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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, September 7th - 13h 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: Proverbs 30:5-9
Sermon: "The Word of God: Truth and Integrity"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Come, Thou Fount" arr. Eugene Englert
Postlude: "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" arr. Martin
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The August 31st altar flowers were givin in loving memory and in celebration of the birthday of Julie Ann Orozco by Richard Orozco and family.

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord!"
CGS Children's Choir Begins on Sunday, September 14th, 2025

Is your child in elementary school? Does he or she like music? Then have your child join the Children's Choir at CGS1 No previous music experience is needed; just a willingness to attend choir rehearsals to learn the music which we will sing once a month at the Church service.



Children's Choir will start rehearsals on Sunday, September 14th, 2025. We meet Sunday in the Music Room (directly behind the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary) after Sunday School from approximately 11:15 to 11:45am. Regular attendance at the weekly choir rehearsals is important to prepare to sing each month at the 10:00am church service.

More information regarding choir will be shared at our first rehearsal. I look forward to this beginning.

Diane Lucas, Children's Choir Director
dlucasarc@gmail.com

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.**

Grief Support Group



Another round of our grief support group series is returning. This group will begin meeting on Monday, September 15 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm for nine weeks in the AEC. Linda Brown, our Children's Center Director and trained Stephen Minister will lead this support group. This group will gather together in person and engage in deep listening and sharing to give uplifting support. People at all stages of grief are welcome to join this support group. Please email Linda Brown at childcenter@cgsum.org if you are interested.

Blood Pressure Screening

Health Ministries is offering free blood pressure screenings after the service on Sunday, September 14 in the Lounge. Short-sleeved tops are more user friendly and less/no caffeine will give a more accurate reading.

Book Group

The Wednesday Book Group's next selection is *Pachinko* and will begin on September 10th. Join us at 11:30 in the Music Room.

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.

Reminder: Submit Your Answers for the Survey "CULTIVATING GENEROUS CONGREGATIONS"

Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering box loacted at the back of the chapel on Sunday OR email your answers to Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org).

NAME (optional):_____

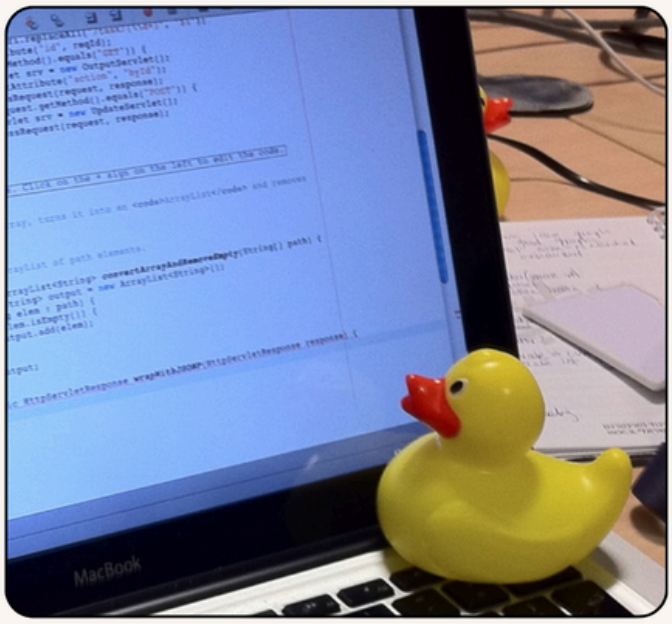
WHAT I CHERISH IN LIFE:

WHAT I CHERISH ABOUT THE CHURCH:

CGS PRESENTS

TECH DUCK

Please bring your phone or tablet so you can follow along as we teach!



PURPOSE

These technology classes (created and led by Katie Lee) will teach you how to perform basic tasks on your phone or tablet.

WHERE AND WHEN

WHERE: library

WHEN: 11:30am-12:15 pm (after church service)

CONTACT US

If you have any questions, let us know!

Email: techduck2025@gmail.com

Instagram: @techduck2025

CLASSES

NEW CLASS ADDED!

- Sept 14 - computer storage clean up and open Q&A

ENJOY FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

FALL FESTIVAL!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

BEGINS WITH WORSHIP AT 10:00AM

FOLLOWED BY FOOD & FUN: TACOS, REFRESHMENTS, MUSIC, GAMES, JUMP HOUSE, SHAVE ICE, AND MORE

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PLUS 2 NEW THINGS THIS YEAR!



The Crafter's Group will hold their annual Craft Fair on Sept. 28th and Oct. 5th.

FREE HALLOWEEN COSTUME* GIVEAWAY
Costumes for infants thru youth ages.

From Sept. 1-25 the church will take donations of children and youth Halloween costumes (*gently used or new) for the Giveaway. Look for the orange donation boxes.



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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.