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Worship Schedule for Sunday, October 21, 2018

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Lessons: Hebrews 5:1-10 and Mark 10:35-45

The Message: "You Have the Opportunity", 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.

9:45 – Youth greeting at door.

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. Youth serving coffee.

Women’s Retreat sign-ups on the Patio. Last Call!

11:15 – Ballot Measure Forum in Jordan Hall.

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

4:30 – Youth Choir – MR.

6:00 – Youth Dinner - JH

6:30 – UMYF – Emily Crouse will be leading. Confirmation Class # 2.

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.

Our condolences go out to **Nora Wilson** (wife of former **Associate Pastor Rev. Stephen Wilson**) and **Hilda Hovespian** (our former Financial Secretary) and their entire family upon the death of their father, the **Rev. Habib Alajaji**, on October 14, 2018. Services will be Friday, October 19, at 10:30 a.m. at Glendale Forest Lawn.

Congratulations to **Tiffany and Stephen Young** who welcomed their baby girl, **Savannah Kristena**, on October 5, 2018. Proud grandparents are **Virginia and Tom Crosby**.

The Ballot Measure Forum Is Here This Sunday:



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.

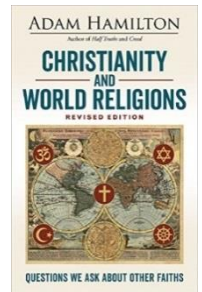
Christmas Concert Rehearsals:

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!



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.



Pet Food Collection:



The 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.

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 - cgsfoundation@gmail.com.



Last Call 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.



Holiday Food Collection Will Begin the End of October!

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 will be distributed after church on Sunday, October 28. 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.

Trunk or Treat!

Come be part of the fun of Trunk or Treat on Halloween Night, Wednesday, October 31, 6:15-8:00 p.m. in the large west parking lot here at CGS. It is fun, safe way for kids to Trick or Treat, and great fun for those handing out the candy too. Decorate your car as much or as little as you wish! Zorro puppet show at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!



Fall Display in Our Library

Last, but certainly not least, in the Fall Display in our church library featuring United Methodist clergy is our longest serving pastor, the Rev. Dr. Philip Bertolo Wood. Dr. Wood left us his doctoral dissertation. It is a study of the desecration of Glendale First United Methodist Church in 1995. Phil's faith and strength are seen all through his write-up of this terrible event. I say "thank you" to all of you who have given us written expressions of your faith. "Thank you" to those who haven't written down your life of faith, also. We could see it as you worked with us. You may check out any of these books. Stop in the library on a Sunday or come by the church office during the week and it will be unlocked for you. Also, does anyone know where the rest of the Massey gift books are? They were in boxes along the west wall of the library. Please let me know where they were tucked away. Thanks!

- Elaine Drew, Librarian



Last night I was invited to poke my head into the final session of the "Parenting with Love and Logic" class, led by Joann Steinmeier. Many of the parents taking the class do not regularly attend our worship services. I wanted to thank the parents for taking an interest in providing excellent parenting to their children, and I wanted to invite them to continue working on their skills and strengthening their families through worship and participating in other church programs and activities.

Kathy and I had taken this class last year, and it was nice to get a brief refresher in the few minutes I observed. One of the main points presented was that we want for our children to learn how to make good decisions – not to make decisions for them – so that they would be prepared for life!

Of course we want for our children to know right and wrong, and always be able to choose the right. As a parent I have been privileged to see something even better, and more challenging: when a young person faces a decision between two or more "right things"; choosing between various kind, loving, edifying, grace-filled acts. I love that my kids sometimes have the luxury of that dilemma! It is a sign of a flourishing life.

We count our many blessings. Even – especially – in times of distress we find comfort in realizing all the resources and gifts we have received. And we have many excellent options for what we will do with those blessings! God warns us against hoarding those gifts, of course, but we are given free will to choose how we will do the right things. So we are faced with sometimes difficult choices about how to do good!

I humbly ask you to consider sharing your blessings and gifts with the Church of the Good Shepherd. Your gifts themselves become a blessing to others. Even more, when you give through your church, you multiply the gift: you provide a space and resources for yourself and others to be in ministry. In that, the ministry of Christ Jesus will continue to flourish in this place.

Grace and Peace,

George

Many Upcoming Events to Mark on Your 2018 Calendars!!

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

Pet Food collection the entire month of October.

October 17 – Good Shepherd Children’s Center Fundraiser at Villa Catrina, 251 N. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Bring the flyer at end of this newsletter so that the school gets credit for all you eat and drink! Bring your family, friends and neighbors to this fundraising event!



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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Neighbors to a Fundraising Event Benefiting

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
11:00Am – 9:00pm



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