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Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

The Church of the Good Shepherd

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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, May 7th, 2023 - 5th Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion Sunday

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.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 31: 1-5 and John 14: 1-7
Sermon: "The Power of Possibilities Extends to Heaven"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching
Prelude: "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" arr. Nielson
Postlude: "God Is Our Refuge and Strength" arr. Powell
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Music by the Chancel Choir - Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director

The April 30th Altar Flowers were given by Vince Pang in celebration of his mother Susanna Pang's Birthday! and by Harry and Connie Heflin in honor of their loving family.

This Sunday, May 7th, after Worship - UMC 101 for New Members!

New Members Class for those interested in joining (or transferring to) Church of the Good Shepherd in the Lounge. Come and learn about Methodist History, Membership Vows, Church Structure, and CGS ministries. Please RSVP to Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org) if you would like to attend.

Class of 2023 Graduates

Attention all high school seniors, we would like to celebrate your accomplishments! Please let me know the high school you are graduating from, your future plans, any accomplishments and honors you would like to share, and your favorite memory of being a part of CGS. A link to the google doc can be found here: 2023 CGS Senior Questionnaire. Please email the information and a picture of yourself to fnjshen@sbcglobal.net by Sunday, May 21st to be included in our announcement. Congratulations! - Franklyn Shen

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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 April 26, the Wednesday Book Group will read and discuss *Brave Hearted - The Women of the American West.* Join us in the library at noon for lively discussion and fellowship!

United Women in Faith Meeting - May 4th, 2023

What is a Deaconess? You are invited to join our United Women in Faith zoom meeting on Thursday, May 4th at 7pm for our business meeting and program. Deaconess Sharon McCart, of the Cal Pac Conference UWF, will present our program, "What is a Deaconess?" Deaconesses are an active part of UWFaith and the UMC, but what does that mean, what do they do, and what as been her focus? Join us via the following link or using the meeting information below.

Meeting Link

Meeting ID: 858 5130 9033 Passcode: 182038

Volunteers Needed - Food Drive

The National Association of Letter Carriers is sponsoring a food drive and needs volunteers! Visit www.foothillunitycenter.org/volunteer/ to register as a volunteer. If you are unable to volunteer, contribute by leaving non-perishable food by your mailbox. Your mail carrier will deliver it to the participating food banks.

Shepherds' Meeting - May 9th, 2023

Shepherds' May meeting on the 9th at 6pm will feature a representative from The Bargain Box, an Arcadia thrift store, explaining their mission. It will be a traditional potluck. Bring your own dishes and utensils. Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker at Church, call her at 626-446-7860, or email her at vlwhit@sbcglobal.net. You can volunteer a food assignment or she will give you one.

Invite Family and Friends to These Special Worship Services in May!







Pentecost Sunday, May 28th

Commemorate the Coming of the Holy Spirit through music, liturgy, the receiving of new members to Church of the Good Shepherd, and Coffee Fellowship after worship. All are also ecnouraged to wear red clothing to church this Sunday.

ARCADIA INTERFAITH NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

When: Thursday, May 4, 2023

Where: Temple Beth David
9677 Longden Ave.
Temple City, CA 91780
(626) 287-9994

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Our Theme this year: "Together Under One Roof"



Attendees are asked to wear a mask

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open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

Prayer of the Week

Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted. In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough. In the presence of danger, we fail to trust your abiding love. When you set a table before us, we turn aside from you. Call us back into your care and help us trust your caring presence, that our actions may proclaim your truth. 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.