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The Word
of the
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, September 1st - 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Last Summer Worship Service in the Chapel

Attendance Pads and Prayer Cards are in the pews.
The Offering Box is located by the Chapel entry way.
Videos of the Chapel Service will be posted Sunday evening to the Facebook group page.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 5:13-17; Sermon Message: "Be Salt and Light for the World"
Prelude: "Come, Thou Fount" arr. Eugene Englert
Postlude: "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" arr. Martin
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Special Music: Introit sung by Jenny Romey;
and Anthems sung by Joseph, Simon, Erin, and Ethan Flores.

The August 25th Altar Flowers were given in honor of Diane Lucas' Birthday by Craig, Addie, and Ellie!

CGS Children's Choir Begins Sunday, September 8, 2024
"Make a joyful noise to the Lord!"

Is your child in elementary school? Does he or she like music? Then have your child join the Children's Choir at CGS! 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 8, 2024. We meet Sunday in the Music Room (directly behind the Narthex at back of the sanctuary) after Sunday School from approximately 11:15 to 11:45 AM. Regular attendance at the weekly choir rehearsals is important to prepare to sing each month at the 10:00 AM 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.**

Raise Your Stroke IQ
Huntington Senior Care Network Lecture Series
Wednesday, September 18th // 12:30pm

Join us for a special in-person event as Huntington Health-affiliated neurologist Adena Shahinian, DO, shares important information to help you increase your stroke knowledge and awareness. Topics will include the different types of strokes, advances in stroke treatment, and more.

Location: Huntington Hospital's North Dining Room

Parking: Complimentary valet parking and self-parking are provided for attendees. Valet parking is located at the main hospital entrance. Self-parking is located in the North Parking Structure.

Meal: A complimentary boxed lunch will be provided upon request.

Registration is required by September 9, 2024.

For all lectures, you must register in advance. There are two ways to register:

1. Go online and complete the registration form: https://giving.huntingtonhospital.com/DH?erid=348430&trid=c5673c54-1597-4cec-b3ac-900daf00466a
2. Call Jamie Brady-Smith at 626-397-2636 to assist with your registration.

Good News for the Kitchen Remodeling Project

We first want to let you know that we are as frustrated as you with the painfully slow progress on our long awaited remodeling project. Two important steps were completed this month.

1. At last, we were able to submit the completed plans to the City of Arcadia for plan check. We now await approval and any minor changes that may be necessary.
2. The LA County Health Department has granted us a waiver from a food service permit that would have created more complications and work on our part.

While we await the completion of plan check, we will be approaching potential contractors to get bids. We will update you again when we have more progress to report. Thanks again fro your patience and support.

David and Joann Steinmeier
Co-project managers, CGS Kitchen Project

Sarah Circle Guest Speaker - Kathy Gaulton

An amazing story! Kathy Gaulton is coming on September 5th to speak at the Sarah Circle meeting. All are invited to hear how God repurposed her life from high end global merchandising to a global ministry that we know as Heavenly Treasures. Save the date! 7pm in Jordan Hall.

A Message from Pastor Eva on the Church Gates and Panels Plan

For those who know me, you know I always try to have a positive attitude and hope for the best in people and situations. So, in April 2020 when the church Hall, Kitchen, and Lounge were broken into by two homeless men, I thought, "At least." At least no one was hurt. At least only 1 door was broken. At least only food and minor items were stolen. At least the mess left overnight didn't take too long to clean up after.

The Board of Trustees quickly approved the addition of security cameras and monitoring. However, we have come to realize 2 important facts since that April 2020 incident. First, security cameras do not prevent damage to our property. Second, even with a monitoring system (including a nightly patrol option), people who trespassed on the church grounds were not deterred. We've had people sleep on benches and tables, damage the Sanctuary stained glass and Hall courtyard windows, break into bathrooms, leave human waste and trash, use the hoses to take baths, scare our Children's Center children and parents, and harass our staff.

After much discernment, research, and discussions (Church Council, Arcadia Police, Children's Center Board, Interfaith Council), it has been decided that gates and panels in 4 entryways of the church are needed to better protect the campus and members, children, staff, and visitors. Please know that this decision was not made easily, and that we still offer assistance as we are able to those in need; but all agreed that we can no longer say "At least." We do not want there to be a day when there is more costly or irreversible property damage or worse, someone is physically harmed.

There will be more details in next week's newsletter about this Plan and the 4 gate and panel locations. I will also be available for questions after worship on Sunday. The Board of Trustees, Staff, Children's Center, and I appreciate your prayers and support as we continue to make the church a safe and yes still welcoming place.









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UPCOMING FALL AND WINTER BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S PROJECTS

- Sanctuary Lighting Phase 2 (with CGS Foundation Grant)
- Church Protection Project: Gates & Panels for 4 Entryways
- Kitchen Renovation Project

UPCOMING MINISTRY AND WORSHIP EVENTS!

- September 8th (not the 1st) is Heritage Sunday and Holy Communion in worship
- **Sept. 22nd is Fall Festival Sunday & Sept. 29th is Ministry Fair Sunday!**

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.