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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 15th - Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Scripture Lesson: John 14: 1-14
Sermon "A Universal Truth: We Want What We Don't Have"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "Psalm 23"
Postlude: "Rigaudon" by David Hegarty
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Carillon Ringers: "Lord, I Want To Be a Christian" arr. McChesney;
Carolyn Noonchester, Director
Chancel Choir: "O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded" by David Hurd;
"Be Still My Soul" arr. Dan Bird;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Special Music by Kirk Averitt

The March 8th Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Gay Place's 90th birthday with love from her family; and in honor of our families by Harry and Connie Heflin.



JOIN US THIS SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP FOR THE BLESSING OF THE NEW KITCHEN!

The Board of Trustees invite you to the blessing of the new kitchen. We will thank those who donated to the kitchen renovation fund, give tours of the kitchen, share wish list items that still need to be purchased, and enjoy delicious refreshments!

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.**

Children's Center Fundraiser



The Good Shepherd Children's Center Spring fundraiser is with See's Easter Candies and Cherrydale Spring Catalog!

There is no sweeter way to support our school. Order here at Good Shepherd and skip the lines! See's Candy will be pre-order only, with sales after church on Sunday, March 15th, or on campus until March 17th.
Please make checks payable to Good Shepherd Children's Center. Orders will be delivered by March 26th, before Palm Sunday. This is perfect for Easter Baskets, hostess gifts, or just because!

We also have Cherrydale's Spring Catalog which offers unique gifts for Mother's Day, housewarmings, birthdays, or for yoru own home. A catalog will also be available for viewing in the Church Office or following the 10am service on March 15th. There are lots of options. Thank you for your support of the Children's Center!



Name Tags in Worship

Name Tags help foster a welcoming and relational community so members, visitors, and guests can get to know one another better! Help us encourage this great form of hospitality on Sundays by wearing name tags during worship and coffee hour. Name Tags and markers will be provided as you enter the Sanctuary each Sunday. You are also welcome to wear a different name tag if you have one already that you prefer.

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

- For the health of 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) and Rachel (Lynne Rivera's aunty).

Please email prayer requests and updates to: cgsprayerchain2@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES!

- March 15th Blessing of the New Kitchen
- March 29th Special Palm Sunday Worship Service
- April 3rd Good Friday Chapel Service at 7:00pm
- April 5th Easter Sunday Services (Sunrise and Traditional with Brass)
- April 12th Church Council Meeting (new date)
- April 19th Kitchen Shower & All Church Luncheon!

Book Group

Beginning March 10th, the Book Group will read and discuss *Meeting God in Paul.*
Join us on Wednesdays in the library at 11:30!

Easter Flower Orders

As we prepare for Easter, you may purchase flowers "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone special to adorn our sanctuary. Following the Easter service on April 5th, the potted flowers may be picked up by the purchasers or donated for delivery to our members who are more homebound.

Flower sales will follow the services on Sundays March 15 and March 22. You may also order through the Church Office using the attached order form by Monday, March 23rd.

Make checks payable to Church of the Good Shepherd and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. For further information, please contact the Church Office. Thank you!

Your name: _____

Phone Number: _____

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Double Lily ($22): #_____ Mums ($19): #_____

Hydrangea ($25): #_____ Azalea ($23): #_____

I will pick up my plant(s) on Easter Sunday, April 5th _____

Please donate my plant(s) to a homebound church member. Yes _____

I can help deliver plants to our homebound church members. Yes _____

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

Reflections, Prayers, and Acts for Lent
Day 17 (Mon. March 9th) to Day 28 (Sat. March 21st)

"I was a stranger. You welcomed me."	Day 17 PRAY for chances to show respect, grace and charity today.	Day 18 GIVE unconditional love to one who challenges you today.	Day 19 FAST from watching violent movies or television today.	Day 20 PRAY for those who have lost loved ones to violence.	Day 21 FAST from using Facebook today.	Day 22 REFLECT on Isaiah 40:28-31; what do the verses say to you.
"I was naked. You clothed me."	Day 23 FAST from expensive meals and meat today.	Day 24 PRAY, "Jesus I Love You." between tasks today.	Day 25 FAST from being impatient today.	Day 26 PRAY for the poor.	Day 27 FAST from interrupting others today.	Day 28 PRAY for patience and openness with all you meet.

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.