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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, January 28th - 4th 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 111 and Mark 1:21-28**
**Sermon: on the Wesley Covenant Prayer: "The Gift of Wondrous Works"**
**Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching**
**Prelude: "It is Well With My Soul" arr. Walz**
**Postlude: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Hayes**
**Stephen Cook, Director of Music;**
**Music by the Youth Choir**
**Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist**

*The January 21st Chancel Flowers were given in memory of Otto Brazier's birthday by Diane Lucas.*

### *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."*

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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Neighbors to a Fundraising Event Benefiting

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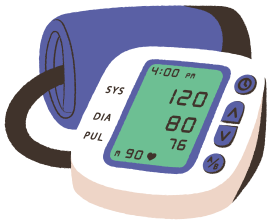
**Wednesday, January 24th**
**4:00pm – 8:00pm**

**El Pollo Loco**
1 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA
(626) 445-5456

Bring this flyer and the school will get credit for it!

**Wear your school t-shirt to show your school spirit!**

## 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.

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.

## *CGS COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHT: FINANCE COMMITTEE*




The Church Finance Committee is 1 of 4 committees that is required by the Book of Discipline that contains the laws and rules the United Methodist Church. The committee's responsibility is the Stewardship of the church finances, this includes setting the annual budget, pledge campaigns, contribution designations, monitoring of income and expenses, and other financial duties. The Committee generally meets once a month. Members of the committee are: Natalie Poole (Chair), Kevin Snavely (Trustee's Chair), Joe D'Amore (SPRC Vice Chair), Jim Eberhardt (Lay Member), John Pattison (Trustee's Finance Rep), Sharon Van Kirk (Treasurer), Jenny Lee (Finance Secretary) and Pastor Eva (Senior Pastor).

## *BOOK AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS AT CGS*

- Wednesday Women's Book Group (meets at 11:30am In Person or Online)
- Men's Study Group (meets Thursdays at 7:30am Online via Zoom)
- Children's and Youth Sunday School Classes meet Sundays at 10:15am
- ROI-Adults in their 30s-50s (meets 2 Sundays a month at 11:30am In Person)
- Coming in February….Adult Sunday School at 9:00am

Please contact Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org or 626-447-2181) if you would like more information or are interested in joining any of these wonderful learning opportunities.




## *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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**Resident Bishop: Rev. Dottie Escobedo-Frank**
**District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee**
**Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin**
**Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Fanklyn Shen**
**Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook**
**Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown**

*THIS WEEK YOUR 2023 CONTRIBUTION LETTERS WILL BE EMAILED OUT TO THOSE WITH EMAILS ON FILE OR POST MAILED OUT TO THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE EMAIL ACCESS. YOU MAY ALSO CONTAT THE CHURCH OFFICE AFTER JANUARY 25th IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PICK UP A PRINTED COPY.*

***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.***