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

Sunday, May 12th - 7th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day and Baptism Sunday

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 78: 1-4 and Acts 1: 1-11
Sermon: "Take Time to Receive the Promise of the Holy Spirit"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Thy Word" arr. Carter, Postlude: "Postlude on "Hymn to Joy"" arr. Young
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "What a Wonderful World" by George David Weiss, arr. Mark Brymer; "I am Home" by Mark Burrows;
Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director; Solo by Kenny Landaverde

The Chancel Flowers for Sunday, May 5th were given: in memory of John Zessau's birthday by Dottie Zessau and in memory of Shirley Hasseler by Warren Hasseler.

Class of 2024 Graduation Recognition



Class of 2024 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.

Reminder for those interested in Church Membership: Please contact Pastor Eva by May 15th if you would like to join the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th!

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.**

CGS Kitchen Project Update

It has been almost one year since we agreed to take on the project management for remodeling our kitchen. Like you, we are very frustrated by many unexpected delays in this process.

The good news is that on Monday, April 28, 2024, we met with a City of Arcadia building department representative who reviewed our latest kitchen remodel plan and then laid out a detailed roadmap on how to start the “plan check” process. The path to plan check involves the creation and submittal of 13 documents!

Our main project management task is to resolve design and functionality differences between our architect and kitchen equipment specialist and keep pushing our remodel project forward. This process is like “herding cats”! Each provider has very strong design ideas and opinions. However, this new kitchen is for the church’s use, so we will make the final decisions.

Once our documents are accepted, we will order all the new cooking equipment, along with the stainless steel shelving and cabinets. Concurrent with equipment ordering, we will seek contractors who have the necessary experience to do our remodel.

Thank you for your patience and support and keep those prayers coming!

Joann and David Steinmeier, CGS Kitchen Remodel Project Co-Managers



Join us on May 19th for Pentecost Sunday!

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

FOOTHILL UNITY CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! The 31st annual "Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive" is May 11, 2024! Foothill Unity Center is seeking volunteers to gather and unload collected food items on Saturday, May 11th. Volunteers are needed at these Post Offices: Altadena, Arcadia, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Marino, and also the Foothill Unity Center Warehouse location. To sign up to volunteer email: volunteer@foothillunitycenter.org OR call (626) 358-3486.

If you're unable to attend, consider leaving a donation. All donations allow us to provide services to families and individuals who cannot provide for themselves.



CGS Family Promise April 2024 Hosting

Thanks to all for supporting our April hosting of guest family Mariah and her children Everly, Ryder, and Uriah. They so appreciated our CGS warmth and hospitality.

The dinners provided by the Shepherds, ROI, Boy Scout Troop 832, and Sarah Circle groups and by Leanne Baroldi and Tom Dukes with Kathy Ellison who also provided meals were greatly appreciated by the family as both dinners and then lunches the next day.

It was an unusual week of hosting due to Mariah's work and childcare needs. Unfortunately, our guest family all contracted the stomach flu that affected their sleep and eating, but they "toughed it out"! As our guests left, we assured them that we would keep them in our prayers for their safety and support to meet their goals.

Our hosting week was so successful due to the guidance and leadership of David Steinmeier who always organizes the volunteers for the overnight hosts (Sharon and Jim Eberhardt, Doug and Tim Van Kirk, Leanne Baroldi, Karen Dumchus, Pedro Galindo, Kezia, Felix, and Sarah Andrews, and Craig Lucas) and also supervises the set up and take down of the guest areas done by LeLe La, Susan Mendenhall, David Rios, Lynne and Vern Whitaker, Mike Hoover, Linda Collar, and Craig Lucas.

Leslie and John Kenen, our faithful shoppers and supply captains, were there every night for dinner, conversation, and shopping. Pastor Eva provided constant communication, prayer, and support for our hosting activities.

There are many heroes without whose unselfish efforts our hosting week could not occur, including the laundry team -- Sharon Eberhardt, Margaret Blair, and Joann Steinmeier.

Next Family Promise Hosting is August 4-11, 2024. Mark your calendars now!

The theme of Pastor Eva's recent Sunday worship message was love. Everyone who volunteered, provided, and prayed for our Family Promise guest family and for the CGS Family Promise Team demonstrated Jesus's love and compassion!

Thanks to all for your prayers and gifts of hope, security, love, and CGS hospitality to Mariah, Everly, Ryder, and Uriah.

Diane Lucas, CGS Family Promise Coordinator



Pictured Left: Mariah and Everyly (age 2)

Church of the Good Shepherd

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

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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:

God, we pray that it not be said of us that we hid from the next generation
the wonders of what You have done and all of your glorious deeds.
Help us to be faithful in passing on Your word and the news of Your greatness.
Guide us to be models of service and honor to you. And continue to
surround us with your grace and mercy each day. 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.