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The Word

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 the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 9th - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost and Veteran's Day Sunday

Attendance pads are in the pews.
The Offering box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.
This month's Offertory will take place on Sunday, November 16th Commitment Sunday.

Scripture: Psalm 145: 1-7 and Luke 11: 5-13
Sermon: "The Grace of Giving: Because God Gives"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Prelude on Thaxted" by Holst, arr. Page
Postlude: "Make A Joyful Noise" by Raymond Herbek
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "Sanctus" by N. Lindsey Nordon;
"Give Good Gifts" arr. Jordan Sramek;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Carillon Ringers: "Give Thanks" arr. Geschke; Carolyn Noonchester, Director
Special Music by Susan Holder

Join us after worship for Coffee Fellowship in the Hall and be sure to visit the Crafter's Holiday Boutique on the Courtyard Patio

Foothill Unity Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our church will be collecting donations for Foothill Unity's Thanksgiving food baskets that help families and individuals in need. Bring any of the following items to church now through Nov. 9th: Canned Corn, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing Mix, Cake Mix, OR $20-25 grocery gift cards.



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.**






Thank you to everyone who came to the 26th Annual Cabaret! Special thanks to Janice Clark for directing and choreographing. We raised over $1000 towards our SSP trip next summer.

Kitchen Update for October 30, 2025

Good news, we are finally on the home stretch! There are only two major items to be completed and some smaller details to be finished. In the past few weeks, the following items were completed:

- We spent a morning with the cabinet supplier's technician to make sure that all the cabinet doors were adjusted to work properly.
- The air curtain (fly fan) was installed over the exterior kitchen door.
- The heating, air conditioning and ventilation system was repaired or replaced by code and will still need to be inspected by the city.
- Two more locking wheels were installed on the large island table. Now it is secure.

Major work to be completed in the next week or two:

- The hood and fire suppression system needs to be completed and inspected.
- The dishwasher needs to be calibrated, and a reservoir system installed for the cleaning products it requires.
- Then we must pass final city inspections and make any corrections if necessary.

All this is to say that we are getting close to completion. Thank you again to all for your patience with a less than straight forward process. your generosity is appreciated and will be rewarded soon when we can use our new kitchen.

David and Joann Steinmeier
Project Co-Managers

Trunk or Treat 2025

It was a night filled with decorated cars, fun costumes, keyboard music, star & moon gazing, photo shoots, a puppet show, and treats for the children! Thank you to all who participated and to the Whitakers for their organization and work on this church event for the community.















THANKSGIVING CHAPEL SERVICE
Will be on a Monday this Year
November 24th at 7:00p.m.
with special music, Holy Communion,
Scriptures, and Reflections.

Dear Congregation- Thanksgiving Greetings to you! As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, my heart is filled with gratitude for each one of you and the unique blessings you bring to our church family. Thanksgiving is a time when we reflect on God's goodness and faithfulness, recognizing His hand in our lives, both in times of joy and in seasons of trial.

I invite you to attend our ***Thanksgiving Chapel Service*** (see above info) and to also give a special ***Thanksgiving Offering*** to continue to support the church and its ministries. Special Thanksgiving offering envelopes will be in the Sanctuary entryway and pews and can be placed in the offering box. Or contact the church office (626) 447-2181 to receive one. You may also give online via the GIVE tab on the church website (www.cgsum.org).

With Grace and Blessings- Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin (Pastor Eva)

Church of the Good Shepherd 2026 Stewardship "The Grace of Giving"

2 Corinthians 8:7 "Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking."

Dear Church of the Good Shepherd Members and Friends,

This year we celebrated the church's 80th Anniversary. The church began in May of 1945 when its first worship services were held in the Holly Avenue Elementary School auditorium. A faithful community grew and planted the roots of what we are today at Church of the Good Shepherd. They exhibited what the Apostle Paul was encouraging in the 2 Corinthians scripture passage- the Grace of Giving! Because of the generosity of these founding members and all who came after, we today are blessed with our lovely church campus, enriching ministries, dedicated church staff, and connections to each other and the community.

Over the next few Sundays, the worship services and sermon messages will reflect on the Grace of Giving and how we live out this calling today in our lives and as a church. I hope you will join us for worship in person or on-line. I also invite you to join us for the Commitment Sunday Worship Service and Luncheon on November 16th. On this Sunday we will receive new members, have a special dedication for the 2026 pledge cards, and gather for a luncheon to celebrate our church ministries and missions.

Enclosed is the pledge card for your 2026 financial commitment to the church. We encourage you to prayerfully consider your giving for next year. Every pledge is a valued gift that is needed for Good Shepherd to continue its ministries and missions.

Please return your pledge card by mail in the envelope provided (be sure to place a stamp on it before mailing) or in person at your convenience. The pledge cards received before Nov. 16th will be consecrated in worship on Commitment Sunday.

Let Us Continue Together the Legacy of the Grace of Giving!

Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin (Pastor Eva)

ORIGINAL LETTER & PLEDGE PACKETS HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT. PLEASE CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE (626-447-2181) IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PLEDGE PACKET OR DID NOT RECIEVE YOUR COPY. COPIES WILL ALSO BE AVIALBLE IN THE SANCTUARY ENTRYWAY BY THE OFFERING BOX.

Commitment Sunday Worship & Luncheon on November 16th!

We will have a special blessing of the 2026 pledge cards and will receive new members in worship. Then all are invited to a delicious lunch in the hall as we celebrate the church ministries. To help ensure we have enough food for all, please RSVP to Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org) or the church office (626-447-2181).

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Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

November Save the Dates

- 11/9 Crafter's Boutique
- 11/16 Commitment Sunday Service and Luncheon
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Chapel Service **(MONDAY at 7:00pm)**

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.