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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, October 26th - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Attendance pads are in the pews.
The Offering box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.
On Heritage Sundays- any offering placed in the offering box before the service begins will be brought up to the altar during the Offertory in worship.

Scripture: Psalm 57: 5-11 and Acts 20: 32-38
Sermon: "The Grace of Giving: The Caring of Community"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "The Boy Paganini" by Edward Mollenhauer (Fantasia)
Postlude: "Golden" by Huntr/X, Ejae, Nuna, and Ami
Morgan Noochester and Aisha Syed, Vocals;
Isabelle Chan, Violin; William Shen, Percussion
Music by the Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist
Youth Bells: "Tall Walls" by Fall!; Carolyn Noonchester, Director
Youth Choir: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" by Brian Doerksen; "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel" arr. Roger Emerson; "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

The October 19th Altar Flowers were given in memory of Helen Sansui for her birthday, October 16th, by Maria, Ruemruk, and Dylan.



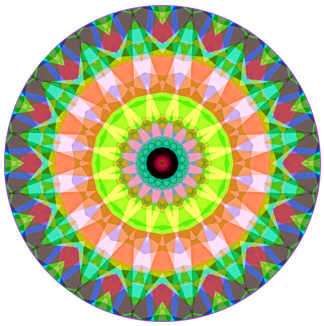
November 2nd is All Saints Sunday

Loved ones who have passed away this past year will be recognized in the Sunday Bulletin and their names will be lifted up during the worship service. Please contact the church office 626-447-2181 or email to submit the name of your loved one(s) by October 29th.

Reminder: New Member's Orientation is this Sunday (11:30am in the Library).

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 26th Annual SSP Cabaret: Kaleidoscope!



Kaleidoscopes show us different colors and changing patterns, mixing them from one to another as you turn the tube. This year's Youth Choir SSP Cabaret features a kaleidoscope of colorful music that highlights the many colors of life and humanity found on planet Earth.

Please join us on Sunday, November 2nd for the 26th Annual SSP Cabaret. A free-will offering will be taken to help support our youth on their Sierra Service Project this summer. Shows will be performed at 5pm and 7pm, and delicious desserts will be provided.

UMYF News

Congratulations to Isabelle Chan for being selected to the 2025-2026 Sierra Service Project Youth Advisory Committee! As a member of YAC, Izzy will attend monthly zooms as well as a once a year in-person retreat. After one year of serving on YAC, 3-5 YAC members are elected to also serve on SSP's Board of Directors, acting as a liasion between YAC and the board. These youth have the same voting privileges and responsibilites as adult board members. Izzy will be joining Sarah Veeraraj (2025-2026 Youth Board member) and Greg Van Kirk (adult board member), who will be representing CGS on the SSP Board.

Crafters' Boutique Coming Soon





The annual Crafters' Boutique will be held on Sunday, November 2nd and Sunday, November 9th after the 10am service on the patio. Please take a few minutes to browse and shop for unique handmade items produced by our Crafters' workshop. Several items will be up for auction, including a watercolor by Mary Archibald, and a beautiful Christmas door or wall ornament. Winners of the auction items will be announced on November 9th.

New Members Orientation Offered on Oct. 26th and Nov. 2nd

For those interested in joining Church of the Good Shepherd or transferring their membership from another UMC. To sign up for one of the dates or to receive more info please contact Pastor Eva (626) 447-2181 or by email PastorEva@cgsum.org. And save the date for **Nov. 16th** when new members will be received in worship!

Save the Date for Commitment Sunday 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. The Stewardship letters will be mailed out this week and more information will be provided in future bulletins and newsletters.

SPOTS ARE FILLING UP!!!
NEW MINISTRY ALERT: COME TO THE TABLE
SMALL GROUPS MEAL GATHERINGS

To Build Deeper Relationships One Meal at a Time



AT EACH GATHERING
· Group Members Arrive and Gather
· Begin meal with an Opening Prayer and an Opening Question
· Continue meal & Discuss any of the Food for the Soul Questions
· Close with sharing Prayer Requests and a Closing Prayer

SMALL GROUP DAYS/TIMES/LOCATIONS
· 1st TUESDAYS of each month- 6:00pm Dinner- at a Sierra Madre Home
· 2nd MONDAYS of each month- 12noon Lunch- at a Monrovia Home
· 3rd THURSDAYS of each month- a 6:00pm Dinner- at a Arcadia Home
· 4th SUNDAYS of each month- a 6:00pm Dinner- at a Hastings Ranch Home

Contact Pastor Eva (626-447-2181 or PastorEva@cgsum.org) if you have any questions.

SIGN UP CARD: PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN IN PERSON ON SUNDAY OR EMAIL YOUR ANSWERS TO PASTOR EVA (PastorEva@cgsum.org)

Name:_____

Contact (phone/email)_____

List 1st & 2nd Choices of Small Group Days/Times_____

List Allergies (foods, pets, etc)_____

Need: _____ Childcare _____ Carpool _____ Likes to Cook

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Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

November Save the Dates

- 11/2 All Saint's Sunday, Time Change & UWF Change Collection Buckets, Crafter's Boutique, New Member's Orientation, and Youth Cabaret
- 11/9 Crafter's Boutique
- 11/16 Commitment Sunday Service and Luncheon
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Chapel Service (MONDAY at 7:00pm)



<u>Foothill Unity Thanksgiving Food Drive</u>

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.

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.