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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

Sunday, March 10th - 4th Sunday in Lent and Daylight Savings

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 119: 9-16 and John 12: 20-32
Lenten Sermon Series: "Loving God With All Your Soul"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "My Jesus I Love Thee" arr. McKibben
Postlude: "Improvisation on "Come, Ye Faithful Raise the Strain" arr. Fedak
Stephen Cook, Director of Music;
Chancel Choir: "Kyrie de Angelis" Gregorian Chant; "Lamb of God" arr. Christiansen;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist



Time Change Sunday

Daylight savings time is just around the corner. It will kick in at 2 AM on Sunday, March 10. To avoid confusion and arriving late to church, plan on setting your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 9. When you come to Church on Sunday, please participate in **Time Change Sunday.** Just drop your change (coins) into the yellow buckets held by members of United Women in Faith (formerly known as UMW).

Your donations will provide support to "Give Ye Them To Eat." GYTTE was founded in 1977 as a social outreach project of the Methodist Church of Mexico to help people living in the rural areas to have a better life by combating hunger and poverty. GYTTE believes that change takes place within the community by using the abilities of the local people and their resources. Villagers are taught to become self-sustaining through agriculture, health, and technology. Related to agriculture, the people are taught how to preserve and improve their land through methods such as terracing, drip irrigation, and composting. Please join United Women in Faith in supporting this worthwhile program.



Shepherds Annual Bake Potato Night
Tuesday, March 12th at 6pm
Guest Speaker is Don Thorsen
RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by March 9th

Grief Support Group

Another round of our grief support group series is returning. This group will begin meeting on Monday, March 4 from 7pm-8pm for ten weeks 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.



Easter Flowers

Every Easter we adorn our altar and chancel area with fresh flowers which are purchased by our members and friends. They are then available after our Easter service to take home, or they can be taken to our more homebound members and friends. Sales will be after Sunday services on March 10th and 17th and via the Church Office. This year our flowers will be azaleas ($22), hydrangeas ($22), lilies ($20), mums ($15), daffodils ($15), hyacinth ($15), and tulips ($15).

2024 Easter Flower Order Form

Please PRINT clearly.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

_____ Easter Double Lily $20 _____ Hydrangea $22 _____ Mum $15 _____ Azalea $22

_____ Daffodils $15 _____ Hyacinth $15 _____ Tulips $15

☐ In honor of _____

☐ In memory of _____

☐ Take my plant to a homebound member

☐ I will pick up my plant on Easter Sunday, 11:30am - 12:00pm

☐ I can help deliver to homebound church members

Total Amount $_____ Cash / Check

Make checks out to CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD. Thank you for your order!

United Women in Faith Meeting

The United Women in Faith will be meeting via Zoom this next Thursday, March 7, 6:30pm, rather than in person at the church. We will have a speaker from Toberman Neighborhood Center in San Pedro speak to us about this United Women in Faith mission project. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Church Office for the zoom link which will be available on Wednesday.



March 16th, Saturday (8:30am-12noon)

Join us for Spring Cleaning at CGS! Come and help clean up and beautify our church campus as we prepare our Sanctuary, Chapel, Fellowship Hall, and Courtyard for upcoming Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter events! Cleaning supplies will be provided- or feel free to bring your own. Plus coffee, tea, and donuts will be served!



- **Mar. 24th Palm Sunday, Special Choir Concert in Worship**
- **March 29th Good Friday Service in the Chapel**
- **Mar. 31st Easter Sunday Services**
  6:00am Sunrise Courtyard Service
  10:00am Traditional Sanctuary Service w/Choirs & Brass Ensemble. Plus Children's Easter Egg Hunt after Worship!

Magic Penny Lyrics.....

As mentioned in Pastor Eva's Sermon on March 3rd, here are the lyrics to *Magic Penny* by Malvina Reynolds, including the verses that are not often sung.

Love is something if you give it away, Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away, You end up having more.

It's just like a magic penny, Hold it tight and you won't have any.
Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many, They'll roll all over the floor.

For love is something if you give it away, Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away, You end up having more.

Money's dandy and we like to use it, But love is better if you don't refuse it.
It's a treasure and you'll never lose it, Unless you lock up your door.

So let's go dancing till the break of day, And if there's a piper, we can pay.
For love is something if you give it away, You end up having more.

For love is something if you give it away, Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away, You end up having more.

REMINDER- EVERY SUNDAY- the Adult Sunday School Class meets from 9:00am-9:45am in the Church Library. All are welcome to gather in fellowship and prayer! For more information, please contact co-teachers Carolyn Iga (carolyniga@gmail.com) or Don Thorsen (donthorsen@alumni.stanford.edu).

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THIS WEEK'S LENTEN DAILY PRAYER FOCUS:
March 4th- Pray for those struggling with mobility issues.
March 5th- Pray for those grieving dear losses.
March 6th- Pray for those struggling with sleep disorders.
March 7th- Pray for those struggling to make ends meet.
March 8th- Pray for those with distorted views of Jesus.
March 9th- Pray for those who feel empty in their soul.

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.