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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 10th - 15th 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 149 and Luke 19:1-10
Sermon: "Eating is an Act of Stewardship"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor Preaching
Prelude: "There Is A Fountain" arr. Leavitt
Postlude: "Fanfare Postlude on "St. Thomas"" arr. Wagner
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Chancel Choir Returns! Director, Kirk Averrit

Photos from August 27th Chapel Service





We enjoyed a joyous worship service in the Chapel filled with music and community. Following the service, the congregation enjoyed an ice cream social to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year.

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.**

Children's Choir Begins September 10th

Children's Choir at CGS will start rehearsals on Sunday, September 10th. Children currently in elementary school are invited to "make a joyful noise to the Lord." We meet Sundays in the Music Room (directly behind the Narthex at back of the sanctuary) after Sunday School from approximately 11:15 to 11:45am. Regular attendance at the weekly choir rehearsals is important to prepare to sing each month at the 10:00am church service.

More information regarding choir will be shared at our first rehearsal. I look forward to this beginning.
Diane Lucas, Children's Choir Director (dlucasarc@gmail.com)

Praise the Lord with loud and resounding cymbals! Psalm 150:5

Ding Dong! The Adult Carillon Ringers and Youth Bells will be starting again soon. We are looking for ringers to join us. Adult Bells will start on September 13 and rehearses on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm. Youth Bells will start on Sunday, September 10 after the service. No ringing experience is required, just bring an attitude of fun and your sense of humor! Please see Carolyn Noonchester at Church or email her at cgsbells@gmail.com. *Come on Ring those Bells!*



Youth Choir and Youth Group resume on September 10th

All current 6th to 12th graders are invited to join Youth Choir and Youth Group. Youth Choir rehearses from 12:30pm - 2:30pm in the Music Room. No singing or dancing experience is required! Youth Group takes place in the lounge inside Jordan Hall starting at 9:45am. For more information about Youth Choir or Youth Group, please contact Janice Clark (Youth Choir Director) at janiceclark@ausd.net or Franklyn Shen (Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries) at fnjshen@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Special Installation Worship Service on Saturday, September 23 for East District Superintendent, Rev. Moonyoung Lee

10:00am-11:45am at Ontario First United Methodist Church (918 N. Euclid Avenue, Ontario, CA. 91762). Pastor Eva will be a participant in the service. Please let her know by September 18th if you would like to attend and you will receive registration instructions.

Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Conversational ESL Classes Begin Soon

- The Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Conversational English Classes are scheduled to begin on Friday, September 1 from 9:30am-11am. The Beginning and Intermediate class will meet online on Zoom. For information and the Zoom Invitation to this class, please contact the Church Office or Mike and Rowena Johnson at m.johnsonsmbel@gmail.com or rowezeng@gmail.com
- The Advanced class will be held in person in the Church Library from 9:30am-11am and online on Zoom. For more information and the Zoom invitation to this class, please contact the Church Office or Sandra Jelinek at sjelin2@aol.com.

"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)*

Sarah Circle Meeting: "From Grandma's Treasure Chest"

After a summer hiatus, Sarah Circle will resume their monthly meetings on Thursday, September 7th at 7PM in Jordan (Fellowship) Hall. If you have not joined us before, we would love to see you! Our agenda will include our upcoming Book Sale and donating some of our group funds toward the disasters in Hawaii, including Maui & the Lahaina UMC, which was destroyed.

For our program, we ask that attendees bring an item from their past to share. This can be a special plate your grandmother used for birthday cakes, a pillow with a special history, a picture, whatever!

We are still collecting items for our UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kits, which we will assemble at our October meeting. We still need these specific items:

- 2 oz (non pump style) hand sanitzers
- 4-gallon bathroom trash bags
- size "regular" and size "super" unscented tampons
- size long super ultra-thin unscented sanitary napkins
- unscented flushable wipes (42-count packages)

Contact Margaret Blair (kdblair@earthlink.net) for more information regarding the meeting, Sarah Circle & United Women in Faith.

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

Equip, Inspire, and Strengthen thru Ignite 2023 Online 9/27-29!

Are you committed to helping our church do everything it can to share God's love with your community? If you answered YES, then the Ignite Leadership Institute Conference is for you!

The Online Conference will begin Wednesday (9/27) with Opening Worship at 4:30pm PST, then will continue Thursday (9/28) from 7:00am-3:00pm PST, then will conclude on Friday (9/30) with a General Session at 7:00am PST and a Closing Session at 8:30am PST. You can view the full schedule on the Leadership Intstitute website (please note website times are set for a diffrent time zone -CDT).

Pastor Eva and CGS Staff will offer the following Viewing Sessions at Church in the Lounge:

- 9/27, Wed. (4:30-7:30pm PST) Opening Worship, Dinner Provided
- 9/28, Thurs. (9:00am-3:00pm PST) Special Sessions (Hospitality, Sustainable Churches, Compassionate Church Ministries, Fresh and Innovative Ministry Ideas, and more!) , Lunch Provided
- 9/29, Fri. (8:30-10:30am PST) Closing w/Rev. Hamilton, Breakfast

*The CGS Men's Study Group will gather earlier at 7:00am PST in the church Library for online viewing and breakfast (coffee and donuts).

Please sign up for the Conference with Pastor Eva by Sept. 20th to participate in one or all of the sessions. The above sessions and other optional sessions may also be viewed from your own home, office, or location of your choice.

Love. Grow. Serve.

Pentecost 5 Questions Series- NEW Question #4!

What ministries (current ones or new ones that are needed) will bring new people to church?

Fill in answer below and turn in to Pastor Eva in person or email to PastorEva@cgsum.org

Name (optional):_____

Answer:



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

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

10:00am	**Worship in the Sanctuary**
11:30: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.

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open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

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.