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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, July 16th - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Please enter the Sanctuary worship through the double doors off the parking lot. 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.

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 119: 1-5 and Matthew 13: 1-9
Sermon: The Vow of Service Yields Faith & Fellowship
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching
Prelude: "More Love to Thee, O Christ" arr. Hayes
Postlude: "My Rock, My Fortress" by Dennis Eliot
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Summer Chancel Choir: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" by Akers;
"I have Decided" arr. Wilson
Stephen Cook, Accompanist; Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director
Solo by Carolyn Noonchester: "God is Love" by Jostyn

The July 9th Altar Flowers were given in memory of Mary Jo and Walker Parmenter by Carin Parmenter-Hoffenberg and in memory of Jean Raymond's birthday by David and Jacki Raymond.

Join us this Sunday for our Vacation Bible School Kickoff and the blessing of our Sierra Service Project Team!

EMAIL SECURITY REMINDER- Do Not Reply to emails or texts from Hackers pretending to be Pastor Eva or Staff asking for your time or response or for favors of money, gift cards, checks, etc. Always call the church or Pastor Eva directly and verify if uncertain.

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.**

Beginning July 19th, the Book Group will discuss *An American Beauty*. This is a historical fiction novel about Mrs. Henry Huntington. We can't wait to learn more about this fascinating woman. Join us Wednesdays at noon!

Free Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Drive-Thru Collection Event

There will be an Annual Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Collection Event on Saturday, August 6th from 9am-3pm at the Santa Anita Race Track. Enter through Gate 6 on Colorado Place. For more information, visit https://arcadiacachamber.org

Shepherds July Meeting

Sheperds are going to barbecue at the home of David and Joann Steinmeier. Our July meeting on the 11th will take place at 6:00pm. Please call the Church Office for the Steinmeiers' address. RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by email at vlwhit@sbcglobal.net or by other means by July 9th at noon only if you are coming. You can volunteer a food assignment or she will give you one. You will need to bring your main dish to barbecue plus condiments if necessary. You will not need dishes. Water and ice tea will be served, but you can augment that.

Walking Group Update

With summer months upon us, the walking group will start at 9am on Tuesday, with the exception if it's hot we will be in Jordan Hall. This way we all can stay consistent in moving even when the weather is not working with us. Keep on moving!

Vacation Bible School Registration is Now Open!

Vacation Bible School is Monday, July 17th through Friday, July 21st from 5:30pm - 8:00pm. This year's theme is "Hero Hotline" (Called together to serve God!). VBS is for children aged 3 years to 5th grade. There will be Bible stories, singing, crafts, games, science projects and more.



Paper registration forms are now available in the Church office and narthex. Online registration will also be available on the church website. For online newsletter readers- you can also click on this link for the registration: https://cgsum.org/?post_type=form_live_preview&id=31

The cost is $35, and includes kid-friendly dinner.

ALL ARE INVTED TO A SUNDAY BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP ON JULY 23rd 8:30am!

Join us for deliciouos food (breakfast sandwiches, fruit, muffins, yogurt, juice, coffee or tea) and fellowship. Including Birthday Cake for Pastor Eva, Innovation Ideas, and the Chapel will be open for prayer.

- **If you plan to attend or are considering attending- PLEASE RSVP to Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org). This will help insure we have enough food for everyone.**
- **A special gift will be given to all who RSVP before July 20th!**

Annual Conference Report on The East District



The Annual Conference took place June 14-17th with Pastor Eva, Lynne Rivera, and Margaret & Ken Blair attending. This was the organization meeting of clergy and lay leaders from all over Southern California, Hawaii, Guam, and Saipan. These areas are sectioned off into Districts and have District Superintendents (DS) that provide administrative, pastoral, and development leadership. Church of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is in the East District and on July 1st, the Rev. MoonYoung Lee (Left Photo) was appointed as the new DS for our District. She was the previous Hawaii DS. There will be a District wide reception later in the year to welcome and greet her.



(Left Photo) From the podium, DS Rev. Melission MacKinnon (North District) introduces past and present District Superintendents. CGS is proud that Rev. MacKinnon and Rev. John Farley (next to MacKinnon) were previous Associate Pastors at our church.

Also-Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin was reappointed to our church is excited and blessed to begin her 5th year at CGS!



Pentecost 5 Questions Series- Question #2!

During Pentecost, we will be asking questions about church membership, faith decisions, and future hopes for CGS.

Question #2: How long have you been attending the church and if you are a member, what were your reasons for joining CGS? Please fill in answer below and turn in to Pastor Eva in person or email to PastorEva@cgsum.org

Name (optional):_____

Question #2 Answer:

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open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

Prayer of the Week by John Greenleaf Whittier
"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind." UMH #358 vs 1-2
Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways! Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, In purer lives Thy service find, In deeper reverence, praise.
In simple trust like theirs who heard, Beside the Syrian sea, The gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word Rise up and follow Thee. Amen.

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.