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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
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, May 19th - Pentecost Sunday
Music Sunday and Youth Confirmation and New Members

Attendance pads are in the pews. Masks are not required but encouraged for those who have health risks. The Offering Box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 81: 1-5 and Acts 2: 29-36
Focus: Coming of the Holy Spirit and Confidence that Jesus is the Messiah
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor
Prelude: "When In Our Music God is Glorified" arr. Page
Postlude: "Prelude in C Major" by J.S. Bach, Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Children's Choir: "I Will Clap My Hands" by Joseph Martin;
Youth Choir: "Gaudeamus Hodie" by Natalie Sleeth;
Carillon Ringers and Youth Bells: "Gloria Hodie" arr. Turner and McChesney
Chancel Choir: "O Most High, Almighty God" by Paul Sjolund; "The Last Words of David" by Randall Thompson; Solo by Sue Holder

The May 12th Chancel Flowers were given in memory of Marie Brazier's birthday by Diane Lucas and in celebration of our grandson, Cameron's baptism by the Zessau Family. Blessings to Cameron P., Jessie P., and Jax G. on their Baptisms on Mother's Day Sunday!





The Sunday School children passing out flowers for Mother's Day.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEWSLETTER WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED MAY 27th MEMORIAL WEEK

Class of 2024 Graduation Recognition



Class of 2024 High School Seniors, you have worked so hard this year and CGS wants to recognize your accomplishments! Please complete this questionnaire (shorturl.at/bxEQ9) and return it to Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, by Sunday, May 19th so I can include you in the worship bulletin on June 9th for the Youth Musical. If you didn't take Senior Pictures, we can take a picture at church or you can send me a selfie. If you have any questions, please contact Franklyn Shen by email at fnjshen@sbcglobal.net.

We also want to recognize those graduating from Elementary School, Middle School, College, and Graduate School! Please email the Graduate's Name and School to Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org) by June 5th.

Family Promise Walking Fundraiser

Attention Family Promise Advocates! Join us on June 22nd, 2024, for The Second Ave of the Church Walking Fundraiser for Family Promise from 9am-12noon. Starting Sunday, May 19th, Catherine Doster and the Walking Committee will be registering participants or donors for the fundraiser after church. Thank you for being apart of the solution!

Quakes Baseball Game - August 3rd

Come join the ROI and Shepherds fellowship groups for our annual trek to the Epicenter in Rancho Cucamonga to cheer the Dodgers A Team Quakes vs. the San Jose Giants on August 3rd at 6:30pm. If 20 people or more are in our group, tickets are only $11 each. This is a great family outing, followed by fireworks. Let the church office know if you are interested. Monday is not due until mid-July.

Join us this Sunday, May 19th for Pentecost Sunday and Celebration!!





The Service will feature:

- Music Sunday- with all church choirs performing
- Recieving of New Members and Youth Confirmation
- Fellowship & Refreshments (Pie!) after worship
- Remember to wear **Red or Bright** colored clothing to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit!

This Service will be dedicated in memory of Channing Lushbough. Channing was a long time church member and dedicated supporter of the CGS Music Ministries.

REMINDER- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - meets from 9:00am-9:45am
All are welcome to gather to learn and to be 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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UWFaith (United Women in Faith)
Fundraiser

Every Thursday in May!

Alex Di Peppe's
Italian Restaurant
1969-2019
50 Years

Present flyer for Dine-in or Take-out Thursdays in May and UWFaith receives 20% of the sales!

Enjoy the delicious pizza, pasta and more.

Hours: Wed. – Sun. 4:00 PM to 8:15 PM

(626) 445-0544 608 East Live Oak Ave., Arcadia

GENERAL CONFERENCE RECAP

Thank you to those who attended Pastor Eva's General Conference Presentation after worship. Copies of the handouts are available in the church office. For more information, please visit the GC website (www.resourceumc.org). Also below is a letter from our Bishop.

CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UMC
Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank, Resident Bishop of the LA Area

Dear California-Pacific Conference, May 4, 2024

Greetings to you on this beautiful day in Charlotte, North Carolina. I am finishing up meetings with the Council of Bishops and will be flying back to Los Angeles on Sunday. Before getting on the plane, I want to send you a message. First, I want you to know that the spirit of General Conference was respectful, loving, and an outward expression of what holy conferencing is all about. From the very start, we could sense that the spirit of the Lord was in the house! The delegates did their good work before they arrived and during the two weeks in Charlotte. They brought forward legislation that will form our next expression of The United Methodist Church.

Three main areas were addressed.

Regionalization was passed. This will help us to be able to be a global church while also respecting the contextual needs of communities around the world, and it shows our willingness to live alongside each other as people who are different, and as people who love each other in our differences and similarities. Regionalization will require ratification in each of the Annual Conferences around the world before the process is complete.

The revised Social Principles was passed. This document has had major revisions, is simpler, and it removes previous language that was harmful. The Social Principles is not law, but rather a set of guidelines we utilize as we consider how God is leading us in the world.

The removal of harmful language throughout The Discipline was completed. This is a work that has been ongoing for decades. No longer will our rules bring harm to our LGBTQAI+ siblings in Christ. There is reason to rejoice when we live out the Three Simple Rules: Do good; Do no harm; Stay in love with God.

We also addressed the budget and noted new ways we can meet our mission with changes in our fiscal realities. We are beginning to work on Acts of Repentance for Hawaii. More of the details of all these things will be available in the near future for you to read and digest. It is important to say it is a new day in The United Methodist Church, and there it is felt and experienced "hearts being strangely warmed" by God's love.

Tomorrow I will get on the plane. My body is tired but my soul is joyful. United Methodists all around the world met, worshipped and prayed together, and listened to each other's wisdom and pain. We became embodied as one, though spread throughout the world. That is the miracle of God's grace!

Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank

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

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK FOR MOTHERS:

Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on each mother. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace, and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes and ours. In Jesus' name, 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.