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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, February 1st - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany and Heritage Communion Sunday

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

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 84: 1-4 and Luke 2: 22-32
Sermon "In the Presence of the Light"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "Here I Am, Lord" arr. Carter
Postlude: "Trumpet Dialogue Recessional"
Stephen Cook, Director of Music Ministries
Children's Choir: "Thank You, God, for My Family" by Taylor
Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist
Chancel Choir: "Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord" by Craig Courtney;
"O How Amiable" by R. Vaughan Williams;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Special Music by Adam Uriarte



Canned Soup Food Drive Feb. 1st & 8th

Bring canned soups and place them in the team box you are rooting for in the Super Bowl. The middle school Sunday school class will count the total cans collected and the results of which team received the most cans will be revealed at the end of coffee fellowship on Sunday Feb. 8th. Will it be the Seattle Seahawks or the New England Patriots? All cans will be donated to a local food pantry.

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.**

Kitchen Project Report - Final Inspection Approved!

Great News! On January 14th, 2026, the City of Arcadia signed off the final items on our project's Inspection Record Form! We can now officially use our beautiful new kitchen!

Many thanks to all who made this journey possible, including our many donors, the Foundation, and Trustees! We are particularly grateful for Pastor Eva's confidence in our ability to bring this project to completion!

Now, we can begin the move in process. We are compiling a wish list of items needed for our new kitchen and will let you know how you can help with this project.

Thanks again for your understanding and support during the past seven months.

David and Joann Steinmeier
Co-managers, The Kitchen Renovation Project





The Blessing and Dedication of the Kitchen will take place in March (date TBD).
In the meantime...

- Board of Trustees will meet to revise kitchen policies
- Kitchen items will be moved back in; and additional items will be purchased (wish list coming soon!)
- Training and Orientations will take place in February for staff and church groups; and in March for outside groups

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)



FINANCE UPDATE

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) this week.. Through your tithes and offerings, the church continues 80 years of ministry and mission!
REMINDER- if you have not yet done so, please turn in your 2026 Pledge Card.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR MISSION AREA EPIPHANY EVENT DONATIONS!

Thank you to all who donated toothbrushes and soaps for the Greater San Gabriel Mission area event on Jan. 11th. 75 Hygiene kits (washcloths, soaps, toothbrushes, toothpastes, combs, etc.) were assembled for the conference UMCOR; and 125 additional toothbrushes, toothpastes, combs and 50 soaps were given to Foothill Unity!

Sarah Circle & United Women in Faith Feb. 15th Luncheon!

Sarah Circle & United Women in Faith invite the women of the Church and their friends 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 or call the church to RSVP.

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Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

Save the Date

- Heritage Communion Sunday; and Board of Trustees Meeting (Sunday, February 1st)
- UWF & Sarah Circle "Galentine" Luncheon (Sunday, February 15th)
- Ash Wednesday Chapel Service (Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00pm)

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 Gail Melom as she recovers from recent hip surgery.
- 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.