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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

The March 29th Sunday Altar flowers were given by Diane and Craig Lucas in celebration of Ellie Mulligan's 16th birthday.

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

Sunday, April 5th - Easter Sunday

6am Sunrise Service in the Courtyard, led by the Youth

Youth Choir: "Kum Ba Ya" arr. Ken Neufeld; "Praise His Holy Name" by Keith Hampton; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist
Youth Bells: "Earth and All Stars" arr. Shepherd; Carolyn Noonchester, Director
Witnessses by Sarah Veeraraj, Isabelle Chan, Katie Lee, Hannah Ng, and Felix Veeraraj



10am Service in the Sanctuary

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! Plus we will have the Easter Cross with blooming flowers in the courtyard.

- 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 Offering Plate will be passed during the 10am worship. Please bring your Easter Offering this Sunday- or give online at www.cgsum.org (use GIVE tab).

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.**

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School 2026

Mark your calendars and spread the word! VBS at Church of the Good Shepherd will be from July 20th-24th, 5:30pm to 8:00pm including dinner!

3 years to 5th grade participants welcome, as are volunteers 6th grade and up! More details and registration will be available in May. Mark your calendars and share with your family and friends!

Shepherds Fellowship Group

The Shepherds invite you to learn about Guide Dogs of America on Tuesday, April 14 at 7pm in Jordan Hall. Donations and new dog toys are appreciated!

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

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

- *The families of Janet Bartel and Norma Link who passed away this month.*
- For church members and loved ones: Ila Harris, Carolyn Iga, Warren Hasseler, Ron Jensen, Gail Melom, 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



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 that will be passed during the 10:00am Service** or placed in the narthex 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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Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

SAVE THE DATES!

- April 12th Church Council Meeting (new date)
- April 19th Kitchen Shower & All Church 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.