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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
Sunday Nursery Care available starting at 9:30am
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, March 8th - Third Sunday in Lent
Time Change Sunday

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

Scripture Lesson: John 6: 22-35
Sermon "A Universal Truth: We Need Bread (Food) to Live"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor Preaching
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
Chancel Choir: "Abide With Me" arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton;
"If Ye Love Me" by Thomas Tallis
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Special Music by Amarie Velarde



Time Change Sunday - March 8th

As you remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour this weekend, also remember to set aside change (or bills or checks) for the UWF/Sarah Circle Time Change Buckets! The funds collected will go toward special mission projects and outreach organizations.

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.**

Children's Center Fundraiser

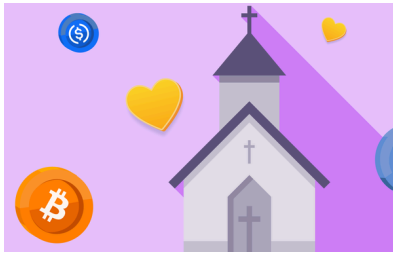


The Good Shepherd Children's Center Spring fundraiser is with See's Easter Candies and Cherrydale Spring Catalog!

There is no sweeter way to support our school. Order here at Good Shepherd and skip the lines! See's Candy will be pre-order only, with sales after church on Sunday, March 15th, or on campus until March 17th.
Please make checks payable to Good Shepherd Children's Center. Orders will be delivered by March 26th, before Palm Sunday. This is perfect for Easter Baskets, hostess gifts, or just because!

We also have Cherrydale's Spring Catalog which offers unique gifts for Mother's Day, housewarmings, birthdays, or for yoru own home. A catalog will also be available for viewing in the Church Office or following the 10am service on March 15th. There are lots of options. Thank you for your support of the Children's Center!

YOUR 2025 GIVING STATEMENTS



PLEASE REVIEW carefully your 2025 Giving Statement that was sent to you in January by email or post mail. Some statements may be missing credit for items such as SSP donation or a Holiday offering, etc.
THE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN CORRECTED AND HAVE BEEN SENT OUT AGAIN VIA EMAIL OR POST MAIL (FOR THOSE w/o EMAIL). We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

In Our Prayers.....

- The family of previous church member, **Mary Brubaker** who passed away last month. The Celebration of Life service will be in Beaumont, CA. on March 6th.
- For the health of members and loved ones: Ila Harris, Carolyn Iga, Warren Hasseler, Gail Melom, Norma Link, Richard Vethamani, Norm Collar, Karen (Elaine Iverson's daughter in law), David (Karen Schaefer's son) and Rachel (Lynne Rivera's aunty).

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

SAVE THE DATES!

- March 15th Blessing of the New Kitchen
- April 19th A Kitchen Shower & All Church Luncheon!

More details to come next week for both events.

Book Group

Beginning March 10th, the Book Group will read and discuss *Meeting God in Paul.*
Join us on Wednesdays in the library at 11:30!

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 Sundays March 8, March 15, and 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!

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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Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

Save the Dates

- Mar. 5th -Sarah Circle Meeting
- Mar. 8th -Time Change Sunday
- Mar. 10th -Shepherds Fellowship
- Mar. 15th -Kitchen Blessings and Church Council Meeting
- Mar. 22nd -Board of Trustees Meeting
- Mar. 29th -Palm Sunday
- Apr. 3rd -Good Friday
- Apr. 5th -Easter Sunday
- Apr. 19th -Kitchen Shower and Luncheon

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.