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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, February 4th - 5th 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 147: 1-11 and Mark 1: 29-39
Sermon: on the Wesley Covenant Prayer "The Gift of Proclamation"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Here I Am, Lord" arr. Carter
Postlude: "Trumpet Dialogue Recessional" by Alice Jordan
Stephen Cook, Director of Music;
Children's Choir: "The Beginning of Love" by Gilpin
Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist
Chancel Choir: "All That Hath Life and Breath" by Rene Clausen;
"His Peace Will Come" by Craig Curry
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist; Solo by Susan Holder

The January 28th Chancel Flowers were given in memory of Dean Sansui by Maria, Ruemruk, and Dylan Sansui.

Lunar New Year Presentation



United Women in Faith and Sarah Circle invite you to see the Lion Dance Troupe from Plymouth Elementary School in Monrovia! They will perform in Jordan Hall this Thursday, February 1st at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be served. The students are in a Dual Immersion program learning in both English and Mandarin. You can watch a fun student-made video on how the Chinese Zodiac animals were chosen by going to their website (https://plymouth.monroviaschools.net). Select Mandarin Dual Immersion and scroll down to Lunar New Year Stop Motion Video.

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.**

On Wednesday, February 7th, the Book Group Gals will begin discussing their latest selection, *The Second Mrs. Astor*. Everyone is welcome to join us at 11:30am in the Church Library or via Zoom.

2024 Altar Flowers

The new cost for flowers beginning in 2024 is $65. Payment is via check, cash, or online. Checks should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd, with “Flowers” in the memo line. To place your request, please contact Suzanne Wright in the Church Office by phone, or email: swright@cgsum.org. Orders go to the florist on Thursdays.

Sunday Worship Highlights!

Thank you to the Youth Choir and the Youth Bell Choir for the Introit, Anthems, and the leading of hymns! Pastor Eva’s Children’s Message was a lesson on using everyday items as tools to do Wondrous Works for God, for example donating shoes to Foothill Unity or Family Promise for those who are houseless and in need of clothing.







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 this Spring- an Adult Sunday School Class 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 DATES!

February 4th - 11th: Family Promise Hosting
February 14th: Ash Wednesday 7:00pm Worship Service in the Chapel
March 24th: Palm Sunday Worship with Special Choir Concert
March 31st Easter Sunday featuring:
6:00am Sunrise Service in the Courtyard led by the UMYF
10:00am traditional Sanctuary Service with Easter Brass Musicians

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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. The covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

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.