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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 8th - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Name tags and check-in are not needed. Attendance pads are in the pews.
Masks are no longer required, but are encouraged for those who have high risk factors.
The Offeratory Box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 43:15-19 and James 1:12-18
Sermon: "A Season of Change"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "The Gifts We Bring" by David Paxton
Postlude: "In Christ There Is No East or West" arr. Martin
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "Now God Be Praised in Heaven Above" by Melchoir Vulpius;
"O God You Speak Your Beauty Every Hour" by Howard Helvey;
Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

The October 1st Chancel Flowers were given in loving memory of Art Leatherman by Peggy Leatherman.

Thank you to last Sunday's Worship Leaders: Lay Preacher Carolyn Iga, Lay Reader Elaine Drew, Rev. Stephen Wilson for presiding over Holy Communion, Director of Music Stephen Cook, and Communion Stewards Craig & Diane Lucas .



Upcoming Fall Dates:

October 15th Staff Appreciation Lunch; Family BBQ
October 22nd Crafters Boutique, Book Fair
October 29th Book Fair, Flu Shots
October 31st Trunk or Treat

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.**

Sarah Circle Meeting: Thursday, October 5th, 7 PM in Jordan Hall

The next meeting of our Sarah Circle fellowship group will be Thursday, October 5th, 7 PM in JORDAN HALL, not the Library. After our business meeting, we will assemble the UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kits. We have been collecting supplies since Spring, and now we are ready to package them and send them to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. We welcome all women to join us as we enjoy our time together while making a difference in our world.

Shepherds October Meeting: Tuesday, October 10th, 6PM

Shepherds will have a traditional potluck dinner for our September meeting on the 10th in Jordan Hall at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by email (vlwhit@sbcglobal.net) or by other means by the 10th at noon only if you are coming. You can volunteer a food assignment or she can give you one. You will need dishes. Water will be served. Our program is “Sharing Your Faith Part 2” by John Neuner. Opportunities will be given to tell personal stories about sharing your faith.

Fall Family Game Day and BBQ: Sunday, October 15th, 5PM

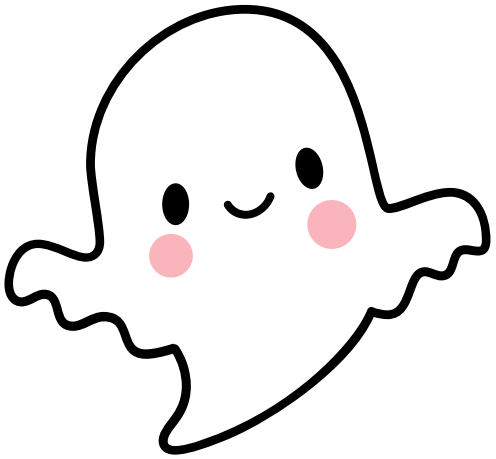


Please join us for some fun family games, fun for all ages! We will also have a barbecue with all the fixings! And, most importantly, fellowship with other families. RSVP to the Church Office, 626-447-2181, or to Cindy Ostry.

This is a free family event thanks to a grant from the Good Shepherd Foundation.

Halloween at Good Shepherd: Trunk or Treat!

Halloween is quickly approaching! Join us on **Tuesday, 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. 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. If you can’t make it to Trunk or Treat, consider bringing in individually wrapped candy or other little goodies for us to handout to the children.



SAVE THE DATE!

October 22nd - Crafters Boutique
October 22nd and 29th - Used Book Sale

Family Promise News

First of all, thanks to you all the faithful members who volunteered to host Oct 1 to 8 for our Family Promise guests, answering the call to do God's work here at CGS!

The good news is that the families that we thought we expected to be hosting exited the program. One got housing, which is one of the biggest challenges for our families, and the other family chose to take a different approach to their situation. We rejoice and will keep them in our prayers for their continued successes for their families.

At a recent Family Promise San Gabriel Family Coordinators' meeting, the FPSGV Director shared the following. There are several new churches who have entered the hosting rotation. The FPSGV team has assisted 30 families with homeless avoidance and utilities. Those 30 families included 62 children. Funds from LA County soon may enable the FPSGV Day Center to be open on the weekends for the families who need a place to hang out. There is a new intern at FPSGV to help with family intake. We celebrate all of these. Your donations, devotions, volunteering, and prayers are making a great difference in so many lives in so many ways!!! Hallelujah!

We are working on our hosting dates for 2024 so stay tuned! Again, grateful thanks for your support of Family Promise!

Diane Lucas,
CGS Family Promise Coordinator & our Family Promise Team



Opportunities to Serve in Worship

Pastor Eva and the Worship Committee welcome volunteers to help in worship! Below are ways to volunteer and participate. And feel free to complete the form below and submit to Pastor Eva OR email PastorEva@cgsum.org anytime with your interests.

NAME: _____

CONTACT (e-mail or phone):_____

CIRCLE AREA OF INTEREST: **LAY SPEAKER** **USHER**

SANCTUARY SET UP **VIDEO CREW**

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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.