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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 21st - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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 26: 1-4 and John 16: 7-15
Sermon: "Autumn Brings Preservation"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Meditation in Ab" by Eugene Englert
Postlude: "Postlude on "Wake, Awake!"" arr. Martin
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "Veni Creator Spiritus" Plainsong;
"I Will Sing with the Spirit" by John Rutter
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Solo by Garrison Holder

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.

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.**

United Women in Faith
Church of the Good Shepherd UMC

FUNDRAISER

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.

Please bring flyer and give it to server





A NEW MINISTRY
Is Coming this Fall!
"Come to the Table" Small Groups
Around the table we hear each other's stories, we build trust, and we learn to love better.

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 by email (pastoreva@cgsum.org) or by phone (626-447-2181) if you would like to host or co-host one of these small groups at your home or at the church.



FINANCE FORUM ON OCT. 12th

Sunday at 12noon in the Hall with lunch provided. Presented by Holman Law Group providing Real Estate, Trust, Probate, Planning and Administrative Services.

FROM THE SEPTEMBER 7th SUNDAY 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 were listed last week and below are #51-99:

Prince of Life, Lord Jesus, Lord of All, Lord, Jesus Christ our Lord, Deliverer, Lord Both of the Dead and the Living, Wisdom, Lord of Glory, Spiritual Rock, Last Adam, Lord from Heaven, Head Over All Things, Name Above Every Name, Image of the Invisible God, Jesus is Creator, Jesus is Perfect, Our Hope, Mediator, Blessed and Only Potentate, Faithful, Our Savior, Great God, The Christ, Apostle, Great High Priest, Author of Eternal Salvation, Author and Finisher of our Faith, Unchangeable, Righteousness of God, Shepherd and Bishop of Souls, Lord and Savior, Advocate, Only Righteous, Jesus is LOVE, Savior of the World, True God, Eternal Life, Son of the Father, Son of Man, Merciful, All Powerful, Faithful Witness, Almighty, The Truth, Faithful, Word of God, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, First and Last, Root and Offspring of David, The Bright and Morning Star.

Kitchen Update for September 12th, 2025

All but two of the countertops are in place. These items, along with the upper cabinets, are due around the third or fourth week of September.

The ceiling lights are operational. The main kitchen lighting uses an automatic sensing system to turn on and off the main kitchen ceiling lights. The dish washing area ceiling lights use a manual on/off/dimming light switch.

Except for the hood and fire suppression system control wiring, all electrical wiring is complete. Air conditioning duct work should be completed by the end of September.

While the kitchen may be complete by the end of September or early October, we still face Arcadia city inspection before we can use the kitchen. Hopefully, our kitchen will be cleared for use by the end of October.

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





English Classes

Free English as a Second Language Classes are now meeting! Beginning English meets in the Adult Education center every Sunday from 9-10:30am. Intermediate English class meets on Zoom every Friday from 9-10:30am. Advanced Conversational English meets every Friday in the Church Library from 9:30-11:00am.

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

ENJOY FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

FALL FESTIVAL!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

BEGINS WITH WORSHIP AT 10:00AM

FOLLOWED BY FOOD & FUN

TACOS, COOKIES, SHAVE ICE, BOUNCE HOUSE, CRAFTS, GAMES, D.J. & MUSIC, 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)!**

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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 19th - Sarah Circle/UWF All Church Luncheon
- 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.