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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, October 5th - 17th Sunday after Pentecost Heritage and Holy 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: Psalm 23 and John 10: 11-18
Sermon: "Autumn Brings Healing (Jesus the Good Shepherd)"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. 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: "O Savior, Precious Savior" arr. Dan Bird;
"The Lord is My Shepherd" by Will Todd;
Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

The September 28th Altar Flowers were given in honor of Ken Blair, whose name was inscribed in the Golden Book of Distinguished Service of the Los Angeles Metropolitan YMCA on September 24th, 2025.



Among the Church Family

Happy 100th Birthday (October 3rd) Wilma Johnson!

Many blessings from your friends at
Church of the Good Shepherd

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.**

Photos from Sunday's Fall Festival

Thank you to Cindy Ostry and the Fall Festival Committee for all their work and to the Good Shepherd Foundation for their generous funding.







The CGS Prayer Chain Update

For several years, Carol Sano has coordinated the CGS prayer chain. Thank you, Carole, for your dedication to this important program.

Beginning Wednesday, October 1st, the new address for the CGS prayer chain is cgsprayerchain@gmail.com. Lynne Rivera, our parish nurse, is assuming responsibility for the prayer chain.

Send your prayer requests to the new address and mention whether you want the information disseminated to other members of the prayer chain. If you want your prayer request to be shared only with Pastor Eva, state that in your email or call the Church Office and state your request for limited dissemination.

For several years, confidentiality of health information has been an important issue for hospitals and other health care facilities. Pastor Eva and other church staff **cannot access** patient admissions. Therefore, it's imperatie that you notify the Church Office if a loved one is hospitalized, including the facility name.

Kitchen Update for September 23, 2025

All the new countertops and upper kitchen cabinets have been installed. Please see the accompanying photos.

Due to part delays, the hood systems including the exhaust, make up air, fire suppression, along with the air conditioning duct work are scheduled for completion by mid-October.

The remaining kitchen equipment and air conditioning construction supplies have been moved into the kitchen or attic, freeing up the front third of Jordan Hall for the next project, for a major upgrade to the stage lighting and audio-visual system. This project is expected to be completed sometime in November.

While the kitchen may be complete by the end of October, we still need Arcadia City inspection clearance before we can use the kitchen. Hopefully, our kitchen will be cleared for use by the end of November.

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









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 Oct. 5th or by email to Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org).

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.

NEW MINISTRY ALERT- STARTING IN OCTOBER!
COME TO THE TABLE
SMALL GROUPS MEAL GATHERINGS

To Build Deeper Relationships One Meal at a Time



AT EACH GATHERING
· Group Members Arrive and Gather
· Begin meal with an Opening Prayer and an Opening Question
· Continue meal & Discuss any of the Food for the Soul Questions
· Close with sharing Prayer Requests and a Closing Prayer

SMALL GROUP DAYS/TIMES/LOCATIONS
· 1st TUESDAYS of each month- 6:00pm Dinner- at a Sierra Madre Home
· 2nd MONDAYS of each month- 12noon Lunch- at a Monrovia Home
· 3rd THURSDAYS of each month- a 6:00pm Dinner- at a Arcadia Home
· 4th SUNDAYS of each month- a 6:00pm Dinner- at a Hastings Ranch Home

Contact Pastor Eva (626-447-2181 or PastorEva@cgsum.org) if you have any questions.

SIGN UP CARD: PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN IN PERSON ON SUNDAY OR EMAIL YOUR ANSWERS TO PASTOR EVA (PastorEva@cgsum.org)

Name:_____

Contact (phone/email)_____

List 1st & 2nd Choices of Small Group Days/Times_____

List Allergies (foods, pets, etc)_____

Need: _____ Childcare _____ Carpool _____ Likes to Cook

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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.

November Save the Dates: 11/16 Consecration Sunday Service and Luncheon and 11/24 Thanksgiving Chapel Service (Monday at 7:00pm)

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.