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

Sunday, February 15th - Transfiguration Sunday

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

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 99: 1-5 and Matthew 17: 1-9
Sermon "Transformed by the Light"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "Day by Day" arr. Porter
Postlude: "Dialogue" by Adriano Banchieri
Stephen Cook, Director of Music Ministries
Chancel Choir: "All People of God" by Don G. Fontana;
"Be Thou My Vision" arr. Stephen Cook
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Special Music by Michel Von Loh



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 of the Good Shepherd on Ash Wednesday, **February 18th in front of the Sanctuary Portico from 8:00-9:30am or 4:00-5:30pm**. 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 and staffing- 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 will begin a new book of historical fiction, *The Listeners.* Join us in the library!



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*.

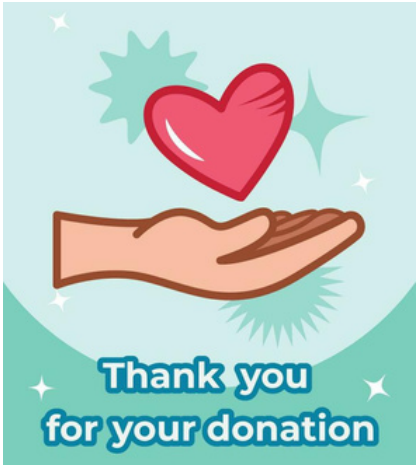
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GOOD SHEPHERD BIBLE, BOOK, AND STUDY GROUPS

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 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. They thank all who were a part of his life. Good Shepherd was blessed by his short time of music ministry with us.
- 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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Thank You for your Canned Soup Donations!

The church collected over 100 cans of soup during our "Souper" Bowl canned soup drive for Foothill Unity Center. 68 cans were placed in the Seattle Seahawks box and 50 in the New England Patriots box. The Seahawks won Sunday's game and are the Superbowl champions, but we're all winners in God's eyes when we give to those in need. Cans will still be collected this week and on Sunday, Feb. 15th before pick up later in the week.

Save the Date

- Shepherds Fellowship Potluck (Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00pm)
- UWF & Sarah Circle "Galentine" Luncheon (Sunday, February 15th)
- Ash Wednesday - Receiving of Ashes (Wednesday, February 18th at 8-9:30am and 4-5:30pm)
- Panera Dine Out Fundraiser for UWF & Sarah Circle (Thursday, Feb. 19th - see flyer for times)
- Heritage and Communion Sunday (Sunday, March 1st)

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.