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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, April 2nd, 2023 - Palm Sunday and The Lord's Supper

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.

This Special Palm Sunday Service with include the children and youth entering the Sanctuary with Palms, a short reflection from Pastor Eva, the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) and the Chancel Choir performance of F.J. Haydn's *Stabat Mater*. The choir and section leaders will be joined by a 13 piece orchestra, singers from the California School of the Arts - San Gabriel Valley Vocal Ensemble, Citrus College, and a quartet of soloists. The Service will end in silence as the cross is covered and the congregation exits into the courtyard in silence as we mark the Holy Week together.

Among the Church Family

Condolences:

Prayers and condolences to Carrie Zessau on the death of her father in Oceanside last week. Let us keep Carrie and her family in our prayers.



On March 18th, 2023, Sheila Kane (Jarvis) turned 86 years old and passed away. Sheila was born in Lorain, Ohio on 3/18/1937, and was ordained in 1982 in Lakeside, Ohio. Soon after, she moved with her sons to La Mesa, CA to work at Foothills UMC. In 1988, she moved to Glendale First UMC. Her next move took her to Church of the Good Shepherd Arcadia, then onto Redlands UMC, and her final church before retiring was Riverside UMC. A memorial service will be held on May 6th @ 1:00pm at Hope United Methodist Church *16550 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, CA 92128.*

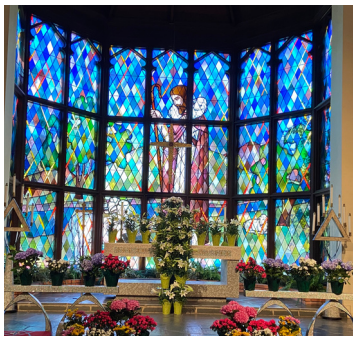
The March 26th Chancel Flowers were given in honor of Elanor Lucas Mulligan's birthday by Diane and Craig Lucas

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.**

Good Friday Reflection Video Project

Pastor Eva is working on a Good Friday video to be posted online on April 7th. Readers are needed for the video and will be filmed Sunday, April 2nd after worship. Please contact Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org) if you would like to be one of the readers.

Join us Sunday, April 9th for Special Easter Services and Events:



6 AM - Sunrise Courtyard Service by the Youth Group & Youth Choir
10:00am - Sanctuary Service w/Full Choir & Easter Brass Ensemble
Easter Sunday will include Sunday School Activities for children during worship.
Fellowship after the 10am Service includes:

- Children's Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard!
- Refreshments in the Hall
- The Blooming Cross & Ministry Tables on the Patio and Walkways

Easter Postcard Invitations to give to family, friends, and neighbors will be available next Sunday. You are also invited to help distribute postcards to the homes around the church neighborhood. Please contact Pastor Eva if you would like to help with this on Saturday, April 1st (9:30am - 10:30am) or any other day of the week.

Lymphedema and Wound Care Lecture - Elizabeth Lee, MD

Join us on **Friday, March 31st at the Arcadia Community Center** *(375 Campus Dr, Arcadia, CA 91007)* for an educational lecture with Vascular Surgery Specialist, Elizabeth Lee, MD from USC Arcadia Hospital. Dr. Lee specializes in treating patients suffering from ulcers, burns, arterial and venous etiologies. Learn the causes, prevention, and treatments designed to relieve pain and stimulate the healing of those conditions. Watch this lecture live or review previous lectures on the USC Arcadia Hospital Facebook page: www.facebook.com/USCArcadiaHospital

Easter Offering Letters HaveBeen Mailed Out!



Please be on the lookout for your Easter Offering letter in your mail later this week. The letter will include the special Easter Offering envelope that can be returned to the church and placed in the Offering Box in the Narthex on Easter Sunday or at your convenience. The Online giving option is also available.

Paint Night and Martinelli's

SARAH CIRCLE is having a "Paint Night and Martinelli's" for their program on Thursday, **April 13th!** After our short 7pm business meeting, we will be led by church member Mary Archibald in a scenic painting experience. We ask that participants bring $5 for supplies and welcome anyone who wishes to join in this fun evening with us! Please contact Margaret Blair (1-626-574-1827) by **April 11th** so that we can plan our evening. (Our meetings are usually the first Thursday of the month. However, due to Holy Week, we have moved it to April 13th).

Beginning March 29th, the Women's Book Group will read and discuss A World of Curiosities, by one of our favorite authors. Join us in person in the library Wednesdays at noon (or on zoom).



Good Shepherd Children's Center Fundraiser at Mooyah in Monrovia

Order Online or go in and mention our fundraiser!

Wednesday, March 29th, 2023
12noon - 8:00pm
116 W. Foothill Blvd, Ste A-7, Monrovia



Family Promise Board Board Member and Co-Founder, Karen Roberson (center) spoke in worship last Sunday.

Avenue of the Churches Walk
Church Fundraiser for Family Promise
Saturday, April 15th (9am-12noon)

The Walking Group will be signing-up walkers and donors in the courtyard for those who want to participate in the fundraiser walk for Family Promise. Cost is $25.00 per person. If you are unable to walk, feel free to sponsor a walker, or make donation in any amount.

Highlights of the event include:
-9am Registration and Walk Kick Off
-Walking with people and getting to know the neighborhood
-Tote bags with free goodies!
-Fun Program at the end of the walk that includes refreshments, music, Family Promise Alumni Speakers, and prize drawings for walkers.

Thank you for being a part of the solution in ending homelessness and supporting Family Promise.

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Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord: Take my life, and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in cease less praise. Take my hands, and let them moveat the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beaitufl for thee. Amen. ("Take My Life, and Let it Be" verse 1)

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.