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United Methodist Church
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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, May 8, 2022



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
Join Us for In-Person Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Check-in before worship. Masks no longer required but recommended for those not vaccinated or with health issues. See current guidelines on the next page.
Scripture: Psalm 23 and Acts 9:36-43
Sermon Title: To Be a Witness in Word and Deed
Pastor Eva's current sermon series examines what it means to be a witness for Christ and to give witness for God's kingdom. As Christians, we are called to share the Good News. This involves acts of seeing, telling, claiming, and so much more. We hope you join us each Sunday for worship as we explore these themes through liturgy, sermons, and music; including a special Music Sunday on May 15th!
Prelude: "Prelude on 'Praise to the Lord the Almighty'" arr. Hopson
Postlude: "Postlude on "Hymn to Joy'" arr. Young
Stephen Cook, Director of Music Ministries, on Organ
Introit: "Seek Ye First"
Anthem: "Ponder Anew" by Pamela Stewart
Chancel Choir; Stephen Cook, Director
Sue Holder, Solo
Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "He Leadeth Me #128", "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing #317 vs.1-4", and "My Hope Is Built #368"

Sunday School *for preschoolers and elementary grade kids will meet In-Person in Jordan Hall following the Children's Time in the Sanctuary.* ***Nursery care has returned Sundays 9:30-11:30 am.***

Be sure to stop by the Refreshment Table in Jordan Hall each Sunday after worship. Coffee, Tea, Lemonade and prepackaged refreshments will be available for you to enjoy in the courtyard or hall as we fellowship together.



Music Sunday Is May 15

Next Sunday, May 15, at 10 am in the Sanctuary, is Music Sunday! Don't miss a fabulous service featuring all the choirs of the church making a joyful noise unto the Lord!! It is the perfect week to invite a friend or neighbor to experience our beautiful Sanctuary and choirs.

And, after the special Music Sunday in worship, everyone is invited to the Kitchen Renovation Open House in Jordan Hall and the church kitchen!

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please keep all those previously mentioned in your prayers.

Our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of **Larry Atkins** upon his death on April 25, 2022. His memorial service will be held here at Good Shepherd on Saturday, May 21, at 2 pm, in the Sanctuary.

All Church Members

Please be careful of Scam Emails from hackers claiming to be church members. Never give your personal information (even address or phone #) out, never buy gift cards or send money, etc. Unfortunately, a few of our members' emails have been hacked and fake emails have been sent to their email contacts. Always call the church member you know directly or check with the church office.

Current Church Worship Guidelines:

1. Masks are no longer required but are still recommended for those who are not vaccinated or those who have health issues that can be affected by the virus.
2. Worship check-in still continues near the courtyard sanctuary entrance.
3. Seating is still 3 feet apart (families and close individuals may sit together).
4. Offering Box will remain in the narthex for safe collection.
5. Coffee Fellowship Time in Jordan Hall and the Courtyard after church.

New Grief Class Scheduled to Begin

A new Grief Group will be forming beginning on **Monday, May 9, 6:30-7:30 pm** in the Adult Education Center (AEC). The class will meet for 10 weeks. Linda Brown will lead the class.

Important Message from Our Bank

Our current bank has informed us that they are no longer able to accept checks made payable to simply "CGS". The church's name "Church of the Good Shepherd" must be written out in full. Thank you!

May 7th Chancel Choir Mini Retreat for Current and New Singers!



The Chancel Choir will be holding a mini-retreat on Saturday, May 7th from 9:30-12:00 (with bagels, coffee and juice provided by Pastor Eva:). We will prepare for our upcoming Music Sunday on May 15, but also look ahead to selections for the summer. This is a great opportunity for those who enjoy singing to join the fellowship of the chancel choir…absolutely no experience necessary. We will meet in the choir room and be led by a guest clinician, Kirk Averitt. I hope you'll join us!



New Members Class with Pastor Eva

New and Transferring Members will be received in worship on May 15th! If you are interested in joining the church, please see Pastor Eva to attend one of the following new members classes:

-May 7th (Saturday at 3pm in the Lounge)

-Weekday evening Zoom options are also available. Call the church office, 626-447-2181, to arrange for a Zoom meeting.

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer Interfaith Service will be held on **Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 7 pm** at the Santa Anita Church. Everyone is invited.

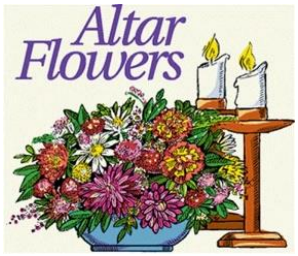
Sarah Circle Meeting on Thursday, May 5, 7 pm

Sarah Circle will be meeting via Zoom this Thursday at 7 pm. After our business meeting, our program will feature **Rev. Brenda Simonds, Director of Spiritual Care at Methodist Hospital**, discussing ethnic groups, diversity, and issues with hospitalized patients.

To obtain the Zoom information, contact the church office.

-Margaret Blair, co-president.

2022 Flower Chart



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, accomplishment, etc.). 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 a.m. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship center.



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.

CGS Foundation - Grant Funding for 2022



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



Plastic Bags and Egg Cartons

Foothill Unity Center is still collecting egg cartons and plastic bags. Whenever you are in the vicinity of the church, they can be placed in the box located near the entrance to the office. Arrangements have been made to transfer the contents of the box to Fellowship Hall for future delivery to the Center.

Join us for In-Person Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
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And our website CGSUM.ORG.

Reminder to continue to check-in before worship.
See current Worship Guidelines on page 2.



open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

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