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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 7th - Second Sunday in Advent

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

Scripture Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 3:1-6
Sermon Title: "The Messengers of Christmas"
Prelude: "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Carter
Postlude: "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Paige
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "Do You Hear What I Hear" arr. Harry Simone;
"Go Tell it on the Mountain" arr. Paul Sjolund;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Choirs and Congregation: "Peace, Peace"

The Dec. 1st Altar Flowers were given in loving memory of Ken Mallory by his family.

Alternative Market 2024

Do your Christmas shopping at our market filled with meaningful gifts that will touch lives around the world and honor your recipients! Our market will feature Heavenly Treasures, beautiful crafts, Habitat for Humanity, Union Station, Heifer Project, Family Promise (see shopping list on page 4), and Church World Service. This year, Church World Service has timely gifts for Ukrainian refugees (a 2 week emergency food package) and gifts for the beleaguered people of Haiti (school supplies for 24 students and 200 mango seeds for farmers trying to make a living).

Your gifts can be purchased the first three Sundays in December. Your dedicated gifts come with a gift card and an insert. Start making your list and make Christmas a blessing for your family and friends and people around the globe.

Christmas Eve Family Pageant



The 5:00pm Family Christmas Pageant will be here before we know it! We invite all children ages 3 and up to participate in the Christmas pageant, which will be a part of the Christmas Eve Family Service on Tuesday, December 24th, 2024. We will have one rehearsal on Sunday, December 22nd from 11:15am - 1:00pm (lunch will be included), and all members of the Children's Choir, Youth Bells, and Youth Choir will be participating in the service. We would also like to accomodate children and youth coming from out of town after Decemeber 22nd for Christmas. If you let us know, you can still by participate by coming at 4:00pm on Tuesday, December 24th. You will need to wear the color of what you would like to be (white for angels, brown for shepherds, black or grey for animals.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Franklyn Shen via email (fnjshen@sbcglobal.net) by Sunday, December 15th so we can include your name in the worship bulletin.

The Book Group

The Book Group has planned a potluck on December 11 for our final meeting of 2024. Please RSVP to Penny Hoover.

We will not meet again until January 5th when we will discuss The God of the Woods.



Foothill Unity Center's Angels

Foothill Unity Center's Christmas Angels will be generic. No specific names or ages will be on the angels. We will put up the Angel Tree and it will simply have the wish list printed on the back. You do not need an Angel to donate a gift. Simply bring your UNWRAPPED gifts to Jordan Hall. If you donate a gift card please drop it off in the Church Office. Thank you for sharing and caring!

Adult Sunday School

During the months of November and December, the Adult Sunday School class will be studying Inspirational Women in the Bible.

Help us ignite

Hope this Holiday Season

HOLIDAY ANGELS PROJECT WISH LIST



Help make the Holiday Season brighter for local children in need.
Your donations will bring hope and joy to about 1,200 families.

Type 1 (Age 0-17)	Type 2 (Age 0-17)	Type 3 (Age 0-17)
Dolls & Action Figures	Arts, Crafts	Games/Puzzles
Sports (no guns please)	Musical Instruments	Builder/Construction sets
Educational	Cars/Trucks/RC	Pretend Play (i.e. house, doctor, etc.)
Books	Books	Books
$25 gift cards*	$25 gift cards*	$25 gift cards*

(*) $25 gift cards (Aldi, Amazon, Burlington, Kohl's, Marshalls, Target, or Walmart)

Please return your unwrapped gifts to our Monrovia center on or before Tuesday, December 12th

HELP US FILL IN THE GAPS. DONATE ONLINE NOW AT:
www.angels.foothillunitycenter.org

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE WISH LIST

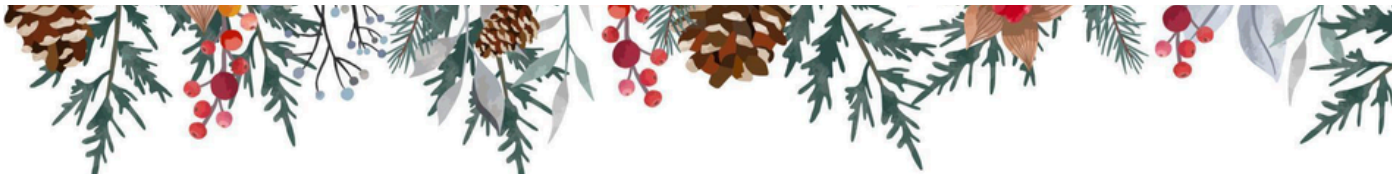
- $20-$25 Grocery Gift Cards
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Yams
- Corn Muffin Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Gravy Packets
- Jell-O Pudding
- Marshmallows
- Pies & Cake Mix
- Stuffing
- Whole Chickens
- Cornish Hens

For details and more ways you can help, scan QR code or visit:
www.holidays.foothillunitycenter.org
or text **4holidays** to **41444**

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FAMILY PROMISE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET SHOPPING LIST

1. Mark the items you'd like to purchase and the number of cards you'd like for your purchase.
2. Total the section and transfer totals to the bottom of the page.
3. Total items and make out a check to the church.
4. Return your list and check to the church either by mail or by dropping the it into the church mail slot.
5. We will fill your order and return your cards by mail.

ITEM	Price	# Purchased	$Total
A dinner for a family	$20.00		
A sack lunch for a child	$5.00		
A week of sack lunches for a child	$25.00		
A week of sack lunches for a family	$100.00		
Diapers and baby wipes	$35.00		
A gas card to cover a week's transporation	$50.00		
	Subtotal Family Promise ->		

COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Mail order to:		$ TOTALS	# CARDS
The Church of the Good Shepherd	Family Promise		
400 W. Duarte Road Arcadia, CA 91007 Or drop in church offices mail slot			
Checks payable to: **CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**	**FINAL TOTAL**		

Advent Fellowship Events

- Dec. 8th *ROI Fellowship Holiday Light Display Walk (Hastings Ranch 6pm)
- Dec. 10th *Shepherds Christmas Dinner (Matt Denny's 6pm)
- Dec. 11th Book Group Holiday Potluck (11:30am)
- Dec. 29th Christmas Hymns Sing Service (Sunday 10am)

*event meets offsite- please contact the office or fellowship chairs to RSVP and receive location info

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

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES:

- Dec. 15th (10:00am) Lessons and Carols Service
- Dec. 22nd Trek to the Tree Service
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Worship Services:
  5pm Family Nativity, 9pm Sanctuary Traditional with Candlelight Closing,
  11pm Chapel with Candlelight Closing in the Courtyard
- Dec. 29th (10:00am) Christmas Hymn Sing Service

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.