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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
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, August 4 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost
Heritage Sunday and Holy Communion

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

Scripture Lessons: Exodus 15:1-3 and John 6:22-27
Special music performance in worship by Viatores Mundi- an esteemed international vocal ensemble comprised of highly skilled worldwide musicians!
Rev. Brenda Simonds, Director of Spiritual Care at USC Arcadia Hospital, will preside over Holy Communion.
Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Larry Shackley; Postlude: "Trumpet Postlude" by James Southbridge; Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The July 28th Altar Flowers were given in thanks to the Good Shepherd Children's Center staff for the wonderful care they give to our grandson from Chris, Kerri, and Dottie Zessau.

Sierra Service Project 2024

The SSP Team had a wonderful time working together in Chiloquin, Oregon and thanks the congregation for their kind letters. We look forward to hearing more about their service on August 11th during worship and the BBQ luncheon in Jordan Hall!



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.**

The Wednesday Book Group

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

Church of the Good Shepherd Heritage Sunday Worship Services Continue on the First Sundays of Each Month!



We have begun Heritage Sunday worship services on the first Sunday of each month! These worship services will honor our Methodist heritage and roots. Traditional worship components of the service include: Processional and Recessional, Holy Communion, *Offertory Prayer at the Altar, Doxology, and Wesleyan Hymns.

*A note about the Offertory Prayer: it is a special symbolic blessing for all the offering received during the month. Offering and donations may be placed any Sunday in the Offertory Box located in the Sanctuary entryway under the portrait of Jesus, or mailed or dropped off anytime to the church office, or given online via the GIVE tab on the home page of the church website: www.cgsum.org

The Prayer of Confession from Pastor Eva's Sermon on Sunday, July 28th



Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

—Book of Common Worship

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS (AUGUST 1st- SEPTEMBER 15th)

The church office will be open Mondays thru Thursdays from 9:00am-1:00pm each day.
It will be closed on Fridays. Please call the office (626) 447-2181 for more info.

Choral Workshop and Concert: Viatores Mundi

All are invited to attend a workshop and concert with international chamber choir Viatores Mundi on Wednesday, July 31 from 11am-3pm at Church of the Good Shepherd. The day's program will include:

- **11:00-11:30am:** Group Vocal Warm Up led by the choir (Choir Room)
- **11:30-12:15pm:** Croatian Folk Music with Jurica Petrač, Music Director of Croatia's National Folk Choir, LADO (Choir Room)
- **12:25-1:10pm:** Early Music and Gregorian Chant workshop with members of the choir
- **1:15-2:00pm:** Lunch (Jordan Hall & Courtyard)
- **2:00-2:30pm:** Organ Recital and Presentation with Aaron Shows (Sanctuary)
- **2:30-3:00pm:** Viatores Mundi performance (Sanctuary)

Anyone is welcome to attend the workshop! Please RSVP at the following link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfrH_OXPV0dwA7bww00WgqJMhmxEnfJtpjhOUFK9TDljEhnSA/viewform if you would like to attend. In addition to the workshop and concert, Viatores Mundi will provide music for worship at Good Shepherd on Sunday, August 4.

About the Ensemble: Viatores Mundi is an esteemed international vocal ensemble comprised of highly skilled musicians hailing from diverse backgrounds worldwide. Focused on delving into the rich tapestry of choral music, Viatores showcases a repertoire of a cappella music that reflects the cultural and linguistic diversity of its members. The ensemble has garnered acclaim through performances at prestigious venues such as the Bolsko Lito Summer Festival in Bol, Croatia, where they have been featured prominently since 2019. With a roster that evolves annually and has included over 20 singers representing 10 countries, Viatores Mundi continues to captivate audiences with its unique blend of talent, cultural exploration, and dedication to the choral arts.



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UPCOMING MINISTRY AND WORSHIP EVENTS.....

- **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; followed by a BBQ hosted by the SSP Youth! (Church Council will meet after the BBQ)
- **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.