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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, November 2nd - All Saints Sunday
Communion and Time Change Sunday

Remember to set clocks back 1 hour and bring your change (or bills or checks) to church and place them in the yellow buckets to support UWF Mission Projects!

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 119: 57-64 and 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15
Sermon: "The Grace of Giving: The Sowing of Spiritual Gifts"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Ash Grove Variations" arr. Helvey
Postlude: "God of Grace and Glory" arr. Kerr
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Taste of Cabaret by the Youth Choir: "True Colors" by Billy Steinberg and Tom Kelly
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist
Chancel Choir: "Speak, Lord, In the Stillness" by Albin C. Whitworth;
"Reap What You Sow" by Pepper Choplin;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Special Music by Kirk Averitt

The October 26th Altar Flowers were given in loving memory of Dan Place by his family in remembrance of his October 24th birthday.

This Sunday- 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.

All Saint's Sunday- This Sunday in Worship.

Loved ones who have passed away this past year (Nov. 2024-Oct. 2025) will honored. Please contact the church office (626-447-2182 or swright@cgsum.org) if you have a name that you would like printed in the bulletin and recognized during the service.



Join Us for Trunk or Treat! Friday, 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, including a puppet show at 7:00pm. If you hare interested in bringing your car to hand out treats or would like to donate candy, please contact the Church Office.

Crafters' Boutique November 2nd & 9th





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.

Blessing of the Animals-Sunday (3-4pm)

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.



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.

New Members Orientation Offered on 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!

Foothill Unity Thanksgiving Food Drive

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.





California School of the Arts Vocal Arts Fall Showcase Details

Date: Thursday, October 30
Location: Duarte Performing Arts Center
Address: 1401 Highland Avenue
Duarte, CA 91010

Tickets: Adults $25 | Students $10

Get your tickets at the CSArts Box Office or by searching "CSArts Box Office online

About the Show

Get ready for an electrifying night of soul-stirring performances at the VOC Fall Showcase, presented by the talented students of the Vocal Arts Conservatory at California School of the Arts – San Gabriel Valley. This concert celebrates the passion, groove, and spirit of Gospel and R&B through rich harmonies, heartfelt solos, and dynamic ensemble numbers. More than just a concert, it's a celebration of the cultural legacy and unifying power of this music.

Don't miss this unforgettable evening of rhythm, soul, and inspiration!



UPDATED INFO ALERT:
COME TO THE TABLE
SMALL GROUP 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- will begin in the Spring
- 4th SUNDAYS of each month- 6:00pm Dinner- at a Hastings Ranch Home

Contact Pastor Eva to sign up for a group (626-447-2181 or PastorEva@cgsum.org) and let her know if you have any dietary restrictions or need childcare.

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

Church of the Good Shepherd
2026 Stewardship
"The Grace of Giving"

2 Corinthians 8:1-2,7 "We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia, for during a severe ordeal of affliction their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking."

Dear Church of the Good Shepherd Members and Friends,

This year we celebrated the church's 80th Anniversary. The church began in May of 1945 when its first worship services were held in the Holly Avenue Elementary School auditorium. A faithful community grew and planted the roots of what we are today at Church of the Good Shepherd. They exhibited what the Apostle Paul was encouraging in the 2 Corinthians scripture passage- the Grace of Giving! Because of the generosity of these founding members and all who came after, we today are blessed with our lovely church campus, enriching ministries, dedicated church staff, and connections to each other and the community.

Over the next few Sundays, the worship services and sermon messages will reflect on the Grace of Giving and how we live out this calling today in our lives and as a church. I hope you will join us for worship in person or on-line. I also invite you to join us for the Commitment Sunday Worship Service and Luncheon on November 16th. On this Sunday we will receive new members, have a special dedication for the 2026 pledge cards, and gather for a luncheon to celebrate our church ministries and missions.

Enclosed is the pledge card for your 2026 financial commitment to the church. We encourage you to prayerfully consider your giving for next year. Every pledge is a valued gift that is needed for Good Shepherd to continue its ministries and missions.

Please return your pledge card by mail in the envelope provided (be sure to place a stamp on it before mailing) or in person at your convenience. The pledge cards received before Nov. 16th will be consecrated in worship on Commitment Sunday.

Let Us Continue Together the Legacy of the Grace of Giving!

Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin

ORIGINAL LETTER & PLEDGE PACKETS HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT.
PLEASE CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE (626-447-2181) IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PLEDGE PACKET OR DID NOT RECIEVE YOUR COPY.

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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)**

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.