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Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

The Church of the Good Shepherd

400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007 || www.cgsum.org || 626-447-2181
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 19th - 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday & Fellowship Lunch

Masks are no longer required, but are encouraged for those who have high risk factors.
The Offeratory Box is located in the Narthex.Attendance pads are in the pews.

Scripture Lesson: Romans 10: 1-13
Sermon: "To the Most High"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "Amazing Grace" Traditional, arr. by Chris Nole
Postlude: "Come, Thou Fount" Traditional, arr. by Sharon Wilson
Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Children's Choir: "I Will Give Thanks" by Michael Jothen;
Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist
Chancel Choir: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. by Dan Bird;
"A Hymn of Praise to the Creator" by Eric H. Thiman;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Franklyn Shen, Guest Accompanist

The Nov 12th Chancel Flowers were given in honor of the Veterans who served our country and the men and women who are currently serving.

2023 Christmas Pageant



Christmas is coming! We need animals, shepherds, magi, and angels for the Christmas Eve Family Service at 5:00pm on Sunday, December 24th. Children's Choir, Youth Choir, and Youth Bells will also be participating. We will have one rehearsal for the Pageant on Sunday, December 17th from 11:15am-1:00pm. Lunch will be served. If you are not able to attend the rehearsal, please let Franklyn Shen or Cindy Ostry know and we'll save a costume for you! All children, youth, young adults, and adults are welcome to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Ostry (childcenter@cgsum.org) or Franklyn Shen (fnjshen@sbcglobal.net). Thank you!

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.**

The Wednesday morning book group will **not** meet on November 22nd. Our December book is *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict. Join us at 11:30!





Join us this Sunday for Commitment Sunday Worship and Fellowship Lunch!

We hope all will attend this Sunday's Service and Fellowship Time. Worship includes a blesssing of the 2024 Pledge Cards and the receiving of new members. Then we will gather for fellowship and a delicious and hearty soup, salad, rolls, and dessert lunch catered by Poppy Cake Baking Co. Please remember to turn in your pledge cards and RSVP for the lunch to the church office (626-447-2181) or Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org).

Youth News

The 24th Annual SSP Cabaret was a rousing success! The Youth and Youth Choir raised over $1,500 towards our service trip to Chiloquin, Oregon next summer with Sierra Service Project. Special thanks to Janice Clark, our amazing Youth Choir Director for another great show!

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 $17, each to be used in the sanctuary for services beginning Sunday, December 17th.

Plants may be picked up at church after the 9pm Christmas Eve service on Sunday, 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 on November 19th, November 26th, and December 3rd, or fill out this order form and drop it off with your payment at the Church Office (400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA, 91007).

Your Name(s): _____ Phone Number: _____

The number of plants to be ordered _____ x $17/plant = _____

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Will you pick up your plant/s on Sun, Dec. 24th after the 9pm service? _____

Will you donate your plant/s? _____

Are you able to assist with the delivery of plants to our home-bound members? _____

Your check should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd for $17 per plant.
Write "poinsettia" on the memo line. The last day to order is Sunday, December 3rd.

Shepherds November 14th Meeting

Shepherds will have our traditional Thanksgiving dinner for our November meeting on the 14th in Jordan Hall at 6:00pm. There will be a $10 charge per person for the turkey. Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by email (vlwhit@sbcglobal.net) or by other means by the 8th only if you are coming. You can volunteer a food assignment or she can give you one. You will need dishes. Water will be served. Our program is "Giving Thanks." Opportunities will be given to tell personal stories about giving thanks and Thanksgiving.

Foothill Unity Holiday Food Drive



The Foothill Unity Center is collecting food items to create Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for the 1,200 families they serve. Please bring food items to Jordan Hall any Sunday. If you are donating a gift card make sure to bring it to the Church Office or drop in the mail slot on the office door. Here is what they need: $20-$25 grocery store gift cards, cake mixes, canned yams, corn muffin mix, cranberry sauce, gravy packets, jello, pudding, marshallows, and stuffing. Pies, whole chickens, and Cornish hens need to be delivered directly to the center at 790 Chestnut Avenue, Monrovia. Thanks for your generous giving to our neighbors in need!

Holiday Angels from Foothill Unity Center



Angels are flying in next Sunday! This year the angels have no names or wishes on them. Instead they will come with a flyer listing things the Center will work with to make Christmas special for 1,200 families. Please return your Angel and your gifts to Jordan Hall on or before Sunday, December 10th. If you bring them during the week please drop them off in the Church Office. Requested items are $25 gift cards (Aldi, Amazon, Burlington, Kohl's, Marshal's, Target, and Walmart), family board games, puzzles, arts and crafts sets, books, dictionaries, educational toys, construction sets, dolls, action figures, vehicles, sports equipment, and homemaker toys.

Upcoming Thanksgiving Events!



- Nov. 20th, Monday at 7:00pm Arcadia Interfaith Service at Holy Angels Catholic Church (370 Campus Dr.) with Pastor Eva and the Noonchesters participating in the story of "Stone Soup". Bring canned food donations for Foothill Unity.
- Nov. 22nd, Wed. 7:00pm Chapel Thanksgiving Eve Service
- Nov. 26th, Sunday at 10:00am Thanksgiving Sunday Service with Special Guest Cathy Raymond Wilson delivering the Message and Youth Choir and Youth Bells performing!

NEW THIS YEAR FOR THANKSGIVING OFFERING: Letters will be emailed out (or mailed to those w/o email) and special offering envelopes will be placed by the offering box in the narthex and in the pews from Nov. 19th - Dec. 3rd.

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From July 1st District Superintendent: Rev. MoonYoung Lee



Stewardship 2023 Theme: Psalm 50:14 (NRSVUE)
"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High"

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.