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The Church of the Good Shepherd

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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 14th - 6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

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 66: 8-12 and 2 Timothy 1: 1-7
Sermon: "The Power of Possibilities Shared Through Generations"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching
Prelude: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" arr. Hopson
Postlude: "Hymn to Joy" arr. Young
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Carillon Ringers - "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Wissinger; Janice Clark, Bell Tree; Stephen Cook, Piano; Carolyn Noonchester, Director
Music by the Chancel Choir - Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director

The May 7th Chancel Flowers were given by Dottie Zessau and Family in loving memory of John Zessau.

Coffee Fellowship after worship for the month of May is provided by the Shepherds Fellowship Group.



Class of 2023 Graduates

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

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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.**

Reflections from Teacher Appreciation Week (May 1-5)

Church of the Good Shepherd is so thankful for all the teachers in our congregation and community who teach in our Sunday school classes, ESL classes, CGS Children's Center, and Public and Private schools. We appreciate the gifts and skills you share with children, youth, and adults. Your dedication to your work and young minds is a blessing and appreciated by all!



Pastor Eva joins PTA members at Holly Avenue Elementary School in serving a Cinco De Mayo lunch to the teachers during Teacher Appreciation week.



CGS Children Center Director Linda Brown, Office Administrator and Treasurer Cindy Ostry, and Teacher Jiaqi enjoy snack items from the CC Board Members and Parents.



Prayer for Teachers: God of Love, thank you for teachers. Sustain teachers who give everything they have. Strengthen teachers in their dedication and commitment. Encourage teachers to care and inspire. And nourish them each day just as they nourish us in the classrooms. Amen.

Shepherds' Meeting - This Tuesday, May 9th, 2023

Shepherds' May meeting on the 9th at 6pm will feature a representative from The Bargain Box, an Arcadia thrift store, explaining their mission. It will be a traditional potluck. Bring your own dishes and utensils. Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker at Church, call her at 626-446-7860, or email her at vlwhit@sbcglobal.net. You can volunteer a food assignment or she will give you one.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD NEW MEMBERS CLASS RECAP

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.

Invite Family and Friends to These Special Worship Services in May!







Pentecost Sunday, May 28th
Commemorate the Coming of the Holy Spirit through music, liturgy, the receiving of new members to Church of the Good Shepherd, and Coffee Fellowship after worship. All are also ecnouraged to wear red clothing to church this Sunday.

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

Merciful God and Creator of All, meet us today in the ordinary times and spaces of our lives. Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone, we seek you as the One who gives us new life as God's people. Holy Spirit, Enlivener and Guide, breathe into our hearts and fan the flame of the divine spark that resides in us all. Bless us God, and remind us of what it means to be your Easter people.

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.