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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
Sunday Nursery Care available starting at 9:30am
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG
Attendance pads and cards are in the pews.
The Offeratory box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.

Sunday, October 25th - Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost and Receiving of New Members

Scripture: Psalm 85: 8-13
Sermon: Stewardship Series – "Thrive: Prayers & Clarity"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "The Lakes" by T. Swift and J. Antonoff; arr. Morgan Alm
Postlude: "If I Didn't Have You" by Randy Newman
Franklyn Shen, piano
Youth Choir: "Open" by Judith Silver; "Put Your Hand in the Hand" arr. Kirby Shaw; "Rise and Shine" arr. Robert; "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig;
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist



Sunday, November 1st - Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost Time Change Sunday and All Saints Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 33: 1-5
Sermon: Stewardship Series – "Thrive: Prescence & Joy"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, Preaching
Carillon Ringers: "Give Thanks" arr. Geschke; Carolyn Noonchester, Director
Chancel Choir: "For All the Saints" arr. Robert Shaw;
"Hail Thee, Spirit, Lord Eternal" by Robert Wetzler;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

Beginning June 1st- the Newsletter will be published every other week.
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.**

FALL POTLUCK & FORUMS THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th!

Join us in worship as the youth provide the music and as we welcome new members who joined the church! Then we'll gather for a S.A.D. Potluck! It will be the happiest S.A.D. (salads, appetizers, desserts) potluck! A few appetizers are still needed, so call the church office (626-447-2181) by Thursday, October 22nd to sign up.



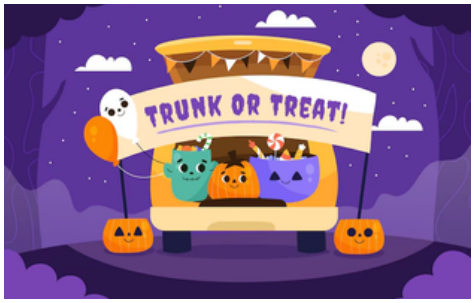
Please drop off your potluck dish to the kitchen on Sunday (9:30-10:00am) before worship.

PLUS FALL FORUMS AFTER THE POTLUCK

- Option #1 (begins at 11:45am in the music room) Exciting News- Children's Choir will begin in November, but a special **Children's Choir Open House** style practice will be held for the children, and parents are welcome to attend too!
- Option #2 (begins at 12noon in the Hall) **Forum on Propositions-** see info below
- Option #3: **Fresh Expressions** (begins at 12noon in the bike yard)- a fishbowl style discussion on new church ideas

FORUM ON 2026 PROPOSITIONS: Decisions, decisions, decisions! Official sample ballots and official voter information guide are in the mail. On October 5th county election officials began mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot. There are 14 state-wide ballot propositions, 2 LA County measures, and several local measures on the ballot. Overwhelmed? On Sunday Oct. 25th, a speaker from the League of Women Voters-Pasadena Area, will present the pros and cons of each measure, what change the proposition will make, what its fiscal effects would be, and what supporters and opponents say. Save the date! Do you want to get started before October 25th ? Then go to www:VOTE411.org. for all the information you need to make an informed decision.

TRUNK OR TREAT October 31st, Saturday 6:30-8:00pm!



Join us on Saturday, October 31st, 6:30pm-8:00pm for our annual Trunk or Treat in the parking lot. You are invited to participate in one or all of these ways: 1) spread the word; 2) come with your kids, grandkids, neighbors, friends, etc.; 3) come with your car decorated to pass out candy or trinkets to the kids; 4) volunteer at the church welcome table with Pastor Eva.

Please email Lynne and Vern Whitaker (vlwhit@sbcglobal.net) or call the Church Office if you'd like to add your car to the line up. Or email Pastor Eva (pastoreva@cgsum.org) if you'd like to help at the welcome table. If you can't make it to Trunk or Treat, consider donating candy (individually wrapped) or other little goodies for the event.



November 1st is All Saint's Sunday

We will remember, honor, and give thanks for loved ones and church members who have passed away this past year. If you would like the your loved to be recognized in worship, please submit their name to the church office or pastor by Oct. 28th

Book Club

In November, the Wednesday Book Club will read The Beekeper's Apprentice. join us at 11:30 in the library. Please note, we will NOT meet on Veterans Day, Nov. 11th.

The 27th Annual SSP Cabaret

The World Keeps Spinning...



Day by day, week by week, month by month, year by year, the world keeps spinning. Seconds, minutes, and hours go by as lives are lived all over the country and the world. And around the world, throughout diffferent places and times, the hand of god is steady, guiding the universe and our spinning world known as Earth.

The CGS Youth Choir and UMYF take up the theme of time and travel in the 27th Annual SSP Cabaret, coming to Jordan Hall on November 8. Please join us to enjoy a show of music referencing different countries, places, or the passing of time. Shows will begin at 5:00pm and 7:00pm and delicious desserts will be served. A free-will donation will be taken to help support our youth and their mission work this summer through the Sierra Service Project. So, come to the Cabaret!



- Children's Choir Director: Isabella Arce-De La Vega. Izzy is studying Music Education at CSULB and is an alum from CSArts. She also works with the Long Beach Youth Chorus and Jammin Music in Long Beach.
- New Social Media Director: Sophia Schaefer. Sophia is a recent graduate from UCSB with a degree in Communications Studies. She worked for the school's marketing department and also held an internships with a company in Santa Barbara.
- Sound Tech- the church is still hiring for this position. See Pastor Eva for the job description. Thank you to Stephenson Holder for working as the interim sound tech.
- CHILDREN'S CENTER DIRECTOR, Linda Brown will retire in November. We are grateful for her 20 years of dedication and work. The Children's Center Board will host a Retirement Celebration luncheon on Nov. 15th- more details to come.

Please join us for our

CRAFTERS' BOUTIQUE

SUNDAYS

October 18 & October 25

TIME:

9-9:45AM (EARLY-BIRD) & AFTER 10 AM SERVICE

* (Early-bird shoppers will be entered in an opportunity drawing) *

SHOP FOR:

HOLIDAY DECOR / EMBROIDERED TOWELS /
WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS / GIFT BAGS /
CROCHETED ITEMS + MORE!

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Director of the Children's Center: Linda Brown

Thrive! The 2027 Stewardship Campaign begins this week. The giving packets were mailed out on Monday. Extra packets are available in the sanctuary entryway or through the church office. More details will be shared in future newsletters and bulletins.

Upcoming Newsletters Will Be Published on the Following Dates:
Nov. 2nd & 16th; Dec. 1st & Dec. 14th. Reminder- articles, photos, and announcements are due by 3:00 p.m. the Friday before the publication date. Email items to cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com

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.