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The Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist Church
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007 - www.cgsum.org 626-447-2181
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG
10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in our Sanctuary!!

Saturday, December 24, 2022
Christmas Eve



Family Service with Nativity Pageant (5:00pm)

Traditional Candlelight Service (9:00pm)

Midnight Service in the Chapel (11:00pm)



Sunday, December 25, 2022
Christmas Day

Carol Sing Along Worship Service
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.

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



Everyone is invited to email Pastor Eva their favorite Christmas Carol or Hymn by Wednesday, Dec. 21st, umcpastoreva@gmail.com

Office and 2022 Giving Schedule

The Church Office will be closed December 23 until January 4. All Pledges, Offerings, and Contributions must be submitted by Sunday, December 25th to be counted for your 2022 Giving.

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.



The 2023 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 now **$60** (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.

24 Hours of Prayer – 9 am Dec. 31 to 9 am Jan. 1

Mele Maka and the California Pacific Annual Conference Laity Council members are inviting all clergy, local lay leaders, church officers and church members to join for a time of prayer and praise. All are invited to the table to share your concerns, hopes, and dreams as they pray into the New Year. This is a virtual event and the Zoom link is on the Conference website: **www.calpacumc.org**

Women's Book Group



The Wednesday Book Group at their Holiday lunch and gift book exchange. The new year will find the group discussing Clark and Division. Join them on January 4, 2023, at noon in the church library.



UWF (United Women of Faith) Crafters

Pictured to the left: The Crafters group finished up Holiday Projects- including the ever-popular Gnomes!

Christmas Parties!



Youth Group's Christmas party was a fun afternoon of Pizza & Sweets, Games, and Gift Exchange!



Franklyn Shen and the Young Adults gathered for their annual Christmas Break get together at BJ's Restaurant in Arcadia.

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR

The
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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.