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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, March 30th - The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude: "It Is Well With My Soul" arr. Walz
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "These Are They Which Follow the Lamb" by John Goss

Join us for two performances of Gabriel Faure's beloved *Requiem,* presented by the Church of the Good Shepherd Cancel Choir in collaboration with choirs from Citrus College and CSArts, accompanied by the CSArts philharmonic orchestra. This extraordinary musical event will bring together over 140 musicians for a moving and transcendent experience.

Friday, March 28 at 7:00pm -- A ticketed concert featuring CSArts soloists and ensembles, culminating in the performance of *Requiem.*

Sunday, March 30 at 10:00am -- A special worship service where the *Requiem* will be offered as an act of devotion and reflection.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience one of the most beloved choral works, performed in our beautiful sanctuary!



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.**

Kitchen Renovation News

At long last, we have found a contractor for our kitchen remodel project! Out of the contractor bids received, the Trustees have chosen GRT Construction owned by Greg Terhorst. Trimark will be providing and installing all the new equipment.

Greg has done other projects at Good Shepherd, including building the restroom building and two other smaller restrooms. His grandchildren have gone to our Children's Center and his daughter and her husband, the owners of Poppy Cakes Bakery in Sierra Madre, have been active in supporting our program. We are pleased that he will be doing the work to get our long-awaited kitchen project completed.

The start date is yet to be finalized, but it should begin shortly after Easter Sunday, April 21st and will last 2 to 3 months.

Many thanks to all who have generously donated to this project. We all look forward to using our new facility by summer.



Church of the Good Shepherd
80th Anniversary!
Honoring Our Past, Celebrating the Present, and Visioning for the Future
Celebration Event on June 1st (10:00am Worship, 11:30am Mixer, and 12:30pm Luncheon)

IN THE BEGINNING……

Early in 1945 George Edwards and Harold Johns, Arcadia businessmen, were lunching together. They suggested the possibility of establishing a Methodist Church in Arcadia. Dr. Leonard Oechsli, District Superintendent, was contacted, and a search began for a suitable site. A nursery on Holly Avenue and Duarte Road was being closed and the owners were ready to sell. In May 1945, the land was purchased for $8,500.00, a gift made possible by the Conference Crusade for Christ funds.

A week of evangelism visitations was conducted by Rev. E. Clyde Smith, with nearby ministers and laymen joining in the visitations. The Arcadia Methodist Church was organized on May 20, 1945 at the Holly Avenue School. Rev. Will M. Hildebrand was installed as minister. He issued the invitation following the sermon, and 86 persons came forward to be charter members. The following Sunday, May 27, others joined, making a total of 97 charter members of the church.

Trivia Questions: When the church was just 10 weeks old, a Sanctuary Crusade took place to raise funds for a building on the purchased property. How much money was raised and what was built first? Answers will be in next week's newsletter.



Easter Flower Orders

As we prepare for Easter, you can purchase potted flowers in “memory of” or in “honor of” someone special to adorn our sanctuary. Following the Easter service, the potted flowers can be picked up by the purchasers or donated for delivery to our members who are more homebound. Flower sales will follow the services on Sundays: April 6th. Or you can order through the Church Office using the attached order form by Monday, April 7th.

Make checks payable to Church of the Good Shepherd and write “Easter Flowers” on the memo line. For further information, contact the Church Office. Thank you!

Easter Flower Order Form

Your Name and Phone Number _____

In memory of _____

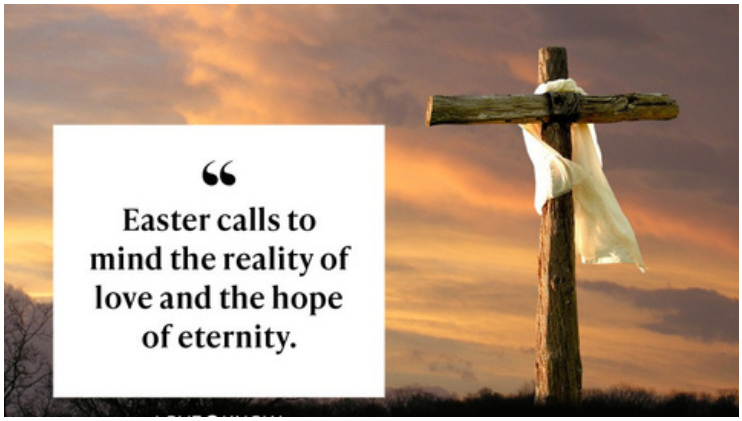
In honor of _____

Double Lily $20	Mums $15	Hydrangea $22	Azalea $23
#_____	#_____	#_____	#_____

I will pick up my plant/s on Easter Sunday, April 20th _____

Please donate my plant/s to a homebound church member. _____

I can help deliver plants to our Homebound Church Members: Yes _____ No _____



Dear Church of the Good Shepherd Members and Friends,

Easter Sunday will soon be upon us. It will be a time to shout Alleluia and celebrate the Risen Christ! For Church of the Good Shepherd this season will be especially meaningful as we also prepare for our 80th Anniversary Celebration on June 1st.

But first, we hope you will join us on Easter Sunday, April 20th, for these events: 6:00am Sunrise Service, 10:00am Traditional Worship Service with Choir and Brass, Children’s Easter Egg Hunt, and Fellowship & Refreshments in the Courtyard after worship.

As we prepare for Easter Sunday, I invite you to reflect on the words of the Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 1:3 “ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” Peter’s words remind us of the gifts of love and hope that we receive from God’s greatest act of Jesus’s resurrection.

Receiving love and hope calls us to be good stewards of the church. I invite you to take the time to prayerfully consider your Easter offering. The Finance Committee is thankful for your generosity and financial gifts to the church. The Easter offering envelopes will be in the church pews or please contact the church if you would like an envelope mailed to you.

We will collect the Easter Offering during the Easter worship services. Or you are welcome to mail or drop off your Easter offering to the church any time in April. On-line giving is also available via the church website: www.cgsum.org (select the GIVE tab in the top right-hand corner and on the giving form- check the Easter Offering box and enter payment amount and required info).

May you continue to have faith and be filled with love and hope this Easter Season!

Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
March 26, 2025

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

Upcoming Events:

- March 30th Combined Choir Concert "Fauré's Requiem" in Worship
- April 18th Good Friday Chapel Service (7:00pm)
- April 20th Easter Sunday Services and Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- May 3rd Annual Walk-a-thon- more details to come
- June 1st 80th Anniversary Event with 10am Worship, 11:30am Coffee Fellowship, and 12:30pm Luncheon- more details to come!

Plus join us Sundays for Adult Sunday school (9:00am), Worship (10:00am), Children and Youth Sunday school (10:15am) and Fellowship Time after worship in the hall with coffee & refreshments. Nursery Care is provided beginning at 9:30am.

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.