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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
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday October 6th - Heritage and World Communion Sunday

Attendance pads are in the pews. The Offering Box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: John 6:22-34
Sermon: "Bread for the World"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Psalm 27" by John Leavitt
Postlude: "Improvisation on "Azmon"" arr. Wagner
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "Preces" by Gabriel Jackson; "My God, My Portion" arr. James Hopkins;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Special Music by Kenneth Landaverde

Visit the Crafters Boutique
Sunday October 6th and Sunday October 13th after Worship





Our annual Crafters Boutique will feature a variety of handcrafted, one-of-a-kind items, including embroidered, knitted and crotcheted items, quilts, woven baskets, table runners, Christmas ornaments, original watercolors and wreaths for all seasons. **Some of our larger items will be available through a silent auction.** Find your treasures and shop for the holidays! The boutique will be held in the courtyard area near Jordan Hall. **All proceeds go to missions and local charities.**

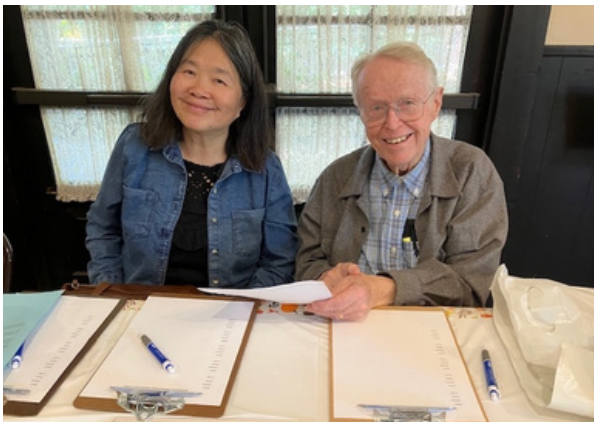
All articles, photos, and announcements are **due by 3:00 p.m. Friday** for the following week's newsletter and should be emailed to **cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com.**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 29th MINISTRY FAIR!

It was a wonderful Sunday filled with ministry tables, music, lunch, children's activities, and ice cream. Thank you to all the leaders who shared about their ministries and to the Neighborhood Music School for providing music in the courtyard! Appreciation to the volunteers who helped serve refreshments and lunch. The Church of the Good Shepherd Foundation provided the generous grant for both the Fall Festival and the Ministry Fair. More photos from the Festival and Fair will be shown at the Foundation Luncheon on October 20th! Photo Credits: Mary Archibald, Cindy Ostry, and Philip Erwin.

















Sarah Circle's Meeting- October 3rd

On October 3, Pastor Eva will speak at the Sarah Circle meeting about the UMC's liturgical colors, their symbolism, and the seasons with which the colors are associated. Pastor Eva will display the stoles she wears for the various seasons. All women are invited to attend. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm in Jordan Hall.

Shepherds Fellowship Group October Meeting- October 8th

Shepherds Fellowship Group will meet for our regular potluck dinner and meeting on October 8th at 6:00pm in Jordan Hall.

Our special speaker will be CGS' own Tom Dukes, a former Major League Pitcher and World Series Winner, Tom will share his experiences with the "Majors" and thoughts on the upcoming World Series. Please RSVP for a food assignment to Lynne Whitaker at vlwhit@sbcglobal.net.

2024 Ballot Propositions Reviewed- October 13th

Do you want extra input for your analysis of the November statewide ballot propositions (10), and other city and county measures? Join the review discussion on Sunday, October 13, at 11:30 AM, in Jordan Fellowship Hall. Bring your Official Voter Information Guide and your Sample Ballot.

Influenza in Los Angeles County

Flu season in LA County is typically considered the first week of October through the end of March. However, the flu virus circulates throughout the year. Depending on age and prior health conditions, the flu can be serious and even threatening. Since the flu virus changes each year, it is necessary to receive the new influenza vaccine each year.

Now is the time to get your flu shot. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older should get the updated 2024-2025 flu vaccine.

Flu Shot Clinic- Sunday, Oct. 13th (9:30am-12:00pm) in the Lounge

USC Arcadia Hospital
Keck Medicine of USC

Again, this year, USC Arcadia Hospital is offering free flu shots through their parish nurse program. However, the 2024-2025 flu vaccine that the hospital provides is for adults ages 8-64. Sign up after Church or contact the Church Office for information to contact Lynne Rivera, parish nurse.

The Centers for Disease Control recommends a high-dose flu vaccine for people 65 years or older. If you fall into this age group, it is recommended that you get your flu shot through your health care provider or your preferred pharmacy.

President's Volunteer Service Award

Attention Youth Volunteers! I am now authorized to approve hours for the President's Volunteer Service Award. Please visit https://presidentialserviceawards/gov/ to see eligibility and hour requirements.

Congratulations to the 2024 Gold Award Recipients: Isabelle Chan, William Shen, and Sarah Veeraraj!

For 2025, the volunteer period will be from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Please note that being in Children's Choir, Youth Bells, and Youth Choir does count as service hours, as well as helping with Vacation Bible School, going on Sierra Service Project, and helping with various activities at church. You are also allowed to submit hours from School and any extracurricular activities you belong to, but you can only receive an award from one organization at a time. Please contact Franklyn Shen (fnjshen@sbcglobal.net) to submit your hours and ask any questions.

Family Promise - Thanking all Volunteers!
Fall Hosting: October 20th - 27th

A big "Thank You" to all who have volunteered for Family Promise, Fall Hosting!

I now have all my volunteers in place to receive and host our Guest Family which includes mom "Shalaan" and sons "Camryn" and "Asiah."

If you would like to be part of our Winter Hosting Volunteer Crew in 2025, please contact me. We would love to have you on our mission team.

Blessings,
David Steinmeier
CGSFP Volunteer Coordinator
Email: david@microjoining.com



Trunk or Treat!

Save the date! Thursday, 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. If you hare interested in bringing your car to hand out treats, please contact Lynne or Vern Whitaker at (vlwhit@sbcglobal.net). Also, donations of candy may be placed on the table at the back of Jordan Hall on Sunday or brought to the church office during the week.

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Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

S*ave the Date- October 20th for the Church of the Good Shepherd Foundation Luncheon!*

The Foundation will be hosting a free italian feast to celebrate the Grants which have been given in the past year. All are invited. Please RSVP to Leanne Baroldi at leannewb@yahoo.com

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.