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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, June 25th - 4th 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 Lesson: Genesis 21:8-14 and Matthew 10:24-31
Sermon: The Vow of Presence, Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching
Prelude: "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" arr. Kevin Boesiger
Postlude: "Trumpet Voluntary" by Gordon Young
Chancel Choir: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" by John B. Dykes; "Psalm 78" by Cassidy Anderson; "A Comfort Yet Unknown" by Cassidy Anderson;
Stephen Cook, Director of Music; Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director

The June 18th Altar Flowers were given in celebration of Kevin Snavely's birthday by his family.

Father's Day Sunday at Church of the Good Shepherd!





After church, the Sunday School children passed out bookmarks to men of faith in honor of Father's Day.

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.**

The ladies of the Book Group have selected *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* as our next book for discussion beginning June 21st. Join us on Wednesdays!

Additional Graduates Not Listed in Sunday's Worship Insert

Shannon Graney, granddaughter of Robin Graney, graduated in May 2023 from Santa Barbara Community College with a Major in Communications. Shannon has been accepted and will attend the University of San Diego this Fall.

Kyle Franklin, niece of Robin Graney, graduated from San Clemente High School with honors and also plans on attending the University of San Diego in the Fall.



The Used Book Sale is Coming!

It has been several years since CGS has had a used book sale, but UWIF/Sarah Circle has decided to have a sale this fall in memory of Jackie Olson. Jackie and her family organized and ran successful UMW book sales for several years, with the proceeds going to missions.

So, clear out your bookshelves of those gently used hardback and paperback books and donate them to our book sale. Both fiction and non-fiction books for all ages are welcome. Drop your books by the church office and we will store them for the event.

The Used Book Sale is scheduled for **Sunday, October 1st** and **Sunday, October 8th** after church in Jordan Hall.

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
July 17th - 21st
Monday-Friday 5:30-8:00pm

- For children ages 3 years old to 5th grade
- Bible Stories, Singing, Crafts, Games, Science Projects, and more
- Dinner Included
- Registration and details to come!



Save the Date!
July 16th - Vacation Bible School Kickoff and Sierra Service Project Team Blessing

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 photos feature: Joseph Flores with his 2 daughters and son-in-laws who were here for Father's Day; and Chip & Kathy Aquino.





California-Pacific Annual Conference

The Cal-Pac Annual Conference took place June 14-17th with Pastor Eva, Lynne Rivera, and Margaret & Ken Blair attending. The theme was *Ending Spiritual and Physical Hunger: Nourish*. The conference included: new Bishop Rev. Dr. Escobedo-Frank (in Communion photo below); Petitions and Resolutions; election of Reserve Jurisdictional Delegates (including Cathy Raymond Wilson!); worship services; and presentations for racial justice, hotel workers, women in ministry, and our very own Morgan N. as part of the Eco-Justice presentation). Please contact Pastor Eva if you would like more details on any of the topics. Stay tuned for future AC reports from our Lay Representatives!







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- *A Father's Vow* (OneMillionActsofKindness.com) and adapted for Sunday's Sermon
My cherished child, I love you without compare. You mean the world to me. You bring such unbelievable joy to my life. I will always live my life to be a foundation by which to live your life. I am honored to be your father and vow that I will be here for you every step of your life. I vow to show respect, kindness, charity and honesty to all, and to give you the necessary guidance, as you learn the most important lessons in life.

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.