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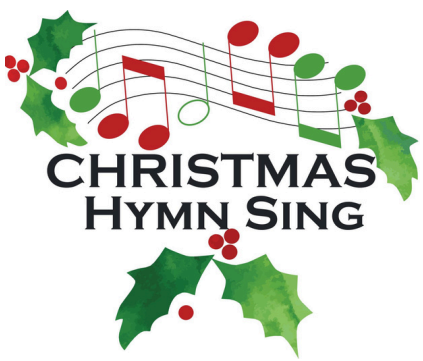


The Word
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Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in our Sanctuary
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG



December 24th, Tuesday

Join us for these special evening services
5:00pm Family Nativity Service
9:00pm Sanctuary Service with Candlelight Closing
(ordered Poinsettias may be taken after the 9pm service)
11:00pm Chapel Service with Candlelight with Courtyard Closing



December 29th, Sunday Worship

The last worship service of the year will be filled with singing of Christmas carols, stories, and prayers. All are encouraged to wear their festive Christmas attire and join us as we continue to celebrate the birth of Christ!

REMINDER: the Newsletter will not be published the week of Dec. 30th & Jan. 6th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.

The creative 5th - 7th grade Sunday School students performed a puppet show for the younger elementary class last Sunday. The show was about a modern-day Good Samaritan, inspired by Luke chapter 10. Jesus narrated the story about Unicorn who was beaten by robbers Bee and Otter near Sprouts Market. Farrot ignored Unicorn, and Puffin wanted to go to Game Stop. But McKinley with the brown hair was the Good Samaritan who helped Unicorn!





THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR FINANCIAL GENEROSITY IN 2024!

Reminder- December 31st is the final date for 2024 pledges, Christmas offering, or any end of the year donations to be submitted. You can drop off your check to the church office or donate online through the GIVE tab on the church website (www.cgsum.org).

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



Thank you to the donors of the poinsettias which adorn our sanctuary this Christmas season, some of which will be given to members of our church family who are more homebound. Poinsettias may be picked up at the end of the Christmas Eve 9:00pm Worship Service.

In Honor of:

Paul and Susanna Pang
Ruth Stephenson
Choral Music at CGS
Karen, Grant, Dana & Nathan
Janice, Matt, Wesley & Margaret
Our Church Staff
Our Music Ministries
Jane & Janice Clark
Katherine & Clay Levister
Grace & Clara Contreras
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Mike & Penny Hoover
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Kimmie Ng

In Memory of:

Pat & David Narver
Betts & Fred Blair
Everett L. Clark, Jr.
James Sharp
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Herb & Carol Kugler
Gilbert Lewis & Jack Lewis
John & Rachel Evans
Cindy Richardson
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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES:

- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Worship Services:
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  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.