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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 13th - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship in the Sanctuary & Communion Sunday

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

Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, Preaching
"The Meaning of Praise: To Be Aware of God"
Prelude: "Prelude on "Kingsfold"" arr. Eugene Englert
Postlude: "Fanfare Postlude on "St. Thomas"' arr. Wagner
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Music by the Chancel Choir

The August 30th Altar Flowers were given in celebration of Marcia's birthday by Joe D'Amore.

The September 6th were given in loving memroy of Joscelle Shen by the Snavely family.

Sunday, September 20th - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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
"The Meaning of Praise: To Be Open for Christ"
Prelude: "When All Thy Mercies, O My God" arr. Leavitt
Postlude: "Postlude on "Wake, Awake!"' arr. Martin
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Music by the Chancel Choir

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.**

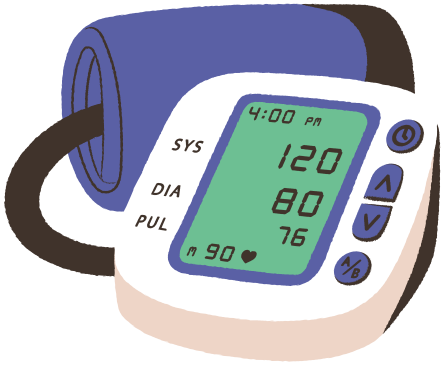
Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School Class has restarted. They meet every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Library. Kim Reynolds will be teaching on the Book of James. All are welcome!

Blood Pressure Screening - September 20th

Health Ministries is holding free blood pressure screenings on Sunday, September 20th in the Lounge after the service. No reservation is required.

For the best reading, we recommend wearing a short sleeved top and minimizing caffeine intake before having your BP taken.



United Women in Faith, Sarah Circle, UMYF and SSP

Thank you to the Sarah Circle and United Woemn in Faith for inviting Sarah Veeraraj and Isabelle Chan to speak about their involvement in the United Methodist Youth Fellowship and Sierra Service Project on Thursday, September 3rd.

It is thanks in part to the generous financial support of the Sarah Circle and UWF that Sarah and Izzy were able to participate in SSP this summer, as well as continue their leadership through the SSP Youth Advisory Council and SSP Board of Directors.

It was also a wonderful and inspiring experience for Sarah and Izzy to be surrounded by so many incredible women who model faith, service, leadership, and a commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. Thank you for your continued support of our youth and young adults!





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 will be held in September. The SPRC Committee will host this event for them. 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: Brendan Eder (work ended July 26th- we wish him well), Stephenson Holder (Summer Chapel)



September 27th Retirement Recognition Children's Choir Director Diane Lucas

Good Shepherd celebrates Diane Lucas and her 30 years of Music Ministry with the church. We will honor her retirement in worship on Sunday, September 27th. All past and present children's and youth choir members and their families are invited to attend. If you are not able to attend in person, please contact Pastor Eva (pastoreva@cgsum.org) if you would like to email a special message that will be passed on to her that Sunday.

Upcoming Church Events!

- Sept. 20th Blood Pressure Screenings
- Sept. 20th New & Transfer Members Orientation (Library 11:45am)-see Pastor Eva
- 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
- Oct. 31st Halloween Trunk or Treat (Saturday 6:30pm-8:00pm)

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!

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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.