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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 November 24th - Thanksgiving Sunday
Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Attendance pads are in the pews. 2025 Pledge cards and Thanksgiving offering envelopes may be placed in the Offering Box located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 132:1-5 and John 19:33-37
Stewardship Sharing Speakers
Prelude: "Thanksgiving Medley" arr. Jennifer Eklund
Postlude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" by Lobe Den Herren, arr. Michael Ware
Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Youth Bells: "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Lamb
Youth Choir: "Soli Deo Gloria" by Herbert Beuerle; "Laudamus" by Andrea Klouse; "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig;
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist
Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes are availabel in the pew pockets.

The Nov. 17th Altar Flowers were given in loving memory of Florence Kovacic by her family; and in loving memory of Carolyn McGregor Bushman by her mother, Joyce McGregor



Foothill Unity Center's Angels

Foothill Unity Center's Christmas Angels will be generic. No specific names or ages will be on the angels. We will put up the Angel Tree and it will simply have the wish list printed on the back. You do not need an Angel to donate a gift. Simply bring your UNWRAPPED gifts to Jordan Hall. If you donate a gift card please drop it off in the Church Office. Thank you for sharing and caring!

You can also contribute to their Thanksgiving Food Drive by donating to them directly- see flyer on page 2.

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.**

It's Time to Order Poinsettias!

Church of the Good Shepherd has a tradition of decorating our altar and chancel area with beautiful poinsettias at Christmas time. We are pre-selling 6" potted red poinsettias for $18 each to be used in the sanctuary for services beginning Sunday, December 15th.

Plants may be picked up at church after the 9pm Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, December 24th. The remaining plants will be donated for delivery by our team of volunteers to more home-bound church members.

To order, visit our table after Church services November 24th or December 1st. your check should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd for $18 per plant. Write "poinsettia" on the memo line. <u>The last day to order is Sunday, December 1st.</u>

If you would like to be on our volunteer delivering team, let us know! It's a great opportunity to be in the Christmas spirit and give the spirit to someone else!



Save the Date and invite family and friends to our upcoming events.....



Thanksgiving Eve Chapel Service
November 27th (Wednesday)
at 7:00pm with Communion
and Special Music

Time to Deck the Halls!
November 30th (Saturday)
Volunteers are needed from 1:00pm to 4:00pm to help decorate the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and entryways for the Advent Season. Hot Chocolate and cookies will be served.



Hanging of the Greens Service and Heritage Sunday with dedication of the 2025 Pledge Commitments and Holy Communion
December 1st (Sunday, 10am Service)
*Please remember to bring your 2025 pledge cards this Sunday and place them in the offering box in the Sanctuary entrance f you have not already returned them.

Other Special Services in December.....
Dec. 15th Lessons & Carols Service
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Services
- 5:00pm Family Nativity Pageant
- 9:00pm Sanctuary Traditional w/candlelight closing
- 11:00pm Chapel Service w/candlelight closing in courtyard

Dec. 29th Christmas Carols Sunday

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SCAM Alert Reminder: Delete any fake and scam emails or text messages from scammers pretending to be Pastor Eva or any church staff. Pay attention to the sender's email or the sender's phone # as they will not match Pastor Eva's or staff member's contact information. Remember that Pastor Eva and staff will never ask you for urgent requests, favors, money, gift cards, or your personal info. Always contact Pastor Eva or the office directly if you are unsure.

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission Statement:
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.