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The Word
of the
Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007 || www.cgsum.org || 626-447-2181
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 9th - 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 138: 1-3 and Luke 5: 1-11
Sermon Title: "Gathering at the Lakeshore"
Prelude: "Prelude in F major" by Johann Albrechtsberger
Postlude: "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" arr. Jordan
Chancel Choir: "We Gather Together" arr. Dan Bird;
"If My People Will Pray" by Jimmy Owens
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Children's Choir: "Jouyfully Sing", Diane Lucas, Director

The February 2nd Altar Flowers were given in loving memory of Dean Sansui by Maria, Reumruk, and Dylan Sansui.



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 11 th 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.

Sarah Circle Meets Thursday, February 6th

Sarah Circle and United Women in Faith are having a painting party! No, we are not painting Jordan Hall. Mary Archibald is going to teach us how to paint flowers! Join us for this creative and fun evening beginning at 6:30pm in Jordan Hall. Please bring $5 for supplies that Mary will provide.



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.**

The Wednesday Book Group meets Wednesdays at 11:30am in the Lounge!
They will finish "The Briar Club" on Feb. 12th.

Update from the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is wrapping up the financial activities of 2024 and beginning the activities of 2025.

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.

2024 giving statements were emailed out on Friday the 24th and were mailed out the same day.

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.

If you need a pledge card, one is included below. We will also 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.

Church of the Good Shepherd
"Committed Stewardship" Pledge Card for 2025

Name:_____ EffectiveDate_____

Address _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount:

❑ $_____ Weekly (Estimated Annual Pledge $_____)
❑ $_____ Monthly (Estimated Annual Pledge $_____)
❑ $_____ Quarterly (Estimated Annual Pledge $_____)
❑ $_____ Annually, or:
❑ $_____ One-time Gift

Date CGS will receive my/our Quarterly/Annual/One-time Gift: _____

❑I/we choose to give our financial gifts electronically.

Please complete the Authorization Form for Automatic Withdrawal of ❑Funds and submit With Pledge Card

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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 6th Sarah Circle
- 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.