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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 29th - Palm Sunday

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

Reflection by Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor Preaching

The March 22nd Altar Flowers were given in happy celebration of Elaine Iverson's 101st birthday given with love from your family and your Good Shepherd Family; and Logan Noonchester for his 9th Birthday from his family!

Holy Week and Palm Sunday

The Chancel Choir looks ahead to a meaningful Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday on March 29th. This service reflects both the joy and humility of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, with music that invites a more contemplative beginning to this week.



Palm Sunday Music:

- Prelude: I Will Greatly Rejoice in the Lord – Knut Nystedt
- Introit & Processional: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna – Catherine Youngblood
- Anthem: Jubilate Deo – Benjamin Britten
- Anthem: Te Deum in C – Benjamin Britten
- Anthem: Standing as I Do Before God – Cecelia McDowall
- Benedition Response: The Old Rugged Cross – arr. Derric Johnson

We are especially pleased to welcome the Quartz Ensemble, who will share in leading music throughout the service alongside the choir.

Good Friday Service: April 3rd at 7:00pm in the Chapel

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.**

Easter at Church of the Good Shepherd

On Easter morning, the tone turns to celebration.

The Youth Group, Youth Choir, and Youth Bells will lead us in a Sunrise Service at 6am in the courtyard.

At 10am, The Chancel Choir will be joined by a guest brass quartet for a joyful and triumphant service in the Sanctuary. Sunday School and Nursery Care for children will be available. Coffee Fellowship and Children's Easter Egg hunt will follow the service!

- Prelude: Easter Introit – John Thornburg & John Ferguson
- Anthem: Now Let the Ancient Hymn Resound – arr. Robert Leaf
- Anthem/Hymn: Lift High the Cross – arr. Carl Schalk (with brass)
- Benediction Response: "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah (congregational tradition)

Bring a friend or neighbor to join us as we celebrate Easter at CGS!

The Book Group

On April 1st, the Book Group will begin a discussion of their new book, *Theo of Golden.* Join us at 11:30 in the library!

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:

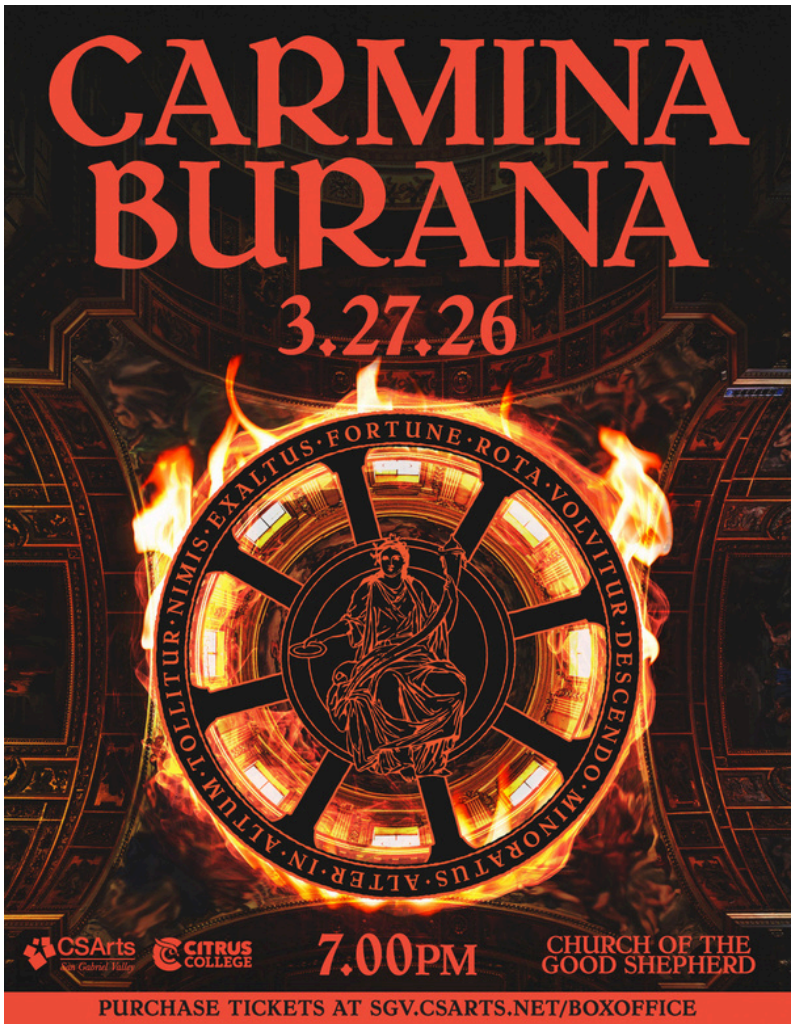
- In Person or Mail: Cash or Checks (with Kitchen Wishlist written in memo line)
- Online Payment via church website: www.cgsum.org; use GIVE tab and enter the amount in the Kitchen Supplies box

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

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



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

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.

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

- For 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 (6am Sunrise and 10am Traditional with Brass) and Children's Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard!
- April 12th Church Council Meeting (new date)
- April 19th Kitchen Shower & All Church Luncheon!



Dear Church of the Good Shepherd Family and Friends,

Easter will soon be upon us. It will be a time to shout Alleluia He Is Risen and to celebrate the Resurrection! Church of the Good Shepherd will gather on Easter Sunday, April 5th, for: the 6:00am Easter Sunrise Service led by our Youth in the courtyard, the 10:00am Traditional Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary with the Chancel Choir and Brass Accompaniment, the Children's Easter Egg Hunt after Sunday School, and Fellowship time in the Hall after the worship service. Please invite family and friends to join you in attending any of these events.

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. As believers of Christ, we are called to act as one heart and one soul and to give testimony to the Good News of the Resurrection of Christ. Knowing and doing this brings a purpose to our lives and fills us with grace and hope. The grace and hope we receive sustains us through many things: personal health concerns, loss of loved ones, striving to serve our community needs, and the unrest in the world.

Receiving grace and hope also calls us to accept the responsibility of being good 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 and stewardship. The Easter offering envelope (mailed to members or available in the church pews) can be brought to church on Easter Sunday and placed in the offering plate or box. Or it can be mailed or dropped off to the office. For online giving- please go the church website: www.cgsum.org and select the GIVE tab located near the top right-hand corner of the home page. This will direct you to the giving page to select the Easter Offering option and enter your payment amount and information.

May you continue to have faith and be filled with grace and hope this Easter Season as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor
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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.