Study (9:00am-9:45am) in the Library
- Wednesday Women's Book Group (11:30am-12:30) in the Music Room
- Thursday Men's Study Group (resumes Sept. 4th via Zoom 7:30am)



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 loacted at the back of the chapel on Sundays OR email your answers to Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org).

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District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee
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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

SAVE THE DATE

- Sept. 14th Heritage & Communion Sunday- return to Sanctuary Services
- **Sept. 28th Fall Festival Sunday starting with worship at 10am and then food, Crafters Fair, games, music, etc.!**
- Oct. 5th Crafters Fair continues
- Oct. 31st Halloween Trunk or Treat

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.