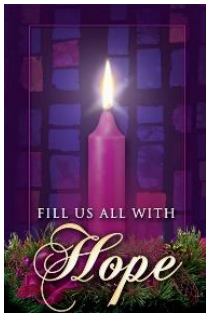



# The WORD of the Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist

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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, November 27, 2022*

***The First Sunday of Advent***
***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.***
***Scripture Lessons: Psalm 122 and Isaiah 2:1-5***
***Sermon: "Joyful Hope", Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching***
***Prelude: Prelude on "Trust and Obey" arr. Powell***
***Postlude: Postlude on "Ash Grove" arr. Martin***
***Stephen Cook, Director of Music, Organ***
***Introit: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Pritchard, arr. Clark***
***Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director***
***Anthem: "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Lamb***
***Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director***
***Anthem #2: "A Canon of Praise" by Natalie Sleeth***
***Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director***
***Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come #694"; "Word of God, Come Down on Earth #182"; and "My Hope Is Built #368"***
***Benediction Response: "Peace, Peace/Silent Night***

**Children's Choir** rehearsal is at 11:15-11:45 a.m. in the Choir Room.

## The Chancel Flowers on November 20 were given:



***In memory of Dick Van Kirk by his family.***

***In honor of Florence Kovacic who is celebrating her 100th birthday by her family.***

***In celebration of the 29th wedding anniversary of Joe and Marcia D'Amore.***

***In honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of Natalie Poole and Gary Hackney on November 8th.***

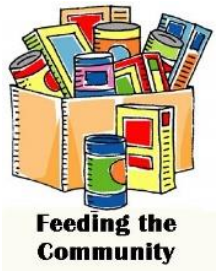



## Stay and Deck the Halls!

**This Sunday, November 27, is the First Sunday of Advent!** Join the fun while we **Deck the Halls** after church. Lunch will be provided. Everyone is invited! **Please RSVP to the church office, 626-447-2181, for lunch so we know how many meals to order.**

## Pledge Now 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. 2023 will be a blessed year as we commit financially to the church together and lift one another up in faith!




## 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 Study

We will ***not*** meet the day before Thanksgiving as well as Dec. 21 and 28. Our next book, The 12 Topsy Turvy, Very Messy Days of Christmas will be read as follows: Nov. 30. Ch. 1-36; Dec. 7. Finish book. On December 14, we will have a "hearty appetizer" potluck and our annual gift book exchange. Please call Penny to RSVP. (Or see her at Book Group) Thank you, Penny, for organizing this.



## 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!

## ANGEL TREE INFORMATION!



A flock of "cloned angels" flew into Jordan Hall this past weekend! All the angels are exactly the same and list suggestions for the children of Foothill Unity Center. Here is the wish list (select one or more of these suggestions).

- $25 gift cards for Walmart, Target, Marshall's, Kohls, Burlington, Amazon, or Aldi's.
- Family board games
- Puzzles, arts and crafts sets
- Books and dictionaries
- Toys (educational, scientific, building sets, dolls, action figures, vehicles, sports, homemaker toys)

You can leave your UNWRAPPED donations in Jordan Hall. Gift cards should be placed in an envelope and dropped in the church office door mail slot. Mark your envelope "For Foothill Unity Centers Angel Tree gifts". Thanks!

## Sarah Circle Christmas Party



Sarah Circle will meet in Jordan Hall on Thursday, December 1, 6 PM, for fun & fellowship! Attendees are asked to bring soup or hearty hors d'oeuvres. Plates, cups & utensils will be provided. Wear something "holiday festive." There will be a brief meeting, and then we'll play BUNKO and decorate the trees in Jordan Hall. Not a member? Come join us anyway! For more information, contact Margaret Blair, (626) 574-1827.




## ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET RETURNS!

Our first in-person market will be back for the first three Sundays in December! Heavenly Treasures crafts will also be featured.

Larry and Marilyn Callaham have moved and both were long time helpers at the market. We now need someone to be our cashier! If you can help out on any or all Sundays please let us know. Call or text Carole Sano (626 552-5660).

## IT'S TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS!



Church of the Good Shepherd has a tradition of decorating our altar with beautiful poinsettias at Christmas time. We are pre-selling 6" potted red poinsettias for **$16** each to be used in the sanctuary for services beginning Sunday, December 18th.

Plants may be picked up at church after the 9 PM Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24th. The remaining plants will be donated for delivery by our team of volunteers to more home-bound church members.

To order, visit our table after church services on November 27 & December 4, or fill out this order form & drop it off with your payment at the church office 400 W. Duarte Rd, Arcadia, CA 91007. You may also email Margaret Blair at kdblair@earthlink.net or call her at (626)574-1827.

Your name/s_____

Your phone number_____

The number of plants to be ordered_____ x $16/plant = _____

In Memory Of_____

In Honor Of_____

Will you pick up your plant/s on Saturday, Dec. 24th after the 9 PM service? _____

Will you donate your plant/s? _____

Your check should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd for $16 per plant. Write "poinsettia" on the memo line.

The last day to order is Sunday, December 4th.

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open hearts,
open minds,
open doors




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**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.***