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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, March 24th - Palm Sunday
Chancel Choir Concert

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 31: 1-5 and Mark 11: 1-11
Prelude: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" arr. Buda
Postlude: "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Hayes
Stephen Cook, Director of Music;
Musical Selections Performed by the Chancel Choir
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist



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

- March 24th Palm Sunday, 10:00am Special Choir Concert in Worship
- March 29th Good Friday 7:00pm 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!

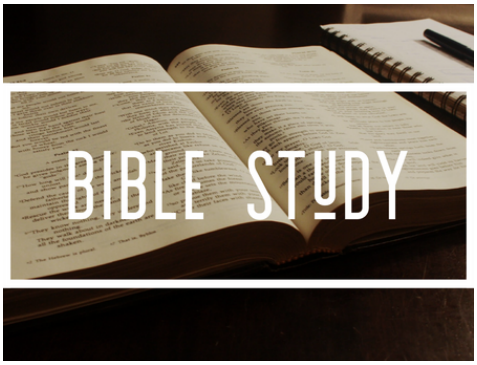
All articles, photos, and announcements are **due by 3:00 p.m. Friday** for the following week's newsletter and should be emailed to **cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com.**

Please note there will be no Children's Choir Rehearsal on March 24th or March 31st.

Grief Support Group



Another round of our grief support group series is returning. This group meets on Monday nights from 7pm-8pm 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.



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

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





Church Spring Cleaning for the Sanctuary and Grounds!

Thank you to the dedicated workers pictured in the group photo, as well as those not in the photo (Catherine, Michael, John & Leslie, Sandy, Pastor Eva), who attended the church's spring cleaning event last Saturday, March 16th!



Dear Church of the Good Shepherd Members and Friends,

The Easter Season will soon be upon us. On Easter Sunday, March 31st, we will celebrate the Risen Christ! The youth will lead the Easter Sunrise Service in the Courtyard at 6:00am; the Choirs and Brass Ensemble will provide music for the Traditional Sanctuary Service at 10:00am; coffee and refreshments will be served during Fellowship time; and the children will hunt for Easter Eggs in the Courtyard. We hope you and your family and friends will join us that day. The 10:00am Service will also be available to view online for those not able to attend in person.

As we prepare for Easter Sunday, I invite you to reflect on the words of the Apostle Paul in Acts 4:32-33, "Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all."

Paul's words remind us of the importance of being united in our faith. We are called to act as one heart and one soul and to give testimony to the Good News of the resurrection of Christ. It is through the resurrected Christ that we receive God's grace. Receiving grace also calls us to accept the responsibility of being stewards of the church. Please take the time to prayerfully consider your Easter offering to the church this year. The Finance Committee is thankful for every person's generosity that sustains the ministries of the church.

Your Easter Offering can be submitted in any of the following ways:

- In Person: By using the Special Easter Offering Envelopes that are available in the Church Office and by the Offering Box in the Sanctuary Narthex.
- Mailed to the Church: In your own envelope to Church of the Good Shepherd UMC (400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA. 91007) with Easter Offering listed on the check memo line.
- Online: Via the church website (www.cgsum.org) by selecting the GIVE tab located on the Top Right-Hand Corner of the home page, enter payment info, & check box for Easter Offering.

May God richly bless you and your household in this Season!
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin

MARCH 24th PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

Palm Sunday Special Music



Join us on Palm Sunday as the Chancel Choir presents Ralph Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs and Jake Runestad's The Hope of Loving. The music will be performed during the service and be accompanied by a guest string quintet and piano. Read below to learn more about the music being performed:

Five Mystical Songs - Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)
Kenneth Landaverde, baritone soloist

The text of this work was written by 17th century Anglican priest George Herbert and comes from a large collection of his writings titled The Temple: Sacred Poems. Vaughan Williams chose texts for this work that depict images of spring, love, and light. The joy of Christ's resurrection is captured in the opening movement Easter where the opening lines proclaim, "Rise heart, thy Lord is risen! Sing his praise without delay." The central movement, Love Bade Me Welcome, depicts a dialogue between humanity and God, symbolized through the sacrament of Communion. With three verses written in triple time, The Call, evokes the Trinity, expressing confidence in the presence of divine love. The work concludes with the final Antiphon which bursts out in triumphant praise of "My God and King."

The Hope of Loving - Jake Runestad (b. 1986)

This newer work, composed in 2015, reflects on the transformational power of love. The composer describes his work saying:
"I am a hoarder of poetry and one of my favorite collections is "Love Poems From God" — mystical poems by Daniel Ladinsky inspired by famous writers from around the world. This book is a composer's dream with colorful, powerful, and succinct writings that talk of living fully, deep spirituality, self-contemplation, and love. When starting my work on this new composition, I opened Ladinsky's book to find a treasure trove of quaint parables and sage advice for us all as we seek meaning in our human condition. "The Hope of Loving" uses a selection of writings inspired by spiritual mystics throughout history to explore the idea of love and its manifestation in our lives."

Much Appreciation to the Church of the Good Shepherd Foundation and the Pauline Poindexter Memorial Fund for making this worship service and music ministry possible.

Jordan Hall - Door Restoration Project

Weather and time have not been kind to the southern most double doors on the west side of Jordan Hall. The glue joints holding the vertical and horizontal boards together separated, causing the horizontal boards to droop as much as 3/8-inch! The door bottom corners dragged on the cement threshold, making door opening and closing very difficult.

My brother James, who is a professional custom door and window craftsman, agreed to help me with repairing and restoring the doors. James is donating his time to this project. With the help of Neil Conrad from the Trustees, we removed the doors on March 1st, boarded up the door opening, and transported the doors to my brother's shop in Pasadena.

Initial repair activities involved creating and installing a custom bolt-nut hardware system. After squaring up each door, we then transported the doors back to Jordan Hall to test the fit in the door frame. Our stabilized doors worked perfectly!

We transported the doors back to Pasadena to begin straightening the large wooden bottom panels, replacing damaged molding, and refinishing the doors. We hope to complete the restoration project by the end of April or sooner.

David Steinmeier







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LENTEN PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK:
March 18- Pray for those who don't know who to follow
March 19- Pray for those struggling with ADHD
March 20- Pray for those struggling with food insecurity
March 21- Pray for those with difficulty in friendships
March 22- Pray for those who are unhoused
March 23- Pray for those struggling wtih oppressive jobs

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.