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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
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 11th - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 106:1-5 and James 5:13-20
Sermon: "The Prayer of Faith", Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Prelude in Eb major" by Eugene Englert
Postlude: "In Christ There Is No East or West" arr. Martin
Introit: "All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord" by René Clausen
Anthem: "With A Vocie of Singing" by Martin Shaw
Carrillon Choir: "Lord, Be Glorified" arr. Hakes
Stephen Cook, Direcotr of Music; Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director;
Carolyn Noonchester, Carillon Choir Director

Sunday, October 18th - Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 51:15-17 and Romans 12:1-2
Sermon: "Christian Transformation"
Don Thorsen, Theologian and Author, Preaching
Introit and Anthem from the Chancel Choir
Special Music: "Deep Deep Love" arr. Hayes; Carolyn Noonchester, Soloist
Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director; Franklyn Shen, Piano



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

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.**

The Good Shepherd Retirement Celebration for Diane Lucas was filled with reflections, gifts, food, and fellowship!

Thank You Again to Diane for 30+ years of Music Ministry:
1982-1987 Youth Choir
1998-2008 Cherub Choir
2008-2019 Carol Choir
2021-2026 Children's Choir



A MESSAGE OF GRATEFUL THANKS FROM DIANE LUCAS!

Thanks to all for the kind messages, cards, and hugs acknowledging my years of directing choirs at Good Shepherd. I am so proud of all the children and youth who were in the choirs sharing their faith through their music and also having fun! I always delighted seeing my choir members not only doing their best but also seeing their growth in learning how to read music, how to work together to convey the spiritual message of the music through their singing, and growing in their confidence in front of a congregation.

I am so proud and grateful that Good Shepherd supports our children and youth with a variety of music opportunities! Thanks again for your support and kind words! - Diane

The Children's Choir Music Ministry Fund!

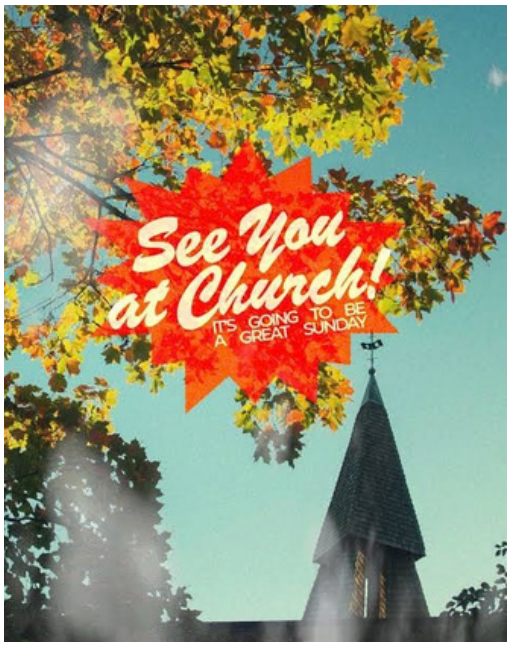
Donations to the Children's Choir Music Ministry Fund in Diane's honor may be mailed to the church anytime (with checks made out to: Church of the Good Shepherd UMC and Music Fund written in the memo line) OR may be donated online by going to www.cgsum.org (select GIVE tab & check Children's Choir Ministry box).



Congratulations to the 2026-2027 Youth Council:

Presidential Trio – Sarah Veeraraj, William Shen, and Isabelle Chan
Vice President – Megan Lam; Treasurer – Nicholas Ng
Young Adult Duo – Katie Lee and Hannah Ng
Middle School Reps – Mira Espiritu and Morgan Noonchester
Also, congratulations to Isabelle Chan (2nd Year), William Shen (1st year), and Sarah Veeraraj (3rd year) for being elected to the 2026-2027 Sierra Service Project Youth Advisory Council, and Sarah Veeraraj for serving her second year as Youth representative on the Sierra Service Project Board of Directors.

FALL POTLUCK & FORUMS October 25th, Sunday after Worship



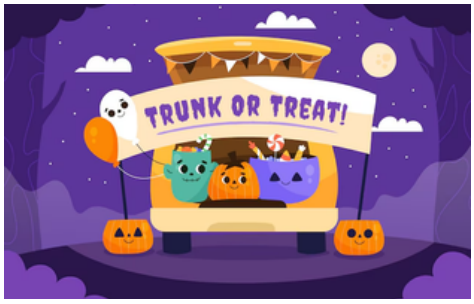
Join us we celebrate the Fall Season on Sunday, October 25th. First, we will welcome new members as they officially join the church in worship. Then we will gather in the Hall for a S.A.D. Potluck! It will be the happiest S.A.D. (salads, appetizers, desserts) fellowship meal ever as we also kick off the church's annual Stewardship Campaign. Potluck dish sign ups will take place Oct. 11th & 18th after worship or by calling the church office before Oct. 20th.

After food and fellowship, you are invited to attend one of these 3 Forum Options:

- Option #1: Back by popular demand- a **Forum on the 2026 Propositions** (see info below)!
- Option #2: Exciting News- Children's Choir will begin in November, but a special **Children's Choir Open House** style practice will be held for children and parents!
- Option #3: **Fresh Expressions-** 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 bringing donating individually wrapped candy or other little goodies to the Church Office for us to handout at Trunk or Treat.



VISIT **OUR**

CRAFTERS' BOUTIQUE

SUNDAYS

OCTOBER 18th AND 25th

On the church patio

The boutique will be open from 9-9:45 a.m. (early-bird), and after the 10 a.m. service

Early-bird shoppers will be entered in an opportunity drawing.

Shop items, including holiday décor; watercolor paintings; embroidered towels; quilted table runners; crocheted items; and gift bags. Proceeds go to designated charities.



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT



Wednesday, October 7

4:00–6:00 PM

Find Mike's Fat Boys in the parking lot at Church of the Good Shepherd







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Upcoming Newsletters Will Be Published on the Following Dates:
Oct. 19th; 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.