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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 21st - 7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday and Music Sunday

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 Lesson: Psalm 47 and John 17: 1-11
Sermon: "The Power of Possibilities Forever Transforms Us"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching
Prelude: "When In Our Music God is Glorified" arr. Page
Postlude: "Prelude in C Major" by J.S. Bach
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The May 14th Chancel flowers were given: for Mother's Day in memory of Jackie Olson by Karen Olson; in memory of Marie Brazier's birthday by Diane Lucas; and in memory of Betty Doster's birthday and Mother's Day by Catherine Doster.

Join us this Sunday for Music Sunday!

Children's Choir: "Praise the Lord, All Creation" by Huntsinger;
Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist
Youth Bells: "He is Exalted" arr. Ryan; Carolyn Noonchester, Director
Youth Choir: "I'm Going to Sing!" arr. Ken Berg;
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist
Adult Bells: "Hark, the Glad Sound" arr. Mallory; Carolyn Noonchester, Director
Chancel Choir: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" by Dan Bird, "Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place" by Gordon Young; Kirk Averitt, Director
Combined Choirs: "Celebrate and Sing" arr. Jeff Raney; Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Chancel Choir, Youth Bells, and Adult Bells

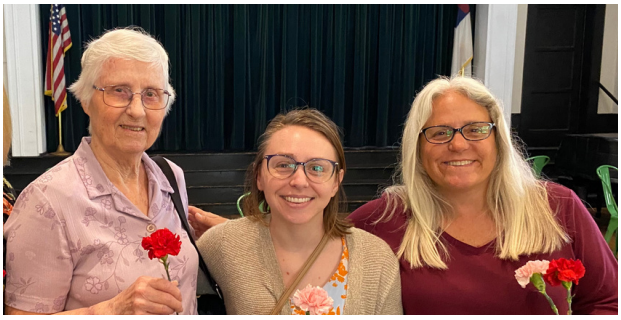
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All articles, photos, and announcements are **due by 3:00 p.m. Friday** for the following week's newsletter and should be emailed to **cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com.**

Mother's Day Sunday at Church of the Good Shepherd!

During the worship service: a new CGS banner was shared; the Chancel Choir sang a beautiful version of The 23rd Psalm; the wonderful Carillon Choir had a bell tree, Morgan and Annie singing Jesus Loves Me and the congregation joining in; and Thank you to Carolyn and Susan for the moving duet, "For Good" from the musical Wicked. After worship the Sunday School children passed out flowers to women in honor of Mother's Day and Shepherds Fellowship hosted the Coffee Hour.









The Youth Musical - Doin' Right



Charley's Spot is the place to be if you're a Wilton High School teen in the year 1956. Only a few blocks from the school, the malt shop is where the kids hang out after school to meet their friends and socialize. Anne Luzon and her brother, Wally, who have just moved to town, check out Charley's Spot after their first day at school. Although the crowd of regulars is not very welcoming to them, Anne does get a waitressing job at Charley's. After being assigned to a group project with Darla Mathers, Anne finds that Darla and her friends follow a very different moral compass.

The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church call on us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. Please join us on Peace with Justice Sunday, June 4th, as the youth choir explores these ideas in the new musical, "Doin' Right." The musical will be performed in the sanctuary at the 10:00am service, and will be accompanied by Franklyn Shen.



CLASS OF 2023! Attention all high school seniors, we would like to celebrate your accomplishments! Please let me know the high school you are graduating from, your future plans, any accomplishments and honors you would like to share, and your favorite memory of being a part of CGS. A link to the google doc can be found here: 2023 CGS Senior Questionnaire. Please email the information and a picture of yourself to fnjshen@sbcglobal.net by Sunday, May 21st to be included in our announcement. Congratulations! - Franklyn Shen

Invite Family and Friends to Pentecost Sunday Worship, May 28th!



Pentecost Sunday, May 28th

Commemorate the Coming of the Holy Spirit

- Special liturgy and music will be shared
- New Members will be welcomed and recieved in worship
- Coffee and refreshments will be served after Worship in JordanHall
- And everyone is ecnouraged to wear red clothing or bright colors

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Thank you to all who attended the New Member's Class on May 7th. We learned about UM History, Beliefs, Membership Vows and also shared with each other our individual faith history. New (and Transferring) members will join CGS officially on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th in Worship. If you missed the class but would still like to join the church, please contact Pastor Eva before May 25th by email (PastorEva@cgsum.org) or telephone (626) 447-2181.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Security Webinar

Members and friends of Good Shepherd have an opportunity to learn about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Security on Thursday, May 18th at 11am. The presentation by Morgan Stanley will give an overview of AI used in cybersecurity and outline the practical steps you can take to secure your digital footprint. The presentation will be virtual and requires registration. Information and registration is available here or by scanning the QR code. A recording will be available after the fact.

Medicare 101 Information Class at PCC

A class on Medicare options will be offered by Ron Tanji at Pasadena City College (PCC) on May 20th and July 13th. More information and registration is available by emailing info@pcclearn.org,

Save the Dates!

June 4th, 10am Service - The Annual Youth Musical
July 17th - July 21st - Vacation Bible School

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Prayer of the Week: *For Mothers and the Women Who Have Raised Us*

Loving God, we pray that you help mothers all across the world to be a blessing upon their children. Whether delivering affirmation or discipline, help every word and action to be done in love. We pray that children throughout the world would take time to honor their mothers. We pray that these mothers also act as a blessing beyond their households, reaching into their extended families, communities, churches, schools. May you guide each of them into fulfilling their purpose here on Earth. Amen. (adapted from A Mother's Day Prayer by Aaron D. Brown)

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.