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United Methodist Church

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Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

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 13, 2022

The Second Sunday in Lent

Time Change – Daylight Saving Time Begins

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: Psalm 27:1-4 and John 6:1-11
Sermon: "Living a Prayerful Life: Thanking God"
Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Pastor Eva began a new 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: "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" arr. Page
Postlude: "Improvisation on "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain'" arr. Fedak
Stephen Cook, Director of Music on Organ
Introit: "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"
Special Music and Anthem: "I'd Rather Have Jesus" arr. Goodyear; Kenny Landaverde, Solo.
"Song of Gentleness" by Wagner, Carillon Ringers, Carolyn Noonchester, Director.
Vocalist, Israel Segura.
Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "Sweet Hour of Prayer #496",
"Take Time To Be Holy #395" and "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing #57"

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 pray for the family of **Terry Seto** who passed away on Feb. 25th. Daughter **Kim Lazaro** and grandchildren **Daisylin** and **Owen Lazaro** invite you to his Celebration of Life Service that will be held on March 18th at 11am at Rose Hills Sky Rose Chapel.

Prayers for **Chris Huff's friend Mary** who was diagnosed with breast cancer and will have surgery on 3/14.

Sunday Altar Flowers:



The altar flowers on February 27, 2022, were given by **Kay and John Meisch** in memory of **Helen and Albert Lindquist.**

The flowers on March 6, 2022, were in memory of **Mindy Black** from her memorial service which was held here at CGS on Saturday, March 5.

Sign up for altar flowers by calling the church office, 626-447-2181, to give flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" loved ones (or in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, special event, or accomplishment). The cost of the flowers is $50 (payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd"). Please mail the check to the church and write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. Or you may pay for flowers online through the church website. The church office will place your order with ZuZu's Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message announced in church by Pastor Eva on the appropriate Sunday as well as in the Sunday bulletin and the following week's newsletter. After the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service that Sunday, you may take your flowers home with you or let us know and we will have them in the church office on Monday morning after 9:00 a.m. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship center.



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._____

Memorial/Veteran's Day Flowers



It has become a tradition at our church to have special Chancel Flowers on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day in honor of **all** those who have served or are currently serving in our country's armed forces. We would like to honor your service, or the service of a loved one, by adding your name, rank and the branch in which you served to our list. We invite you to give a donation to the flower fund to keep this tradition going. Checks should be made payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd" and turned into the office with "Veterans' Flowers" on the memo line of the check. Suggested annual donation of $20 covers both holidays. Those making a donation will be shown with an asterisk, but all who have served or are currently serving will be listed.

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!

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.



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

ANNOUNCING LAUNCH OF KITCHEN RENOVATION PROJECT

Growing up, I attended Long Beach First UMC and like Good Shepherd, it was a large campus with many spaces: Sanctuary, Hall, Education Building, Children's Center, and Courtyard. My favorite gathering place though was the church kitchen. I have fond memories of dyeing Easter Eggs for Sunday School, cooking pancakes for youth group fundraisers, making spaghetti for potlucks, packing sandwiches for homeless lunches, and gathering in the kitchen with my grandmother and her friends as they were preparing for receptions.

Many wonderful conversations, prayers, and yes even important church decisions were made in the church kitchen. I believe the same could be said for the kitchen here at Good Shepherd. Knowing this, I am thankful for the work of the church's Board of Trustees that has been spent the past 2 years researching and evaluating the kitchen for its safety, function, and outreach possibilities. This included surveys and discussions with staff and ministry chairs; conversations with Fire Department reps; UMW input; and consultation with previous church member, architect Bruce Renfrew.

I and the Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that the church is now moving forward on a major kitchen renovation project. The renovation will include safety and repair issues, better function of layout, upgrading of appliances, and improve use for our current ministries, and vision for outreach. The target date to begin the work is the fall of 2022. Some funds have already been set aside from Trustees accounts, but donations will be needed to complete the $300,000 budget. Upcoming newsletter articles will give more details about the kitchen renovation and ways you can contribute to the Renovation Campaign. Also, after the 10 AM service, on Sunday, April 3rd the kitchen will be open and more information on the plans will be presented.

Watch for more information in The Word about this exciting new project.

Together in Christ's Service

Pastor Eva

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Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before bed!





open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

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