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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, July 19th - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
SSP Team Blessing

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

Scripture: Psalm 139: 1-6 and Matthew 12: 1-8
Sermon: "Core Faith: The Meaning of Sabbath"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Here I Am to Worship" by Tim Hughes
Postlude: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by Oliver Holden
Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Music by the Zanaida Stewart Robles Singers

The July 5th Altar Flowers were given in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence, donated by Lynne Rivera.

The July 12th Altar Flowers were given in celebration of Ken and Margaret Blair's anniversary.

Sunday, July 26th - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 105: 1-7 and Matthew 13: 31-33, 44
Sermon: "Core Faith: The Kingdom of Heaven"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, Preaching
Music by the Summer Choir
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Special Music by Garrison Holder

Beginning June 1st- the Newsletter will be published every other week.
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.**

Foothill Unity Back to School Drive thru July 20th!



Good Shepherd is collecting items for Foothill Unity's back to school drive that helps over 2,000 children and youth start the school year off with much needed supplies and confidence. Please drop off donations in the large donation box in the Sanctuary on Sunday or the church office during the week.
Monday, July 20th is the last day to drop off donations.

Back to School Supply list: Backpacks, Binders (1.5" or 2"), Spiral Notebooks (wide-ruled or college -ruled), pencil boxes, highlighters, pencils, pens, washable markers, crayons, colored pencils, rulers, and glue sticks.

Good Shepherd at the Quakes Baseball Game!

Saturday, August 1st @ 6:30pm (San Jose Giants vs. Rancho Cucamonga Quakes



Group tickets are $13 each along the 1st base side. Great view of the mountains and in the shade. Come see mascots Tremor and After Schock, and enjoy more family entertainment. Contact Margaret Blair (kdblair@earthlink.net) by July 23rd with the number of tickets you desire to purchase and your email address. Tickets can be printed and scanned. Pay with cash or checks (payable to Margaret Blair) and hand to her at Church or leave in the Church Office.



VBS July 20-24 at Good Shepherd!

Children ages 3 years to 5th grade are all invited to Vacation Bible School, Monday thru Friday from 5:30pm - 8:00pm. There will be bible stories, music & dancing, crafts, games, and dinner is provided. Registration are available in the church office or by emailing childcenter@cgsum.org.

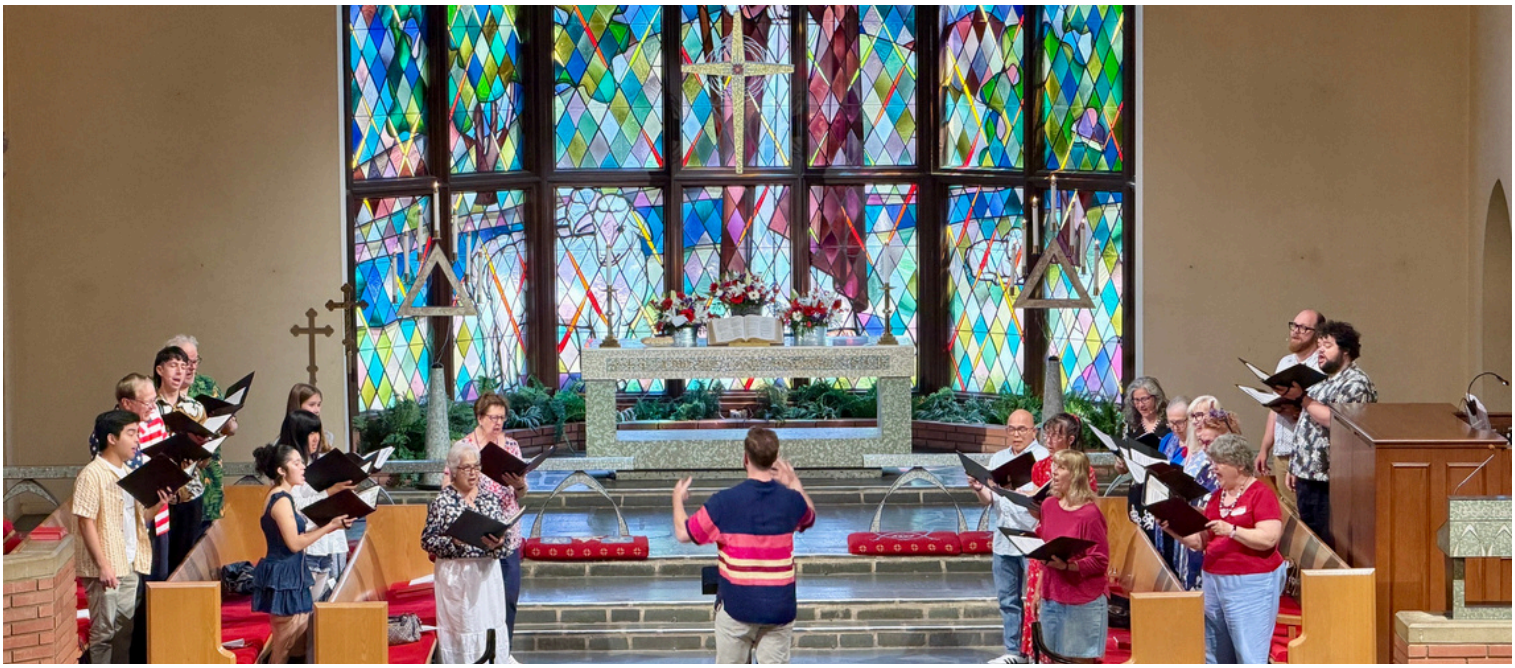
SSP Stock Sale and July 19th SSP Bake Sale

The Youth will be selling SSP Stock after service the next two Sundays (July 5th and July 12th) and having an SSP Bake Sale on July 19th after service. All proceeds will go towards our service project to Arizona this summer.

Scenes from Communion Sunday on July 5th







UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES & EVENTS:

- July 19th- Sunday Worship with Sierra Service Project Blessing, Zanaida Stewart Robles Singers, +SSP Bake Sale after worship
- July 20th-24th- Vacation Bible School!
- July 26th- Sunday Worship with special gospel music and guest musicians
- August 2nd- **NO SERVICE THIS SUNDAY** DUE TO PARKING LOT REPAINTING- see Sunday Bulletin Announcements for list of nearby UMC church services!
- August 9th- Sunday Worship in the Chapel Begins!
- August 16th- Sunday Worship in the Chapel with Youth SSP Sharing & Lunch

PLUS -Half Year Giving Statements will be mailed out the week of July 27th for all tithes, pledges, and donations made through June 30th.

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Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

Upcoming Newsletters Will Be Published on the Following Dates:

- July 27th
- August 10th and August 24th
- September 7th and September 21st
- October 5th and October 19th
- November 2nd and November 16th
- December 1st and December 14th

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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.