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of the
Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

The Church of the Good Shepherd

400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007 || www.cgsum.org || 626-447-2181
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, September 17th - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Please enter the Sanctuary worship through the double doors off the parking lot.
Name tags and check-in are not needed. Attendance pads are in the pews.
Masks are no longer required, but are encouraged for those who have high risk factors.
The Offeratory Box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 98:1-5 and Luke 22:14-38
Sermon: "Food is A Gift From God"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "Meditation in Ab" by Eugene Englert
Postlude: "Postlude on "Wake, Awake!"" arr. Martin
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "With a Voice of Singing" by Martin Shaw, "O For a Closer Walk with God" by Keith Getty; Kirk Averitt; Director

The special Chancel Flowers on Sunday, September 10th were given by Elaine Drew. Here is her dedication: "I have enjoyed 25 years of life since my brain aneurysm. To God goes the glory for the gift of life. To Dr. Adam Mamelak goes the glory for being God's faithful surgeon."

Music Group Rehearsals have Begun!

Children's Choir
Elementary Aged Students
Rehearses Sundays after Worship in the Music Room
Diane Lucas, Director
dlucasarc@gmail.com

Youth Choir
6th - 12th Graders
Rehearses Sundays from 12:30-2:30pm in Music Room
Janice Clark, Director
janiceclark@ausd.net

Youth Bells
6th - 12th Graders
Rehearses Sundays after Worship in the Sanctuary
Carolyn Noonchester, Director
cgsbells@gmail.com



Chancel Choir
Open to all Adults
Rehearses Sundays before Worship in the Music Room
Kirk Averitt, Director
averittjk@gmail.com

Adult Bells
Open to all Adults
Rehearses Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
Carolyn Noonchester, Director
cgsbells@gmail.com



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.**

Beginning September 20th, the Book Group has voted to read *Fresh Water for Flowers* by Valérie Perrin. Join us on Wednesdays!

Shepherds Fellowship September 12th Meeting

Shepherds are going to have dinner at the home of Dave and Jacki Raymond on September 12th at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by email at vlwhit@sbcglobal.net or by other means by the 12th at noon only if you are coming. You can volunteer a food assignment or she will give you one. You will not need dishes. Water and ice tea will be served, but you can augment that. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle met last Thursday evening for a meeting to plan projects and share special treasures of our past. As you can see from the picture, there was an assortment of family treasures: an embroidered pillow finished by 2 relatives, pictures of family members from the past, a stuffed bunny from a secret pal, a special blanket made by a grandmother, dishes belonging to grandmothers which bring loving memories, an old family Bible, an 1830's Christening gown worn by at least 6 generations, and a leather coat with fringe which looked like it was out of the Wild West... and more!



We learned that Suzanne Wright's mother was the first female ranger in Yellowstone, Karen Schaefer's father learned to fly at age 17, & Catherine Doster's grandfather was an artist.

Our next meeting is October 5th, when we will assemble our UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kits.

Foothill Unity Center Golden Plate Gala
Thursday, September 28th at 6:00pm

All are invited to the Golden Plate Gala supporting Foothill Unity Center. Please join us at "The Noor" in Pasadena for an evening of glamour and giving as we celebrate our honorees and help change lives together. Help support our biggest fundraiser of the year benefiting neighbors in need. Purchase your tickets, consider becoming a sponsor, or make a donation at foothillunitycenter.org.

GOLDEN PLATE AWARDS
Gala
CHANGING LIVES TOGETHER

Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic at Church of the Good Shepherd

On September 20th from 9:30am-11:30am, the Children's Center and LA County Department of Public Health will be hosting a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic in the Church Narthex. Bivalent vaccines/boosters will be available for all ages starting at age 6 months. Please RSVP to save your spot and type of vaccine by calling the Children's Center Office at 626-447-1249 by September 18th.

Parents of young kids can finally have some peace of mind!



Getting your baby vaccinated agains COVID-19 can **help keep them from getting really sick if they do get COVID-19**. Vaccinating babies can also help relieve the strain on famili by providing greater confidence in children participating in childcare, school, and other activities.



Important information for minors being vaccinated at a site run by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

- A consent form is required for all minors aged 6 months through 17 at each visit.
- 6 months through 15-year-olds must be accompanied by their parent, legal guardian, or a responsible adult. If the child is accompanied by a responsible adult, the consent form must name the responsible person and be signed by the parent or legal guardian.

"Parenting the Love and Logic Way"

Learn to parent in an enjoyable manner. Help your child become responsible and respectful. Learn to:

- Avoid un-winnable power struggles and arguments
- Stay clam when your kids do incredibly upsetting things
- Set enforceable limits - Avoid enabling and begin empowering
- Help your child learn from mistakes rather than repeating them

Parenting couples are encouraged to both attend - childcare will be provided. Registration and more information can be found on the church website or in the church office.

When: *Six Lessons from Sunday, October 1, 2023 to November 5, 2023 (2:30pm - 4:30pm)*
Cost: *$25 per participant (includes workbook for each parent and childcare)*



SEPTEMBER 24TH
SUNDAY 10:00AM-2:00PM

Church of the Good Shepherd UMC
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA. 91007

Invite family, friends, and neighbors to this event that we're bringing back to CGS!

10:00am	**Worship in the Sanctuary**
11:00:am	**Food and Fun Activities**
	Lunch, Ministry Fair, Crafts,
	Kids Jump House, Goodie Bags,
	Free Blood Pressure Screening,
	Music, and much more!

Please contact the church office (626) 447-2181 or visit the church website www.cgsum.org for more info.

Special Thanks to the CGS Foundation for their generous grant that provided funds for this event.

Congratulations to the 2023-2024 Youth Council!



On Sunday, the UMYF held their annual Youth Council elections. The Youth Council will work together with Franklyn Shen, Youth Director, to plan programs and activities for the Youth Group.

From left to right:
Felix - Treasurer
Sarah - Youth Representative
Isabelle - Publicity
Hannah - Secretary
Katie - Vice President
Nicholas - Youth Representative
Kathleen - President



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Resident Bishop: Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Rev. Siosaia Tuitahi
Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Franklyn Shen
Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown
From July 1st District Superintendent: Rev. MoonYoung Lee

open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

A Prayer in Remembrance of September 11th (adapted from UM Rev. Jerry Pridgeon)
O God, our hope and refuge, in our distress we come quickly to you. Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided, replaced now with an emptiness, a longing for an innocence lost.
We come remembering those who lost their lives. We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their lives. We come remembering and we come in hope, not in ourselves, but in you. We give you thanks for your presence in our time of need and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth, our guide and our guardian. Amen.

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.