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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, January 29th, 2023
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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.

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 15, Matthew 5: 1-12
Sermon: "Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes", Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching
Prelude: "Give Me Jesus" arr. Hayes
Postlude: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Hayes
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Youth Choir (Janice Clark, Director): "Morning Alleluia" (J.L. Clark), "Cantate Hodie" (Mary Lynn Lightfoot), "A Closing Prayer" (Don Besig)
Youth Bell Choir (Carolyn Noonchester, Director): "Foundation" arr. Thompson

Remember The Forum- Join Us This Sunday!

For a number of years John and June Fee organized, scheduled and hosted a Church of the Good Shepherd Speakers Series titled The Forum. The speakers were drawn from academics at local universities, scientists, politicians, business people and experts in a number of fields. The talks were interesting, thought-provoking and provided another dimension of Christian education.

Inspired by the Fees, the Finance Committee is interested in sponsoring a series of financial presentations on topics of interest to the congregation. You'll recall we did a survey of possible topics last year, and **this Sunday, January 29th after worship** we'd like to share the survey results with you along with the details on the first financial Forum presentation. Refreshments will be served as well.

Stephanie Shen is the new Newsletter Editor. All articles, photos, and announcements are **due by 3:00 p.m. Friday** for the following week's newsletter and should be emailed to Stephanie at **cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com.**





Linda Doran has retired after 30 years of dedicated service as Church Administrator. She was hired by Rev. James Dallas in 1992. She has worked for and supported many clergy over the years including Rev. Dallas, Rev. Dr. Phil Wood, Rev. George Hooper, Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, and many Associate Pastors. We are grateful for her friendship and devotion to our staff and members. We wish her health and happiness during this new chapter of her life.

2022 Contribution Letters Have Been Sent Out!

Thank you church members and friends for your 2022 Financial Contributions. The 2022 Giving Statements were emailed out on January 18th and 19th. Please check your email on those dates. If we do not have an email on file for you, then the statement was mailed to the address we have on record. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Have a Heart Sunday - *February 12th, 2023*

Sarah Circle and United Women in Faith are sponsoring a food collection for the Lancer Pantry, a non-profit program of the Lancer Care Center, which provides food and staples for underserved students at Pasadena City College.

Bring your contributions to Church on **February 12th** or drop them off at the Church Office during the week. Let's help get the P.C.C. students get off to a nutritious start this year!

The Lancer Pantry is in need of the following items:

- small cans of chicken or beef
- granola bars
- trail mix packets
- ready-to-eat items like tuna or chicken salad and cracker kits
- ramen
- microwavable soups

Did You Know that you can give online anytime through the Church website: www.cgsum.org. Click on the GIVE tab on the top right corner of the homepage and you will be directed to the online giving options that include 2023 pledge, Altar Flowers, Sierra Service Project, Foundation, UMW, Music, and more!

In February, the Women's Book Group will read *The Book Woman's Daughter*. Join us on Wednesdays at noon either in person or via Zoom. Please contact Leslie Kenan or the Church Office for more details.

Cal-Pac Conference & Bishop's Response to the Monterey Park Shootins on January 21st



Beloved California-Pacific UM Family,

Today we learned of the shooting at Monterey Park on the Lunar New Year holiday. Ten beloved souls lost their lives, and others were injured and traumatized. As I absorbed the news over the course of the day, my heart became both heavy and full. Heavy for the suffering of those who lost loved ones and those who now suffer the after effects of violence. The final loss of a loved one who leaves this earth due to acts of violence is a difficult burden to carry. I committed myself to continuing the preference for peace and to shutting down avenues of harm in our world. I committed myself to prayer and to action.

But at this moment, we take the time we need to mourn, to hold up those who suffered the most, and to cry with our world over the violence that has come to our neighborhood. Remember when Jesus looked over the city of Jerusalem and wept? As Jesus came to the city and observed it, he wept over it. He said, "If only you knew on this of all days the things that lead to peace. But now they are hidden from your eyes...." Luke 19:41-42.

To the people of Monterey Park, and the Asian American community, we say: We are with you. You are not alone. May God comfort you, and may you know God is very near. My heart, our hearts, are full with love for you, your families, and our communities.

Grace y paz,- Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank

Full article available on www.calpacumc.org

<u>January Kitchen Renovation Project Update</u>

They say that Patience is a virtue. While we all know this saying well, the reality is that Patience can be hard to practice in life. But it's true- Patience is a virtue. It can help us achieve our goals, maintain a more positive outlook on life, and make us less reactive. This in turn will make us less prone to bad decisions, mistakes, stress, and poor planning. To this note, the Board of Trustees is greatly appreciative of everyone's patience as they continue to work on the Kitchen Renovation Project. Proper blueprints, kitchen committee decisions, and contractor bids have taken longer than expected. However, a project manager from the Board of Trustees has been assigned and we hope to move the project forward. More updates will be provided in future newsletter articles. Until then, continue to practice patience and pray for the kitchen renovation project.

Choose Your Star Word for 2023!

STAR WORDS: The use of star words is a prayer practice connected to Epiphany and the new year. The from a list of intention words, or guiding words, Individuals are encouraged to select a word and place it where they will see it regularly throughout the year to allow consistent reflection on how God has moved through, around, or in connection to that word.

• better	• rest	• resist	• imagine
• seek	• learn	• listen	• vision
• heal	• generosity	• clarity	• patience
• renew	• health	• leadership	• pray
• invite	• intention	• hospitality	• self-love
• forgiveness	• home	• relationship	•empathy
• justice	• let go	• community	• integrity

NAME AND CHOSEN WORD_____

Please email the word you have chosen with Pastor Eva at PastorEva@cgsum.org and the list (without names) of all the chosen words will be shared in future bulletins and newsletters, as well as displayed in Jordan Hall.

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open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

Prayer for the Week: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Among the Church Family and Community: Please pray for Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church and the people of Monterey Park after the January 21st tragic mass shooting; also continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in your prayers. Contact the church office if you would like a prayer included in the newsletter or the prayer email chain.

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.