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Worship Schedule for Sunday, October 14, 2018

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Lessons: Hebrews 4:12-16 and Mark 10:13-16

The Message: "You Have the Motive", the Rev. 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.

10:00 – Worship – Sanctuary.

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

11:15 – Youth Bell Choir rehearsal – Sanctuary.

11:15 – Coffee Fellowship – JH and Patio.

Women’s Retreat sign-ups on the Patio.

11:20 - Carol Choir for children in grades 2 thru 6 in the Music Room from 11:20 am to 12:00 pm.

2:30 p.m. – Parenting Class – Jordan Hall.

3:00 – Glendale City College Rehearsal – Sanctuary.

4:30 – Youth Choir – Chapel or JH.

6:00 – Youth Dinner – JH

6:30 – UMYF – Franklyn Shen will be leading.

7:30 – Concert for GCC in our Sanctuary.

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.

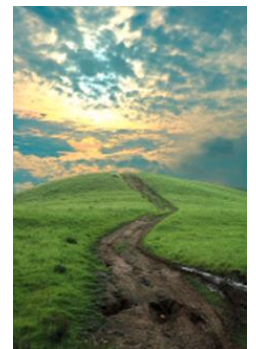
Bob Graham is at Methodist Hospital. **Richard Hubinger** continues to recuperate at home. **Donald** on the prayer chain has had good results, so thank you for your prayers!

The memorial service for **Dorothy Steed** will be this **Saturday, October 13, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Chapel with a reception following in Jordan Hall.

Still Spots Available for Women’s Retreat

Register before October 22 and receive the early sign-up discount which has been extended! Save \$35 off the regular price!! Get the discounted price of \$265 instead of full price of \$300!

All women are invited to the Women’s Retreat, **November 2-4**, at Aldersgate Retreat Center in Pacific Palisades. We are excited to have **the Rev. Dr. Faith Conklin**, former CGS Associate Pastor, leading us. “Shouts of Joy, Cries of Pain” - Finding God and Ourselves in the Psalms is the topic. Faith is an extraordinary, trail-blazing woman in the United Methodist Church who has retired following a fabulous career. We are blessed to have her lead us. You are invited to come away with a great group of women of all ages and backgrounds for a weekend of renewal and fun. In our time together we’ll talk about things we think are important and we will find new ways to feel refreshed and feel closer to God. We’ll worship, laugh, play and learn.



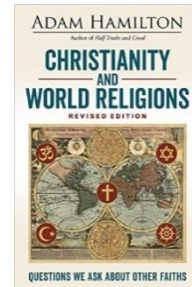
Pet Food Collection:



Fill the Bowl Project is part of The Humane Society of the United States' Animal Protection Ministries program. Every year, thousands of churches across the county donate food to local food pantries and other programs that help fight hunger. Pets are a vital part of our community, but are often overlooked in times of need. Through the Fill the Bowl Project, faith communities can help by collecting new, unopened cans and bags of pet food (dog, cat, rabbit, bird, etc). One simple donation provides food for a pet and peace of mind for an owner. Donations will be collected from October 1 to November 4, 2018. Look for the Fill the Bowl Project bin outside the Children's Center Office.

CGS Men's Retreat/Event – “Know Your Neighbor & Love Your Neighbor” – Oct. 26 & 27

Only about 31% of the world's population is Christian. What are the primary characteristics, similarities and differences between our Christian beliefs and those of our Jewish, Muslim and Hindu neighbors, friends, and co-workers? That's the focus of this year's CGS Men's Event / Retreat. A variety of speakers from our community will lead our discussions based upon the book “Christianity and World Religions – Questions We Ask About Other Faiths – 2018 Revised Edition” by UMC Pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton (*book at about \$13, recommended but not required for participants*). This informative and thought-provoking event for men will be held on the CGS campus on **Friday** evening (including dinner) and **Saturday** morning (**October 26 and 27**). For information, to order a book, and to register, contact CRAIG LUCAS clucasarc@gmail.com.



The Ballot Measure Forum Is Back

On October 21, 2018, Gary Kovacic will moderate a panel of CGS members who will help explain the 11 state measures on the upcoming November ballot. As always, this year's ballot measures are wide-ranging (with issues ranging from housing assistance, water projects, and children's health care to fuel taxes, rent control, and daylight savings time). The Forum will feature an objective summary of each ballot measure. Come to learn about your choices, and leave ready to cast an informed vote. The Forum will be held in Jordan Hall starting at 11:15 a.m., after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Learn More about Foothill Unity Center's New Home

Please join **Pastor George**, Foothill Unity Executive Director **Betty McWilliams**, and CGS member and Foothill Unity VP **Gary Kovacic** for coffee, pastries, and conversation after church on **October 28th**. This special program will be held in Jordan Hall starting at 11:30 am. CGS has long supported Foothill Unity and its mission to “help neighbors in crisis to attain self-sufficiency by partnering with the community and using our resources wisely to provide vital support services with love and dignity.” This past spring Foothill Unity moved into its new home located at 790 W. Chestnut Avenue in Monrovia. The speakers will share with you the journey that brought Foothill Unity to its new home and how you might get involved with Phase 2 of its capital campaign. Tours of the new facility will be available after the program.



CGS Foundation Testing Year-Round Grant Application Process

The Foundation is testing a new process where grant applications are accepted year-round. 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 to undertake? If so, there is no need to wait to apply! All 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](#). Online grant application assistance provided when requested by Dave Steinmeier: david@microjoining.com. For questions about the Year-Round Application Process, contact Kim Reynolds - cgsumfoundation@gmail.com.

Christmas Concert Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the Christmas concert will start on Wednesday, October 17, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the choir room. This year we will perform the Saint-Saens Christmas Oratorio with orchestra!

Family Promise – 2018 Fall Hosting Summary September 16nd – 30th

On Sunday evening, our two guest families arrived to settle in at Good Shepherd for TWO WEEKS! Our guest families included: Lori Ann with daughters Aubrey (9) and Audrey (3); and Tomasita with daughters Reyna (8) and Bella (3), and son Anthony (7).

We had 106-volunteers who gave 729-volunteer hours to make our guest families comfortable and safe! This level of support would not have been possible without the assistance of First UMC of Pasadena who provided many of the Evening Hosts. FUMC is considering becoming a host congregation, so gaining actual hosting experience provided them with valuable insights into how hosting really works.

Having our Family Promise Evening Hosts supervise, play, and interact with the children gives the parents some time and space to relax and just catch their breath. Our guest parents have said repeatedly that they are so thankful for the food, safety, and the love that our church shows. These are acts of being true disciples of Jesus Christ!



Hosting takes a lot of planning and hard work. Our dedicated Family Promise Leadership Team under the direction of Diane and Craig Lucas, and supported intensely by Larry and Marilyn Callaham, and John and Leslie Kenan ensured that our guest families received our welcome, support, meals, and a safe haven every day during their stay with us. Please thank them when you see them at church. Many thanks to Diane Lucas for emailing daily reports to us during the week. Excerpts from her reports are incorporated into this summary.



2019 Hosting Schedule:

We are awaiting approval for our requested 2019 Hosting Dates. Stay tuned!

-David Steinmeier

Family Promise Communications Coordinator, david@microjoining.com



As you know, I am married to a wonderful woman who is a high school educator. She recently sent me a text from an in-service training session. The leader shared the following: “Don’t fix other people’s problems. Fixing problems creates happiness. If you fix their problems you take away their happiness.”

My first reaction to this was that sounded like a rationalization from a person lacking compassion. But the more I thought about it, I came to the conclusion that this idea grows from compassion. It is very much a part of our call to be the body of Christ in the world today.

Jesus died for our sins, and rose that we might have new life. He takes away the sin of the world, but he didn’t stop there - he frees us to live in new ways. Jesus didn’t fix all of our problems. No, he became The Way for us to find forgiveness, healing and new life. We are already forgiven by God, but we don’t make this real in our lives until we repent; until we turn from the way that we have been going. When we seek forgiveness, we receive it, and that brings unutterable joy!

As the body of Christ, it is not our job to take away the happiness of others. We can’t fix their problems. But we can come alongside others, listen to them, share with them our experiences, and be with them as they find forgiveness or healing. This provides happiness for all involved!

The church is the community of believers traveling on the way of forgiveness. When you participate in this journey, through your prayers, presence, gifts, and service, we all flourish!

George

Many Upcoming Events to Mark on Your 2018 Calendars!!

Our Grief Groups meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

Conversational English Classes Friday mornings 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Pet Food collection the entire month of October.

October 14 – Bishop’s “Commission on the Way Forward”.

October 17 – Dine-Out fundraiser for the Children’s Center at Villa Catrina, 251 N. Santa Anita, Arcadia, 11 am to 9 pm. Bring a flyer with you. Flyers are in church office.

October 17 – Wednesday night choir rehearsals begin for the Christmas concert.

October 21 – The Ballot Measure Forum – 11:15 in Jordan Hall.

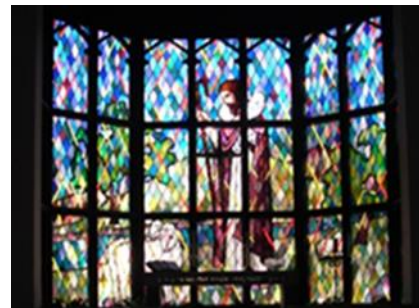
October 26 & 27 – Men’s Retreat.

October 28 – Foothill Unity presentation in JH then tour their new facility in Monrovia.

October 31 – Trunk or Treat in the church’s parking!

November 2-4 – Fall Women’s Retreat Weekend. Registration is underway! Sign up NOW to save money!!

November 3 – How-To Training in Alhambra.



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