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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 2nd - 5th Sunday after Pentecost
Fourth of July Weekend

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: Genesis 22:4-14 and Matthew 10:40-42
Sermon: The Vow To Share Gifts
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching
Prelude: "God Bless America" arr. Gary Prim, Written by Irving Berlin
Postlude: "My Tribute" by Andrea Crouch
Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Music by the Summer Chancel Choir
Franklyn Shen, Guest Accompanist; Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director

The June 25th Altar Flowers were given by Diane and Craig Lucas in celebration of the 17th anniversary of Bret Mulligan and Addie Lucas.

Save the Date!
-July 16th - Vacation Bible School Kickoff and Sierra Service Project Team Blessing
-July 17-21st Vacation Bible School- see inside article
-July 23rd- New Event- Fellowship Breakfast before 10am Worship!
hosted by SSP Parents and Pastor Eva- more detials to come.

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* by Gabrielle Zevin as our next book for discussion beginning June 21st. Join us on Wednesdays! PLUS- this Wednesday's June 28th gathering will begin at 11:30am and include a Potluck lunch.



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 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.

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:
Vince Pang; Gar and Kimmie Ng





California-Pacific Annual Conference Recap

The Cal-Pac Annual Conference took place June 14-17th with Pastor Eva, Lynne Rivera, and Margaret & Ken Blair attending. Two higlights of Conference were: the Recognition of Retiring Clergy- including Rev. Coots (pictured below left) ; and appreciation for the District Superintendents- including Rev. Siosaia Tuitahi (pictured during his visit to CGS in May) who will be moving from East District to the West District.

Rev. Coots is a 3rd generation UM Pastor and has fond childhood memories of Church of the Good Shepherd. She attended the church as a youth and lived in the parsonage when her father, Rev. Fred Coots, was the Sr. Pastor from 1968-1972. A letter from Rev. Catie Coots to CGS is posted on the office bulletin board for all to read.





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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Prayer of the Week: from Psalm 78:1-4
My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the
praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

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.