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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 28th - 16th 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 40: 1-5 and Matthew 11: 25-30
Sermon: "Autumn Brings Comfort"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Sonate K. 287 I. Andante" by Giuseppe Scarlatti
Postlude: "When, in Our Music, God is Glorified" arr. Laura Page
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Music by the Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, and Youth Bells

The September 21st Altar Flowers were given in honor of Chris and Kerri Zessau's 27th wedding anniversary, given by Dottie Zessau.







Pictures from Worship on Sunday, September 21st

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.**

ENJOY FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

FALL FESTIVAL!

THIS 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. 1-26 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)!**

SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

Every Sunday:
(9:00am) Adult Sunday School in the Library
(9:30) Nursery Care for infants and toddlers available
(10:00am) WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
(10:15) Children and Youth Sunday School Classes
Plus Fellowship Time after Worship with coffee, lemonade, and refrehsments!

Special Sunday Events:

- October 5th Heritage Sunday and Communion in Worship
- October 12th Finance Forum with Free Lunch (see below)
- October 19th Church Luncheon Hosted by Sarah Circle/UWF (see below)
- October 26th Children and Youth Choir in Worship



FINANCE FORUM ON OCT. 12th

Sunday at 12:00noon in the Hall with a free lunch provided. Presented by Holman Law Group providing Real Estate, Trust, Probate, Planning and Administrative Services. RSVP after worship on Sept. 28th and Oct. 5th.

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.

Health Ministries Announcement

This fall, flu shots will not be given at church.

Tips to stay healthy: The best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated every year. The flu vaccine is readily available in local pharmacies. When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve. Discard the tissue. Handwashing is important to prevent the spread of infection to others. Stay home when you are sick to avoid getting others sick.



NEW MINISTRY ALERT!
"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 or at the church for fellowship, food, and prayer. Depending on the hosts, meals will be lunch, dinner, or dessert. 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.

Small Groups Days and Times and sign ups will be shared this Sunday, September 28th.

Thank You To All Who Supported the UWF Cabrera's Fundraiser!
Below are photos of just some of the attendees....









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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.

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.