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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 14th - 2nd 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 139: 1-6 and John 1: 43-51
Sermon: "The Gift of Knowledge"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "He Knows My Name" by T. Walker, arr. M. Kim
Postlude: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by O. Holden
Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Music by the Chancel Choir; Solo by Garrison Holder

Chancel flowers on Sunday, January 7th were given: in loving memory of Shirley Brostrom Hasseler by Warren Hasseler.

New Sermon Series January 7th- February 11th
By Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin on the Wesley Covenant Prayer

John Wesley, the Founder of the Methodist Church, adapted this prayer from the Puritan tradition that was so important to his parents, Samuel and Suzannah. It informed his theology and preaching. He expected the people called "Methodists" to pray this prayer at the beginning of each new year as a way of renewing their baptismal covenant.

"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. 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.**

Calling all 5th-7th Graders! Please join us for our new Sunday School class for Middle School students led by Cindy Chow-Snavely and Kimmy Ng.

Sarah Circle

Happy New Year! Sarah Circle will begin 2024 with our meeting on Thursday, January 11th, at 7PM in Jordan Hall. We ask members to come with program ideas and potential projects/fundraising ideas for 2024. All women are invited to join us!

Word from the Finance Committee - 2024 Pledge Update

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. 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!

Alternative Christmas Market

People locally, nationally, and internationally have been blessed by your purchases at our recent event. A total of $3852 will bless Family Promise, Church World Service, Heifer Project, and our local Habitat for Humanity Chapter. Mary Archibald sold her cards and paintings and that money will go to The Crafters. If you bought a handcrafted item from the Heavenly Treasures tables, $1465.40 will go directly back to the artisans! “Whenever we give to our loved ones, to people in our community, or to strangers far away, we can be thankful for every opportunity to share generously the gifts that God has provided.” Thank you for your support!





The Young Adults had a wonderful time reconnecting and catching up over the Winter Break. They wish everyone good luck in the new year!

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!

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.

USC Arcadia Hospital

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Asian American Expo

Saturday, January 13th and Sunday, January 14th (10am to 7pm)
2705 Fairplex Drive, Pomona, CA 91768

USC Arcadia Hospital will sponsor the event and will provide health information at our table. Come and visit our booth at Hall #4 to learn more about our hospital services.

50+ Lecture: Understanding & Treating Head & Neck Ailments - Liyang Tang, MD

Tuesday, January 16th (12:30pm to 1:30pm)
375 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007

Join us for a health lecture with Head and Neck Specialist Liyang Tang, MD from USC Arcadia Hospital. Dr. Tang is an otolaryngologist (ear, nose, and throat surgeon) who treats a variety of head and neck ailments. Dr. Tang will discuss thyroid disease and various health problems associated with the disease, as well as thyroid cancer, and will share how to detect early signs of disease and treatment options. She specializes in head and neck cancer surgery, as well as microvascular reconstruction, thyroid, and parathyroid surgery.

Health Lecture: Stay Active by Keeping Your Joints Healthy - James O'Dowd, MD

Wednesday, January 17th (8am to 9am)
501 Mountain Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

Having healthy joints will allow you to run, walk, jump, play sports, and do the other things you like to do for decades to come. Join us for a health talk with Orthopedic Surgeon James O'Dowd, MD, from USC Arcadia Hospital and learn about tips for healthy joints, ways to reduce joint pain, and how to protect joints as we age. Dr. O'Dowd will also share the latest technology in joint replacement procedures.

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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.