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

Sunday, August 10th - Youth Sunday
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Attendance pads are in the pews. The Offering box is located in the Narthex.
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: Ephesians 2: 13-18 and James 2: 14-26
Message: "Planks of Faith, Nails of Love"
Shared by Franklyn Shen
Prelude: "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Simon and Garfunkel, arr. by Christian Bennedsen
Postlude: "Take Me Home, Country Roads" by Nivert, Danoff, and Denver; arr. by The Chillest
Franklyn Shen, Guest Musician
The Youth will also share their experiences from SSP

The August 3rd Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Addie (Adrienne) Lucas's birthday by Diane and Craig Lucas.

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



Join us for Lunch!

Following service this Sunday, August 10th, join us for a free BBQ lunch prepared by the youth and their advisors. All are welcome!

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.**








Vacation Bible School 2025

We had a great VBS at CGS this year. We had 19 children ages 3 years to entering 5th grade. We also had 22 middle school, high school, and college age volunteers (ages entering 6th grade to senior year of college). And we had 10 adult volunteer leaders. We served dinner each night, without a kitchen on campus.

Our theme was Cokesbury's "Road Trip, on the go with God!" This theme taught us all that God is with us wherever we go, when we are following him, when we go off course, when we are joyful, when we are lonely, wherever we are! We ended the week with the invitation of parents and families to come join us for our closing and a special dessert, which this year was cupcakes.

Thank you to all the youth and adults that helped make this week a fun experience for the children! Your talent, time, and energy is greatly appreciated!

Cindy Ostry - Christian Education Chairperson

The Book Group

The Book Group will resume meeting on Wednesday, August 6th at 11:30 to discuss *The Grey Wolf*. We are temporarily meeting int eh music room. Our next book is *The 6:20 Man*. Join us for fellowship and lively discussion!

It Is Well With Our Souls as We Thank God for these Ministries!

- Vacation Bible School was held July 21st-25th. Children enjoyed bible stories, music, crafts, science projects, meals, and games all provided by the wonderful adult and youth volunteers, and under Cindy Ostry's dedicated leadership! VBS photos will be in next week's newsletter.
- The Sierra Service Project Team (see photo below) of youth, young adults, and adult advisors were blessed in worship, and are now experiencing a week of service work, devotions, fellowship with other youth groups, and education on poverty, immigration, and the environment in the San Diego South Bay area.
- Rev. Thai-Erwin is thankful to begin another appointment year at Good Shepherd. Pastor Eva and Phil look forward to this 7th year with the church members!





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

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Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

Save the Date!

- **Summer Worship Services in the Chapel (August 10-September 7)**
- **August 9th -** Rancho Cucamonga Quakes Game
- **August 10th-** Special Youth Led Service and BBQ Fellowship
- Plus See the Save Date Box inside the newsletter for upcoming Fall Events!

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.