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The Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist Church

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10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON service returns to our Sanctuary!!

Sunday, September 25, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Eva is Preaching: "Builders for Christ: Investing Wisely"
Scripture Lessons: Psalm 125 and Luke 19:11-27
Prelude: "Sleepers Wake" by J. S. Bach
Postlude: "Air" by George Frederick Handel
Secondi String Ensemble
Introit: "This Is the Day" arr. J. L. Clark; Youth Choir
Anthem #1: Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director
Anthem #2: "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel" arr. Roger Emerson
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director
Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "Morning Has Broken #145", "Thy Word Is a Lamp #601" and "What A Friend We Have in Jesus #526"

The Worship Committee will meet after church on **September 25th from 11:30-12:30 in the library**. Anyone interested in joining the committee to help with this ministry that includes worship services, ushers, Sanctuary decorations, and other areas of praise are welcome to attend! Please let Lynne Rivera or Pastor Eva know if you would like to attend.

Children's Choir begins rehearsals this morning at 11:15-11:45 in the Choir Room (see article on page 2)

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 Chancel Flowers on Sunday, September 18, were:

From the 9/17 meeting of the East District United Women of Faith in honor of the **women of Church of the Good Shepherd**.

In honor of **James and Jenny Lee** as they celebrate their wedding anniversary.

In memory of **Barbara Dukes'** birthday by her family.





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 September 25!!



Children's Choir at CGS will start rehearsals on Sunday, September 25, 2022. 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. 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***

Do you have Communication and Marketing Skills and an interest in Supporting Our Church Growth?

We're all aware that a lot has changed in all of our lives since the onset of the Covid Pandemic in March of 2020. A majority of our churches had to close their doors to on-site worship services. But we're now slowly reopening our doors and beginning to 'rebuild' our foundation of community and worship together once again. To assist with this, we are forming a new Team committed to working on ways to get our members and visitors back to church and to carrying forward our church's mission. If you or someone you know are interested in helping with this work, we would like to know more about you and your interests. If you have skills in communicating with a wide audience of people – in our community and elsewhere – and would be willing to help with this endeavor, we'd like to hear from you. Contact: Marcia D'Amore, Chair for Communications and Marketing, Medamore21@gmail.com

Free Flu Vaccines

Free Flu Vaccines, Sunday, Oct. 9th, 9 AM - 12:30 PM in the Lounge. Health Ministries, through the Spiritual Care Department of the USC Arcadia Hospital, will offer free **regular** dose flu vaccines on Sunday, Oct. 9th in the Lounge. Sign up at the Health Ministries table after church on Sept. 25th (if we have an in-person service), on Welcome Sunday, Oct. 2, or through the church office 626-447-2181. For our seniors, the stronger **high dose** flu vaccine is highly recommended & will not be offered on Oct. 9. It is offered at local pharmacies & your MD's office. For ease of administration, please wear a short-sleeved top. You do not need to be a member of Church of the Good Shepherd to receive the vaccine.

HYGIENE KITS FOR FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER

Sarah Circle is collecting the following items for hygiene kits to be given out at Foothill Unity Center. Our congregation is welcome to help! You can bring any of these items to the Sarah Circle table after church on Welcome Sunday or drop off in the church office by Wed. Oct. 5. Thank you for helping!

- mini shampoos
- small bars of soaps (hotel size).
- small lotions
- single-packaged toothbrushes
- face masks.
- small hand sanitizers
- travel size deodorants
- mini conditioners
- small liquid body washes
- travel size toothpastes
- pairs of socks (women & men)
- ChapSticks
- small packages of facial wipes
- razors

Welcome Sunday, October 2!



New Date for Welcome Sunday is now **October 2**. Invite family friends to join us for a wonderful day of worship and activities! The 10 a.m. worship service will be filled with music from our Chancel Choir with our new Choir Director, Kirk Averitt. New members will be joining the congregation. Refreshments and fellowship activities will follow the service. Ministry tables will be set up in Jordan Hall.



All Church Workday on October 1 (Saturday from 8am-11 am)

Come help prepare the church for Welcome Sunday. It's time to clean the windows, wipe down the rails, dust off the cobwebs, vacuum the pew cushions, and much more both inside and outside! Feel free to bring your own cleaning supplies.

Women's Book Study



The Wednesday at noon Women's Book Study will be reading a new book for October: Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Burns. The group meets weekly in the church library and also via Zoom and the Owl system (thanks David Steinmeier for your help!) Discussions are lively and a new book is featured monthly. Contact Leslie Kenan or the church office for more info. The group will have a display in Jordan Hall on Welcome Sunday.

Please join us at
Good Shepherd Children's Center for our
Fall "Back to School" Event
Wednesday, October 5, 2022

5:00 – 8:00pm

early pickup day for all children

Pony Rides, Bouncer, Pan for Gold and more….



50 Year Anniversary "Gold Rush" Event

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open hearts,
open minds,
open doors



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In-Person Worship Service Returns this Sunday, September 25

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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.