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Worship Schedule for Sunday, November 18, 2018

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Lessons: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 and Mark 13:1-8

The Message: "The End of the Beginning", the Rev. George Hooper, Preaching
8:00 a.m. in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

8:00 a.m. – Worship – Chapel.

8:50 – Youth Bells call time.

9:00 – Coffee Fellowship – Courtyard.

9:00 – Bible Study- Library.

9:00 – 11:30 – Childcare – Toddler Room.

9:30 – Youth Choir call time.

10:00 – Worship – Sanctuary. – Youth Bells and Youth Choir in Worship.

10:15 – Children’s Sunday School – Children go to classrooms with teachers following “Word for Children”

11:15 – Youth Bell rehearsal – Sanctuary.

11:15 – Coffee Fellowship – JH and Patio.

11:15 – Angel Trees in JH.

11:20 – Carol Choir in the Music Room.

11:20 – Youth Choir – MR.

6:00 – UMYF Thanksgiving Heritage Potluck. Please bring a dish or dessert that represents your heritage. There will be a Honey Baked Ham as the main course. The group will also be making blankets for those affected by the fires.

Among the Church Family

Please continue to keep those previously mentioned in your prayers and let the church office know of new concerns. The hospitals are unable to notify the church, so please keep us informed.

“Fill the Bowl Project” Update

Thanks to all who have so generously donated to our Humane Society of the United States Animal Protection Ministries program! Through your kind support, we have been able to send (1) overflowing bin of cat and dog food to our local San Gabriel Valley Humane Society! Thanks for helping pets this Holiday Season! *-Linda Brown*

Arcadia Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 19,

Church of the Good Shepherd Sanctuary, at 7:00 p.m.



Following this community event being held here this year, there will be a reception in Jordan Hall. We are asking everyone to bring 3-4 dozen cookies to the church kitchen on Sunday, November 18, after church or on Monday, November 19, by 6:00 p.m. We also could use a couple of volunteers to assist with plating cookies, making coffee, tea, and lemonade, then helping with cleanup after the reception. Our UMW ladies will be helping and will get the paper goods, but could really use a hand from others in the congregation with hosting and cleanup. Thank you. If you have any questions, contact Karen or Linda in the church office.



Thanksgiving Eve Service at Church of the Good Shepherd
Wednesday, November 21
7:00 p.m. - Chapel



The Angels Have Landed!

Actually, there are not many Angels left, so don't delay! Come on in to Jordan Hall to select an Angel from our Angel Trees. The Angel requests come from the children of The Foothill Unity Center clients. Select a few items from the wish list on the angel and bring the items back to church by Sunday, December 2nd. (the back of the Angels specify a return date of Friday, November 30th, but the 2nd of December is fine). **GIFTS SHOULD NOT BE WRAPPED!** If the wish list has you stumped you can purchase a gift card from Target, Walmart, BestBuy etc. A member of Santa's crew or the child can purchase what is needed. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE**

GIFT CARDS IN JORDAN HALL, BRING THEM TO THE OFFICE FOR SAFE KEEPING. Thank you for your participation in this meaningful Christmas outreach!

Christmas Eve Children's Pageant

The Christmas pageant is quickly approaching! We invite all children ages 5-18 to participate in the Christmas pageant, which will be a part of the Christmas Eve Family Service on Sunday, Dec. 24, 2018. We will have two rehearsals on Sunday, Dec. 16th and Sunday, Dec. 23rd, from 11:15AM-1:00PM (lunch included), and all members of the Carol Choir, Youth Bells, and Youth Choir will be participating in the service. If you are interested in participating or helping with lunch or costumes, please contact Franklyn Shen at (626) 272-5081, or by email at fnjshen@sbcglobal.net.



CGS Foundation Year-Round Grant Application Process
Is Up, Working, and Moving Forward Full Speed Ahead!!!

The Good Shepherd Foundation's **NEW** Year-Round Grant Application process is in full swing and lookin' good!! Grant applications must be submitted online only using the Foundation Online Grant Form. You will find a Grant Application button on the church website under "Service & Outreach," "Good Shepherd Foundation" or click this link to access the form directly: [CGSFD Year Round Grant Application](#). As always, grants will be awarded to individuals, fellowship groups and church committees for special projects and needs. Does your church group have a project which would help our church grow in spirit, or in number? Do you have an outreach project you would be willing to undertake? **No need to wait to apply any longer!** Online grant application assistance will be provided when requested. Please contact Dave Steinmeier to arrange for assistance: david@microjoing.com. If you have any questions about the Year-Round Grant Application Process, please contact Kim Reynolds – cgsfoundation@gmail.com.

Holiday Food Collection



Each year our church collects canned and packaged goods to help round out the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets given to the clients of The Foothill Unity Center. Food list reminders were distributed after church last Sunday. Please staple or tape the list to your donation bag or box. Return your donations to Jordan Hall. Donations will be accepted through mid-December. Cash donations should be delivered directly to the church office and should not be left in Jordan Hall. Make checks out to The Foothill Unity Center. Here are a few suggested needs for the holiday baskets (canned or packaged items only):

Yams, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Soups, Beans, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Meats, Cereal, Dessert Mixes, Stuffing Mix, Rice, Baking Mixes, Pickles, Olives, Jell-O Mix, Pudding Mix, Gravy, Dinner Helpers, and Cranberry Sauce.

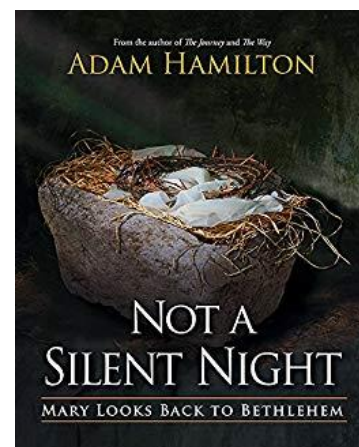
ADVENT BOOK STUDY AT CGS

Join the next **CGS Book-Study Community** featuring **NOT A SILENT NIGHT—Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem** by Adam Hamilton, pastor of United Methodist Church of the Resurrection.

We will meet **4 MONDAYS from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm** in the **CGS Library** from **November 26 through December 17, 2018**.

In this book, Pastor Adam begins at the end, with Mary at the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus; travels back in time as she witnesses his life and ministry; and ends at the beginning, with the Christ child born in a stable, Mary's beautiful baby. We will read, discuss, & listen to Pastor Adam's sermon excerpts, experience Advent and Christmas with Mary, & remember the message of Christmas—that God is at work, bringing blessing out of pain.

To **order the book**, contact **Diane & Craig Lucas**, leaders of the class, by **November 19** dlucasarc@gmail.com 626-447-4457. The book is also available on-line at Cokesbury and Amazon (print & Kindle).



Thanksgiving Book Display

May your Thanksgiving be meaningful, joyous, and full of gratitude. What are you most thankful for in 2018? Some possibilities are life itself, family close or far, friends, good health, an exciting and challenging occupation, being an American, Church of the Good Shepherd, natural beauty.

The display books in our church library add some additional ideas for our gratitude;

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism;
Our faith and that of others;
God's faith in us;
An answer to prayer;
How a person or persons have helped us;
A veteran in our family.

There are so many reasons for gratitude. Offer them to God before eating your Thanksgiving dinner. We can be grateful to have a Thanksgiving dinner!

Read Robert Fulghum's It Was on Fine when I Lay Down on It; Catherine Marshall's A Closer Walk; Ruth Tucker's (365) Stories of Faith; Albert Outler's John Wesley; Lloyd Agidivie's Congratulations, God Believes in You; Fred Roger's You Are Special.

Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you, Lord, for our lives, family, and friends.

-Elaine Drew, Librarian



UMCOR – Responding to Wildfires in California

As thousands flee wildfires in California,

UMCOR is in close conversation with the disaster response coordinators of the California-Pacific and California-Nevada Conferences of The United Methodist Church.

UMCOR is already actively engaged in California in response to previous wildfires and we anticipate supporting both conferences as they identify and respond to the needs of the populations affected by the current wildfires.

We pray for the safety of the firefighters and first responders as well as those evacuating their homes. UMCOR stands ready to support the response of the conferences with relief kits, Early Response Teams, and funding.

Please join us through prayer and generous support. www.umcor.org

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#GivingTuesday

Advance empowerment around the world on Tuesday, November 27. Caring for each other, our world and our calling is vital in our role as faithful disciples who transform the world. engage@umcmmission.org

Many Upcoming Events to Mark on Your 2018 Calendars!!

November 17 – Arcadia Festival of Bands. Duarte Road closed until 1:00 p.m.

November 19 – Arcadia Interfaith Thanksgiving Service here at 7:00 pm, Sanctuary.

November 21 – Thanksgiving Eve Service here at 7:00 pm, Chapel.

November 26 – 6:30-8:00 p.m. New Book Study begins. See article in this newsletter.

December 2 – Angel gifts due on or before today. Alternative Christmas Market and Craft Boutique in Jordan Hall after church. Choir Christmas Concert at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in Jordan Hall.

December 8 – Adornment Celebration at 4:00 p.m.

December 9 – Hanging of the Greens – Mrs. Ruth Gray and the Chamber Singers of Rosemead High School will sing Mrs. Gray's anthems, "Christmas Canon of Peace" and "No Room, No Room" with our choir at the 10:00 o'clock service. There will be a reception in Jordan Hall for Mrs. Gray, the Chamber Singers and their families following the service. Bring canned goods. Alternative Christmas Market in Jordan Hall. Glendale City College Concert – Sanctuary with reception following in JH.

December 16 – Alternative Christmas Market and Double Rings Bake Sale in Jordan Hall. 11:15-1:00 Christmas pageant rehearsal.

December 20 – "Blue" Christmas Service in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

December 23 – "Trek to the Tree" at 8 & 10 a.m. 11:15-1:00 Christmas pageant rehearsal.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Services at 5:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.



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open minds,
open doors*

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