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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, May 10th - Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day and Baptism Sunday

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

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 31: 1-5 and 2 Timothy 1: 1-7
Sermon: "Stories that Matter: Believing in Jesus"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Prelude on "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"" arr. Hopson
Postlude: "Postlude on "Hymn to Joy"" arr. Young
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir Tenors & Basses: "Faith of Our Mothers" Traditional Hymn, St. Catherine; "Ubi Caritas" arr. Jonathan Reid
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Special Music by Michel Von Loh

The May 3rd Altar Flowers were given in celebration of Mike and Penny Hooover's 60th Wedding Anniversary and in loving memory of John Zessau by the Zessau family.



May 10th - Infant and Children Baptisms

Please contact Pastor Eva (pastoreva@cgsum.org) by Wednesday, May 6th to sign up for your child's baptism

Beginning June 1st- the Newsletter will be published every other week.
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.**

Shepherds Fellowship Group May 24th Potluck

The Shepherds Fellowship Group invites you to an old-fashioned salad potluck on May 24th after Church in Jordan Hall. Please bring a salad that corresponds with your last name:

- A-G: Meat/Protein
- H-N: Vegetable
- O-S: Pasta or Potato
- T-Z: Fruit

Archipelago Vocal Project Concert

Join us at Church of the Good Shepherd on Saturday, May 9th at 7:30pm for a special concert by the Archipelago Vocal Project (AVP) entitled LANGIT: Shared Stories, Shared Sky, a community choir rooted in Southeast Asia and Asian American culture, presenting an evening of music celebrating shared stories, culture, and connection. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

Tickets are required for entry and may be reserved using the QR code below.



Class of 2026



Dear Seniors, Congratulations on your remarkable achievements! It is hard to believe that another year has gone by. You have made it through high school, and the Church of the Good Shepherd would like to recognize your achievements. Please email a bio of your accomplishments and plans for the fall with one senior portrait and one baby picture to fnjshen@sbcglobal.net no later than Sunday, May 17th, 2026. Your pictures and accomplishments will be inserted in the June 7th, 2026 Sunday Worship Bulletin.

The Kitchen Shower was both Fun and Successful!



Thank you to all who participated in the Kitchen shower. We had 65+ attendees who joined us for a tasty baked potato bar, shower games and silent auction. The Shower raised more than $5,300.00 in donations. These donations will enable us to buy the pots, pans, dishes and utensils needed to stock our kitchen. Thank you to team who volunteered their time and talents to put the shower together. It was a great chance to use our spectacular new kitchen, and a great opportunity for fellowship!



Church of the Good Shepherd Committees help plan, organize, and run the ministries of the church. This includes both Administrative (Finance, Trustees, and SPRC- Staff Parish Relations) and Program (Worship, Health, United Women in Faith, Men's Group, Shepherds, ROI, Music, Youth, Christian Ed and more) Committees. Contact Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org) if you would like to serve on one.

The Book Group is beginning a new novel - *The Lion Women of Tehran.* Join us at 11:30 each Wednesday.

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District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee
Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Franklyn Shen
Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

In Our Prayers

- For church members and loved ones: William Dang, Ila Harris, Carolyn Iga, Warren Hasseler, Richard Vethamani, Norm Collar, Karen (Elaine Iverson's daughter in law), David (Karen Schaefer's son), Rachel (Lynne Rivera's aunty), Greg Terhorst (Brittany Turnquist's father & church's kitchen contractor), Jon Pritikin (Nancy Neuner's son).
- For peace in the world, the protection of service men & women in the US and overseas, and for the innocent children affected by war.

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

SAVE THE DATES!

- May 10th Mother's Day and Baptism Sunday
- May 17th Music Sunday
- June 7th Youth Musical!
- July 20th - 24th Vacation Bible School

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.