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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, March 1st - Second Sunday in Lent
Heritage Sunday and Transfiguration Sunday

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

Scripture Lesson: John 10: 1-10
Sermon "A Universal Truth: We Are Creatures of Habit"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "My Hope is Built" arr. Weston
Postlude: "Praise to the Lord" arr. Cherwien
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "Jesus Paid it All" by John T. Grape and Elvina Hall;
"Thou Knowest Lord the Secrets of Our Hearts" by Henry Purcell;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Special Music by Carolyn Noonchester: "Go with God" by Arends and Harrington

IN THIS SEASON OF LENT, LET US TAKE TIME TO WORSHIP, REFLECT, AND PRAY

- March 1- Heritage & Holy Communion Sunday
- March 8- Time Change Sunday (bring coins and dollar donations for UWF Time Change buckets for missions)
- March 29- Palm Sunday with Special Choir Music
- April 3rd- Good Friday Chapel Service (more info TBA)

Please see next page for Part 1 of the Prayer Calendar that was passed out after worship last Sunday.

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.**

LENTEN PRAYER CALENDAR: PART 1 (FEBRUARY 18th - MARCH 21st)

Please Note this Prayer Calendar is from a Catholic Resource so you may substitute some words for Protestant alternatives: Rosary= Prayers; Mass= view an on line service; Sacrament= remember Communion (see March 1st Service)

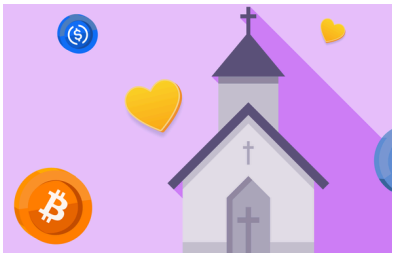
40 DAYS of lent

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			Day 1 ✓ FAST from getting worked up over small annoyances. Ash Wednesday	Day 2 ✓ Get up 15 mins earlier, give thanks and offer your day to him.	Day 3 ✓ TRY daily mass or add on Fridays and thank Him for laying down His life for you.	Day 4 BEGIN family rosary...at least once a week.
"I was hungry. You gave me food."	Day 5 SAY a prayer of thankfulness today for all you have in your life.	Day 6 GIVE a word of thanks to someone in your life.	Day 7 FAST by eating only one full meal today and remember, no meat!	Day 8 PRAY that your desires take a backseat to what God desires for you.	Day 9 GIVE help to anyone you see today who appears to be in need.	Day 10 FAST from worldly excesses. (alcohol, gossip, internet, etc)
"I was thirsty. You gave me drink."	Day 11 GIVE others the benefit of the doubt today.	Day 12 LEARN more about a global issue of suffering.	Day 13 PRAY for people who are homeless.	Day 14 VISIT the Blessed Sacrament often; if only for 5 mins.	Day 15 FAST from going out tonight.	Day 16 FAST from asking for things...depend only on what is given.
"I was a stranger. You welcomed me."	Day 17 PRAY for chances to show respect, grace and charity today.	Day 18 GIVE unconditional love to one who challenges you today.	Day 19 FAST from watching violent movies or television today.	Day 20 PRAY for those who have lost loved ones to violence.	Day 21 FAST from using Facebook today.	Day 22 REFLECT on Isaiah 40:28-31; what do the verses say to you.
"I was naked. You clothed me."	Day 23 FAST from expensive meals and meat today.	Day 24 PRAY, "Jesus I Love You."between tasks today.	Day 25 FAST from being impatient today.	Day 26 PRAY for the poor.	Day 27 FAST from interrupting others today.	Day 28 PRAY for patience and openness with all you meet.

Crafters Group

Crafters meet every Wednesday afternoon from 2-4pm in the Church Library. If you knit, crotchet, embroider, paint, quilt, make jewelry, or do any other craft, join us! We are gearing up for our fall boutique.

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR 2025 GIVING STATEMENTS



PLEASE REVIEW carefully your 2025 Giving Statement that was sent to you in January by email or post mail. Some statements may be missing credit for items such as SSP donation or a Holiday offering, and other statements may list the Anniversary Luncheon payment which should not be included. **THE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN CORRECTED AND HAVE BEEN SENT OUT AGAIN VIA EMAIL OR POST MAIL (FOR THOSE w/o EMAIL).** We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.



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 **Jack Hallin**, who passed away in December. The Celebration of Life Service will be held this Saturday at church in the Chapel at 2:00pm.
- The family of previous church member, **Mary Brubaker** who passed away last month. The Celebration of Life service will be in Beaumont, CA. on March 6th.
- For the health of members and loved ones: Isabelle Chan, 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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Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

Save the Date

- Mar. 1st -Heritage and Communion Sunday
- Mar. 8th -Time Change Sunday
- Mar. 29th -Palm Sunday
- April 3rd -Good Friday
- Apr. 5th -Easter Sunday

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.