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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, January 21st - 3rd Sunday in Epiphany

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.
The Offeratory Box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 62: 5-12 and Mark 1: 14-20
Sermon: "Turning Towards God: To Take the Adventure!"
Guest Preacher: Reverend Dr. Yvonne Williams Boyd
Rev. Dr. Boyd is an Ordained Elder in our Cal-Pac Conference and currently serves as a Clinical Chaplain at the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.
Prelude: "Prelude on "Evan"" arr. Young
Postlude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Jordan
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "How Can I Keep From Singing?" by Gwyneth Walker;
"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" arr. Dan Bird;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Additional music provided by Soloist Kenny Landaverde;
and the Carillon Choir,Carolyn Noonchester, Director

Among the Church Family

Please lift up in your prayers: Church Custodian Bryan In whose grandfather passed away;
Florence Kovacic who was moved to the Assisted Living Section of Royal Oaks;
Celeste, the 15 year old daughter of a church member's friend, who has bone cancer.

Welcome back to Rebecca Richardson who spent a year living with a host family and attending High School in Germany

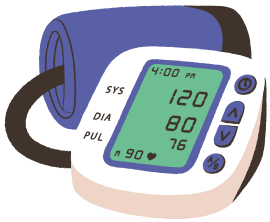
A Note from Edie Slemmon

Please know that I do so appreciate the prayers, phone calls, cards, and thoughtful offers of help after my recent journey to the hospital. The caring response from our CGS Family makes me realize how important the love of our church family is! Thank you so very much.

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.**

Confirmation Class for High School Students has begun! Youth Director Franklyn Shen will teach the class on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour and Pastor Eva will lead special sessions as well. Please see Franklyn for the class schedule if your youth would like to be in the class and be confirmed in church on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, 2024!

Blood Pressure Screenings



Blood pressure is one of the most important screenings because high blood pressure usually has no symptoms so it cannot be detected without being measured. The goal of screening for high blood pressure is to reduce the chance of poor health outcomes such as heart attack, stroke, and death. Screening for high blood pressure is an accurate way to identify high blood pressure so that earlier treatment can be initiated.

Health Ministries will screen blood pressures in the church lounge on Sunday, January 28 from 9:30am-12pm. Please wear a short-sleeved blouse or shirt so your blood pressure can accurately be measured. If you already have high blood pressure, please avoid any caffeinated beverages until after your blood pressure is measured.

A Word from the Finance Committee

As we begin the activities of the church year, we want to update you on the pledges received for 2024. As of the end of December, we have received pledges totaling 226,000. Our 2023 pledges totaled 333,000. 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. And if you need another pledge card, please contact the church office and we will send you another one, or you can come by the church office to pick it up. Thank you!

Church Committees in 2024!

Church of the Good Shepherd is blessed with wonderful members who serve as volunteers and leaders on the many church committees. In 2024 you are invited to consider being nominated to serve on a committee. More details will be provided in future newsletters and bulletins- including the list of current committee chairs and members. Here is the list of committees: Worship, Outreach, Christian Education, Health/Care Ministries, Fellowship Groups, ESL, Family Promise, Foundation, Staff Parish Relations Committee, Finance, Trustees, and Communication/Innovation.



CHURCH COUNCIL WILL MEET ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd
in Jordan Hall from 10:00am-2:00pm with Lunch Provided. Committee Chairs are reminded to submit their reports to Joe D'Amore before the meeting.

FORUM ON ESTATE PLANNING 101 WILL BE OFFERED THIS SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP



The Church Finance Committee is hosting this month's Forum. The Forum will take place at 11:30am in the Hall after Coffee Fellowship. Thank you to long time church member Craig Lucas, an Estate planning attorney for 40+ years, who will lead this presentation. Basic tools and techniques presented include Advance Health Care Directive, Financial Power of Attorney, multi-party ownership, beneficiary designation, Last Will, Trust (revocable and irrevocable), agency, estate and gift tax, and fiduciary responsibility (trustee, executor, conservator).

EAST DISTRICT EPIPHANY PARTY!

Pastor Eva attended last Sunday's Clergy Epiphany Party in Riverside hosted by District Superintendent, Rev. Moonyoung Lee (photo). Thank you to Good Shepherd Church members (Linda Schube, Lesie Kenan, Jenny Lee, Natalie Poole, and Pastor Eva) for providing the delicious cupcakes- they were greatly appreciated!







CHURCH CAMPUS SAFETY CONCERNS

Thank you to those who have shared their concerns about the saftey of our church grounds, staff, and members. Pastor Eva, church staff, the Board of Trustees, Church Council, and Children's Center Board of Directors have been discussing this issue and will enact plans to address this important topic. More details will be provided in future newsletters. If you would like to share any thoughts or concerns please contact Pastor Eva directly.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Feb. 4-11th Family Promise Hosting
- Feb. 14th Ash Wednesday 7:00pm Worship Service in the Chapel
- Mar. 24th Palm Sunday Worship with Special Choir Concert
- Mar. 31st Easter Sunday with 6:00am Easter Sunrise Service in the Courtyard and 10:00am Traditional Sanctuary Service with Easter Brass

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

Wesley Covenant Prayer.... *"I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."*

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.