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The Church of the Good Shepherd

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Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG
No IN-PERSON services on September 18 (see notice below)

Church Members- Welcome Sunday has been postponed until October 2nd. With predicted summer temperatures continuing and the Sanctuary AC not working (due to delays in getting the parts for repairs) we will NOT have In-Person worship again this Sunday. We encourage all to watch the September 18th Service online instead from home.

Sunday, September 18, 2022
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Eva is Preaching: "Builders for Christ: Welcoming the Lesser"
Scripture Lessons: Psalm 113:1-4 and Luke 18:15-17, 35-43
Prelude: Meditation in Ab" by Eugene Englert
Postlude: Postlude on "Wake, Awake!" arr. Martin
Director of Music Ministry Stephen Cook, Organ
Introit: "All Glory Be to God"
Anthem: "Amazing Grace" by John Coates
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director
Anthem #2: "You Raise Me Up"; Sue Holder, Soloist
Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past #117", "More Love to Thee, O Christ #453", "Take My Life, and Let It Be #339"

Online Worship Services for August thru October will not include hymn lyrics or liturgy on the screen. We apologize for this inconvenience. A printed copy of the worship bulletin that includes the Call to Worship, Prayers, and Announcements will be posted online. It can be found on the church website**.**

Among the Church Family:

In Our Prayers:

Continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in your prayers**.**



Altar Flowers:

The Altar Flowers last Sunday, September 11, and the Rosebud of Love, were to honor **CJ Liu and Scarlet Song** on the birth of their new son, **Chandler**, on August 31, 2022.

Women's Book Group:

In September, the Book Group will read and discuss American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. Please join us on Wednesdays at noon in the Church Library.

Welcome Sunday

New Date for Welcome Sunday is now **October 2**.
More details to come in future articles!



Children's Message from Pastor Eva: "L. A. M. B."

Everyone is called to be a disciple of Christ. People of all ages, even children can follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd! Children are encouraged to learn the acronym L.A.M.B.

"L" stands for Love, remember to love and obey God as Jesus did.

"A" stands for Adore All, remember God loves everyone and we must love all too.

"M" stands for Move yourself and body to action to attend worship, to learn in Sunday School and to help parents at home, to help others in need.

"B" stands for Be a Disciple, to learn more about God, and to share about Jesus with friends and family.

Sierra Service Project

On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Sierra Service Project, I want to thank Church of the Good Shepherd for joining us for a week of service in San Diego! The CGS team joined 590 volunteers from across the country participating in SSP's first in-person summer since 2019. I hope they returned home with many wonderful memories and stories of learning and serving with us and our partner communities.

"The opportunity to serve is amazing, and this is a program that really proves it. There are so many important things about SSP; connections, service, personal growth…I truly loved this experience."
- Youth from St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Napa

We currently rely on participant fees to provide half our operating budget, with donations from foundations, grants, churches, and individuals contributing to the other half. As we enter the end of the 2022 summer, gifts from our donor community are an even more important part of sustaining our programs.

To continue making an impact in our partner communities, volunteer community, and young adult staff, **SSP needs to fundraise $50,000 by the end of September**. We just finished our six-week summer program and we are one-third of the way to our goal with $16,379. If each participant gave $50, we would raise more than 90% of our goal! **SSP is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 nonprofit organization**, and your gifts are tax deductible.

Will Church of the Good Shepherd consider making a donation to ensure SSP can continue our impactful program for our youth? The easiest way to give is online at www.GiveButter.com/SSP2022 (you can even give via Apple Pay or Venmo through this platform!). Another option to donate is through the SSP website www.sierraserviceproject.org/donate, or by mailing a check to Sierra Service Project, P.O. Box 13009, Sacramento, CA 95813.

Please let me know if you have any questions about SSP and thank you again for your ongoing participation and support!

Cindy Chow-Snavely
Sierra Service Project Board Member

Golden Plate Awards



Foothill Unity Center's upcoming Golden Plate Awards gala will be held on September 22, 2022, 6 to 8:30 pm, and we are pleased to announce that CGS member **David Steinmeier** is one of the honorees. Because of the anticipated size of the event, the celebration will be held at Santa Anita Park's Paddock Gardens.

HONOREES HEART IN HAND HUMANITARIAN AWARD: **Rao and Indira Yalamanchili;** NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS BUSINESS AWARD: **Donna Baker;** NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS YOUTH SERVICE AWARD: **KIWANIS Club of Pasadena High School;** CARL FOOTE LEGACY AWARD: **David Steinmeier.**

SILENT AUCTION Bidding begins on September 11 and closes on September 25 Visit their event page for up-to-date details, to purchase tickets, to RSVP, for silent auction and for sponsorship opportunities: **gala.foothillunitycneter.org**

Trunk or Treat



For several years Church of the Good Shepherd enjoyed celebrating Trunk or Treat on Halloween. This was very much enjoyed by the children of our church as well as the surrounding community. It was also a great way to introduce this church to our neighbors. Due to the Covid epidemic the event has been silent for two years. We are checking into the feasibility of doing it again this year. If you would enjoy putting your car in the line-up on Halloween night (Monday, October 31), opening your trunk and handing out candy to delighted children, please call **Lynne or Vern Whitaker** (626-446-7860) or see us at church. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

CGS Children's Choir Begins Soon!!



Children's Choir at CGS will start rehearsals soon. Watch the newsletter for the start date. Children currently in grades 2 thru 5 are invited to "make a joyful noise to the Lord". We will meet Sunday in the Music Room (directly behind the Narthex at back of the sanctuary) after Sunday School from approximately 11:15 to 11:45 AM.

Children will need to be masked if required. We will make sure we are distanced and the room is well ventilated.

More information regarding choir will be shared at our first rehearsal.

I look forward to this beginning. ***Diane Lucas, Carol Choir Director, dlucasarc@gmail.com***



Our Flower Chart

Sign up for **altar flowers** by calling the church office, 626-447-2181, to give flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" loved ones (or in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, special event or accomplishment). The cost of the flowers is $50 (payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd"). Please mail the check to the church and write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. Or you may pay for flowers online through the church website. The church office will place your order with ZuZu's Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message announced in church by Pastor Eva on the appropriate Sunday as well as in the Sunday bulletin and the following week's newsletter.

REMINDER: **DO NOT respond to fake emails** that claim to be from Pastor Eva but are not from her umcpastoreva@gmail.com email and are asking for favors, money, gift cards, etc. Be cautious of other emails claiming to be from church members and asking for favors also!

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open minds,
open doors



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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.