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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 25th - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 9: 1-4 and Matthew 4: 12-17
Sermon "The Light in the Darkness"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "River Flows in You" by Yiruma
Isabelle Chan, Violin
Postlude: "A Sky Full of Stars" by Berryman, Buckland, Bergling, Martin, Champion; arr. Britto; Isabelle Chan, Violin; William Shen, Guitar
Music by the Youth Choir, Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Piano; and Youth Bells, Carolyn Noonchester, Director



A Word from the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is thankful for the generosity of the church members and friends. The 2025 Contribution Letters will be emailed (or mailed to those with out email) out on January 23rd. Through your tithes and offerings, the church continues 80 years of ministry and mission! So far, 68 pledges have been received. The GOAL FOR 2026 is 90 Pledges, 22 more pledges are needed! Pledges cover the majority of the church budget (programs, education, staff, utilities, outreach, etc). Please submit your pledge card if you have not yet done so. Pledge cards are available by the offering box in the Sanctuary entryway or contact the church office (626-447-2181) to have one sent to you.

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.**

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GOOD SHEPHERD 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)

Sarah Circle and United Women in Faith

Save the Date! Sarah Circle and United Women in Faith invite the women of Church of the Good Shepherd to a "Galentine" luncheon on Sunday, February 15th at 11:30am in Jordan Hall. Enjoy a salad lunch with a friend at this post-Valentine's Day event. Cost is $20 per person. Sign ups begin Sunday, January 25th. Watch for more information in the Word or next Sunday's bulletin.

Light Reflection by Carolyn Noonchester

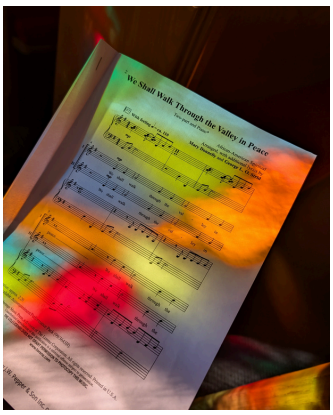
I often have the privilege of being in the sanctuary by myself in the morning on Sundays and in the afternoon before bell rehearsal on Wednesdays. I get to experience the beautiful light of the stained glass from both directions, just as Pastor Eva mentioned during the Children's Moment. Today, I walked into the sanctuary to these colors streaming in on Franklyn who was practicing piano. Because we were a smaller group, the singers practiced around the piano in the sanctuary surrounded by the warmth of the colored light. Then we sang, rang and learned more about God's Light during the church. Here are some photos and a reflection on the Light that was present during our service and in our hearts this morning.

Light Reflections
We *come* to thank God, who shines his **light** upon us
Let there be **light**
I *want* to *walk* as a Child of the **light**
You *are* the **light** of the world
We shall *walk* through the valley in peace
Following the **light**
Go *tell* it on the mountain
Spread the **light** of Christ to all the nations









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

Save the Date

- Foundation Board Meeting (Sunday, January 25th)
- Board of Trustees Meeting (Sunday, February 1st)
- Heritage and Holy Communion Sunday; and UWF & Sarah Circle "Galentine" Luncheon (Sunday, February 15th)

In Our Prayers

- The family of Mary Brubaker (previous church member who moved to Yucaipa) who passed away in January.
- The family of Jack Hallin, who passed away in December. A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the Chapel in February.
- For the health of members: Ila Harris, Carolyn Iga, Warren Hasseler, Norma Link, Richard Vethamani, Norm Collar, and for members who are recovering from flus/colds.

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

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.