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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
Attendance pads and cards are in the pews.
The Offeratory box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.

## *Sunday, November 8th - Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost and Veterans Day Recognition*

**Scripture: Psalm 36: 1-5**
**Sermon: Stewardship Series – "Thrive: Gifts and Abundance"**
**Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, Preaching**
**Prelude: "Variations on "Ash Grove"" by Helvey**
**Postlude: "Make a Joyful Noise" by Raymond Herbek**
**Stephen Cook, Director of Music**
**Chancel Choir: "Be Still My Soul" arr. Dan Bird;**
**"The Glory of His Promises" arr. Philip Kern;**
**Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist**
**Youth Choir Cabaret Preview: "Time after Time" by Cyndi Lauper and Rob Hyman**
**Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist**

*The October 25th Altar Flowers were given in loving memory of Dan Place by his family, and in celebration of Pearl Flores's birthday by her family.*

*The November 1st Altar Flowers were given with love and gratitude in memory of Jack Hallin's birthday by his family.*

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.**

## *Sunday, November 15th - Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Scripture: Psalm 68: 5-10**
**Sermon: Stewardship Series – "Thrive: Service and Kinship"**
**Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, Preaching**
**Prelude: "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Sewell**
**Postlude: "Postlude on "A Mighty Fortress"" arr. Sandra Gay**
**Chancel Choir: "Speak, Lord, in the Stillness" by Albin C. Whitworth;**
**"Steal Away" arr. Howard Helvey;**
**Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist**
**Music by the Children's Choir**
**Isabella Arce-De La Vega, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist**
**Special Music by Laura Arganbright, Oboe**

## 27th Annual SSP Cabaret this Sunday, November 8th!



*The World Keeps Spinning…*

Day by day, week by week, month by month, year by year, the world keeps spinning. Seconds, minutes, and hours go by as lives are lived all over the country and the world. And around the world, throughout diffferent places and times, the hand of god is steady, guiding the universe and our spinning world known as Earth.

The CGS Youth Choir and UMYF take up the theme of time and travel in the 27th Annual SSP Cabaret, coming to Jordan Hall on November 8. Please join us to enjoy a show of music referencing different countries, places, or the passing of time. Shows will begin at 5:00pm and 7:00pm and delicious desserts will be served. A free-will donation will be taken to help support our youth and their mission work this summer through the Sierra Service Project. So, come to the Cabaret!

**CHILDREN'S CENTER DIRECTOR,** Linda Brown retired on October 30th. We are so grateful for her 20 years of dedication and work. The Children's Center Board will host a ***Retirement Celebration on Nov. 15th***- please see invite on other page for more details and RSVP information.

SPRC and the Children's Center Board of Directors are pleased to announce the promotion of Cindy Ostry to the Director position beginning October 31st.




### *Sunday, November 8th*
### *3:00-4:00 p.m. under the Sanctuary Portico*

Pastor Eva will offer a blessing for your pet(s). Drop by anytime during this hour and please remember to keep your pet on a leash or in a carrier/cage.

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## Islands Hastings Ranch

Date: November 5th

Time: 4pm to close

Location: Islands Hastings Ranch

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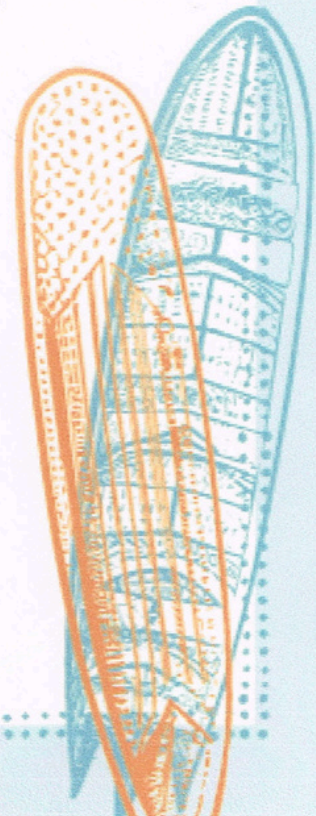
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## Book Club

The Wednesday Book Group will not meet on Veteran's Day, November 11th and also November 25th.

## Trunk or Treat















Despite the rain, Trunk or Treat was a huge success! Special thanks to Kevin Noonchester for the wonderful puppet show and the the Foundation for the generous grant.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

# *Retirement Luncheon*

## CELEBRATING LINDA BROWN

Please join us as we celebrate 20 years of dedication, leadership, and love, honoring a remarkable Childcare Director who has touched the hearts of countless children, families, and staff!

November 15, 2026

RSVP to Kerri 626.705.4078

$10/per person

Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia

10:00AM
Recognition during Worship

11:30AM - 1:00PM
Luncheon



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**Resident Bishop: Rev. Dottie Escobedo-Frank**
**District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee**
**Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin**
**Director of Youth & Young Adults: Franklyn Shen**
**Director of Music: Stephen Cook**
**Director of the Children's Center: Linda Brown**




**Special Events in November!**

- Nov. 8th Blessing of the Animals (3-4:00pm)
  and Youth Cabaret (5pm & 7pm shows)
- Nov. 15th Linda Brown's Retirement Celebration
- Nov. 22nd Deck the Halls- volunteers needed after worship to help decorate the campus for Advent!
- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Chapel Service (7:30pm)

**Upcoming Newsletters Will Be Published on the Following Dates:**
Nov. 16th; Dec. 1st & Dec. 14th. Reminder- articles, photos, and announcements are due by 3:00 p.m. the Friday before the publication date. Email items to cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com

***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.***