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The Word
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 November 3rd - All Saints Sunday, Communion Sunday, and Heritage Sunday

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

Scripture Lesson: Mark 12:28-34
Sermon: "The 4"C"s of Stewardship: Consistent"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Prelude on "Middlebury" arr. Peter Stearns
Postlude: "God of Grace and Glory" arr. Kerr
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "For All the Saints" arr. Robert Shaw;
"Shall We Gather at the River" arr. John Carter;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

The October 27th Altar Flowers were given by Reuben and Ella Linder in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

The 25th Annual SSP Cabaret

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. Every song in this year's Cabaret comes from a production which received the Best Musical Tony Award. A free-will offering will be taken to support the UMYF's Sierra Service Project trip this summer.

Trunk or Treat!



This 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.

Adult Sunday School

Starting the first Sunday in November, the adult Sunday School class will have a new theme until Christmas entitled “Inspiring Women in the Bible.”

Time Change This Sunday

Before you go to bed on Saturday, November 2nd, remember to change your clocks back one hour when you go to bed. And when you come to church on Sunday, participate in TIME CHANGE SUNDAY. It’s easy. Just drop your change into the yellow buckets held by United Women in Faith (formerly known as UMW). Your change will be used to provide services to women, children, youth, and families locally, nationally, or internationally. Be a part of our outreach!

Crafters’ Boutique Very Successful!

The Crafters’ group is very thankful for the tremendous support of its annual fundraising boutique. This year we were able to raise approximately $2,300 to donate funds to the following missions: David and Margaret Youth and Family Services, Sierra service Project at CGS/UMYF, UMCOR U.S. Hurricane Response, and Elizabeth House.

We could not make these donations without the generous support of the people of Church of the Good Shepherd, friends, and family. Thank you so much!



A photo from the Advanced Conversational English Class, who decorated mini pumpkins for Halloween!

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

The 2025 Stewardship letters and pledge cards have been mailed out. 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!



Please RSVP to Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org) if you would like to attend. Carpool rides can be arranged as well.

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Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- 10/31 Trunk or Treat (6:30-8:00pm)
- 11/3 All Saints and Heritage Sunday
- 11/3 Cabaret Performances (5pm & 7pm)
- 11/9 CHARGE CONFERENCE for church leaders & District Superintendent
- 11/17 Mission Area Thanksgiving -see flyer
- 11/27 Chapel Thanksgiving Eve Service

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.