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The Word

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, June 29th - Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

Scripture: Psalm 77:11-15 and Luke 9:57-62
Sermon: "Followers of Jesus"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude and Postlude by Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Music by the Summer Choir
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

The June 22nd Altar Flowers were given in celebration of Addie and Bret's anniversary by Diane and Craig Lucas.

SUMMER WORSHIP AND COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE:

- Aloha wear has begun. All are encouraged to wear Hawaiian, flower print, or bright colored clothing to worship during the summer months.
- Summer Choir will continue through July! Please contact Choir Director Kirk Averitt if you are interested in joining.
- 10:00am worship services will move to the Chapel on Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31, and Sept. 7. Sept. 14 will be in the Sanctuary for Heritage & Communion Sunday.



Thanks to the generous Good Shepherd Foundation grant- *Bevel Coffee Cart* will be at church on the following Sundays: June 29, July 6 & 20, August 3 & 17, and September 7! The church is proud to support this small family owned Altadena business. On Sundays they will serve hot and cold custom made coffee and tea drinks during the coffee fellowship hour after worship. You can also visit them Wednesday thru Saturday from 8am to noon on the Prime Pizza Patio (1900 Allen Ave Altadena, CA 91001).

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.**

Shepherds Fellowship

Join us at the Steinmeier home at 6:00pm on July 8th for a barbecue! Bring something for the grill and a dish to share. RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by July 4th. Contact the Church Office for more information.

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will study the book of Galatians through the summer using NT Wright's Galatians Bible Study Guide. This series will start off on June 29 under the leadership of Kim Reynolds. We will rotate leadership throughout the summer. Join us each Sunday from 9am-9:45am in the library. Copies of the study guide will be available in class.

The Sunday, June 22nd Worship Service fed us Spiritually! And the Youth Group Bake Sale fed us Physically!

Much appreciation to Choir Director Kirk Averitt for coordinating the guest Choir (Sola Gratia fromt the Philippines) and our own Good Shepherd Summer Choir who sang an anthem with them. And congrats to the youth bake sale that raised nearly $400 for their Sierra Service Project mission trip this Summer.





Save the Date: Summer Chapel Services will begin on August 10th with a special Youth Led Service as they share about their summer mission trip with Sierra Service Project!



V.B.S. IS COMING!
TO GOOD SHEPHERD
JULY 21st-25th (5:30-8:00pm)

For children ages 3 up to 5th grade. Vacation Bible School includes: dinners, music, crafts, Bible stories, science projects, snacks, and more. Cost is $35 per child. Registration info will be in next week's newsletter. Contact Cindy Ostry for more details.

Annual Conference 2025

Pastor Eva and church lay leaders (Margaret Blair, Carolyn Iga, and Lynne Rivera attended the California Pacific Annual Conference gathering of UMC church leaders from Southern California, Hawaii, Guam, and Saipan.

The theme was "Cherish' and the week was filled with with moving worship services, important conference plenary meetings, fellowship, and special meals. Our church lay leaders will share reflections in future newsletters.

Follow us on Social Media

You can now follow Church of the Good Shepherd on Instagram (@GoodShepherdArcadia) and Twitter/X (@GoodShepherdArc), as well as Facebook at our usual URL. These accounts will serve as digital bulletin boards, photo albums, and hubs for all church news.

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Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

Save the Date!

- **June 28th -Summer BBQ** at Shepherd of the Hills in Monterey Park with other mission area churches (11:130am-2:30pm). RSVP to Pastor Eva by **June 25th**
- **July 21st - July 25th -** Vacation Bible School
- **July 24th** - United Women in Faith Dine Out Fundraiser at California Fish Grill
- **August 9th -** Rancho Cucamonga Quakes Game
- **Plus Summer August Worship Services in the Chapel!**

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission Statement:
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.