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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 11th - Transfiguration Sunday

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: Psalm 50: 1-6 and Mark 9: 2-9
Sermon: on the Wesley Covenant Prayer "The Gift of Covenant"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Hymn of Promise" arr. Carter
Postlude: "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" arr. Jordan
Stephen Cook, Director of Music;
Chancel Choir: "All That Hath Life and Breath" by Rene Clausen;
"Be Thou My Vision" arr. Stephen Cook
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist; Solo by Carolyn Noonchester

The February 5th Chancel Flowers were given in loving memory of Bob Graham by his family







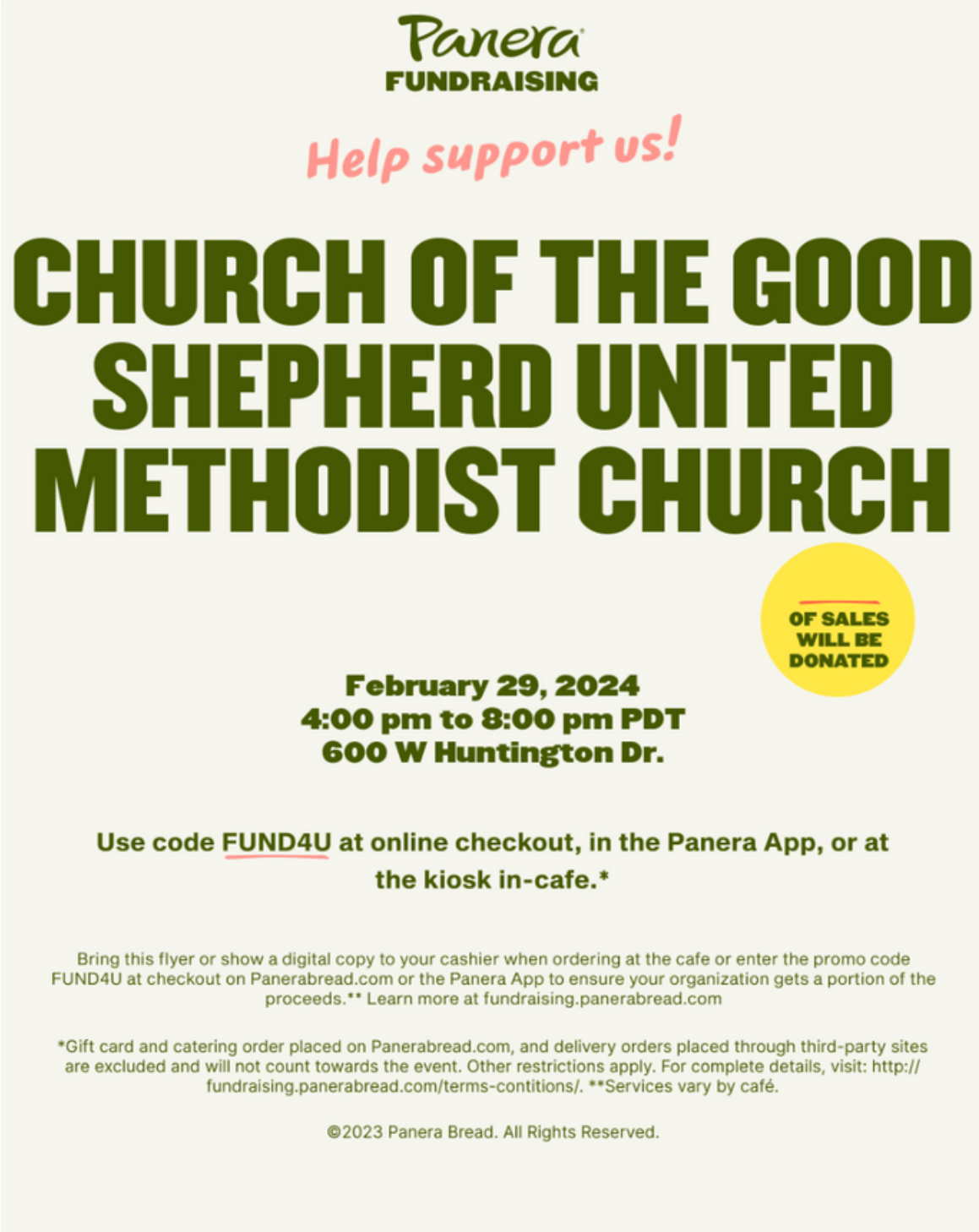
Pictures from the Plymouth Elementary School's Lion Dance Troupe Performance in Jordan Hall.

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 Potluck - Tuesday, February 13th at 6pm in Jordan Hall
The program will be presented by member, Harry Heflin.
Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by February 10th.

2024 Altar Flowers

The new cost for flowers beginning in 2024 is $65. Payment is via check, cash, or online. Checks should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd, with “Flowers” in the memo line. To place your request, please contact Suzanne Wright in the Church Office by phone, or email: swright@cgsum.org. Orders go to the florist on Thursdays.



CGS COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHT: SPRC

The SPRC (Staff Pastor-Parish Relations Committee acts as the Human Resources Board for the church. This includes hiring, reviewing, and providing support for the Pastor and church staff. The church currenlty employees 18 staff persons and 1 Senior Pastor. SPRC is also working on additional staff for 2024! SPRC Members are: Amy Crouse, Joe D'Amore, Pedro Galidno, Robin Graney, Leslie Kenan, Maribel Quismorio, Jacki Raymond, and Lynne Rivera.



BOOK AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS AT CGS

- Wednesday Women's Book Group (meets at 11:30am In Person or Online)
- Men's Study Group (meets Thursdays at 7:30am Online via Zoom)
- Children's and Youth Sunday School Classes meet Sundays at 10:15am
- ROI-Adults in their 30s-50s (meets 2 Sundays a month at 11:30am In Person)
- Coming in March- an Adult Sunday School Class at 9:00am!

Please contact Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org or 626-447-2181) if you would like more information or are interested in joining any of these wonderful learning opportunities.



CHURCH CAMPUS SAFETY CONCERNS

Thank you to those who have shared their concerns about the saftey of our church grounds, staff, and members. Pastor Eva, church staff, the Board of Trustees, Church Council, and Children's Center Board of Directors have been discussing this issue and will enact plans to address this important topic. More details will be provided in future newsletters. If you would like to share any thoughts or concerns please contact Pastor Eva directly.

SAVE THE DATES!

February 4th - 11th: Family Promise Hosting

February 14th: Ash Wednesday 7:00pm Worship Service in the Chapel

March 24th: Palm Sunday Worship with Special Choir Concert

March 31st Easter Sunday featuring:

6:00am Sunrise Service in the Courtyard led by the UMYF

10:00am traditional Sanctuary Service with Easter Brass Musicians

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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

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing, I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. The covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

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.