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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, January 18th - Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend and 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 49: 5-7 and John 1: 35-42
Sermon "Following the Light"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "Kiss the Rain" by Yiruma
Postlude: "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Paul Simon, arr. C. Bennedsen
Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Adult Choir Section Leaders: "Lord, Have Mercy" by Leon C. Roberts;
"We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace" Traditional Spiritual, arr. Mary Donnelly
Special Music by Susan Holder

The January 11th Altar Flowers were given in memory of Larry Jelinek by Sandy and Lauren Jelinek.



- The family of Mary Brubaker (previous church member who moved to Yucaipa) who passed away last week.
- The family of Jack Hallin, who passed away on Dec. 2nd. A date will be set for a Service at Good Shepherd.
- For the health of members: Ila Harris, Carolyn Iga, Warren Hasseler, Norma Link, Richard Vethamani, and for members who are recovering from flus/colds.

Send prayer requests to: cgsprayerchain2@gmail.com (note that this is a new email).

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.**

START THE NEW YEAR OFF BY ENRICHING YOUR MIND
AND JOIN US FOR ANY OF THESE 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)

Rev. Jim McCormick's 90th Birthday!

Dear family and friends,

On January 17, 2026 we will celebrate our dad's 90th birthday! He is doing well as he reaches this significant milestone. Of course we miss our mom, but we enjoy being with dad as often as possible. Dad's mind is still sharp and he will often tell stories of past events that will frequently include many of you who have meant so much to him.

We are planning a family gathering to celebrate him, but Lynne and I wanted to reach out to each of you to broaden the celebration as much as possible. Also, please forward this email to others in your community that may have birthday wishes that they would like to share with dad.

We would love for as many as possible to send dad a birthday card that we will collect and present to him on his birthday. If you are able to send a card, please send to Mark's home. You can address them to:

Jim McCormick
100 Crestwicke Trace
Atlanta, GA. 30319

In lieu of cards, we have also set up a group ecard that you can access to provide your own personal message at:

https://ecardforest.com/card/?token=3.d25jeWRsbGVCIiwidyI6MX0._H0faKfPkYhyNcavTnKo-5OWx50q2UnzDREw72MNLvQ

We will provide the group ecard access to dad on his birthday.

Thank you all for your efforts to help celebrate Jim McCormick's big birthday!

Much love and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Lynne and Mark.

January 11th Worship Service Highlights

Lay Reader Leanne Baroldi leading the Call To Worship, Pastor Eva's Children's Message, the Chancel Choir singing joyful music, and Bishop Escobedo-Frank (the Bishop and her husband surprised us by attending the serivce) delivering the Closing Benediction!









A Word from the Finance Committee - 2026 Pledge Update

As we begin the activities of the new church year, we want to update you on the pledges received for 2026. As of the end of December, we have received 66 pledges. The GOAL FOR 2026 is 90 PLEDGES. We need **just 24 more pledges** to meet this goal. Pledges make up the biggest part of our revenue and pledges are the basis of our budget. Please send in your pledge card if you have not yet done so. If you need another pledge card, please contact the church office (626-447-2181) and we will mail or email you one, or you can come by the church office (Mondays thru Thursdays 9am-3pm) to pick one up. Thank you!

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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.