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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 25th - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Name tags and check-in are not needed. Attendance pads are in the pews.
Masks are no longer required, but are encouraged for those who have high risk factors.
The Offeratory Box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 5: 1-5, 15-16 and Mark 8: 31-38
Lenten Sermon Series: "Loving God With All Your Mind"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Sprit Song" arr. Carter
Postlude: "O God Our Help in Ages Past"
Stephen Cook, Director of Music;
Youth Choir: "Open" by Judith Silver;
"Hush! Somebody's Calling My Name" arr. Brazeal W. Dennard;
"A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist;
Youth Bells: "Bound for Glory" arr. Waldrop;
Carolyn Noonchester, Director

The February 18th Chancel Flowers were given in loving memory of her cousin, Martha Garcia, by Lynne Rivera.



Sundays in March....

- **Mar. 3rd Holy Communion Sunday**
- **Mar. 10th Daylight Savings (Set Clocks Ahead!)**
- **Mar. 24th Palm Sunday, Special Choir Concert in Worship with Guest Musicians**
- **Mar. 31st Easter Sunday Services**
  6:00am Sunrise Courtyard Service
  10:00am Traditional Sanctuary Service with Choirs and Easter Brass,
  Plus Children's Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard after Worship!

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.**

Join the Book Group on Feb. 28th when they begin their discussion of *The Stranger in the Lifeboat.* The Book Group meets on Wednesdays at 11:30am in the Lounge (new location).

CGS Family Promise Successful February 2024 Hosting

Thanks to all for supporting our February hosting of guest family Stephanie and her sons, Willen and Willique. They so appreciated the warmth and hospitality of everyone.

The meals provided by the Shepherds, ROI, and Sarah Circle groups plus Leanne Baroldi and TOm Dukes with Kathy Ellison who also provided meals were greatly appreciated by the family as dinners and then lunches the next day. New to the dinner hosts was Troop 333 that meets at CGS. The scouts and our teenage guests had a good time playing games.

Pastor Eva and Phil with their dog Stanley and Eva's friend Noemi were with us on Wednesday night for dinner. Since the Bell Choir was practicing on Wednesday evening, we made a "field trip" into the Sanctuary.

It was a good week of sharing and caring! As our guests left on Sunday morning, we assured them that we would keep them in our prayers for their safety and support to meet their goals.

Our hosting week was so successful due to the guidance and leadership of David Steinmeier who always organizes the volunteers needed for the overnight hosts and also supervises the set up and take down of the guest areas. Leslie and John Kenan, our faithful shoppers and supply captains, were with us every night for dinner, conversation, and shopping. And, of course, my dear Craig was always by my side, helping in so many ways!





There are many unsung heroes without whose unselfish efforts our hosting week could not ocur, including the laundry team -- Sharon Eberhardt, Margaret Blair, and Joann Steinmeier - and the set up and take-down volunteers -- Lele La, Susan Mendenhall, David Rios, Scout Troop 832, and Mike Hoover.

The Next Family Promise hosting is April 21-28, 2024. Mark your calendars now!

Job 11: 18 -- And you will feel secure, because there is hope; you will look around and take your rest in security. Thanks to all for expressing your feelings of hope, security, love, and CGS hospitality to Stephanie, Willen, and Willique.

Diane Lucas, CGS Family Promise Coordinator.



Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.

Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

Organization name: Church of the Good Shepherd Children's Center

Date: February 22, 2024

Time: 4pm to 8pm

Location: 815 W Naomi Ave Unit C, Arcadia

Order Mode: In-Restaurant, Blaze Pizza App, Blazepizza.com

TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION:

In-Restaurant: Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying.

Online Orders: Orders must be placed online via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com.

Enter code **1333A** the 'Promo Code' field at checkout to have your transaction count toward the fundraiser. If entered correctly, you'll see a $.01 discount applied to your check which that 20% of your transaction will be counted into the total donation.
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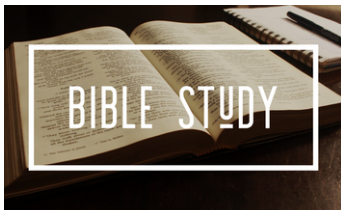
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Great News from Heifer!

We received a thank you letter from Heifer for our Alternative Christmas Market donation of $1670. In the letter was this note, “And to magnify the joy of your gift, an additional group of generous donors has matched your donation, doubling the impact of your gift. I hope you know how much we, and the families who are touched by your generosity, appreciate you all. Our work would not be possible without you by our side.” So thank you CGS friends of our market!

New Adult Sunday School Class has begun!



A new Adult Sunday School Class has begun! The class meets from 9:00am-9:45am in the Church Library. All are welcome to gather in fellowship and prayer! For more information, please contact co-teachers Carolyn Iga (carolyniga@gmail.com) or Don Thorsen (donthorsen@alumni.stanford.edu).

Lenten Sunday Sermon Series by Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin

Pastor Eva has begun the new sermon series for the Season of Lent. During the 40 days of Lent (excluding Sundays) we are called to Reflect, Repent, and Pray. The new sermon series focuses on these spiritual disciplines as we commit to loving God with all our mind, heart, body, and strength. Below are the Sermon Titles and SCriputre Passages for each Sunday.

Feb. 18th (1st Sunday in Lent) Genesis 9:8-17 and Mark 1:9-15
“Loving God With All Mind, Heart, Soul, and Strength”

Feb. 25th (2nd Sunday in Lent) Genesis 5:1-5, 15-16 and Mark 8:31-38
“Loving God With All Your Mind”

Mar. 3rd (3rd Sunday in Lent) Exodus 20:1-6 and John 2:13-22
“Loving God With All Your Heart”

Mar. 10th (4th Sunday in Lent) Psalm 119:9-16 and John 12:20-32
“Loving God With All Your Soul”

Mar. 17th (5th Sunday in Lent) Psalm 118:24-24 and John 12:36b-50
“Loving God With All Your Strength”

Mar. 24th (Palm Sunday) Chancel Choir Concert

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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.