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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 1 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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 Lesson: Psalm 73:1-26 NIV translation
Sermon: "As For Me, I Almost Lost My Footing"

Carolyn Iga, Guest Preacher. Carolyn has her Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary and has since served on several church staffs across the LA area in various denominations, and spent 7 years building a mentoring and self-sustainability program for the fatherless/motherless children in a poverty-stricken community in China. She currently owns and manages Neighborhood Music School & Store in Arcadia and runs a small charitable nonprofit organization called Assignments International that addresses poverty alleviation locally and abroad in Asia.

Prelude: "Andante in Eb major" by Eugene Englert
Postlude: "Improvisation on "Azmon"" arr. Wagner
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir: "Sweet Sweet Spirit" by Don Akers; "Shine on Us" by Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith" Sean Fitzpatrick, Guest Conductor
Solo by Carolyn Noonchester

The September 24th Chancel Flowers were given: in memory of Jacqueline Mahl Snavely, by the family; and in celebration of the Fall Season, by Pastor Eva

CGS Family and Community Prayers: For the family of previous church member Lynn Hoar who recently passed away. Services were held in Santa Clarita.

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.**

Foothill Unity Center Golden Plate Gala Update

The Foothill Unity Center Golden Plate Gala is officially sold out! Other opportunities to support the organization can be found on their website: [foothillunitycenter.org.](foothillunitycenter.org)

Save the Date: Next Sarah Circle Meeting: Thursday, October 5, 7 PM

The next meeting of our Sarah Circle fellowship group will be Thursday, October 5th, 7 PM in the Library. After our business meeting, we will assemble the UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kits. We have been collecting supplies since Spring, and now we are ready to package them and send them to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. We welcome all women to join us as we enjoy our time together while making a difference in our world. ~~Margaret Blair (kdblair@earthlink.net)

Fall Festival Highlights

After a beautiful worship service filled with liturgy, sermon, and music from our Chancel, Youth, and Bell Choirs, we gathered for Fall Festival Activities: Ministry Fair; Lunch in the Courtyard; Blood Pressure Screening, CGS Tote Bags; and a Jump House for children. Thank you to all who volunteered and much appreciation to the CGS Foundation for funding.














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Prayer of the Week: Wesley Covenant Prayer

"I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven." 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.