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Worship Schedule for Sunday, February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 and Luke 6:27-38

Witness: "Who Do You Love?"

Pastor George Hooper, Preaching

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

8:00 a.m. – Worship – Chapel.

9:00 – Coffee Fellowship – Courtyard.

9:00 - Bible Study – Library.

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

9:30 – Chancel Choir rehearsal.

10:00 – Worship – Sanctuary.

10:15 – Children’s Sunday School.

10:15 – Jr. & Sr. Hi Sunday School – “24 Hours that Changed the World”.

11:15 – Carol Choir rehearsal – MR.

11:15 – Coffee Fellowship – JH and Patio.

11:15 – SSP Stock for sale - patio.

11:20 – Youth Bells -Sanctuary.

4:00 – Youth Choir –JH.

6:00 – Youth Choir Dinner – JH.

6:30 – UMYF – Working on the Youth Service.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please continue to keep everyone mentioned previously in your prayers. And, please let the church office know if there are new concerns. Hospitals are not legally able to let us know if a member is hospitalized so we rely on the patients or their families to contact us. Call us if you need a visit, phone call, or to be added to the prayer chain, 626-447-2181.

Congratulations to **Benjamin Hooper, Ella Quismorio, Rebecca Richardson, and Anna Shore** for being confirmed on Sunday, February 17, 2019.

New Session of the Grief Group

A new, 10-week session of our Grief Group will begin on **Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.** in the church library. The group is led by Linda Brown. This small group meeting is for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one in their lives. People at all stages of grief are welcome.



Rehearsals for the Palm Sunday Concert

Rehearsals will start on Wednesday, February 20, at 7:30 p.m. for the Palm Sunday Concert. The piece that will be featured in the April 14, 4:00 p.m. concert is “Requiem for the Living” by Dan Forrest and will be with orchestra. All singers are welcome!

(Pictured to the left is the composer Dan Forrest with CGS Chancel Choir member John Gould.)

Not a singer, but love good music? Mark April 14, at 4:00 p.m., on your calendars now so that you don't miss the Palm Sunday Concert in the Sanctuary. There will also be a reception in Jordan Hall following the concert. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and family to our beautiful church!

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@microjoining.com

If you have any questions about the Year-Round Grant Application Process, please contact Joe D'Amore - jpdamore@gmail.com.

2019 LENT “ONE CHURCH, ONE BOOK STUDY”

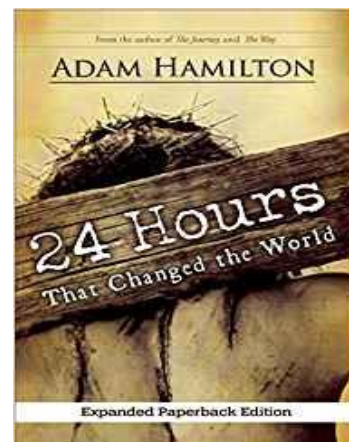
Join the 2019 CGS “ONE CHURCH, ONE BOOK STUDY” for Lent featuring “**24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**” by Adam Hamilton, pastor of United Methodist Church of the Resurrection.

There are several choices for the study and discussions:

1. SUNDAYS, from 9:00 to 9:55 AM, March 3 to April 7
2. MONDAYS, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, March 4 to April 8

The book and DVD of Pastor Hamilton's sermons guides us through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life, using scripture, historical detail, theological analysis, spiritual insight and pastoral warmth to guide our group discussions and understanding. Weekly sermons by Pastor George will enhance our study.

By February 17, sign up for the class by contacting the leaders, Diane and Craig Lucas, at dlucasarc@gmail.com or call 626-447-4457.



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles for the newsletter is noon on the Friday before the publication date. All articles are subject to space availability, especially those which are received after the deadline.

Memorial/Veteran's Day Flowers



It has become a tradition at our church to have special Chancel Flowers on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day in honor of **all** those who have served or are currently serving in our country's armed forces. We would like to honor your service, or the service of a loved one, by adding your name, rank and the branch in which you served to our list. We invite you to give a donation to the flower fund to keep this tradition going. Checks should be made payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd" and turned into the office with "Veterans' Flowers" on the memo line of the check. Suggested annual donation of \$20 covers both holidays. Those making a donation will be shown with an asterisk, but all who have served or are currently serving will be listed.

2019 Flower Chart

The 2019 Flower Chart is hanging in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and there are many open spots to be filled. Sign up 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 \$45 (payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd"). The church office will place your order with ZuZu's Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message in the church bulletin on the appropriate Sunday. After the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service that Sunday, you are invited to take your flowers home with you. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship centers.



Grace Notes, February 19, 2019

As I shared in worship on Sunday morning, a special session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held in St. Louis over the coming weekend. Delegates from all over the United States and around the world will gather to discuss the future of our denomination. The matter before us is how to work together when there is great disagreement over who will be fully included in the life and ministry of the church.

For decades we have had disputes over the inclusion of persons who identify in some way other than heterosexual. More recently the General Conference has included statements in our rules, The Book of Discipline, prohibiting the ordination of "self-proclaimed practicing homosexuals" and prohibiting same sex marriages "in our churches" or "by our pastors." Many pastors, congregations, and annual conferences have decided to intentionally and openly disobey these rules.

The delegates present at the 2016 General Conference (these conferences are usually held every four years) the matter again came to a head. Those present decided to create a "Committee on a Way Forward" to come up with possible plans, and to present those plans to the Council of Bishops, who would present a plan or plans to this Special Called General Conference.

I ask you to be in prayer for the delegates who will be present in St. Louis. Please pray for them to have wisdom, peace, courage, grace, and hope, that they might help guide this denomination into the future, and keep us united in ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

The conference will be held February 23-26. Our District Superintendent, Melissa MacKinnon, has organized a prayer vigil for all the hours this conference will meet. We have signed up to be in prayer on Sunday, Feb. 24, from 9-10 AM, and on Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 11 AM to Noon. I invite you to be in prayer always, but especially in those hours.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid. No matter what happens in St. Louis, the Church of Jesus will remain. Even if the denomination changes in some way, The Church of The Good Shepherd will continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our call and our commitment is to be the Body of Christ in the world today. Who knows what God has in store? We may even be able to reclaim the radical welcome and evangelical fervor of our Wesleyan forebears!

I believe we will find not only a way forward, but a new dawn and a new day for the people called "Methodist."

Grace and Peace,

George

Upcoming Events to Mark on Your New Calendars!!

On Going Classes: Wednesday Women's Book Study at noon; Wednesday night 7:00 p.m. Women's Crafters; Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study; Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Conversational English Classes followed by Bible Study at 11:00 a.m.; Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Bible Study.

February 20 – Rehearsals begin at 7:30 p.m. for Palm Sunday Concert.

February 23-26 – Special General Conference on the Commission on the Way Forward Report in St. Louis, MO.

February 26 – New Grief Group Session begins.

March 3 and 4 – New Book Study begins. **One Church, One Book!** See article.

March 6 – Ash Wednesday.

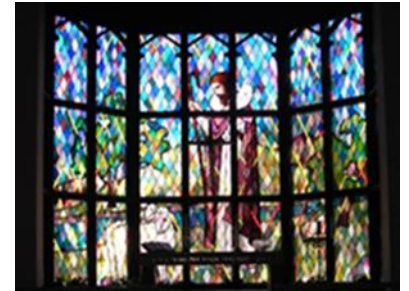
March 10 – Come to the Cabaret!! Show will be performed at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. in Jordan Hall. Disney is this year's theme!

April 14 – Palm Sunday. Choir Concert at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

April 18 – Holy Thursday. Good Shepherd Children's Center closed.

April 19 – Good Friday. Children's Center and Church Office closed.

April 21 – Easter Sunday.



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