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# The Word
## of the
# Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007 || www.cgsum.org || 626-447-2181
Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in our Sanctuary
Sunday Nursery Care available starting at 9:30am
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

## *Sunday, March 22nd - Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Attendance pads and cards are in the pews.
The Offeratory Box is located in the Narthex.

**Scripture Lesson: John 15: 1-11**
**Sermon "A Universal Truth: We All Make Mistakes"**
**Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor Preaching**
**Prelude: "It's Up to You" by Inan**
**Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries**
**Postlude: "So Easy (to Fall in Love)" by Olivia Dean**
**Isabelle Chan, Violin; William Shen, Guitar;**
**Youth Bells: "New Beginnings" by Ron Mallory**
**Carolyn Noonchester, Director**
**Youth Choir: "Soli Deo" by Herbert Beuerle; "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" by Jean Anne Shafferman; "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig;**
**Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist**

## Time Change Sunday Recap

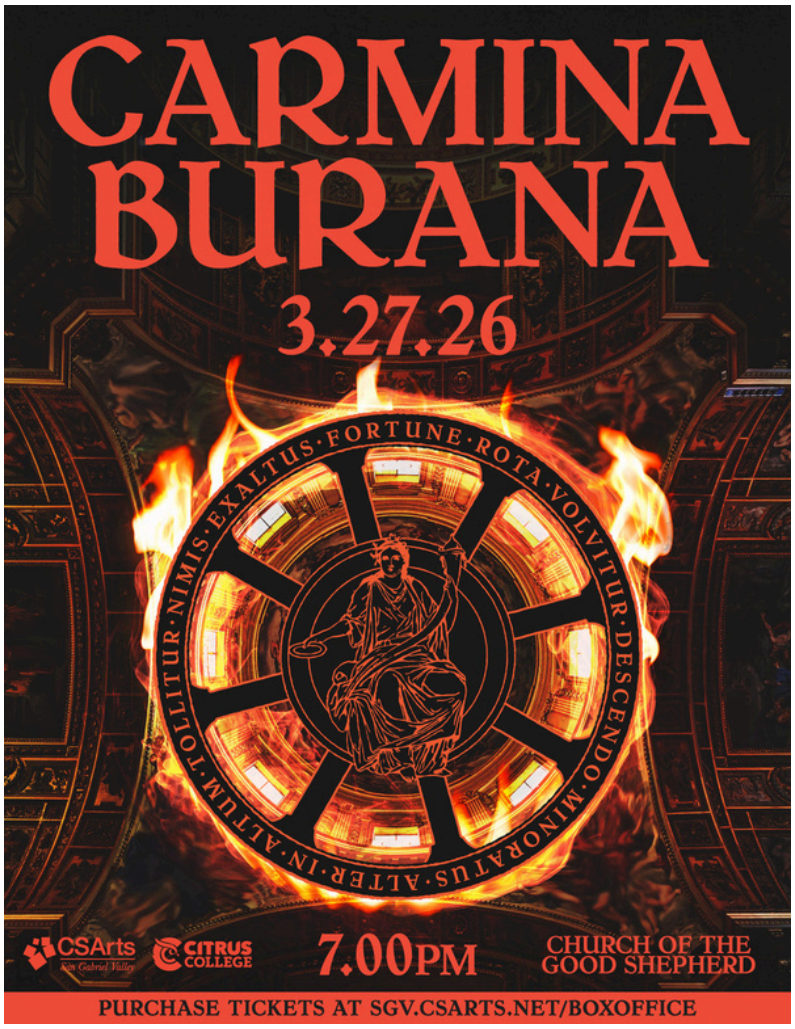


United Women in Faith thank the congregation for its generosity in giving toward our Time Change collection on Sunday, March 8th. We have collected $327.01 which will be donated to UMCOR for the Altadena Wildfire Recovery. Thank you for contributing to this mission.

*Sandra Jelinek and Andrea Thorson*
*Co-Presidents of United Women in Faith and Sarah Circle*

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.**

## Carmina Burana at CGS - Friday, March 27th at 7:00pm




Experience the thunderous power and raw emotion of Carmina Burana, Carl Orff's electrifying cantata that has captivated audiences for generations. Composed in 1936 and based on 24 medieval poems, this iconic work explores fate, passion, and joy brought vividly to life in the unforgettable opening and closing chorus, "O Fortuna."

This spectacular performance will feature over 110 choral singers drawn from the CSArts Combined Choirs, Citrus College, and the Quartz Ensemble, creating a massive and immersive wall of sound.

Joined by Anna Crumley, soprano, and Jordan Murillo, baritone, and accompanied by the CSArts Philharmonic, this collaboration delivers the full force, drama, and intensity that make Carmina Burana a must-see live event.

Tickets are available at boxoffice.sgv.csarts.net/

## ***In Our Prayers*** *(*new prayer requests are in *Italics)*

- For the health of church members and loved ones: Ila Harris, Carolyn Iga, Warren Hasseler, Ron Jensen, Gail Melom, Norma Link, Richard Vethamani, Norm Collar, Karen (Elaine Iverson's daughter in law), David (Karen Schaefer's son), Rachel (Lynne Rivera's aunty), and *Greg Terhorst (Brittany Turnquist's father and church's kitchen contractor).*

**Please email prayer requests and updates to: cgsprayerchain2@gmail.com**

## SAVE THE DATES!

- March 29th Special Palm Sunday Worship Service
- April 3rd Good Friday Chapel Service at 7:00pm
- April 5th Easter Sunday Services (Sunrise and Traditional with Brass)
- April 12th Church Council Meeting (new date)
- April 19th Kitchen Shower & All Church Luncheon!

## *Sunday's Kitchen Blessing!*



Thank you to all who attended Sunday's Kitchen Blessing. We enjoyed delicious refreshments (charcuterie & homemade cookies by Leanne Baroldi) and drinks, including sparkling apple cider served by UWF/ Sarah Circle. Words and gift cards of appreciation were presented to the Kitchen Fundraising Chairs: Kathy Ellison and Joann Steinmeier; and to Kitchen Project Managers: David and Joann Steinmeier. Tours of the kitchen were given and the Wishlist for new supplies was shared.







### Kitchen Shower & Luncheon on April 19th!

- Lunch prepared in our new kitchen
- Appreciation moments to all Kitchen Fund donors
- Stocking the kitchen with new supplies from the Wishlist (see note below)

Financial Contributions to help with Wishlist items:

- In Person or Mail: Cash or Checks (with Kitchen Wishlist written in memo line)
- Online Payment via church website: www.cgsum.org; use GIVE tab and enter the amount in the Kitchen Supplies box

Because the Wishlist items have been selected from specific retail & wholesale sources, we remind all to NOT purchase the items yourself, only financial contributions are needed.




PLEASE RSVP to the Church Office (626-447-2181) or by email to PastorEva@cgsum.org

## Save the Date!

ON April 14th, there will be a program hosted by the Guide Dogs of America in Jordan Hall. New dog toys are being collected. Watch for more details coming soon!

## Easter Flower Orders

As we prepare for Easter, you may purchase flowers "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone special to adorn our sanctuary. Following the Easter service on April 5th, the potted flowers may be picked up by the purchasers or donated for delivery to our members who are more homebound.

Flower sales will follow the services on Sunday, March 22. You may also order through the Church Office using the attached order form by Monday, March 23rd.

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

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Your name: _____

Phone Number: _____

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Double Lily ($22): #_____ Mums ($19): #_____

Hydrangea ($25): #_____ Azalea ($23): #_____

I will pick up my plant(s) on Easter Sunday, April 5th _____

Please donate my plant(s) to a homebound church member. Yes _____

I can help deliver plants to our homebound church members. Yes _____

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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**

## Reflections, Prayers, and Acts for Lent
## Day 17 (Mon. March 9th) to Day 28 (Sat. March 21st)

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| "I was a stranger. You welcomed me." | Day 17<br>PRAY for chances to show respect, grace and charity today. | Day 18<br>GIVE unconditional love to one who challenges you today. | Day 19<br>FAST from watching violent movies or television today. | Day 20<br>PRAY for those who have lost loved ones to violence. | Day 21<br>FAST from using Facebook today. | Day 22<br>REFLECT on Isaiah 40:28-31; what do the verses say to you. |
| "I was naked. You clothed me." | Day 23<br>FAST from expensive meals and meat today. | Day 24<br>PRAY, "Jesus I Love You." between tasks today. | Day 25<br>FAST from being impatient today. | Day 26<br>PRAY for the poor. | Day 27<br>FAST from interrupting others today. | Day 28<br>PRAY for patience and openness with all you meet. |

***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.***