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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
Or IN-PERSON at 10:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Join Us for In-Person Worship at 10:00 a.m. - Check-in before worship.
Masks are currently **Required** inside the Sanctuary.

This Sunday's Worship will be led by the Children's Ministry Team with special VBS sharing and messages! It will also include a SSP Blessing for the Youth and Adults heading to Sierra Service Project (San Diego and Church of the Good Shepherd sites) next week.

Prelude: Pastorale on "He Leadeth Me" arr. Young
Postlude: Postlude on "Coronation" arr. Livingston
Stephen Cook, Director of Music Ministries, on Organ
Introit: "Praise to the Lord" arr. Dan Bird
Anthem: "Consecration" by John Ness Beck
Summer Choir; Stephen Cook, Director
Israel Segura, Soloist
Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "Arise, Shine Out, Your Light Has Come #725", "This Little Light of Mine #585", *and* ***"Here I Am, Lord #593"***

Children are invited to stay in worship this Sunday. Nursery care is available 9:30-11:30 am.

Coffee Fellowship will not be meeting during the month of July due to Covid.

Among the Church Family:

In Our Prayers:

Our condolences to **Terri Ireland** family upon the death of her husband, **Bob Ireland**, former CGS Associate and Youth Pastor in the 1970's. Bob's celebration of life will be Saturday, August 20, at 1 p.m. at the Riviera UMC in Redondo Beach.

The Chancel Flowers on Sunday, July 17, were given in celebration of **Leslie Kenan's birthday**.

The Rosebud of Love was in celebration of the birth of **Forest James Riffey**, born on June 29, 2022. Forest is the great-grandson of **Anne Riffey**.



Half Year Contribution Statements Will Be Emailed This Week

Church of the Good Shepherd is grateful for all those who have pledged and contributed financially to the church. The 2nd Quarter/Half Year Contribution letters will be emailed out this week. Please contact the church office any time after Friday, July 22 if you would like a paper copy of your contribution statement.

Worship Camera Operator and Tech Volunteers Are Needed

We are so thankful for the work of Michael Arnold (video camera) and Jeff Doran (computer tech for live stream services) in worship each Sunday. The camera and tech work volunteers bring our wonderful services to Facebook and the church Website. New volunteers are now needed to continue this work. Detailed instructions and training will be provided. Please contact Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org or 626-447-2181) if you would like to volunteer for some Sundays in August-October.



Something's Cooking: Kitchen Renovation Update

We have achieved our fundraising goal of $100,000 for the church kitchen renovation. Funds from the Church of the Good Shepherd Foundation's $75,000 matching grant have been released. Together with the $200,000 set aside by the Board of Trustees, we have over $375,000 in the renovation budget. Thank you to all who have so generously donated to this project and to the Foundation for its support. Special thanks go to Kathleen Ellison and Joann Steinmeier of the Kitchen Renovation Fundraising subcommittee for their dedication to this project.

The Board of Trustees is currently working to secure a licensed contractor for the project so that the permit process and demolition can begin as soon as possible. The Board will continue to provide updates as the project continues. We hope the renovated kitchen will be a blessing, not only to our congregation, but to our community as well.

-Sandra Jelinek, member Board of Trustees

From Health Ministries

Huntington Health is offering 2 free Tele-Noon Hour lectures. All you need is your telephone. Both begin at 12:30 PM & generally last 45-60 minutes.

1.) Wed., July 20: "Aging with Vision Loss" with Socorro Arroyo. Reservations required by July 19th.

2.) Wed., Aug. 17: "Vaccines and the latest information related to COVID-19" presented by infectious disease specialist Dr. Kimberly Shriner. Reservations required by Aug. 16.

To make a reservation, complete the registration form at www.Huntingtonhealth.org/telenoon or call (626) 397-3147.

July Family Promise Hosting Now Virtual

Due to the increase in COVID cases in our church and are, after much thought and prayers, your CGS FP team in consultation with Pastor Eva, has decided that we will NOT host in-person. However, we will still provide for the two families in the program. Since this will be a virtual hosting, this means that CGS will provide funds to pay for the families' motel rooms and food for one week. The cost of this is $1,900 total for both families.

If you or your fellowship group is interested in helping to defray the costs for this virtual hosting, CGS FP would greatly appreciate it. Donation checks are to be made payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd". On the memo line, please put "CGS FP account # 8240". That is our restricted FP account from which we will draw the funds and send a check to FPSGV.

Thanks to all who volunteered to be dinner hosts and overnight hosts for our FP guest families. We are disappointed that we cannot provide the food and safe shelter for the two families here at CGS, but this is in everyone's best interest.

Pastor Eva said in her sermon 7/17/22 that God is calling us to love, care, and share. Your prayers and your donations are ways you can help these two families. --Grateful blessing, ***Diane Lucas, CGS FP Coordinator***

Current Worship Guidelines for Church:

1. Masks are currently REQUIRED for all due to the new instances of Covid
2. Worship check-in 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 will be on hold for the next few weeks.



Church Keys

The church checks out keys to various groups and persons using our facility. These keys should be returned to the office if the activity has been completed. Please check to make sure you are not still holding on to any keys checked out to you that need to be returned. There are many outstanding keys. Thank you! ***--Karen Schaefer, Key Monitor***

Sierra Service Project

Through the years, 273 youth and adults from Good Shepherd have gone on the Sierra Service Project 735 times. Their combined efforts represent **29,400 hours of service (735 x 40 hours)**, doing home repair on Native American Reservations and Rancherias in Arizona, California, and Nevada.

In February of 2015, CGS participated in the SSP Weekend of Service for the first time, sending 10 Youth and 5 Adults to work in South Central Los Angeles and returned the following year. Their efforts represented **408 hours of service (34 x 12 hours)**.

Between these two service trips, we have provided **29,808 hours of community service!**

This summer marks the 31st year of our participation with SSP! In total, 18 Youth and Advisors will be helping this summer. 7 Youth and 3 Advisors will be staying at home, doing work at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Arcadia. Our projects will include the painting of the outside library area, gardening around the property, and painting in the sanctuary. 6 youth and 2 Advisors will be going to Imperial Beach, CA. Our projects will be with homeowners and community-based organizations. Our projects will include painting, rebuilding fences, and general home repairs.

This year, 3 of the 18 are first timers with CGS, and with their participation, the list of Good Shepherd people who have been to S.S.P. will grow to 276. Please come to worship this Sunday as we bless the 2022 SSP team. Our bulletin insert will show everyone, past and present, who have participated from Good Shepherd.

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.

The Good Shepherd Finance Academy – what do you want to hear?

The Finance Committee is assessing the congregation's interest in a series of financial presentations, either quarterly or every other month. The format would be similar to the format used by The Forum, with a speaker presenting for approximately an hour, with time at the end for questions.

We'd like you to choose up to 4 possible topics from the list below, and if you have an idea for a topic that is not listed, there is a space at the bottom for you to add it. Return this survey to the collection Box in the Narthex on Sunday or to the church office during the week.

[] Retirement planning, including Trusts and Wills

[] Tax law changes related to estates (Inherited IRAs, non-spousal beneficiaries, distribution rules)

[} Required Minimum Distributions and distribution rules

[] Cohort planning, meaning people in different phases of life have different financial interests

[] Getting started for young or new investors

[] Planning for a child's higher education – the early years

[] Planning for a child's higher education – high school

[] Retirement planning, meaning how much do I need, and when can I retire?

[] Estate Planning and how to do it

[] Sharing your plan with the next generation

[} Wesleyan Values and Saving, Earning and Giving (Cokesbury book study)

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Thank you for working together to keep everyone safe.

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.