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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

Wednesday, March 5th - Ash Wednesday

- Ashes to Go- come receive Ashes anytime between 7:30am-9:00am by the portico in the parking lot in front of the Sanctuary doors
- Ash Wednesday Chapel Service- 7:00pm Service to receive Ashes and Communion

Sunday, March 9th - The First Sunday in Lent

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

United Women in Faith Sunday

Scripture Readings: Psalm 46:4-6 and Luke 14:1, 7-11
Sermon Title "Symbols of Lent: A Seat at the Table"
Prelude: "Sonata in F Major, K. 332 (2nd Movement)" by W.A. Mozart
Postlude: "Improvisation on "Come, Ye Faithful Raise the Strain" arr. Fedak
Stephen Cook, Director of Music, Music by the Chancel Choir
Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director; Special Music by Susan Holder

We will be recognizing United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) and honoring the work of the women of the church on Sunday. Women will be reading the scriptures, and taking a greater part in the service. Rev. Brenda Simonds, who recently retired from USC Arcadia Hospital, will also be recognized. Sarah Circle/UWF will be serving coffee after each service this month. This Sunday has been chosen because March is national Women's History Month.

Time Change Sunday

When you go to bed on Saturday, March 8th, remember to chance your clocks AHEAD one hour. And when you come to church on Sunday, participate in TIME CHANGE SUNDAY. It's easy. Just drop your change into the yellow buckets held by United Women in Faith (formerly known as UMW). Your donations will be used to provide services to women, children, and youth, locally and globally. Be a part of our outreach!



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.**

Family Promise February Hosting Report for CGS Word

"Do to others as you would have them do to you," Luke 6:31, was such an appropriate scripture for our Sunday, February 23 worship service because it summarized all the generous and kind acts that CGS extended to our Family Promise guest family who were with us February 16th to February 23rd. Our Family Promise guests, Anthony, Sara, and Scarlett (age 7), so appreciated our CGS hospitality.

Our dinner hosts, coordinated by Leslie Kenan, were Tom Dukes, Sara Circle, Shepherds, ROI, Scout Troop 832, and Scout Troop 833. They provided beautiful and delicious meals that were used for dinner and lunches. Thanks to David Steinmeier's recruitment, our overnight hosts included Gary Fang and Cindy Zhuang, Andrea and Don Thorsen, Doug Van Kirk and David Steinmeier, Natalie Poole and Rowena Zeng, Kezia Williams and daughter Sarah, and Diane and Craig Lucas. Our CGS set-up and take-down crew of Lynn and Vern Whitaker, David Rios, John Neuner, Diane and Craig Lucas, and Susan Mendenhall are so efficient getting the sleeping rooms ready for our guests and our CGS overnighters and then putting everything neatly away until our next hosting thanks to the leadership of David Steinmeier. Margaret Blair laundered the linens that we provide for our guests. Everyone's contribution made our hosting week so successful!

Our evening activities included viewing planets Venus and Jupiter thanks to David Steinmeier who brought his telescope. Our guests really enjoyed this, and Anthony asked many questions about the planets and stars. Our tour of the sanctuary included Carolyn Noonchester showing some of our bells that add so much to our Sunday worship and gave Scarlett a chance to ring some of the bells. John Kenan led an art project. We all enjoyed creating our own designs. Sara & Scarlett were particularly creative with their projects! Of course, no Family Promise hosting would be complete without playing Uno.

Much of the success of our Family Promise hosting is due to the tremendous support of Pastor Eva and all members who support Family Promise with volunteering, donations, and most importantly, prayers!

As we hugged and told Anthony, Sara, and Scarlett goodbye Sunday morning, February 23rd, they thanked us for the bountiful meals, the warm and comfortable space for them, the dinner conversations, and the love and caring that they felt from everyone at CGS! We reminded them that God is always with them and that we would pray for them.

Our next hosting will be May 18th to May 25th. We welcome and encourage others to join our Family Promise hosting team. This ministry is truly doing God's work by helping others as we would want to be helped!

Diane Lucas, CGS Family Promise Coordinator



United Women in Faith will be hosting a Fundraiser at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse on Thursday, March 20th from 4 - 9pm. The flyer will be posted in upcoming newsletters.



Church of the Good Shepherd
Honoring Our Past:
The Church's First Worship Services



In 1945, President Harry S. Truman (pictured) proclaimed specific days of prayer to give thanks to God for the victories in the time of war. In his Proclamation 2651—Victory in Europe: Day of Prayer he appointed May 13, 1945 as one of these days. President Truman stated "I call upon the people of the United States, whatever their faith, to unite in offering joyful thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that He will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us into the way of peace."

The church's first service was held in honor of Truman's National Day of Prayer proclamation. The worshippers met in the school auditorium of Holly Avenue Elementary School (pictured today).


DESIGNATES SUNDAY AS DAY
OF PRAYER FOR VICTORY IN
TRYING YEARS JUST ENDED
A Proclamation
Declares West Is Free but East Is Still In Bondage to Treacherous Tyranny Of the Japanese—Asks Nation Not To Forget Sorrow in Many American Homes and to Continue Work For Final Victory.



The first minister was the Reverend Doctor Will Hildebrand, for whom the Chapel was named. A charter membership of 97 souls were present to accept Dr. Hildebrand's invitation to join the church that month. When the church was barely 10 weeks old, a Sanctuary Crusade was held to begin saving money to erect a chapel in the rural English style. In 1947 the chapel and offices were opened at 400 W. Duarte Road.

Answers to Last Week's Trivia Questions:
#1 Where did the first charter members of the church worship? Holly Avenue Auditorium
#2 Who was the first minister officially appointed to the church? Rev. Dr. Will Hildebrand

SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH'S 80th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON JUNE 1st WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP MIXER, AND LUNCHEON

The Book Group

During the Lenten season we will read and discuss *Spiritual Practices for Soul Care.* Join us on Wednesdays at 11:30am.

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Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Franklyn Shen
Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

Upcoming Events:

- March 9th United Women in Faith/Sarah Circle Service and Time Change Sunday
- March 23rd Scouting Ministry Sunday
- March 30th Combined Choir Concert "Fauré's Requiem" in Worship
- May 3rd Annual Walk-a-thon- more details to come
- June 1st 80th Anniversary Event!

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.