

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

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**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 26th, 2023 - First Sunday in Lent*

Please enter the Sanctuary worship through the double doors off the parking lot. 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.

**Prelude: "Spirit Song" arr. Carter**
**Scripture Lessons: Psalm 32 and Matthew 4: 1-11**
**Sermon: "To Live Inside Out: Repentance and Serving", Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching**
**Postlude: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Kerr**
**Stephen Cook, Director of Music**
**Youth Choir: "Soli Deo" by Herbert Beurie, "Carry Me Over" by Dadee Reillty,**
**"A Closing Prayer" by Don Besic; Janice Clark, Director**
**Youth Bells: "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Eithun; Stephen Cook, Piano; Carolyn Noonchester, Director**

*The Feb. 19th Altar Flowers were given in loving memory of my Mom and Sis by Suzanne Wright, and in memory of Richard Lee Collar by his family.*

## Sharing Joys and Concerns

Our Sympathy and Condolences go to the family of Channing Lushbough who passed away. And prayers for wife Eloise who is living out of state with her daughter. A Memorial Service is not planned at this time. However, Pastor Eva and the Worship Team will dedicate an upcoming service in his memory.

## Sierra Service Project (SSP) Stock

The youth will begin selling Sierra Service Project Stock on Sunday, Feb. 26th after church. All funds raised will go towards their service trip to Sacramento this summer. In Sacramento, the youth will be doing home repairs for Low-income residents, installing drought-tolerant landscapes, and doing neighborhood beautification. Thank you for investing in our youth by buying SSP Stock!

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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.**

Beginning February 22, the Women's Book Group will read and discuss.
*The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy*. Join us on Wednesdays at noon!
Contact Leslie Kenan or the Church for more details.

## 2023 Altar Flowers

Sign up for altar flowers by entering your information in the flower chart in the narthex, or calling the church office, 626-447-2181. A reminder that the cost of flowers is now **$60** (payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd"). Please mail the check to the church and write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. Or you may pay for flowers online through the church website. The church office will place your order with ZuZu's Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message announced in church by Pastor Eva on the appropriate Sunday and the Sunday bulletin. After 10:00 a.m. you may take your flowers home with you after worship or let us know and we will have them in the church office on Monday morning after 9:00 a.m. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship center!

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## The Importance of Self-Check: A Virtual Educational Lecture
## Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

February is National Self-Check Month, an opportunity for you to become more proactive about your health -- and increase your odds of avoiding chronic disease. During this special event, Derek Cheung, MD, will provide information about early disease detection techniques.

These educational lectures are held via Zoom, and a call-in option is also available. The lecture will last about an hour and will include time for questions. Participation is free. All participants must register in advance either online (**huntingtonhealth.org**) or by calling the membership line at **(626) 397-3147**.

## Best Wishes to Jeff Doran, Church Custodian and Worship Tech

Jeff Doran will be leaving his church position to spend time with his wife, newborn daughter, and children in the Philippines. Let us wish him congratulations on his daughter's baptism that will take place when he is there, and also keep him and his family in our prayers as they will be working on future plans. SPRC hopes to host an Appreciation event for him in the Summer when he is back in Arcadia and before he needs to return to the Philippines.




## Sarah Circle - Thursday, March 2, 7PM via ZOOM

Join us for our monthly meeting after which we will be joined by Lyn Knowles, a member of Riverside UMC and United Women in Faith, who will discuss "Language and the changing image of women in the Bible." Lyn has some interesting research to tell us! You do not need to be a "regular attendee" of Sarah Circle to join us. Contact the church office if you are interested. We love to see new faces!



## *Ash Wednesday, February 22nd*

***Visit the Chapel anytime between 8:00am-9:30am or 5:30pm-7:00pm for a 15-minute Ash Wednesday Devotion that includes:***

- *Receiving of Ashes on the Forehead or Palm or on a burlap cloth*
- *Light a Prayer Candle*
- *View a Short Devotion*

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time in the wilderness, where he fasted, prayed, and reflected. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar prayer and reflection to focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.




## Got Ideas? Then join us for the 'Innovations & Communications' Meeting this Sunday after Worship and enjoy M&M cookies too!

input on creative and new and fun ideas for the church. Join us this Sunday after worship The Communications Chair and Church Council have been discussing some great and new ideas for our church and its ministries. BUT we want to hear from you and would love your
from 11:30 to 12:15 for idea sharing and ministry planning. Refreshments will be served as well...M&M Cookies. Why M&M Cookies? The answer will be revealed in Pastor Eva's Sunday Sermon!

**SAVE THE DATE AND INVITE FRIENDS TO THESE EVENTS:**

- **April 2nd Palm Sunday Worship Service with Special Choir Music and orchestra musicians**
- **April 9th Easter Sunday Worship Services:**
- **6:00am Courtyard Sunrise Service led by the Youth Group**
- **10:00am Sanctuary Service with Choirs and Brass Ensemble**
- **Plus, Easter Egg Hunt for Children and Fellowship and Refreshments**
- **April 15th Walk of the Churches- Walkathon and Fundraiser for Family Promise**
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*open hearts,*
*open minds,*
*open doors*

**Prayer for the Week**

*Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration*
*enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with them in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever. Amen.*

***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.***