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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, September 14th - 14h Sunday after Pentecost
Heritage and Communion Sunday

Attendance cards are in the pews OR sign in online as you enter!
The Offering box is located in the Sanctuary entrywayl.
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: Isaiah 43:15-19 and John 3:13-17
Sermon: "Autumn Brings Change"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "There Is A Fountain" arr. Leavitt
Postlude: "Fanfare Postlude on "St. Thomas"" arr. Wagner
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Music by the Chancel Choir
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Solo by Susan Holder

Youth Ministries

All current 6th to 12th graders are invited to join Youth Bells, Youth Choir, and and Youth Group. No experience required! Below you'll find the rehearsal times, locations, and director's contact information.

Youth Bells	Youth Choir	Youth Group
11:15am - 12:00pm	12:30pm - 2:30pm	10:00am - 11:15am
Rehearses in the Sanctuary	Rehearses in the Music Room	Meets in Jordan Hall Lounge
Carolyn Noonchester	**Janice Clark**	**Franklyn Shen**
Youth Bells Director	*Youth Choir Director*	*Youth Group Director*
cgsbells@gmail.com	janiceclark@ausd.net	*fnjshen@sbcglobal.net*

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.**

Kitchen Update for August 2025

We continue to inch towards finishing the kitchen project. You may have noticed that the kitchen has a new exterior door. The painters were able to give it and the window a new coat of paint.

The drop ceiling, LED lighting panels, and storage closet are complete. The new floor is now installed. The lighting wiring, hood fire supression system, and air conditioning duct work should be completed by mid-September.

In September, the countertops, cabinets, and the rest of the equipment (range, electric ove, coffee maker, dishwasher, sinks, and faucets) will arrive. We are hoping to have a new, fully functioning kitchen by the end of September.

We are grateful for your generous contributions to making the new kitchen a reality. We thank you for your patience and understanding while we are under construction.

David and Joann Steinmeier
Kitchen Project Co-Managers





Grief Support Group



Another round of our grief support group series is returning. This group will begin meeting on Monday, September 15 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm for nine weeks in the AEC. Linda Brown, our Children's Center Director and trained Stephen Minister will lead this support group. This group will gather together in person and engage in deep listening and sharing to give uplifting support. People at all stages of grief are welcome to join this support group. Please email Linda Brown at childcenter@cgsum.org if you are interested.

ENJOY FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

FALL FESTIVAL!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

BEGINS WITH WORSHIP AT 10:00AM

FOLLOWED BY FOOD & FUN: TACOS, REFRESHMENTS, MUSIC, GAMES, JUMP HOUSE, SHAVE ICE, AND MORE

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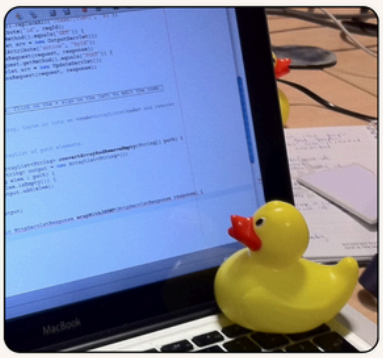
PLUS WE WILL HAVE A FREE HALLOWEEN COSTUME DONATION DRIVE & GIVEAWAY FOR CHILDREN!



- **From Sept. 1-25 the church will take donations of children and youth Halloween costumes (gently used or new; infant thru youth XL sizes) for the Giveaway. Look for the White donation bins by the Sanctuary or Office entrances.**
- **At the Fall Festival families can come and choose a costume for their child during the 12noon hour (while supplies last)!**

CGS PRESENTS

TECH DUCK



Please bring your phone or tablet so you can follow along as we teach!

PURPOSE

These technology classes (created and led by Katie Lee) will teach you how to perform basic tasks on your phone or tablet.

WHERE AND WHEN

WHERE: library

WHEN: 11:30am-12:15 pm (after church service)

CONTACT US

If you have any questions, let us know!

Email: techduck2025@gmail.com

Instagram: @techduck2025

CLASSES

NEW CLASS ADDED!

- Sept 14 - computer storage clean up and open Q&A



A NEW MINISTRY Is Coming this Fall! "Come to the Table" Small Groups

Small groups of 7-8 people will meet once a month from October to June. They will gather at a host home of the church for fellowship, food, and prayer. Depending on the hosts, meals will be lunch, dinner, or dessert. More info about the small groups and how to join one of them will be shared on September 28th.

Hosts are needed for these small groups. Training, supplies (including food costs), childcare, will be provided. Contact Pastor Eva (pastoreva@cgsum.org or 626-447-2181) if you would like to host or co-host one of these small groups at your home or at the church.

FROM SUNDAY'S SERMON

God's speaks to us through His words. The greatest of these words was his Son, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Which of these 99 names and attributes for Jesus resonate with you? This is how God is active in your life! Hear, Pray, and See how God is speaking to you through Jesus. #1-50 are listed below and #51-99 will be listed next week

Shiloh, Emmanuel,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting,
Prince of Peace,
Man of Sorrows,
Righteous Branch,
Lord of Righteousness,
Judge of Israel, Eternal,
Governor, Physician, Healer,
Incomprehensible, Prophet,
Everywhere at the same time,
Christ, Son of the Blessed,
Son of Man, Son of God,
Son of the Highest, Holy,
Dayspring from on High,
Saviour, Self-existent, God,
True Light, The Word,
Signs of Wonder (miracles),
Lamb of God, Rabbi(Teacher),
Only Begotten Son, Messiah,
Bread of Life, Light of the
World, The Door, Infinite,
The Good Shepherd,
The Resurrection, Master and
Lord, The Way, The Truth,
The Life, The Vine, The Just,
My Lord, My God, Knowledge,
Holy One

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord!"
CGS Children's Choir Begins on Sunday, September 14th, 2025



Is your child in elementary school? Does he or she like music? Then have your child join the Children's Choir at CGS1 No previous music experience is needed; just a willingness to attend choir rehearsals to learn the music which we will sing once a month at the Church service.

Children's Choir will start rehearsals on Sunday, September 14th, 2025. We meet Sunday in the Music Room (directly behind the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary) after Sunday School from approximately 11:15 to 11:45am. Regular attendance at the weekly choir rehearsals is important to prepare to sing each month at the 10:00am church service.

More information regarding choir will be shared at our first rehearsal. I look forward to this beginning.

Diane Lucas, Children's Choir Director
dlucasarc@gmail.com

New Topic of Study for the Adult Sunday School Class

Starting next week, Don Thorsen will teach a series on "The Christian Understanding of Salvation."

Book Group

The Wednesday Book Group's next selection is *Pachinko* and will begin on September 10th. Join us at 11:30 in the Music Room.

Blood Pressure Screening

Health Ministries is offering free blood pressure screenings after the service on Sunday, September 14 in the Lounge. Short-sleeved tops are more user friendly and less/no caffeine will give a more accurate reading.

English Classes

Free Conversational English Classes for second language learners are now in session at Church of the Good Shepherd. The Beginning English class is taught by Rowena Zeng in the Adult Education Center (AEC) every Sunday from 9-10:30am. The Intermediate English class, also taught by Rowena Zeng, meets on Zoom every Friday from 9:30-10:30am. The Advanced English Class is taught by Sandra Jelinek and Carolyn Bowman every Friday in the church library from 9:30-11am.

Contact Rowena Zeng for the Beginning or Intermediate class: rowenazeng@gmail.com
Contact Sandra Jelinek for the Advanced class: sjelin2@aol.com

United Women in Faith
Church of the Good Shepherd UMC

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at

CABRERA's MEXICAN RESTAURANT

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

THURSDAY (4-8 PM)

624 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia

They will give us 25% of the money spent.
Funds raised will go to local and global mission projects.

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Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

SAVE THE DATE

- Sept. 28th Fall Festival Sunday starting with worship at 10am and then food, children's activities, music, etc.!
- Oct. 31st Halloween Trunk or Treat
- Nov. 2nd and 9th Crafters Fair

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.