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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 27th - 13th Sunday after Pentecost
*Worship will be held in the Chapel**

*Please note that the Chapel does not have video equipment so the service WILL NOT be live streamed this Sunday or available online. Photos and short clips may be posted on the website and FB group page the day after the service.

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 124 and Luke 11: 37-53
Sermon: "Wash What Matters"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching
Prelude: "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown" arr. Shackley
Postlude: "Postlude in Mixolydian Mode" by David Lasky
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Altar Flowers on Aug. 20th were given in memory of Eugene Doster by Catherine Doester.

Among the Church Family

We pray for Billie Tone who is recovering from hip surgery and is in rehab.
We pray for Deanna Romey's niece (Jessica) who has begun Chemotherapy. A beautiful prayer shawl was blessed in Sunday's worship and will be given to her.



Join us this Sunday, Aug. 27th, for a Special End-of-Summer Service!

This Sanctuary Lighting is being updated. So the 10:00am service will be moved to the Chapel. This special End-of-Summer Service will include singing of favorite hymns, anthems from young people, prayer candles, and Pastor's Reflection Message. After worship, join us for Ice Cream Treats and fellowship in Jordan Hall.

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 Family Promise Successful August Hosting

Instead of being at CGS for the whole week as announced in the Word last week, our Family Promise guest family, Stephanie, Carlos, Emma, & young Carlos, was with us only 2 nights. Just before they came to CGS, they heard that they qualified for long-term housing, which means that they will not have to pack and repack their belongings each week as they move from one church to the next. Of course, we were looking forward to having them with us for the whole week, but we celebrated the news regarding housing!! Their new long-term housing is the first step in their journey for permanent housing. They will still be meeting regularly with Family Promise Center staff to help the family jump through all the hoops for housing.







Even though the family was with us only 2 nights, they greatly appreciated our CGS hospitality. They loved the dinners and then the leftovers for their lunches. Playing "Uno" was a favorite evening activity after dinner. Pastor Eva got a good workout trying to chase after young Carlos, age 18 months, who is very active and curious! Emma also showed us her amazing hula hoop skills.

After many hugs and a blessing, we tearfully said goodbye to the family early on Tuesday, August 15. The whole family was starting their day taking Emma to her first day of 3rd grade in East Whittier where she attended last year. She was excited to see her friends! Then Carlos and Stephanie were off to their jobs and little Carlos was returning to his day care close to the school that Emma attends.

Since Assistance League of Arcadia's (ALA) Operation School Bell has an agreement with CGS-FP, Emma and little Carlos received new school clothes, jackets, personal items, shoes, and books. ALA was delighted to help this family!

Of course, our hosting happens only because of generosity of time, food, talents, money, and prayers by our CGS family and friends. We were sorry that all who volunteered were not able to meet this dear family. However, your CGS-FP team appreciates your willingness to volunteer and hope that you will be available when we host again October 1st - October 7th, 2023.

Sarah Circle Meeting: "From Grandma's Treasure Chest"

After a summer hiatus, Sarah Circle will resume their monthly meetings on Thursday, September 7th at 7PM in Jordan (Fellowship) Hall. If you have not joined us before, we would love to see you! Our agenda will include our upcoming Book Sale and donating some of our group funds toward the disasters in Hawaii, including Maui & the Lahaina UMC, which was destroyed.

For our program, we ask that attendees bring an item from their past to share. This can be a special plate your grandmother used for birthday cakes, a pillow with a special history, a picture, whatever!

We are still collecting items for our UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kits, which we will assemble at our October meeting. We still need these specific items:

- 2 oz (non pump style) hand sanitzers
- 4-gallon bathroom trash bags
- size "regular" and size "super" unscented tampons
- size long super ultra-thin unscented sanitary napkins
- unscented flushable wipes (42-count packages)

Contact Margaret Blair (kdblair@earthlink.net) for more information regarding the meeting, Sarah Circle & United Women in Faith.

Women's Book Group: On August 23, we will begin a discussion of Lisa See's new novel, *Lady Tan's Circle of Women.* Join us on Wednesday at noon!

Church Leaders & Volunteers are Invited to Ignite 2023!



Online Sept. 27-29

Are you committed to helping our church do everything it can to share God's love with your community? If you answered YES, then Ignite Leadership Institute (Online Sept. 27-29) is for you! Leadership Institute is designed to equip, encourage, and inspire ministry leaders.

Pastor Eva has registered the church for online participation. You can attend online viewing sessions in the church lounge or watch online from the comfort of your home. Contact Pastor Eva if you are interested. More details to come.

Love. Grow. Serve.

Pentecost 5 Questions Series- NEW Question #4!

What ministries (current ones or new ones that are needed) will bring new people to church?

Fill in answer below and turn in to Pastor Eva in person or email to PastorEva@cgsum.org

Name (optional):_____

Answer:

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open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

Prayer for the Week based on Psalm 124:
Eternal God, you create us and you rescue us. Be here with us now. Help us know how much we need you. Teach us that no other power can support us like your power. As you lavish your love upon us, help us receive that love and offer it to the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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.