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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, December 22nd - Fourth Sunday in Advent
Trek to the Tree

Attendance pads are in the pews. The Offering box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: Micah 5: 2 -5 and Luke 1: 39-45
Sermon Title: "The Messengers of Advent: Mary and Elizabeth"
Prelude: "What Child Is This?" arr. Vince Guaraldi
Postlude: "Joy To This Jazzy World" by Handel, arr. Michael Sorg
Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Youth Choir: "Hark, the King is Born" arr. J.L. Clark;
"Fum, Fum, Fum" arr. David Shaler;
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist
Choirs and Congregation: "Peace, Peace"

Trek to the Tree in Worship this Sunday, December 22nd

The Christmas Offering Letters have been sent out through email (or mailed to those without email access). Christmas offering envelopes are available in the church office or sanctuary entry-way. Your generous Christmas offering can be returned in person this Sunday, during our traditional Trek to the Tree event in worship. If you are unable to attend in person, feel free to drop off or mail the offering by Dec. 31st.



On-line giving is available through the church website: www.cgsum.org. Click the GIVE tab and check the Christmas Offering box.

REMINDER: the Newsletter will not be published the week of Dec. 30th & Jan. 6th
Please email photos, articles, announcements to cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com by this **Friday, 10:00am** for the last newsletter of the year!

Book Group

The Book Group will next meet on January 8 at 11:30. We will discuss our latest book, *The God of the Woods.*

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:30pm in Jordan Hall, not on January 2nd. We welcome all women of the church to join us during this fellowship time.

Children's Center Dine Out Fundraiser at Blaze Pizza

Cause a scene for a good cause at Blaze Pizza! 815 W Naomi Ave Unit C (inside the Vons parking lot)

The Good Shepherd's Children Center is holding a Dine Out Fundraiser at Blaze Pizza on Wednesday, January 15th from 4pm - 7pm. You can either bring the flyer into the restaurant or show it on your phone. Online orders must be placed via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com. Enter code "1333A" in the Promo Code field at checkout.



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

Organization name: Good Shepherd Children's Center
Date: January 15, 2025
Time: 4pm to 7pm
Location: **815 W. Naomi Ave Unit C, Arcadia**
Order Mode: In-Restaurant, Blaze Pizza App, Blazepizza.com

TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION:

In-Restaurant: Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying.

Online Orders: Orders must be placed online via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com. Enter code **1333A** the 'Promo Code' field at checkout to have your transaction count toward the fundraiser. If entered correctly, you'll see a $.01 discount applied to your check which that 20% of your transaction will be counted into the total donation.
VALID FOR PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY.

FAST-FIRE'D BLAZE PIZZA

VALID FOR DINE-IN, PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY THROUGH THE BLAZE PIZZA APP & WEBSITE. For online orders, only transactions that have the promo code applied during the time and date specified above will be counted toward the donation total. Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Excludes 3rd party delivery or phone orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.

Major Progress Report on The Kitchen Remodeling Project

We wanted to share some good news on recent progress toward the church kitchen project. Late last week the city of Arcadia finally approved our plans. This is a major step forward and was not easy to obtain.

In addition, we are completing our equipment buy which should take place this month.

We have two contractors who want to bid on the project. We have sent questions for clarification to both. We are waiting for answers before we make a final recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval.

If all goes well, we should be able to start demolition and construction early in the new year.

Thanks again for your support and patience with this long process. We will update you again soon.

Merry Christmas,
David and Joann Steinmeier
Co-Project Managers, CGS Kitchen Project

The Dec. 15th Lessons and Carols Service!



The worship service was filled with beautiful music, special readings, the Parrille & Gets families lighting the Advent Candles, and meaningful reflections. Thank you to Chancel Choir Director, Kirk Averitt, for putting the program together; and to our dedicated choir members and section leaders/soloists for sharing their talents with us! Much appreciation is expressed to the Good Shepherd Foundation for their generous grant.







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

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES:

- Dec. 22nd Trek to the Tree Service
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Worship Services:
  5:00pm Family Nativity
  9:00pm Sanctuary Traditional Service with Candlelight Closing
  (Ordered Poinsettias may be taken home after the 9pm service)
  11:00pm Chapel Service with Candlelight Closing in the Courtyard
- Dec. 29th (10:00am) Christmas Hymn Sing Service, all are encouraged to wear Christmas sweaters, shirts, ties, socks, etc as we continue to celebrate Christ's birth!
- Jan. 5th Time to Un-Deck the Halls after worship with lite lunch served

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.