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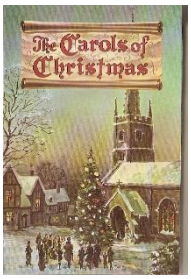
The Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist Church
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Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG
10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in our Sanctuary!!



Sunday, December 18, 2022

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Trek to the Tree
(Turn in Christmas donation and pledge card for 2023)
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
You may now enter the Sanctuary worship through the double doors off the parking lot and check-in is not needed.
Attendance pads are now back in the pews.
Masks are not required, but are strongly encouraged.
Prelude: "Silent Night" by Mohr and Gruber, arr. F. Mantooth
Postlude: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" by Oakley and Reading, arr. S. Calderone
Introit: "O Come, O Come, Emanuel"
Anthems: "Ave Maria" arr. Jacques Arcadelt
Section Leaders; Kirk Averitt, Director
"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" by Paul Manz
Israel Segura, Garrison Holder, Kirk Averitt, and Kenneth Landaverde
Benediction Response: "Peace, Peace/Silent Night"
Hymns: "Gather Us In #2236 TFWS", "Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here #579" and "That Boy-Child of Mary #241"



Sunday Attendance Question of the Week: What is your favorite Christmas Carol or Hymn? Email answer to Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org)!

Chancel Flowers on Sunday, December 11, 2022, were given:

In memory Al, Jackie, and Ella Olson by their family.

Two arrangements in memory of Mike Sullivan by his wife Lynne Rivera.



"Fill the Bowl Project" Update

Thanks to all who have so generously donated to our Humane Society of the United States Animal Protection Ministries program! Through your kind support, we have been able to send (2) overflowing bins of cat and dog food to our local Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley Humane Society! Thanks for helping pets this Holiday Season!

--Linda Brown

December 24, Christmas Eve

Family Service with Nativity Pageant (5:00pm)

Traditional Candlelight Service (9:00pm)

Midnight Service in the Chapel (11:00pm)



December 25, Christmas Day



Children's Blessing of the Toys (bring one toy to be blessed) and kids are invited to wear their pjs!

Christmas Is Almost Here!



Christmas Eve family Service is at 5:00PM on Saturday, December 24. Children's Choir, Youth Choir, and Youth Bells will also be participating. We will have one Rehearsal for the Pageant on this Sunday, December 18th from 11:15AM – 12:30PM (we will not have lunch). If you are not able to attend the rehearsal, please let Franklyn know and we'll save a costume for you! All children, youth, young adults, and adults ages 2-105 are welcome to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Franklyn Shen at (626) 272-5081, or fnjshen@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!



Alternative Christmas Market

Our annual market will return on December 18 in Jordan Hall after the 10 AM service. You can also shop from home and send or drop off your shopping list and the appropriate cards will be returned to you.

We are pleased that Heavenly Treasures will again offer their craft goods from around the world. Heavenly Treasures mission is to help craft people around the world and 100% of the sales are returned to the artisans.

This year we are featuring three groups who help people locally (Family Promise, Union Station Homeless Services in Pasadena and SGV Habitat for Humanity) and two groups who help people here in the states and around the world (Church World Service and Heifer Project).

Come and visit the market and find meaningful gifts that give twice! First to your family and friends and then to those who are blessed by your gifts both here and around the globe.

Foothill Unity Center Holiday Food Basket Drive



This year the center has a revised list to fill their holiday baskets. Please leave donations in Jordan Hall. Here is what they request: canned yams, canned sweet potatoes, mini marshmallows, gravy packets, cake mixes, corn muffin mix, cranberry sauce, Jell-O, pudding, stuffing mix. The following items should be TAKEN TO THE CENTER: Cornish hens, chickens, pies, $20-$25 grocery gift cards, turkey gift cards. When you shop for your family remember those who can be blessed by your help! Donations accepted through December 18th.

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.



Trek to the Tree Worship Service this Sunday, December 18th

Join us for the traditional Trek to the Tree Worship Service this Sunday, December 18th! Bring both your pledge card for 2023 if you haven't turned it in already and your Christmas offering envelopes, mailed last week, to worship this Sunday. (Pledge cards were mailed to everyone in October.) You will be able to place them at the foot of the tree during worship this Sunday. Extra copies of both will be available in the Sanctuary narthex or through the church office.

Office and 2022 Giving Schedule

The Church Office will be closed the week of December 26th so all Pledges, Offerings, and Contributions must be submitted by Sunday, December 25th to be counted for your 2022 Giving.

Next week's newsletter will be the last one for 2022. We are dark the last week of December and the first week of January each year. So, there will not be a newsletter the week of December 26, 2022, or January 2, 2023. Newsletters will resume the week of January 9, 2023. Be sure to turn in articles to the office by this Friday, December 16, 2022 to be in next week's newsletter. Ldoran@cgsum.org is back up and running!

Women's Book Group



Our potluck will be held on December 14 at 11:30. Please call Penny Hoover to RSVP. We will not meet on December 21 or 28.

The new year will find the group discussing Clark and Division. Join them on January 4, 2023, at noon in the church library.

The 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, special event or accomplishment). The cost of the flowers is $53 (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.

Christmas Greeting Tree



Share a Christmas greeting with your church friends and put a card on our Christmas Greeting Tree in Jordan Hall. Bring a card of your own or use one that we have provided on the table by the tree.



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open hearts,
open minds,
open doors



Sunday Service is broadcast live to Facebook/CGSUM
And on our website CGSUM.ORG.

In-Person Worship Service in our Sanctuary at 10 am

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission:
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.