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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
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday October 27th - the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

New Sermon Series "Committed to Stewardship"
Scripture Lesson: Mark 10:46-52
Stewardship Series Sermon: "The 4 Cs: Care for What You Give"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. John Purifoy
Postlude: "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Martin
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Children's Choir: "Sing, Sing a Joyful Song" by Martin;
Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist
Youth Choir: "Come, Now is the Time for Worship" by Brian Doerksen;
"Glory to God Forever" by Steve Fee and Vicky Beeching;
"A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

The October 20th Altar Flowers were given in loving memory of Dan Place by Gay Place and family; and in loving memory of Helen Sansui by Maria, Rumruk, and Dylan.



Blessing of the Animals this Sunday October 27th
Stop by anytime between 3:00-4:00pm under the Sanctuary Portico. You can drive thru or walk up with your furry loved one- all animals are welcome- to receive a blessing.

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 25th Annual SSP Cabaret

And the Tony goes to...

The CGS Youth Choir's 25th Annual SSP Cabaret will be heading to Broadway this year to celebrate the Tony Awards, which recognize excellence in live Broadway theatre. The Tony Awards began in 1947, and the first award for Best Musical was given in 1949. As of 2024 there have been 76 shows honored with the Best Musical award, with a tie in 1960 (The Sound of Music and Fiorello) and no awards given in 2021 during the Covid shutdown. Every song in this year's Cabaret comes from a production which received the Best Musical Tony Award.

So, come to the 25th Annual SSP Cabaret on **November 3rd at either 5pm or 7pm** to enjoy some great theatre music performed by our Youth Choir and accompanied by Franklyn J. Shen. A free-will offering will be taken to support the UMYF's Sierra Service Project trip this summer.

Fill the Bowl Project

"Fill the Bowl" is part of The Humane Society of the United States' Animal Protection Ministries program. Every year, thousands of churches across the country donate food to local food pantries and other programs that help fight hunger. Pets are a vital part of our community but are often overlooked in times of need. Through the Fill the Bowl Project, faith communities can help by collecting new, unopened cans and bags of pet food (dog, cat, rabbit, bird, etc.). One simple donation provides food for a pet and peace of mind for an owner. Donations will be collected from October 1 to November 5, 2024. Look for the Fill the Bowl Project bin outside the Children's Center Office.





Trunk or Treat!

Save the date! Thursday, October 31 is our annual Trunk or Treat event! There are different ways to get involved. You can bring your car to our line-up and hand out candy from your trunk (decorated if you like) to the little ghosts and goblins or you can bring your families and children to enjoy a safe and fun evening of trick-or-treating. The event will take place from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the church parking lot. If you hare interested in bringing your car to hand out treats, please contact Lynne or Vern Whitaker at (vlwhit@sbcglobal.net). Also, donations of candy may be placed on the table at the back of Jordan Hall on Sunday or brought to the church office during the week.

Sierra Service Project 2025

It's time to sign-up for Sierra Service Project 2025! Here is the 2025 Summer Information We are planning to go Week 4 (July 20 - 25, 2025) and our preference will be to go to South Bay, San Diego County, CA! We will be leaving at 10:30am on Sunday morning, July 20th, and returning home by 9:00pm the night of Friday, July 25th. We will be going to the San Diego Zoo on Friday, July 25th after we leave SSP to visit Yun Chuan and Xin Bao, the first pandas to enter the United States in 21 years!

Please let me know if you are interested in going by Sunday, October 27, 2024. To reserve a spot, please give me a $40.00 deposit (cash or check written to Church of the Good Shepherd). Youth who are helping with the 25th Annual SSP Cabaret (November 3rd at 5pm and 7pm) do not need to pay the deposit. SSP is open to all youth entering into 6th grade in Fall of 2025 and young adults currently in college or of college age. For questions or more information, please contact Franklyn Shen at fnjshen@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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

Church members and friends should receive their 2025 Stewardship and pledge cards in the mail this week. 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!

Book Club

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

Fresh Wreaths

FROM TROOP 333

Support our all-girls troop by purchasing a wreath or garland!

With the holiday season right around the corner, these fresh evergreen wreaths/garlands will be a great addition to your home!

Wreaths can be ordered after worship on Oct. 27th and Nov. 3rd or by using the QR code below.

Scan this QR code to visit our website and purchase a wreath/garland!

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

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- Oct. 27th Blessing of the Animals (anytime between 3:00-4:00pm)
- Oct. 31st Trunk or Treat (6:30-8:00pm)
- Nov. 3rd All Saints Sunday (with Communion)
- Nov. 3rd Cabaret Performances (5:00pm and 7:00pm)
- Nov. 17th Mission Area Thanksgiving Gathering (4:00-7:00pm) at San Gabriel First UMC (more details to come)
- Nov. 27th Thanksgiving Eve Service in the Chapel

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.