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Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services on our Church Website or Facebook Group Page
Or for IN-PERSON at 10:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary

Sunday, March 20, 2022

The Third Sunday in Lent
Join Us for In-Person Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Check in before worship and
Wear masks while seated indoors within the congregation.
Scripture: Isaiah 55:3-5 and John 11:38-44
Sermon: "Living a Prayerful Life: Praying for the Impossible"
Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Pastor Eva continues her sermon series for the Season of Lent focusing on Living a Prayerful Life. Throughout his ministry, Jesus prayed. He prayed in the wilderness, in the temples, by the lakeshores, on the mountain tops. For Jesus, prayer strengthened his connection to God and guided him in his mission. So, as we enter into 40 days of reflection for Lent, let us also examine and enter into a prayerful life as Jesus did.

Prelude: "Psalm 23" and Postlude: "Rigaudon" by David Hegarty
Stephen Cook, Director of Music on Organ
Introit: "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"
Special Music and Anthem: "Worthy Is the Lamb"; Chancel Choir.
"With My Whole Heart" by Wood; Children's Choir,
Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist.
Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "How Can We Name a Love #111", "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine #465", "Trust and Obey #467"

Sunday School *for preschoolers and elementary grade kids will meet In-Person in Jordan Hall following the Children's Time in the Sanctuary.*

Among the Church Family



In Our Prayers:

Please keep all those previously mentioned in your prayers.

The memorial service for **Jackie Olson** will be held here at Church of the Good Shepherd on Saturday, March 26, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



Sunday Altar Flowers:

The flowers on March 13, 2022, were given by Marilyn and Larry Callaham in honor of their church family.

EASTER FLOWERS



As we prepare for Easter, we also plan the preparation of our sanctuary for Easter. We plan to be open for in-person worship this Easter and will continue to adorn our altar area with potted spring flowers. These are purchased by members or friends of our congregation in "memory of" or in "honor of" someone special. The potted flowers can be picked up by the purchasers after the Easter service (time to be determined closer to Easter) or donated for delivery to our members who are more home bound. Prices of the potted flowers are listed below. Please sign up after church on March 13, 20 or 27, or send the following information and payment to the church office by March 25. Make checks payable to Church of the Good Shepherd & write Easter flowers on the memo line. For further information, contact Suzanne Wright in the church office. Thank you! Early signups and prices this year are slightly higher due to supply and shipping issues.

Your name & phone number _____

In memory of _____. In honor of _____

Double Lily $19.00 #_____ Mum $15.00 #_____

Hydrangea $21.00. #_____ Azalea $21.00 #_____

I will pick up my plant/s on Easter Sunday._____

Please take my plant/s to a homebound church member._____

CGS Foundation - Grant Funding for 2022 is Open!!



We've turned the calendar to 2022 and your CGS Foundation is open to receiving and considering the funding of 2022 grant requests. The purpose of a grant must be the aid, promotion, and development of the religious, charitable, and educational activities, purposes, functions, and progress of the Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, Arcadia. All grant applications must be submitted online only using the Foundation Online Grant Form - click the link below. Online grant application assistance will be provided when requested. Year-Round Grant Application

East District Leadership Training 2022



East District Leadership Training 2022 - The California-Pacific Conference of The United Methodist Church

Date: California & Hawaii: Saturday, March 19, 2022 (9 AM – 11:30 AM PDT | 6 AM – 8:30 AM HST); Guam & Saipan: Sunday, March 20, 2022 (2 AM – 4:30 AM ChST); Location: Zoom. CLICK HERE TO RSVP ONLINE NOW. Cost: free to all United Methodists. A love offering is requested to fund honorariums for presenters. www.calpacumc.org

The East District is hosting this free training webinar as an encouragement for clergy and local church leaders. The Keynote speaker is Erin Hawkins-Smith, Executive Director of Connectional Ministries, Cal-Pac Conference.

Participants should also plan to attend one of following workshops: 1) The Church's Role in Helping Homeless with Mental Health Issues by Dine Vines. 2) Community Partnerships by Guillermo Torres. 3) Building the Church without Breaking the Bank by Rev. Lui Tran. 4) Workplace Flexibility in the Churches: Lessons from the Pandemic by Jan Hanson. 5) A Reflection Upon the Pandemic – Response and Opportunity by Rev. Ton Tseng (in Mandarin). Learn more about the speakers and workshops at:

(http://www.calpacumnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/EDTrainingWorkshopPresentation.pdf) (PDF)

Zoom information is included in your confirmation email. Teck requirements: Reliable Internet connection and a device that can download and install the Zoom app. A web or phone camera and a microphone are highly recommended.

THE KITCHEN RENOVATION PROJECT (K.R.P.)!

C.G.S. (Church of the Good Shepherd) is part of the U.M.C. (United Methodist Church)! Our U.M.Y.F. (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) is planning the Easter Sunrise Service and will participate in S.S.P. (Sierra Service Project) this summer. The U.M.W. (United Methodist Women) Sarah Circle heard a great presentation last week from church member and A.M.H. (Arcadia Methodist Hospital) chaplain, Rev. Stephen Wilson. The Christian Education Committee is looking for more volunteers and teachers for the Sunday School program and V.B.S. (Vacation Bible School).

Whew- if it isn't obvious yet, Methodists love acronyms! Here's another important acronym that I hope you will add to your vocabulary: K.R.P. The Kitchen Renovation Project (K.R.P.) will be a special project that is greatly needed at the church. Details were introduced in last week's newsletter and more details will come in future articles. The target date to begin the work is the fall of 2022. Some funds have already been set aside, but donations will be needed to complete the $300,000 budget.

Please save the date for Sunday, April 3rd when the kitchen will be open after the worship service and information and plans will be available. In the meantime, all are invited to begin praying for the K.R.P. and consider your contribution (financial, prayers, input, fundraising, etc.) towards this exciting new project that will be an improved place of ministry and outreach for the church.

Together in Prayer,

Pastor Eva

United Methodist Support to Ukraine



United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at **https://umcmission.org/advance-project/982450**
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

GIVE US THIS DAY…

Foothill Unity Center, Inc.
Helping People. Changing Lives.

Foothill Unity Center is assisting over 15,500 individuals to receive lifesaving food. This is 3 times more than the clients served pre-pandemic! One in five of our neighbors do not have enough to eat! You can help by bringing staples to the center and donating funds. Drop off food or funds to Foothill Unity Center, 790 W. Chestnut, Monrovia 91016 or text 4FOOD to 41444.

REMINDER: DO NOT respond to fake emails that claim to be from Pastor Eva but are not from her umcpastoreva@gmail.com email and are asking for favors, money, gift cards, etc. Be cautious of other emails claiming to be from church members and asking for favors also!

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open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

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