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Worship Schedule for Sunday, October 28, 2018

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Pledge Sunday – Bring your completed Pledge Card to Church!

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 34:1-8 and Mark 10:46-52

The Message: “Exaltation!”, 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.

9:00 – Coffee Fellowship – Courtyard.

9:00 – Bible Study- Library.

9:00 – Youth Bells call time.

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

9:45 – Youth greeting at door.

10:00 – Worship – Sanctuary. Youth Bells play during the worship service.

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.

11:15 – Foothill Unity Center presentation in Jordan Hall. Tours of their new facility available after program here. (see article below).

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 – Frankly will be leading. Confirmation Class # 3.

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.

Prayers for **Linda Ballance Foss**, daughter of Win and sister of John, who is under hospice care in Virginia.

Condolences go out to **Carolyn Flach** (Women’s Book Study member) and family upon the death of her son-in-law **Bill Booth**. Bill passed away on October 21, and is survived by his wife, Traci, and daughter, Ally, age 12.

Our condolences to the family of the **Rev. Loyce McWee** (former Diaconal Minister here at CGS) upon her death on September 29, 2018. Loyce is survived by her children: Neil and Marjorie. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills UMC, 26001 Muirlands Blvd., Mission Viejo, CA 92691-4765. Cards may be sent to Ms. Marjorie McWee, 1908 Countrywood Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 04598.

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 this Sunday, **October 28** 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.



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 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.

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.

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.



Feeding the Community

Important Dates in the Life of our Church

Church Conference will be Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in Jordan Hall.

Committee on Nominations and Lay Leadership is meeting Tuesday, October 23, at 7:00 p.m., and Monday, October 29, at 7:00 p.m. in Pastor George's office.

Worship Committee is meeting Sunday, October 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the AEC.

Support the Children's Center

The Good Shepherd Children's Center invites you to bring your family, friends and neighbors to a fundraising event on Sunday, November 4, 8 am to 2 pm, at Poppy Cake Baking Co., 328 Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. Poppy Cake Bakery is a neighborhood, full-service artisan bakery/café located in Sierra Madre. Open daily, Poppy Cake serves fresh, hand-crafted bread and pastries, quick lunches, and take-out dinners. Flyers will be available in the church office and Children's Center office during the week and in the narthex of the Sanctuary.



Welcome Pirates – Princesses – Mummies – Super Heroes – Cowboys – Sport Figures and more

Trunk or Treat



Church of the Good Shepherd

400 West Duarte Road, Arcadia

Large West Parking Lot

6:15 to 8:00 pm

Wednesday Night, October 31

Everyone is invited to this safe and fun family event!

In addition to our usual Trunk or Treat event in our parking lot, we will also be showing the magnificent puppet show of Zorro at 7:00 p.m.!

Help us spread the word! Come with your kids, grandkids, neighbors, and friends.

Come with your car (as dressed up or as simple as you want it to be) to pass out candy to the 250+ kids who Trunk or Treat.

Donations of candy may be brought to the church office during the week.

All candy **MUST** be individually wrapped!

FLOURISH

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” That was the question asked of Jesus by the rich young man. (Luke 18:18-23) The man was clearly trying to show himself to be righteous, and merely wanted Jesus to confirm his pride. Jesus recited the basics with him (observe the commandments) and then gave him one more command. Essentially Jesus told him to let go of whatever is holding you back, in this case, riches. And the man went sadly away.

The jailer asked Paul and Silas “What must I do to be saved?” And the answer was the same we give today: “Believe on the Lord Jesus.” (Acts 16:30-31) The answer is as basic as that of Jesus. It seems simple, perhaps even easy at first. But the message in both cases is: give your life over to God. Trust God in all things. Accept the gift of forgiveness that God offers in Christ Jesus.

Today many who seek to be spiritual ask the question “What is the least that I have to do in order to get into heaven?” In our world we seek the quick answer, the shortest route, the most efficient method of getting what we want. And we want it settled now. We can have that assurance of salvation in Christ, through our confession and rebirth in the Spirit. But Jesus doesn’t just want us to survive and go to heaven when we die. Jesus invites us to flourish: to fully live a life aware of God’s abundant mercy, love, and grace.

Jesus wants us to have it all – and to be open to receive that, we must fully open ourselves to God: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and strength and mind.” (Luke 10:27)

So, as we approach the time that we make our pledges, the question is not “what is the bare minimum to give to the church?” The question is “How can I put even more of my being into the ministry of Jesus Christ at the Church of the Good Shepherd?”

Please consider not only your financial gifts, but pledge your prayers, presence, service and witness as well.

Grace and Peace,

George

Many Upcoming Events to Mark on Your 2018 Calendars!!

October 23 – Nominations and Lay Leadership meeting 7 pm in Pastor's Office.

October 26 & 27 – Men's Retreat.

October 28 – Pledge Sunday – Bring your completed Pledge Card to church or mail it into the church office.

October 28 – Food lists distributed after church. Turn in canned or packaged food donations into Jordan Hall through mid-December.

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

October 28 – Worship Committee meeting at 5:30 pm in the AEC.

October 29 – Nominations and Lay Leadership meeting 7 pm in Pastor's Office.

October 31 – Trunk or Treat in the church's parking! 6:15-8:00 pm. Zorro at 7 pm!

November 2-4 – Fall Women's Retreat Weekend.

November 3 – East District How-To Training in Alhambra for all interested committee chairs. Register online: www.calpacumc.org or call Jennifer Gaylord at 626-755-5751

November 4 – Children's Center fundraiser at Poppy Cake Baking Co. 8 am - 2 pm. Bring a flyer with you.

November 4 – Church Conference at 1:00 pm in Jordan Hall.



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