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# Church of the Good Shepherd
# United Methodist Church

## The Church of the Good Shepherd

400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007 || www.cgsum.org || 626-447-2181
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 12th, 2023 - Third Sunday in Lent*

Please enter the Sanctuary worship through the double doors off the parking lot. 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.

**Scripture Lessons: Psalm 95: 1-7 and John 4: 5-26**
**Sermon: "To Live Inside Out: Receiving and Giving," Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin 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: "Drop, Drop Slow Tears" by Orlando Gibbons, "Worthy is the Lamb" By Don Wyrtzen; Kirk Everett, Director**
**Chancel Choir Section Leaders: "The Blessing of the Light" by Mark Sirett**
**Carillon Ringers: "Be Thou My vision"; Carolyn Noonchester, Director**




**REMINDER: This Sunday is Daylight Saving Time!**
**Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour.**

## Parenting The Love and Logic Way

Learn to parent in an enjoyable manner. Help your child become responsible and respectful. Parenting couples are encouraged to both attend - childcare will be provided. Registration and more information can be found on the church website or in the church office.

When: Six Lessons beginning on Sunday April 16 and ending on May 21 (3:00-4:30pm)

Cost: $25 per participant

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.**

**CRAFTERS** wishes to thank everyone who supported our Fall Craft Boutique. The proceeds from our annual sale enabled us to donate $400 each to Foothill Unity Center, David and Margaret Youth and Family Services, USC Arcadia Hospital Chaplaincy Program, and Family Promise. We are busy crafting and hope you will shop at our next boutique in October. Thank you again for your support.

## Office Volunteers Needed

If you would like to be put on a list to volunteer in the office to answer phones or help with mailings, please call Karen or Suzanne in the church office at 626-447-2181.

## The Music of a Bagpiper is Coming!

The Children's Center is being visited by John McClean Allen, a bagpiper. He is coming to perform for us, to share his music and the instrument of the bagpipe and even teach us a little jig!

Wednesday, March 15th
10:00am in Jordan Hall
All children, families, and church members are welcome to attend!

## Shepherds March Meeting

Shepherd's March meeting on the 14th will have a program by a representative from Lancer's Pantry. Since we donated food on Heart Sunday, they are requesting donations of toiletries, travel sizes recommended. The entire congregation is invited to come and hear the program at 7:00pm. Our dinner at 6:00pm will feature baked potatoes with goodies. Bring your own dishes and utensils. Please RSVP to Dave Raymond at dlraymond66@gmail.com or text to 626-260-3068 by March 13. You may volunteer for hosting or a food assignment.

## Family Promise Fundraiser

The Walking Group will be signing-up walkers and donors in the courtyard for those who want to participate in the fundraiser walk for Family Promise on April 15th, 2023. Sign-up is during Lent on Sundays after church leading up to Easter. Reminder: cost is $25.00 per person. Thank you for being a part of the solution in ending homelessness and supporting Family Promise.

SAVE THE DATE AND INVITE FRIENDS TO THESE EVENTS:

- April 2nd Palm Sunday Worship Service with Special Choir Music and orchestra musicians
- April 9th Easter Sunday Worship Services:
  6:00am Courtyard Sunrise Service led by the Youth Group
  10:00am Sanctuary Service with Choirs and Brass Ensemble
  Plus Easter Egg Hunt for Children and Fellowship and Refreshments
- April 15th Walk of the Churches- Walkathon and Fundraiser for Family Promise

# Year Round Grant Applications for 2023 are Being Accepted by the CGS Foundation

Happy New Year, everyone!! Although we at the CGS Foundation are a little late in offering this greeting, please know that we are very excited about this new year and what is in store for our wonderful church. We are inviting **YOU** to help move our church forward by applying for a **2023 Year Round CGS Foundation Grant** for your church program, project, or event!

That's right...we are "open for business!" Remember...the purpose of a requested grant must be the *"aid, promotion, and development of the religious, charitable, and educational activities, purposes, functions, and progress of the Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, Arcadia."*

The process is simple and quick. All grant applications must be submitted online only using the **Foundation Online Grant Form** - click the link below. Online grant application assistance will be provided when requested.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduwOXOjbcnaReAF9PYJYXxQd9mGm-H_ZLYKkWFQP-E1KyL-Q/viewform?gxids=7628

## Easter Flower Orders

As we prepare for Easter, you can purchase potted flowers in "memory of" or in "honor of" someone special which will adorn our sanctuary. Following the Easter service, the potted flowers can be picked up by the purchasers or donated for delivery to our members who are more home bound. Prices of the potted flowers are listed below. Flower sales will follow the services on Sundays, March 12, 19, and 26. Or you can order through the church office using the attached order form by Monday, March 27. Make checks payable to Church of the Good Shepherd & write Easter flowers on the memo line. For further information, contact Margaret Blair at kdblair@earthlink.net or (626)574-1827 or the church office. Thank you!

Your Name & Phone Number:

_____

In memory of:

_____

In honor of:

_____

Double Lily $20 #_____ Mums $15 #_____ Hydrangea $22 #_____ Azalea $22 #_____

I will pick up my plants on Easter Sunday: _____

Please donate my plant/s to a homebound church member: _____

I can help deliver plants to our homebound church members: Yes _____ No _____

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Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

**Prayer of the Week:**

*Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:*
*Hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations, through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

***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.***