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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 23rd - 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 37: 1 - 4 and Luke 6: 27 - 31
Sermon Title: "Gathering with the Enemy"
Prelude: "Will You Come and Follow Me?" arr. Waltz
Postlude: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Kerr
Youth Choir: "Open" by Judith Silver; "Alleluia" by J.L. Clark
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist
Choir and Congregation: "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig

The February 16th Altar Flowers were given in memory of Larry Jelinek by Sandra and Lauren Jelinek.

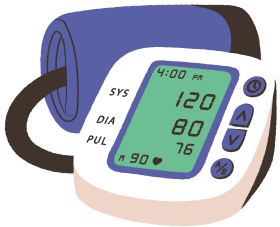


Among the Church Family

Please keep the family of Louis Rosskopf in your prayers in her passing on February 5th, 2025.

Blood Pressure Screening

Health Ministries will be offering free blood pressure screenings on Sunday, March 2nd in the Lounge after Church Services.



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.**

Save the Date!

United Women in Faith will be hosting a Fundraiser at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse on Thursday, March 20th from 4 - 9pm.

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!

Shepherds Welcomed the Arcadia Canine Squad

On Tuesday evening, the Shepherds fellowship group and others from Good Shepherd welcomed the Arcadia Canine Squad to our meeting. Sergeant Sergeant (yes, that's his name!) introduced us to Kopper the blood hound, the official sniffer & tracker; and Knox the Belgian malinois, the apprehender. We learned about the training of the handlers (police officers) and the dogs, in what circumstances the dogs are used, and about the life of the dogs when they are at home with their handlers. It was very informative and entertaining.









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!

Looking at Our Methodist Roots....Where It All Began

Holy Club. Bible Moths. Methodists. These are just a few of the names people called John and Charles Wesley and their small group when they first gathered. The Wesleys are considered founders of the Methodist Church.

It all began around 1728 at Oxford University. Charles had not always been good at his studies or faith, instead preferring cards, music, and theater. By his final year, he was ready to devote himself more to study and faith. Charles knew he could not do this on his own. So he gathered with a small group to discuss literature, and they eventually moved onto faith materials. Even with these conversations, he continued to struggle. He reached out to his brother John for assistance. John had already graduated and was ordained in the Church of England. When he returned to Oxford, he assumed leadership of the group and brought to it his organization skills and some initial instruction.

It was common for the Wesleys and their group to engage regularly in prayer, fasting, giving alms and visiting those in prison. Others started noticing the group. Some called them "Sacramentarians," that is they sought the sacrament of communion frequently. Others called the group "Supererogation-men," referring to their desire to go beyond what is typically required in hopes of winning divine approval.

By the time they were called "The Holy Club," there were actually at least four small groups connected with the growing movement. It was the name "Methodists" that eventually stuck. The Wesleys and their colleagues stuck to their methods and the Methodist movement would spread throughout Great Britain and into the Americas and now the world.

Article adapted from Andrew J. Schleicher's story first published on September 21, 2015 from United Methodist Communications (umc.org/Why the Wesleys and others came to be called Methodists).

The 80th Anniversary Committee will meet on Feb. 26th (Wednesday 12:30-2:30pm). Committee Co-Chairs Penny Hoover and Leslie Kenan and committee members will plan the worship service and luncheon for our June 1st Celebration Event! Please contact Pastor Eva (626-447-2181 or PastorEva@cgsum.org) if you would like to serve on the committee.

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

Upcoming Events:

- February 16-23 Family Promise
- March 5th Ash Wednesday (Ashes on the Go 7am-9am and Chapel Service 7pm)
- March 9th United Women in Faith/Sarah Circle Service and Time Change Sunday
- March 23rd Scouting Ministry 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.