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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 17th - 5th Sunday in Lent

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.
The Offeratory Box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 118: 24-29 and John 12: 36b-43
Lenten Sermon Series: "Loving God With All Your Strength"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Psalm 23" and Postlude: "Rigaudon" by David Hegarty
Stephen Cook, Director of Music;
Children's Choir: "Simply Gregorian" arr by Moore,
Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, accompanist
Chancel Choir: "Christ We Do All Adore Thee" by Theodore Dubois;
"Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks" by Herbert Howells;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist; and Solo by Susan Holder

The March 10th Chancel Flowers were given by Jackie Olson's family in memory of her birthday and her love for Church of the Good Shepherd; and Happy 99th Birthday to Edie Slemmon! With love from Maria, Ruemruk, and Dylan Sansui.

Good Shepherd Children's Center Fundraiser

See's CANDIES®

No sweeter way to support our school! Easter is Sunday, March 31st! Between 25%-50% of your purchase goes to the Children's Center for supplies and fun activities for our children.

Please return all orders and money to the office by March 15th. (Checks payable to Good Shepherd Children's Center). Cindy Ostry will be selling after the 10:00am service on Sunday, March 17th. Orders WILL be delivered by March 22nd, before Palm Sunday, Both Holy Days, and Easter Sunday for Easter Baskets!

Reminder-Spring Cleaning Day at church this Saturday, Mar. 16th (8:30am-12noon)

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.**



Shepherds Annual Bake Potato Night
Tuesday, March 12th at 6pm
Guest Speaker is Don Thorsen
RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by March 9th

Grief Support Group

Another round of our grief support group series is returning. This group will begin meeting on Monday, March 4 from 7pm-8pm for ten weeks in the AEC. Linda Brown, our Children's Center Director and trained Stephen Minister will lead this support group. This group will gather together in person and engage in deep listening and sharing to give uplifting support. People at all stages of grief are welcome to join this support group. Please email Linda Brown at childcenter@cgsum.org if you are interested.



Easter Flowers

Every Easter we adorn our altar and chancel area with fresh flowers which are purchased by our members and friends. They are then available after our Easter service to take home, or they can be taken to our more homebound members and friends. Sales will be after Sunday services on March 17th and via the Church Office. This year our flowers will be azaleas ($22), hydrangeas ($22), lilies ($20), mums ($15), daffodils ($15), hyacinth ($15), and tulips ($15).

2024 Easter Flower Order Form

Please PRINT clearly.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

_____ Easter Double Lily $20 _____ Hydrangea $22 _____ Mum $15 _____ Azalea $22

_____ Daffodils $15 _____ Hyacinth $15 _____ Tulips $15

☐ In honor of _____

☐ In memory of _____

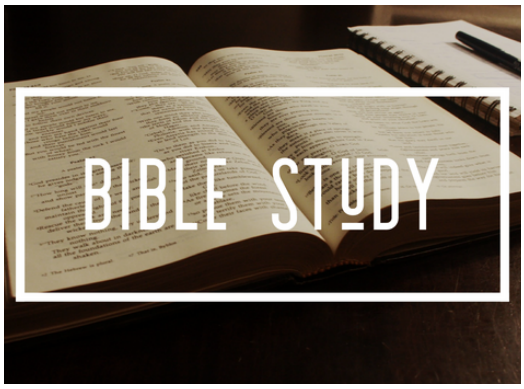
☐ Take my plant to a homebound member

☐ I will pick up my plant on Easter Sunday, 11:30am - 12:00pm

☐ I can help deliver to homebound church members

Total Amount $_____ Cash / Check

Make checks out to CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD. Thank you for your order!



REMINDER- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - meets from 9:00am-9:45am in the Library.

All are welcome to gather to learn and to be in fellowship and prayer! For more information, please contact co-teachers:
Carolyn Iga at carolyniga@gmail.com) or
Don Thorsen at donthorsen@alumni.stanford.edu

March 16th, Saturday (8:30am-12noon)



Join us for Spring Cleaning at CGS! Come and help clean up and beautify our church campus as we prepare our Sanctuary, Chapel, Fellowship Hall, and Courtyard for upcoming Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter events! Cleaning supplies will be provided- or feel free to bring your own. Coffee, tea, and donuts will be served!



Invite Family and Friends to Our Special Holy Week Services and Activities!

- March 24th Palm Sunday, Special Choir Concert in Worship
- March 29th Good Friday Service in the Chapel
- March 31st Easter Sunday Services
  6:00am Sunrise Courtyard Service led by the Youth Group
  10:00am Traditional Sanctuary Service w/Choirs & Brass Ensemble. Plus after worship Fellowship Time in the hall with Coffee, Tea, and light Refreshments!



Easter Sunday Children's Activities!

- Fun Children's Message in Worship with Pastor Eva, Lambie, and Friends!
- Sunday School Lessons and Crafts
- Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard after Worship
- And yummy Easter Treats

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

LENTEN PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK:
March 11- Pray for those who are struggling with PTSD
March 12- Pray for those who are struggling with digestive issues
March 13- Pray for those with difficult family dynamics
March 14- Pray for those who are restless and seek home
March 15- Pray for those who are looking for purpose
March 16- Pray for those who have a hard time with trust

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.