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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 10th - Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Attendance pads are in the pews. The Offering Box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: Mark 14:3-9
Sermon: "The 4Cs of Stewardship: To Have a Conscious Heart"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Reflection on an Israeli Folksong" arr. Helvey
Postlude: "Make a Joyful Noise" by Raymond Herbek
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "I Will Worship the Lord" by John Rutter;
"The Glory of His Promises" arr. Phillip Kern;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Carillon Ringers: "Peaceful Blessing" arr. Eithun; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

The November 3rd Altar Flowers were given in celebration of Craig Lucas' birthday by Diane, Addie, and Ellie.



The 25th Annual SSP Cabaret was a rousing success! The youth were able to raise $1,455.00 before expenses towards next summer's Sierra Service Project trip. Special thanks to Janice Clark for all her hard work directing the Youth Choir and the Cabaret, to Franklyn Shen for his piano accompaniment, and thanks to all of you for your continual support of our Youth!

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.**

Family Promise Report - October Hosting

On Sunday, October 20th, we welcomed our Family Promise guests, a mother and 2 boys, ages 11 and 7. Our week together was calm, and the family felt safe and appreciated our CGS Hospitality.

Our dinner hosts, coordinated by Leslie Kenan, were Tom Dukes, Sarah Circle, Shepherds, ROI, Scout Troop 832, and Scout Troop 333. They provided bountiful and delicious meals that were used for dinner and lunches. We were delighted to have several new overnight hosts [*] thanks to David Steinmeier's recruitment. Our overnight hosts included Gary Fang and Cindy Zhuang, Andrea* and Don* Thorsen, Kim Reynolds and Doug Van Kirk, David Steinmeier and Pedro Galindo, Kezia Andrews and her children Sarah and Felix, and Diane and Craig Lucas.

Our CGS set-up and take-down crew of Lynn and Vern Whitaker, David Rios, Mike Hoover, Diane and Craig Lucas, and Susan Mendenhall are so efficient getting the sleeping rooms ready for our guests and our CGS overnighters and then putting everything neatly away until our next hosting thanks to the leadership of David Steinmeier. Joann Steinmeier laundered the linens that we provide for our guests. Everyone's contribution made our hosting week so successful!

On Thursday evening, David Steinmeier brought his telescope to view Saturn. Our guest family, especially the boys, enjoyed this treat! And, of course, much of the success of our Family Hosting is because of the tremendous support of Pastor Eva and all members who support Family Promise with volunteering, donations, and most importantly prayers!

As we hugged and told Shalaan and her boys goodbye Sunday morning, October 27, they thanked us for the bountiful meals, the cool and comfortable space for them, the dinner conversations, and the love and caring that they felt from everyone at CGS! We reminded them that God is always with them and that we would pray for them. Our hosting dates for 2025 will be forthcoming. We welcome and encourage others to join our Family Promise hosting team.

Diane Lucas
CGS Family Promise Coordinator





Book Club

Our next book is *All the Colors of the Dark*. Join us on Wednesdays at 11:30 in the lounge!

2025 Stewardship Campaign: The 4 "C"s of Stewardship

The 2025 Stewardship letters and pledge cards have been mailed out. Join us each Sunday in worship as we focus on Stewardship in the Sermon message and with those sharing Stewardship Moments. Save the date for Pledge Sunday (Dec. 1st) and the special Advent Hanging of the Greens Service!

JOIN US FOR THESE THANKSGIVING EVENTS!

- Nov. 7th Sarah Circle Dinner at Matt Denny's
- Nov. 12 Shepherds Turkey & Potluck Dinner
- Nov. 17th Mission Area Gathering- see flyer below and RSVP to Pastor Eva if you would like to attend. Carpool rides can be arranged.
- Nov. 27th Thanksgiving Eve Chapel Service
- Plus celebrate Pledge Commitment & Hanging of the Greens Sunday on Dec. 1st!

Plus we will collect canned and boxed food items for Foothill Unity's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please see flyer below for the food donation wish list.





Sarah Circle Annual Dinner Meeting

Sarah Circle will be dining at Matt Denny's Ale House in the "Library" on Thursday, November 7, at 6:00pm. The address is 148 E. Huntington Drive, Arcadia. Dinner orders will be off the menu. Please RSVP to Lynne Rivera via text. The number can be obtained from the Church Office. Bring cash to cover dinner, tax, and tip, since the dinners may be divided into 3 checks. The restaurant's menu is found online.

Remember we will also be collecting for our No-Bake Bake Sale. Guests are welcome!

Shepherds Announcements

Shepherds is having their annual turkey dinner and potluck on November 12 at 6pm. As usual, RSVP to Lynne Whitaker no later than November 4.

Shepherds is also collecting clean, new, and gently used men's lightweight jackets, hoodies, sweatshirts, pants, and belts. Please turn in your donation at the Shepherds November meeting or the Church Office (Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm). Items will be donated to a transitional housing program.

Trunk or Treat Fun with CGS Members and the Community!

Thank you to organizers Lynn and Vern Whitaker, the CGS Foundation, Noteworthy Puppets, the Scout Troops, the Steinmeiers for the telescope viewing, and all members who participated!













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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.