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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 8th - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 112: 1-6 and Matthew 5: 13-20
Sermon "Salt and Light"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "Hymn of Promise" arr. Carter
Postlude: "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" arr. Jordan
Stephen Cook, Director of Music Ministries
Chancel Choir: "Light of Love" by Don G. Fontana;
"Light Everlasting" by O.C. Christiansen;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Special Music by Garrison Holder



Canned Soup Food Drive Continues this Sunday, February 8th!

Bring canned soups and place them in the team box you are rooting for in the Super Bowl. The middle school Sunday school class will count the total cans collected and the results of which team received the most cans will be revealed at the end of coffee fellowship on Sunday Feb. 8th. Will it be the Seattle Seahawks or the New England Patriots? All cans will be donated to a local food pantry.

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.**

SHEPHERDS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Shepherds Potluck is on February 10th at 6pm. Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by February 8th. Our guest speaker is Rev. Brenda Simonds.



Welcome Ladies!

United Women in Faith - Sarah Circle

invite you to come to the

"Galentine" Luncheon

Sunday, February 15, 2026

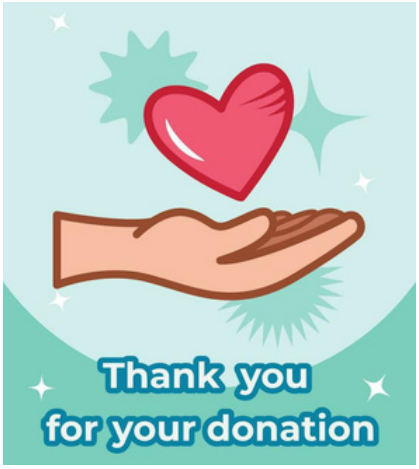
at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Let's get together for some sisterhood fun. We will dine on a variety of delicious salads, fruit, rolls, beverage and yummy dessert. And we will also enjoy a short musical program. Make a reservation for yourself and a friend or neighbor by signing up after church or through the church office. Cost is $20. Cash or check made out to *Sarah Circle*.

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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)



2025 Contribution Letters

The Finance Committee is thankful for the generosity of the church members and friends in 2025. The 2025 Contribution Letters were sent out last week via email or post mail (for those with out email addresses). Through your tithes and offerings, the church continues 80 years of ministry and mission!

REMINDER- if you have not yet done so, please turn in your 2026 Pledge Card.



NAME TAGES 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.



Thank You for your mission area Epiphany event donations!

Thank you to all who donated toothbrushes and soaps for the Greater San Gabriel Mission area event on Jan. 11th. 75 Hygiene kits (washcloths, soaps, toothbrushes, toothpastes, combs, etc.) were assembled for the conference UMCOR; and 125 additional toothbrushes, toothpastes, combs and 50 soaps were given to Foothill Unity!

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Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

Save the Date

- Shepherds Fellowship Potluck (Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00pm)
- UWF & Sarah Circle "Galentine" Luncheon (Sunday, February 15th)
- Ash Wednesday Chapel Service (Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00pm)
- Heritage and Communion Sunday (Sunday, March 1st)

In Our Prayers

- The family of Jack Hallin, who passed away in December. A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the Chapel in February.
- For Gail Melom as she recovers from recent hip surgery.
- For the health of members: Ila Harris, Carolyn Iga, Warren Hasseler, Norma Link, Richard Vethamani, Norm Collar, and for members who are recovering from flus/colds.

Send prayer requests to: cgsprayerchain2@gmail.com (note that this is a new email).

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.