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

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

This Sunday we will feature patriotic music and liturgy to celebrate the Fourth of July Independence Day weekend. Members are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue; or summer Hawaiian or bright colors!

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 page 3.

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14
Sermon Title: "Life with the Prophets: To Know the Source"
Pastor Eva has completed the sermon series on "Life with the Holy Spirit."
Now, in these Summer months, we will visit the prophets of the Bible in a new sermon series "Life with the Prophets." Examining the lives of Elisha, and major or minor prophets Amos, Isaiah, Hosea, and Jeremiah, can teach us how to be a voice for God in today's world as we live out his plans for our lives.
Prelude: Meditation "America"
Postlude: "Trumpet Voluntary" by Gordon Young
Stephen Cook, Director of Music Ministries, on Organ
Introit: "America the Beautiful"
Anthem: "Praise to the Lord" by Gordon Young
Summer Choir; Stephen Cook, Director
Summer Choir meets during July. Come at 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning to sing that day.
Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "America #697", "We, Thy People, Praise Thee #67", *and* ***"Lift Every Voice and Sing #519"***

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 is available 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.

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.

UWF Honors 2 Graduating High School Seniors

On Sunday, United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) honored **Amber Pattison and Nicholas Ostry** for their service to our church. Amber graduated from Arcadia High School, has been a regular usher for the 10 AM service, has been an active member of the Youth Bell Choir, and has substituted when needed in the Adult Bell Choir. Nick is a recent graduate from Rosemead High School, works as needed in the Children's Center, and has assisted with custodial tasks around our church.

It is tradition that UMW gives a gift in the honored seniors' names to a UMW mission project. This year, a gift in each of their names will be given to The David & Margaret Youth and Family Services in La Verne.

Congratulations, Amber and Nick! We thank you both for your service and wish you well in your endeavors ahead!



The Kitchen Project Fundraising Campaign Will End This Week on June 30th!

There's just a few days left if you would like to contribute to the church's kitchen renovation project. Donations must be dropped off to the office or paid online (www.cgsum.org) by Thursday, June 30th. The fundraising committee is very appreciative to all who have already donated and to the CGS Foundation for their generous matching grant (up to $75,000). The total amount raised will be announced in church this Sunday and in next week's newsletter.

Nursery Workers Needed!

We have reopened the nursery on Sunday mornings and are looking for people interested in working a few Sundays each month from 9:30-11:30. These positions are paid - $20/hour - and we need 2 people each Sunday to comply with current UMC guidelines. If interested, please contact Heather Reynolds (626-272-6629) or the church office.





Worship Guidelines Current Church:

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.

A Note from Pastor Eva

This Tuesday, June 28th is John Wesley's Birthday! As the founder of the Methodist denomination in the 18th century, Wesley taught that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for all of humanity and that salvation is available for all. We carry out that belief as Methodists today through our open Communion table; our welcoming of all regardless of race, gender, class, education, etc.; and our works of faith of serving others.

It was wonderful then to see these tenets lived out at last week's regional gathering of clergy and lay members from United Methodist Churches in Southern California, Hawaii, Guam and Saipan. This annual gathering took place virtually June 7, 15, and hybrid style June 17-18. I am thankful for CGS members **Margaret Blair, Craig and Diane Lucas,** and **Lynne Rivera** who attended as church lay reps and observer.

The theme was "Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger." This spoke to both our personal and the world's needs. As individuals we are fed spiritually by Jesus Christ, the bread of life. And Christ calls on us to heal the world of its spiritual and physical hunger. The theme was expressed and experienced through worship services, legislative work, services projects, and much more. Thank you to CGS church members who donated baby wipes. These were included in the health care kits that were assembled at the conference. Future newsletter articles by the CGS lay reps and observer will share other highlights.

In the meantime, I hope you have a blessed week. And as we begin to celebrate Independence this 4th of July weekend, may we also celebrate our Methodist roots and the gift of God's grace made possible through his son, Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Eva

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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.