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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 9th - 6th 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 145:8-14 and Matthew 11:25-30
Sermon: A Promise to Pray
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching
Prelude: "Morning Has Broken" by Cat Stevens
Postlude: "You Raise Me Up" by Graham and Loveland, arr. by Line Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Summer Chancel Choir: "O How I Love Jesus" by Frederick Whitfield; "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. by John Carter
Solo by Kenneth Landaverde: "My Jesus I Love Thee" by Adoniram Gordon, arr. by Dan Forrest
Franklyn Shen, Guest Accompanist; Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director



The July 2nd Altar Flowers were given in celebration of Lynne Rivera's retirement from her LAUSD nursing position by Karen Schaefer and Suzanne Wright. Congratulations Lynne!

Flowers are also given in memory of David Parmenter's birthday from his sister, Carin Parmenter-Hoffenberg, and her son, Jeff. Happy Birthday David!

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.**

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!

The Used Book Sale is Coming!



UWIF/Sarah Circle is bringing back the Book Sale in memory of Jackie Olson. For several years Jackie and her daughters organized these sales with proceeds going to missions. Donations of gently used fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books may be dropped off at the church office.

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.

Quakes Baseball Game: Saturday, August 12

All are invited to join the Shepherds and ROI fellowship games at Epicenter in Rancho Cucamonga. The Quakes will be playing the Empire 66'ers. Group rate tickets are $11 and seats on the 3rd base side. Let Margaret & Ken Blair know by July 25th via email to kdblair1950@gmail.com. Checks should be made out to Margaret Blair.

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, and the Chapel will be open for prayer and meditation.

Welcome to the New CGS Members!



16 New Members were received into membership on Pentecost Sunday.
Each week- we will feature a new member or family photo.
This week's photo features: Carolyn Iga pictured with long time member Edie Slemmon during Coffee Fellowship after worship.

Women's Book Group this Summer!

The Women's Book Group enjoyed a summer potluck together during last week during their weekly Wednesday meeting. Looking ahead: the July 12th meeting will begin a 1/2 hour early at 11:30am to watch the movie version of their lastest book. The next book "An American Beauty" by Shana Abe will begin on July 19th at 12noon.









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: based on Psalm 145:8-12

Thank you Lord for your grace and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. May your compassion continue over all that you have created. May we, your sons and daughters give thanks to you, O LORD. And may our praises speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, now and for ever. 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.