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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

Holy Week at Church of the Good Shepherd, March 24th-31st

Attendance pads are in the pews. Masks are no longer required, but are encouraged for those who have high risk factors. The Offering Box is located in the Narthex.



Thank you to Chancel Choir Director, Kirk Averitt; the Chancel Choir; the Children's Choir; and all who participated in the Palm Sunday Worship Service! Videos will be posted to the website and Facebook this week.

March 29th: Good Friday Service at 7:00pm in the Chapel

March 31st: Easter Sunday Services
6:00am - Sunrise Courtyard Service led by the Youth Group
Scripture: Luke 24: 1-49
Witnesses by: Elle Quismorio, Katie Lee, Kathleen Ng, and Daisylin Lazaro
10:00am - Traditional Sanctuary Service with Choirs and Brass Ensemble
Scripture: Isaiah 25: 6-9 and John 20: 6-18
Sermon: "Finding Blessings in the Resurrection!"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, Preaching
Nursery Care and Children's Sunday School Available During the 10am Worship
After the 10am Service join us for Coffee, Tea, and Refreshments in the Hall; the placing of fresh flowers on the Blooming Cross on the Patio; and the Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard for Children up to 7th Grade!

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, Youth Bells, and Youth Choir Rehearsals on March 31st.

Sarah Circle, Thursday, April 4th

Our next Sarah Circle fellowship meeting will be Thursday, April 4th, 6:30pm in Jordan Hall. Carolyn Iga will join us and lead an open discussion regarding the history of schisms within the Methodist Church. Our meetings are open to all women! Join us!



Thank You to Those Who Supported the Panera Fundraiser on Feb. 29th!

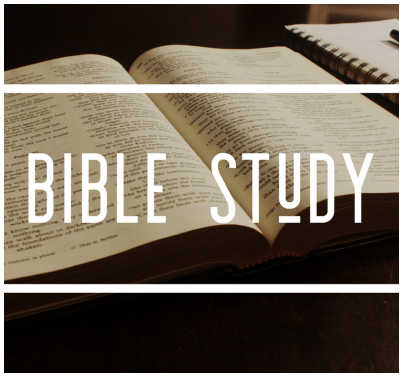
The United Women in Faith: Sarah Circle unit appreciates all who came out and supported last month's fundraiser at Panera in Monrovia. The $185.21 funds raised will go towards special mission projects and ministries.

Shepherds Fellowship Group Potluck, April 9th

Join us for our Group Potluck on Tuesday, April 9th at 5:30pm. Our guest speaker will be Ikenna "Ike" Mmeje, USC Arcadia Hospital President and CEO. Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by April 5th. All are welcome to join us!

Sunday, April 7th Special Charge Conference & Church Council

There will be a Special Charge Conference Meeting on Sunday, April 7th at 11:30am. The 1 agenda item that will be voted on is: church approval of the sale of our share of the Long Beach 9th Street Property. Following the Charge Conference meeting, church council will meet from 11:45-12:15 to approve the Budget and discuss any other action items needed.



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

All are welcome! We are currently studying the Book of Phillipians while entertaining questions on how the Bible was formed. We invite you to meet with us in fellowship and prayer as well as in studying scripture. For more information, please contact co-teachers:
Carolyn Iga at carolyniga@gmail.com) or
Don Thorsen at donthorsen@alumni.stanford.edu

Please note: there will be NO CLASS on Easter (3/31).



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

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LENTEN PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK:
March 25- Pray for those who have been hurt by the church
March 26- Pray for those with heavy burdens
March 27- Pray for those struggling with bipolar disorder
March 28- Pray for those struggling with cancer
March 29- Pray for those who have been betrayed
March 30- Pray for those who long for something more
March 31 Happy Easter- Hope is Alive!

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.