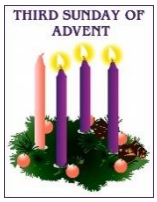



# The WORD of the Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist

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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 11, 2022*

***The Third Sunday of Advent – Advent Lessons and Carols Service***
***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.***
***Prelude & Postlude: String Quartet***
***Introit: "Arise the Kingdom Is at Hand" – Christopher Tye***
***Anthems: "I Will Arise" arr. Alice Parker***
***"Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" arr. Shawn Kirchner***
***"And the Glory of the Lord", from Messiah (w/string quartet)***
***"O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Dan Forrest, w/solo sax (and string group)***
***"The Glory of the Father" – Egil Hovland, arr. Poller (section leaders)***
***Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director***
***Benediction Response: "Peace, Peace/Silent Night"***
***Hymns: "People Look East # 202" and***
***"Angels We Have Heard on High #238"***

## Charge Conference Zoom Meeting

For all Church Leaders and interested members, the annual Charge Conference meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Friday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom Login info is: Meeting ID: 836 8837 9096 and Passcode: 383548.

## Among the Church Family

***New Baby:***

Congratulations to **Courtney and Zach Yaroch** on the birth of their new son **Conrad Bernard Yaroch** on November 7, 2022. Proud grandparents are **Janine and David Bulen**, and his very proud great-grandparents are **Lois and Don Bulen**.

***Condolences:***

Prayers and condolences to **Carolyn Flach** (Women's Book Group) on the death of her husband Bob Flach. The memorial service will held January 7, at Holy Angels. Time pending.

And our prayers and condolences to our former **Pastor George Hooper and his family** upon the death of his brother **Edward Hooper** on December 4, 2022.



## The Chancel Flowers on December 4 were given:

***In loving memory of Dave Cooper on his birthday by his family.***

## Advent and Christmas Season
## Worship Services and Special Notices:




December 11th Advent Lessons and Carols Service with the Chancel Choir, professional string quartet and saxophonist!



December 18 at 10:00am - Trek to the Tree Sunday – turn in Christmas donation and pledge card for 2023.

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 at 10:00am

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



And don't miss the Alternative Christmas Market in Jordan Hall after church December 11 & 18.

Foothill Unity Holiday Food drive is now through December 18 in Jordan Hall.

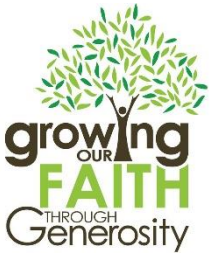
Greet all you church friends by putting a card on the Greeting Tree in Jordan Hall.




## Angel Tree Information

You can leave your UNWRAPPED donations in Jorden or in the front office. Gift cards should be placed in an envelope and dropped in the church office door slot. Mark your envelope "For Foothill Unity Centers Angel Tree gifts." Thank you.

## Not Too late to PLEDGE for 2023!




Church ministries rely on the financial support from the congregation. Each financial gift is treasured and part of our commitment to the church and its ministries. Thank you to those who have already submitted your 2023 pledge card. For those who have not been able to do so yet, there is still time. Please return them (by mail or in person drop off) any time before the end of the year. Or bring them to the Trek to the Tree on December 18. 2023 will be a blessed year as we commit financially to the church together and lift one another up in faith!

## Christmas Is Coming!



We need animals, shepherds, wisemen, and angels for the Christmas Eve family Service at 5:00PM on Saturday, December 24, at 5:00PM. Children's Choir, Youth Choir, and Youth Bells will also be participating. We will have one Rehearsal for the Pageant on 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!

## 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.

## Email Is Down at the Church

The Church and staff emails are not working correctly this week. We are in contact with our provider and with our IT tech and hope to get the issue fixed soon. This week do not send emails to any of the **cgsum.org** emails. Call the church office, 626-447-2181, with questions, information, or concerns. Thanks for your understanding! We will keep you posted on this! (Please note that this issue started the end of last week so if you emailed something to someone on staff we probably didn't get it!)




## 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.

## California School of the Arts Holiday Festivus Concert

The California School of the Arts – San Gabriel Valley School of Music presents its annual Festivus Concert at Church of the Good Shepherd on December 9 & 10 at 7:00 p.m. The school is offering discounted $10 tickets for church members! Visit boxoffice.sgv.csarts.net and use the code "10offDISholiday" at checkout. Come celebrate the holiday season with these talented you musicians!



## Advent Lessons and Carols Service

As shown on page one of the newsletter…join us for a special Lessons & Carols service on Sunday, December 11 at 10:00 am. The service will include the Chancel Choir, a professional string quartet, and saxophonist! Beautiful music right here at Good Shepherd!




## Alternative Christmas Market

Our annual market will return on December 11 and 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 two groups who help people locally (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.

## Women's Book Group Potluck

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.



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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.***