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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, April 6th - The Fifth Sunday in Lent*
## *Heritage Communion Sunday*

Attendance pads are in the pews. The Offering box is located in the Narthex.
Easter Offering Envelopes will be availabe as well.

**Scripture Readings: Psalm 126 and John 12: 1-8**
**Sermon Title: "Symbols of Lent: Laughter and Perfume"**
**Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching**
**Prelude: "What Wondrous Love is This" arr. Shackley**
**Postlude: "Prelude in F Major" by J.S. Bach**
**Stephen Cook, Director of Music**
**Chancel Choir: "Christ We Do All Adore Thee" by Theodore Dubois;**
**"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Gilbert M. Martin**
**Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist**



## *Church of the Good Shepherd 80th Anniversary Celebration!*
## *Honoring Our Past, Celebrating the Present, and Visioning for the Future*

**Sunday, June 1st with 10:00am Worship, 11:30am Coffee Hour Mixer & Silent Auction, and 12:30pm Luncheon***

***Luncheon requires an RSVP and costs $25 per each adult and $10 per each child. Please RSVP after Sunday worship or contact us for the online link.**

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.**

Please join the book group on April 9 at 11:30am as we begin a new novel, *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post.*

## May 3rd - Walk for Sierra Service Project

The Youth and I are signing up donors and walkers that want to help support our youth in their upcoming summer project in San Diego.

- The cost is $30.00 per individual
- Sign up after church on April 13th, 20th, and 27th
- You don't have to walk, but helping financially would be great!

The Youth and I thank you for your continued support!
*Catherine Doster*



## Church of the Good Shepherd
## 80th Anniversary!
## Honoring Our Past, Celebrating the Present, and Visioning for the Future

### 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:** Over $12,000 was raised and in 1947 the Chapel and the connected building with hall and office spaces were completed on the 400 W. Duarte Road Property.



# 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!

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## Easter Flower Order Form

Your Name and Phone Number _____

In memory of _____

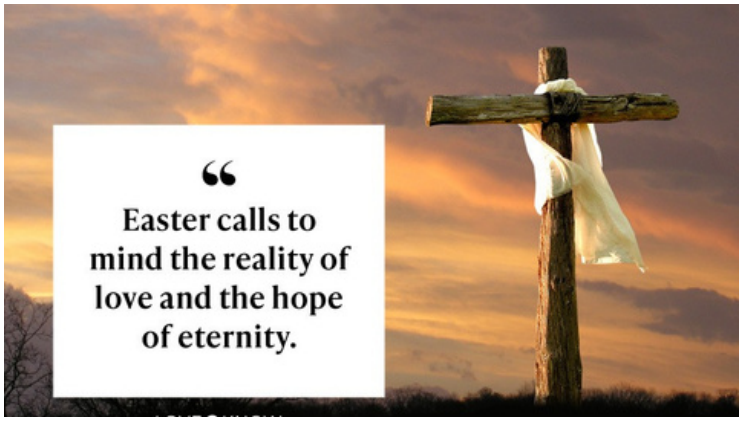
In honor of _____

| 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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**Ministers: Members of the Congregation**
**Resident Bishop: Rev. Dottie Escobedo-Frank**
**District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee**
**Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin**
**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:

- 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.***