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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
Sunday Nursery Care available starting at 9:30am
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, February 22nd First Sunday in Lent

Attendance pads and cards are in the pews.
The Offeratory Box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: John 8:12-20
Sermon "A Universal Truth: We Need the Light"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "Say You Won't Let Go" - by James Arthur with William Shen on Guitar
Postlude: "How Far I'll Go" by Lin-Manuel Miranda with Morgan Noonchester, Soloist; Isabelle Chan on Violin and William Shen on Guitar
Youth Choir: "Open" by Judith Silver; "In His Time" by Diane Ball; "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist
Youth Bells: "Say You Won't Let Go" - by James Arthur
Carolyn Noonchester, Director



LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18th

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the 40-day Lenten season (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter Sunday. Christians mark this time with repentance and introspection to prepare for Easter. Come and receive ashes at church this Wednesday, **Feb. 18th in front of the Sanctuary Portico anytime from 8:00-9:30am or 4:00-5:30pm**. You can stay in your car and drive up to receive ashes or you can park in the lot and walk up. The mark of the Cross in ashes will be placed on your forehead or back of the hand to symbolize your commitment, repentance, and humility.
Please note due to rain- there will not be a 7:00pm Chapel Service this year.

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.**

Book Group

On February 11th, the Wednesday morning Book Group began a new book of historical fiction, *The Listeners*. Join us at 11:30am in the library!

SUNDAY'S GALENTINES LUNCHEON
FRIENDS, FOOD, MUSIC, AND FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to all the women, including first time attendees, who attended the United Women in Faith/Sarah Circle's Galentines Luncheon. We also appreciate the work of the committee who put everything together- from the delicious salads and pastries lunch; to Elaine Iverson's knitted heart pins, to music by Carolyn Noonchester, Kirk Averitt, and Janice Clark; to decorations and a photo station! All women are invited to monthly Sarah Circle meetings/gatherings: 1st Thursday evening of every month.







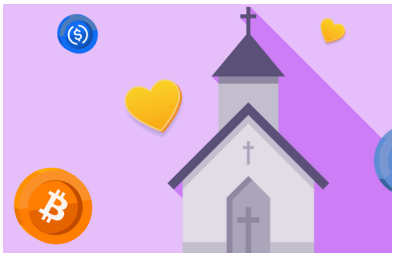




GOOD SHEPHERD BIBLE, BOOK, AND STUDY GROUPS

Sundays- Adult Sunday School (9:00am in the Library)
Sundays- Children and Youth Sunday School Classes (10:15am)
Wednesdays- Women's Book Group (11:30am in the Library)
Thursdays- Men's Study Group (7:30am online via Zoom)

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR 2025 GIVING STATEMENTS



PLEASE REVIEW carefully your 2025 Giving Statement that was sent to you in January by email or post mail. Some statements may be missing credit for items such as SSP donation or a Holiday offering, and other statements may list the Anniversary Luncheon payment which should not be included. **THE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN CORRECTED AND WILL BE SENT OUT AGAIN THIS WEEK VIA EMAIL OR POST MAIL (FOR THOSE w/o EMAIL).** We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.



Name Tags in Worship

Name Tags help foster a welcoming and relational community so members, visitors, and guests can get to know one another better! Help us encourage this great form of hospitality on Sundays by wearing the provided name tags during worship and coffee hour. Name Tags and markers will be provided as you enter the Sanctuary each Sunday. You are also welcome to wear a different name tag if you have one already that you prefer.

In Our Prayers.....

- The family of Stephen Pu (Choir director from 2019-2020) who passed away on January 30th after a yearlong battle with cancer. He passed peacefully surrounded by his family at home.
- The family of Jack Hallin, who passed away in December. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on February 28th in the Chapel at 2:00pm.
- For the health of members and loved ones: Ila Harris, Carolyn Iga, Warren Hasseler, Gail Melom, Norma Link, Richard Vethamani, Norm Collar, Karen (Elaine Iverson's daughter in law), David (Karen Schaefer's son) and Rachel (Lynne Rivera's aunty).

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

Save the Date

- Feb. 18th Ash Wednesday - Receiving of Ashes (8-9:30am and 4-5:30pm) by Sanctuary Portico
- Feb. 19th Thursday- Panera Dine Out Fundraiser for UWF & Sarah Circle (see flyer for times)
- Mar. 1st - Heritage and Communion Sunday
- Mar. 8th - Time Change Sunday
- Mar. 29th Sunday- Palm Sunday
- Apr. 5th Sunday- Easter Sunday

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.