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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
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, February 2nd - 4th Sunday after the Epiphany
Heritage Sunday

Attendance pads are in the pews. The Offering box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 24: 7-10 and Luke 4: 31-37
Sermon Title: "Gathering in His Presence of Authority"
Prelude: "Prelude in E Major, WTC 1" by J.S. Bach
Postlude: "Trumpet Dialogue Recessional" by Alice Jordan
Children's Choir: "Joyfully Sing!"
Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist
Chancel Choir: "We Gather Together" arr. Dan Bird;
"O Lord, How Can We Know Thee?" by Ron Nelson;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Choir and Congregation: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"



Farewell Blessing to Kenny Landaverde

Pastor Eva and church members gave Kenny Landaverde, one of our Choir Section Leader/Soloists, a farewell benediction blessing on his last Sunday with us. Cake and cards were shared in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We wish Kenny well as he transitions to new singing opportunities with 2 new churches.

Shepherds Fellowship invites you and your friends to a presentation in Fellowship Hall given by the Arcadia Police Department K-9 Program on Tuesday, February 11 th at 6:30 pm. Please arrive by 6:15 pm. The program will cover how dogs are chosen, trained and assigned to specific tasks. There will be baskets available to donate (cash or check) to the Arcadia Police Foundation which helps support the K-9 unit and other non-budgeted items.

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.**

The Wednesday Book Group is currently reading The Briar Club. Join us on Wednesdays at 11:30am in the Lounge!

Update from the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is wrapping up the financial activities of 2024 and beginning the activities of 2025.

In 2024, the Church received pledges from 95 families/pledging units totaling $368,119. We finished 2024 with a loss of $21,437. This was due primarily to $29,000 in pledges not received. This shortfall was covered by tapping a reserve fund of the church.

We are grateful to the 58 families/pledging units who met or exceeded their 2024 pledges.

2024 giving statements were emailed out on Friday the 24th and were mailed out the same day.

So far in 2025 we have received pledges from 76 families/pledging units totaling $288,327. Because many members of our congregation have been impacted by the fires, we are extending the time for submitting 2025 pledges and finalizing the 2025 budget.

If you need a pledge card, one is included below. We will also have pledge cards available in the Narthex before church and in Jordan Hall during the fellowship time after Church.

Church of the Good Shepherd
"Committed Stewardship" Pledge Card for 2025

Name:_____ EffectiveDate_____

Address _____ Amount:

_____ ☐ $ _____ Weekly (Estimated Annual Pledge $_____)

☐ $_____ Monthly (Estimated Annual Pledge $_____)

Phone: _____ ☐ $ _____ Quarterly (Estimated Annual Pledge $_____)

☐ $ _____ Annually, or:

Email: _____ ☐ $_____ One-time Gift

Date CGS will receive my/our Quarterly/Annual/One-time Gift: _____

☐I/we choose to give our financial gifts electronically.

Please complete the Authorization Form for Automatic Withdrawal of ☐Funds and submit With Pledge Card

Family Promise - “Calling All Volunteers” for Winter Hosting February 16th - February 23rd

When Jesus looked and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” Matthew 14: 14-16

Many thanks to those who volunteered in 2024 to help provide a refuge at Good Shepherd for our local temporarily homeless families! You have indeed responded generously to Jesus’s command as stated above in Matthew 14: 14-16.

Our first hosting opportunity of 2025 is less than four weeks away. Thank you to the groups who will provide dinner and the individuals who have volunteers for set up, overnight hosts, and take down crew. We need 2 more volunteer spots for THURSDAY FEB. 20th DINNER & OVERNIGHT HOSTS that needs to be filled. Please call me to volunteer as soon as possible. We don’t know how the displaced people from the recent fires will affect our hosting. But, with your help, we can accommodate 2 to 3 families.

David Steinmeier
Family Promise Volunteer Coordinator
david@microjoining.com

2025 Hosting Schedule	
Winter	February 16 - 23
Spring	May 18 – May 25
Summer	TBD
Fall	TBD



Sarah Circle Meets Thursday, February 6th

Sarah Circle and United Women in Faith are having a painting party! No, we are not painting Jordan Hall. Mary Archibald is going to teach us how to paint flowers! Join us for this creative and fun evening beginning at 6:30pm in Jordan Hall.

Please bring $5 for supplies that Mary will provide. If you still have the paintbrush and paints that she gave us from her previous lesson, please bring those as well. A short business meeting will precede our program and refreshments will be served.

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

Upcoming Events:

- February 2nd Heritage and Holy Communion Sunday
- February 6th Sarah Circle
- February 11th Shepherds Fellowship (Arcadia Police K9 Presentation)
- March 9th United Women in Faith & Sarah Circle Sunday
- March 30th Combined Choir Concert "Fauré's Requiem" in Worship

Plus join us Sundays for Adult Sunday school (9:00am), Worship (10:00am), Children and Youth Sunday school (10:15am) and Fellowship Time after worship in the hall with coffee & refreshments. Nursery Care is provided beginning at 9:30am.

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission Statement:
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.