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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 10th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40: 1-8 and Mark 1: 1-8
Sermon: "A Just Peace," Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Carter
Postlude: "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Paige
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Anthems by the Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director; and Soloist Garrison Holder

The December 3rd Chancel Flowers were given: in memory of John Zessau by Dottie ; and the rosebud on the altar is in celebration of Dottie's new great grandson Cameron James.

The Memorial Service for Roger Diebold will take place this Saturday Dec. 9th at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary. Contributions in his memory may be made to Church of the Good Shepherd. Let us continue to hold his wife Janice and family members in our prayers.

Thank you to all who ordered Poinsettias! Reminder- they can be taken home after the 9:00pm Christmas Eve Service or left in the Sanctuary for delivery to homebound members.



SUNDAY 10:00AM SERVICES IN ADVENT:

- **Dec. 10th 2nd Sunday of Advent**
- **Dec. 17th Lessons and Carols Service and Trek to the Tree, followed by fellowship time with gingerbread cookie decorating, cider, and cocoa!**
- **Dec. 24th Chapel Open on Christmas Eve between 10-11am for personal devotion time**

CHIRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ON SUNDAY, DEC. 24th:

- **5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Service with Nativity Pageant**
- **9:00pm Traditional Service with Choir and Guest Musicians**
- **11:00pm Chapel Service followed by Candlelight Closing Circle in the Courtyard**

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.**

Shepherds December Meeting

Shepherds will have our December meeting on the 12th at Matt Denny's at 6:00pm located at 145 E Huntington Drive, Arcadia. Best parking is behind the restaurant. We will be eating on the patio, heaters will be there. We will be ordering from the menu. Please RSVP to Dave Raymond by email (dlraymond66@gmail.com) or by other means by December 10th at 2pm.

Sarah Circle's Meeting, Thursday, December 7 at 6:30pm

Sarah Circle will be meeting in Jordan Hall for our December meeting and annual Christmas fun night. All women are welcome to attend! After our business meeting, we will enjoy a meal of various appetizers, homemade soups, cornbread, & desserts. This will be followed by our traditional BUNCO game...with prizes! IF you wish to attend and are not yet on a call list, contact Karen Schaefer by December 5th via email at kschaefer63@yahoo.com.

Shop for Gifts that make a difference at the Alternative Christmas Market!

Get your shopping done in one easy stop! Dedicate gifts that help people here and around the world. Church World Service offers a range of gifts from a shovel to books and Heifer Project offers those wonderful animals that help life people out of poverty. Concerned about the homeless situation? We have gifts to dedicate from Family Promise and Habitat for Humanity. Beautiful handcrafted gifts from cooperatives around the world will again be on display. Heavenly Treasures returns 100% of your purchases back to the artisans.

Online shopping lists are also now available on the Church Website. Shop at the market for the first three Sundays in December!

Wednesday Women's Book Group

The Book Group will have their annual Christmas potluck on December 13. Please RSVP to leskenan@gmail.com. We will not meet on December 20 or 27. When we resume meeting on January 3 we will finish discussing The First Ladies.

Thank you to the wonderful group of volunteers who helped decorate the Sanctuary and Hall for the Advent Season!



END OF THE YEAR GIVING TO CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Christmas Offering Letters will be emailed (or mailed to those w/o email or live out of state) this week and the special offering envelopes will be placed in the pews. Reminder- your 2023 Tithes & Pledges, Special Holiday Offerings, and any other financial donations to the church are greatly appreciated and should be submitted by Dec. 31st.



The CSArts School of Music will hold their annual Holiday Festivus concert in the CGS Sanctuary on Friday, December 15th and Saturday, December 16th at 7:00pm. Join us for holiday favorites presented by Vocal Arts Conservatory choirs and Instrumental Music orchestra, as well as performance by the jazz combo at the holiday market during intermission.

CGS Members are invited to use the code 20offHFC23 for 20% off admission! Visit https://boxoffice.sgv.csarts.net/ for tickets. Feel free to ask Kirk about the show or tickets if you have any questions!

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Church of the Good Shepherd Mission Statement:
At Church of the Good Shepherd, 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.