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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 4, 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent - Hanging of the Greens
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 72:1-7 and Matthew 3:1-12
Sermon: "Proclaimed Peace", Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching
Prelude: "The First Noel" arr. Cherwien
Postlude: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr. Lani Smith
Stephen Cook, Director of Music, Organ
This worship service is a wonderful tradition of Good Shepherd and will include participation from all the choirs
Introit: "O Come, O Come, Emanuel"
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director
Anthem: Advent Celebration"
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director
Carillon Ringers and Youth Bells
"People Look East" arr. Helman
Youth Choir; "The Holly and the Ivy" Traditional, arr. Clark
Janice Clark, Director
Adult Bells;" Hark the Glad Sound" arr. Mallory
Carolyn Noonchester, Director
Chancel Choir; "We'll Dress This House" Alfred Burt
Kirk Averitt, Director
Benediction Response: "Peace, Peace/Silent Night

Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 8:30 a.m.

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



The Chancel Flowers on November 27 were given

*In remembrance of **Ed Lucas' birthday by Craig Lucas.***

*In loving memory of Bruce Brereton's brother, **William Roger Brereton, by Joan and Bruce Brereton***

SHEPHERDS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Join us for a catered dinner and white elephant gift exchange on December 13. RSVP and payment due December 1. Contact Leslie Kenan for more details.

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



SARAH CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sarah Circle will meet in Jordan Hall on Thursday, December 1, 6 PM, for fun & fellowship! Not a member? Come join us anyway! For more information, contact Margaret Blair, (626) 574-1827.

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 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.



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!

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

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!

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET RETURNS!

Our annual market will return on December 4, 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.

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.

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 service on 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



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.