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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 15th - Third Sunday in Advent
Invite Family, Friends, and Neighbors to this Sunday's Special Service of Lessons and Carols

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



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 insert), 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.

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REMINDER: the Newsletter will not be published the week of Dec. 30th and Jan. 6th

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.



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.

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.

United Women in Faith Fundraiser

UWiF is having a fundraiser at the Panera's on Huntington in Monrovia on Thursday, January 23, 2025 from 4pm - 8pm. Please put the date on your calendar and come and support local missions.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle met on Thursday night, December 5, for an evening of fellowship, delicious hearty appetizers, and soup before playing Christmas Bingo. Co-presidents Margaret Blair and Lynne Rivera and treasurer Catherine Doster turned the gavel over to new co-presidents Andrea Thorsen and Sandra Jelinek and new treasurer Cindy Zhuang. Carole Sano continues as secretary.

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.



Trek to the Tree in Worship on 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 on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 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.

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 400 W. Duarte Road Arcadia, CA 91007 Or drop in church offices mail slot			
	Family Promise		
Checks payable to: **CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**	**FINAL TOTAL**		

ADVENT FELLOWSHIP EVENTS!

- 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) with hot cocoa and cookies after worship. Feel free to wear your Christmas sweater or festive attire too!

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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 Service with Candlelight Closing
  11pm Chapel Service 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.