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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

Sunday, September 27th - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Youth Choir and Youth Bells in worship
Retirement Recognition for Children's Choir Director, Diane Lucas

Attendance pads and cards are in the pews.
The Offeratory box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.

Scripture: Psalm 67:1-4 and Luke 12:1-3, 8-12
Sermon: "The Meaning of Praise: To Be Taught by the Holy Spirit"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "A Million Dreams" by B. Pasek & J. Paul, arr. Catherine Wilson
William Shen, Guitar; Franklyn Shen, Piano
Postlude: "Concerto in A Minor Op. 3, No. 6, 1st Mvt." by A. Vivaldi
Isabelle Chan, Violin; Franklyn Shen, Piano
Youth Choir: "This is the Day" arr. J.L. Clark; "Glory to God Forever" by Steve Fee and Vicky Beeching; "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig;
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

The September 13th Altar Flowers were given in loving memory of Betty Graham Taggart, from the Graham Family;

The Rosebud of Love and flowers were given in celebration of the birth of Eleanor Robin Aquino, first granddaughter, by Kathy and Chip Aquino.

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.**

Make a joyful noise and join us for the Retirement Celebration of Children's Choir Director Diane Lucas!

<u>this Sunday at Church of the Good Shepherd</u>

September 27, 2026 during the 10:00am service with refreshments & fellowship to follow

Let us show our appreciation for Diane's 30+ years of music ministry for Church of the Good Shepherd

- 1982-1987 Youth Choir
- 1998-2008 Cherub Choir
- 2008-2019 Carol Choir
- 2021-2026 Children's Choir



Cards may be mailed to the church w/"Attn: Diane" 400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA. 91007 OR messages may be emailed to PastorEva@cgsum.org Donations to the Children's Choir Music Ministry Fund in Diane's honor may be mailed to the church anytime this year (checks made out to: Church of the Good Shepherd UMC) OR may be donated online by going to www.cgsum.org (select GIVE tab & check Children's Choir Ministry box).

Sunday, October 4th - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Heritage and Communion Sunday

Attendance pads and cards are in the pews.
The Offeratory Box is located in the back of the Chapel.

Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Sonata in F major (Mvt. 1)" by Franz Joseph Haydn
Postlude: "Improvisation on Azmon" arr. Wagner
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" arr. Bird;
"All Things Bright and Beautiful" by John Rutter;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Chancel Choir rehearses Sundays before worship. Please contact Kirk Averitt if you are interested in joining choir!



Student Choir Interns

Introducing our student choir interns for 2026-2027:

The Chancel Choir would like to introduce our student interns. Left to right: Azul Alvarado, Natalie Park, Zora Kuzma (3rd year at CGS), and Luke Adkins. Azul, Zora, and Luke are 12th grade students at California School of the Arts, and Natalie graduated from CSArts las year and is currently studying music at PCC. We welcome them!

Church of the Good Shepherd

United Women in Faith

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CABRERA's Mexican Restaurant

624 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026 - 11 AM - 8 PM

Enjoy the deliciously flavorful food – *eat in or takeout* - and we receive 25% of the cost of your meal!

Thank you for helping us support

local and global mission projects.

Please bring flyer and give it to server.



Much Appreciation to Our Church Staff!

The SPRC Committee recognizes the 2025-2026 church staff and all the work they do for the church. A special luncheon for the staff was held on September 13th. Thank you to the SPRC Committee and the leadership of Leslie Kenan and Lynne Rivera for hosting this event. SPRC members are: Vince Pang (Chair), Leslie Kenan (Secretary), Robin Graney, Lynne Rivera, Margaret Blair, and Joe D'Amore.

Good Shepherd Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
Office: Karen Schafer, Suzanne Wright, Amy Jhanke, Carolyn Noonchester, Emily Crouse
Youth Director: Franklyn Shen; Children's Center: Linda Brown, Cindy Ostry
Music: Stephen Cook, Kirk Averitt, Susan Holder, Garrison Holder, Carolyn Noonchester, Michel Von Loh, Janice Clark, Diane Lucas (retired June 2026), Franklyn Shen
Custodial & Maintenance: Peter Ostry, Francisco Acero
Newsletter Editor: Stephanie Shen
Sunday Nursery: Stephanie Shen, Caitlyn Shen, Sarah Reynolds, Emily Crouse
Program Ministry: Carolyn Iga (on sabbatical- prayers for rest and care)
Audio Engineer: Stephenson Holder (interim)



Celebrating Our Church Laity in October!

Laypeople are the backbone and an integral component of The United Methodist Church. Early Methodism grew largely through lay leaders who managed administrative life, taught Bible studies, led small "class meetings," and provided outreach when ordained clergy were absent. Today, lay and clergy work side by side together in ministry and mission.

Save the Dates for these lay focused events: Oct. 4th (Church Council Leaders meeting), Oct. 18th (Lay Member Don Thorsen will give the Sunday Message), and Oct. 25th (Laity Celebration and Stewardship Kick-Off Luncheon)

Upcoming Church Events!

- Sept. 24th UWF Dine Out Fundraiser (see flyer)
- Sept. 27th District Mission Area Hymn Sing & Dinner (Temple City UMC 3:30pm)
- Oct. 4th BBQ Lunch, Youth Bake Sale, and Church Council (Trustees moved to 10/11)
- Oct. 18th & 25th Crafter's Fair and Church Luncheon
- Oct. 31st Halloween Trunk or Treat (Saturday 6:30pm-8:00pm)

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Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Franklyn Shen
Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

Prayer in Remembrance of 9/11 from UMC Discipleship

Lord, may we honor the lives that were lost in this tragic act. May we give thanks for those who served and saved, rendered aid and assistance. May we give comfort to those who live with loss. May we seek justice and peace where it is within our ability, and rely on you when the ability escapes us. On this day of solemn remembrance: may we build what has been torn down. May we mend what has been broken. May we live your love when hate seems to reign. May we bear witness to the cause of peace. Amen.

Upcoming Newsletters Will Be Published on the Following Dates:
Sept. 21st; Oct. 5th & 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.