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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, July 21 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Attendance pads are in the pews. The Offering Box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: 2 Samuel 7: 1-12
Sermon: "The Call to Worship"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching

Pastor Eva will begin a new Sermon Series: Take Time in Worship. From UMC Discipleship Ministries resources, we are reminded that Worship is, of course, about God and not about us. And yet there is a dimension where when we come to completely focus on God, and God in Christ, then we are renewed in the Spirit to continue our discipleship path. So, while we don't measure worship by how it makes us feel, there is a correlation between being built up and the worship experience where we encounter God. The sermon series will then look at the different elements of worship in which we encounter God (the Call to Worship, the Confession, the Word, the Prayers, the Benediction) as well as the life of King David, a model of leadership, but even more so, a model of faithful worship encounters with God.

Prelude: "Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2 (Part 1)" by Johannes Brahms
Postlude: "Prelude in F Major" by Johann Sebastian Bach
David Zhang (Guest Pianist, Student of Stephen Cook)
Summer Choir: "Simple Gifts" arr. Aaron Copland;
"Shine on Us" by Michael W. Smith, arr. Ben Harlan
Kirk Averitt, Director; David Zhang, Accompanist

The July 14th Chancel Flowers were given to cheer on our Youth and Adult volunteer crew leaving this Saturday for their Sierra Service Project week in Chiloquin, Oregon.

Exciting additions will be happen in the Sanctuary this summer: handrails for the chancel area steps, new paraments, narthex updates, additional cameras for filming, and more!

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.**

All About Palliative Care - Huntington Hospital Virtual Lecture

Wednesday, August 8, 2024 at 12:30pm

During National Immunization Awareness Month, Matthew Feaster, PhD, lead epidemiologist with the Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD), and Ying-Ying Goh, MD< PPHD"s director and health officer, will talk about recommended vaccines for older adults.

Huntington Senior Care Network's Noon Hour lecture series provides information you can use to pursue good health and age well, while remaining safe at home. These educational lectures are held via Zoom, and a call-in option is also available. Noon Hour events begin at 12:30pm., last about an hour and include time for questions. Participation is free.

Reservations are required by July 31, 2024. There are two ways to register:

1. Go online and complete the registration form
   a. https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-tQDBp9PQEOsIYnaLEVdJA#/registration
2. Call our membership line at 626-397-3147 and a staff member will assist you with registration.

Office of Philanthropy
Huntington Hospital

Vacation Bible School 2024
July 15-19 (5:30-8:00pm, dinner included)

Happy July from Church of the Good Shepherd Christian Education!

We have VBS coming up and it is not too late to register. Registration can be done online at the link below. VBS is July 15th-19th, 5:30pm to 8:00pm including dinner! **Registration is $40.00 per child.**



Camp Firelight - A Summer Camp Adventure with God!

Children ages 3-years through completing 5th grade are invited to join us as the Campers experience stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science and even snacks, they learn to connect with and trust God.

To register, contact the Church Office or visit the link below.
We look forward to seeing you at VBS!
https://cgsum.org/?post_type=form_live_preview&id=34

Attention Volunteers: There will be a VBS kick off meeting for volunteers on Sunday, July 14th in the lounge following the church service.

The Book Group

The Book Group will next meet on July 31 at 11:30am. Join us when we discuss "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store."

Family Promise Hosting at CGS August 4 to August 10, 2024

From Diane Lucas, CGS Family Promise Coordinator



As I listened to Pastor Eva's message about generosity on Sunday, June 30, I was reminded of all the generosity CGS shows to our guest families when we host Family Promise (FP). The families always comment that our hosts demonstrate great generosity by providing great meals, a safe and comfortable space for them to "live in" for the week, and warm fellowship and love.

The week of August 4 through August 10, the CGS FP team hopes YOU will be part of our CGS hosting team. The guest family will be with us each evening for dinner then overnight followed by breakfast each day for 1 week.

Please join us as we show our Christian generosity, love, compassion, and kindness by serving in Family Promise! You can show your generosity by volunteering to help set up the rooms where our guest family stays, providing dinner for one evening during our hosting week, and/or spending the night at church (we provide the inflatable bed).

For more information about volunteering for Family Promise, contact Diane Lucas, CGS FP Coordinator (dlucasarc@gmail.com) or David Steinmeier, CGS FP Volunteer Coordinator, (david@microjoining.com) or Leslie Kenan, CGS FP Dinner & Supplies Coordinator (leskenan@gmail.com).

Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday at 9:00-9:45am in the Church Library. All are welcome!

Many Christians find large portions of the Old Testament to be enigmatic or unapprochable when trying to read through or study the bible. Some see it to be archaic, dispensational, repetitious, and irrelevant. In this 8-week 2-part class from July 21 - Sept 8 we will use "The Bible Project" video resources to inform our discussions on how we can approach the Hebrew Scriptures with more understanding. The class is modular so each lesson is self-contained.

By the end of this class, we hope to find inspiration to read new parts of the Old Testament with greater understanding. This discussion style class will be led by Carolyn Iga and Kim Reynolds. Please show up in the Church Library every Sunday by 9am to participate and please email carolyniga@gmail.com for access to the syllabus and resources.

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UPCOMING MINISTRY AND WORSHIP EVENTS.....

- **July 15-19** Vacation Bible School "Camp Firelight"
- **July 20-27** Youth Sierra Service Project Mission Trip
- **August 3** Rancho Cucamonga Quakes Game with Shepherds & ROI Fellowship Groups
- **August 4** Heritage Sunday Worship Service and the Viatores Mundi Choral Ensemble
- **August 4-10** Family Promise Hosting at CGS
- **August 11** Special Mission Focused Worship Service with SSP Sharing and a visiting UMC Global Missionary from Japan; followed by a BBQ hosted by the SSP Youth!
- **August 18 and 25** Sunday Worship Services in the Chapel- more details to come!

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.