VOLUME 59, NO. 37 WEEK OF OCT 5TH, 2025



The Word

Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007 || www.cgsum.org || 626-447-2181

Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 12th - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Attendance cards 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 65: 5-13
Sermon: "Generosity: The Nature of God"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Prelude in Eb major" by Eugene Englert
Postlude: "In Christ There Is No East or West" arr. Martin
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Music by the Chancel Choir
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Solo by Michel Von Loh

Fill the Bowl Project

The Fill the Bowl Project is part of the Humane Society of the United States' Animal Protection Ministries program. Every year, thousands of churches across the county 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 1st to November 4th 2025. Look for the Fill the Bowl Project bin outside the Children's Center Office or in Jordan Hall.

The Book Group

Join us on October 15 as we start a discussion of our new book, *The Covenant of Water*. We meet in the library at 11:30.

NEW MINISTRY ALERT- STARTING IN OCTOBER!
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



FINANCE FORUM THIS SUNDAY, OCT. 12th

Join us this Sunday at 12:00noon with a free lunch provided. Presented by Holman Law Group providing REstate, Trust, Probate, Planning and Administrative Services. RSVP to the church office (626) 447-2181 or by email to Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org).

Save the Date - All Church Luncheon on October 19th at Noon



Sarah Circle/UWF is hosting an All-Church luncheon with guest speaker, Matthew Heyn, the new director of the Chaplaincy program at USC Arcadia Hospital. Meet Matthew, learn about the Chaplaincy program, and enjoy a delicious, boxed lunch from the Corner Bakery.

Reservations will be taken after church on Sunday, October 5th and Sunday, October 12th in Jordan Fellowship Hall. Seating is limited. The cost of the luncheon is $20 per person.

CGS Prayer Chain Update

For several years, Carol Sano has coordinated the CGS prayer chain. Thank you, Carole, for your dedication to this important program.

Beginning Wednesday, October 1st, the new address for the CGS prayer chain is cgsprayerchain@gmail.com. Lynne Rivera, our parish nurse, is assuming responsibility for the prayer chain.

Send your prayer requests to the new address and mention whether you want the information disseminated to other members of the prayer chain. If you want your prayer request to be shared only with Pastor Eva, state that in your email or call the Church Office and state your request for limited dissemination.

For several years, confidentiality of health information has been an important issue for hospitals and other health care facilities. Pastor Eva and other church staff **cannot access** patient admissions. Therefore, it's imperative that you notify the Church Office if a loved one is hospitalized, including the facility name.

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!

Panera BREAD®

Church of the Good Shepherd

United Women in Faith
Fundraiser

Thursday, October 9 – 4 PM to 8PM

Location: 600 West Huntington Dr.
Monrovia, CA

Order by phone, online, or in person

USE CODE: **FUND4U**

We will receive 25% of the money we raise, with proceeds going to local and global mission projects.

Please bring flyer and show it when ordering

RESTAURANT BJ's BREWHOUSE

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO RAISE MONEY!

Date: **Oct 15, 2025** Time: **4:00PM to 9:00PM**

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

400 E. Huntington Drive
Arcadia, CA 91006
626-462-1494

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

Good Shepherd Children's Center Dine-Out

WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.

OCT590

Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders.
Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



POSTMASTER: Send address changes to
THE WORD, Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007

Periodical Postage Paid
at Arcadia, California
USPS 592-700

The WORD
(USPS 592-700)
Published weekly except the weeks of
1/1, 5/30, 7/4, and 12/25 by
Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007
(626) 447-2181
www.cgsum.org

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Rev. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee
Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Franklyn Shen
Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown



Save the Date - 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.

November Save the Dates: 11/16 Consecration Sunday Service and Luncheon and 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.