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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, February 16th - 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 1: 1-3 and Luke 6: 17-19
Sermon Title: "Gathering with the Crowd"
Prelude: "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Porter
Postlude: "Dialogue" by Adriano Banchieri
Chancel Choir: "Holy, Holy, Holy" by John B. Dykes; "As the Rain" by John Ness Beck;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Choirs and Congregation: "May You Run and Not Be Weary"





Sarah Circle Paint Night with Mary

During our Sarah Circle meeting on Thursday, Feb 5th, 23 women enjoyed a fun Paint Night, with Mary Archibald guiding us as we each water-colored a big rose in the middle of a heart. We welcomed new officers Sandra Jelinek and Andrea Thorsen as our co-presidents, Cindy Zhuang as our new treasurer, and newer attendees Nellie Jew, Karen Dollard, and Dian Loufec.

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 Fellowship APD K-9 Program



Shepherds Fellowship invites you and your friends to a presentation in Fellowship Hall given by the Arcadia Police Department K-9 Program on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 pm. Please arrive by 6:15 pm. The program will cover how dogs are chosen, trained and assigned to specific tasks. There will be baskets available to donate (cash or check) to the Arcadia Police Foundation which helps support the K-9 unit and other non-budgeted items.

New Adult Sunday School Series: The Bible Through a Historical & Faith Lens

Join us as we begin a new Bible Study series in Adult Sunday School! This study will provide an overview of the Bible through a historical lens, using Hebrews 11 as our table of contents. Come deepen your understanding of God's Word and see how history and faith intertwine.

When: Sundays from 9:00am - 9:45am
Where: Church Library

We invite all adults to participate - whether you're new to the Bible or have been studying it for years, there's something for everyone!

Update from the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has wrapped up the financial activities of 2024. All 2024 Giving Contribution Statements were emailed to those with emails on file and mailed to those who do not have emails. Please call the church office (626) 447-2181 if you did not receive your statement.

In 2024, the Church received pledges from 95 families/pledging units totaling $368,119. We finished 2024 with a loss of $21,437. This was due primarily to $29,000 in pledges not received. This shortfall was covered by tapping a reserve fund of the church. We are grateful to the 58 families/pledging units who met or exceeded their 2024 pledges.

So far in 2025 we have received pledges from 76 families/pledging units totaling $288,327. Because many members of our congregation have been impacted by the fires, we are extending the time for submitting 2025 pledges and finalizing the 2025 budget.

We will have pledge cards available in the Narthex before church and in Jordan Hall during the fellowship time after Church. Cards can be placed in the offering box in the Sanctuary entryway on Sundays or mailed to or dropped off to the church mailbox anytime.

The Campus Gates and Panels have been installed. The gates will be open on Sundays for worship and also during the week for any church ministry event. Currently, the Pastor and Staff have the keys. Gate codes available for church leaders later in February.



Looking Ahead to Church of the Good Shepherd's 80th Anniversary Celebration!

SAVE THE DATE: June 1st, 2025
Join us for the Special Anniversary Sunday Worship Service followed by a Luncheon in Jordan Fellowship Hall. More details to come!

The Church of the Good Shepherd held its first service in May of 1945, on a National Day of Prayer proclaimed by President Harry Truman, at the Holly Avenue Elementary School Auditorium.

Our first minister was the Reverend Doctor Will Hildebrand, for whom the Chapel was named. A charter membership of 97 souls accepted Dr. Hildebrand's invitation to join the church that month. When the church was barely 10 weeks old, a Sanctuary Crusade was held to begin saving money to erect a chapel in the rural English style.

In 1947 the chapel and offices were opened at 400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia. In 1949, the Reverend Doctor Thatcher Jordan began his 15 years of leadership. The church continued to grow, adding a new sanctuary and Sunday School building in 1957. After Dr. Jordan's tenure, the Rev. Dr. Stanley S. McKee lead the congregation from 1964 to 1967. He was followed by Rev. Dr. Chilton C. McPheeters, and Rev. Fred H. Coots, who presided over Good Shepherd's twenty-fifth anniversary.

This is just a glimpse of the church's wonderful past and history. The full article can be found on the church's website (www.cgsum.org). Stay tuned for more articles celebrating the church's history in future newsletters! And join us on June 1st for the Anniversary Worship Service and Luncheon!

THE 80th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE will plan the worship service and luncheon celebration. Please contact Pastor Eva (626-447-2181 or PastorEva@cgsum.org) if you would like to serve on the Committee.

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District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee
Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Franklyn Shen
Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

Upcoming Events:

- February 11th Shepherds Fellowship (Arcadia Police K9 Presentation)
- February 16-23 Family Promise
- March 9th United Women in Faith & Sarah Circle Sunday
- March 30th Combined Choir Concert "Fauré's Requiem" in Worship
- June 1st 80th Anniversary Event!

Plus join us Sundays for Adult Sunday school (9:00am), Worship (10:00am), Children and Youth Sunday school (10:15am) and Fellowship Time after worship in the hall with coffee & refreshments. Nursery Care is provided beginning at 9:30am.

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.