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## **The Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church**

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### **Worship Schedule for Sunday, December 16, 2018**

Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture Lessons: Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Luke 3:7-18

The Message: "No Waiting", 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 – 11:30 – Childcare – Toddler Room.**

**9:00 – Youth Bells Call Time – Sanctuary**

**9:30 – Youth Choir Call Time – Music 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 rehearsal – Sanctuary.**

**11:15 – Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal**

**11:15 – Coffee Fellowship – JH and Patio.**

**11:15 – Double Rings Bake Sale in Jordan Hall.**

**11:15 - Alternative Christmas Market in Jordan Hall.**

**11:20 - Carol Choir in the Music Room.**

**11:20 – Youth Bells in the Sanctuary.**

**4:30 – Youth Choir – MR.**

**6:00 - Youth Choir dinner – JH/Kitchen.**

**6:30 – UMYF – JH – Franklyn will be leading – Confirmation Class #8.**

### **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.

#### *New Baby:*

We are very pleased to announce a new baby, **Ruth Wendy Krug Fingerhut**, who was born on December 5, 2018, to **Eva Krug and David Fingerhut**. Her proud grandmother is **Ruth Krug**.

#### *Lots of Loose Change:*

What a lot of Loose Change you put into those Yellow Buckets on Sunday, Nov. 11—ten pounds worth!! Not English pounds, but on-the-scale pounds. It would have weighed even more, but \$160 of it was paper money: ones, fives, tens, and even twenties. The total amount you generously gave to support FINCA was a little over \$300. Add to that another \$500 given by longtime enthusiastic FINCA supporter **Mildred Shaw**, plus various smaller donations, and we are well on our way to sponsoring our next FINCA Village Bank at \$5,000. Thank you for your generosity!

*-Meegan Tosh and Fran Syverson, UMW Social Outreach Co-chairs*



### **Double Rings Annual Christmas Bake Sale Is This Sunday!**

Don't miss all the delicious goodies for sale after church this **Sunday, December 16!**

## The Alternative Market Is Here for One Last Sunday!

This Sunday, December 16, will be the final Sunday for the 2018 Alternative Christmas Market here at CGS. Give the world a Christmas present by supporting this wonderful way to wish your friends and family a very merry Christmas!

### Micro-Enterprises and the Alternative Market

We have two organizations in the market that support Micro-Enterprises. The FINCA Project is sponsored by the United Methodist Women and raises funds to endow a micro-enterprise for women to start a business and to become more self-sufficient. Shares for FINCA are \$5. The other organization is HEAVENLY TREASURES which provides the market with craft items. They partner with 50 micro-enterprises in 17 countries. 100% of all sale proceeds are reinvested back into the project. By giving these gifts to family and friends you are making a difference to these families! Come and finish your Christmas shopping at the Alternative Christmas Market on Sunday, December 16.



### 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.

### Don't Forget About the CGS Foundation Year-Round Grant Application Process

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](mailto:david@microjoing.com) .

If you have any questions about the Year-Round Grant Application Process, please contact **Kim Reynolds** – [cgsunfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:cgsunfoundation@gmail.com) .

### 2019 Flower Chart

The 2019 Flower Chart is hanging in the Narthex of the Sanctuary. 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 now \$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.

## Blue Christmas Service

While bells are ringing and people are singing, this season is not always the most cheerful season for everyone, particularly those who are missing loved ones, struggling with depression or going through a life hurdle. If you are looking for a safe space to reflect, pray and receive God's love during this season where you feel particularly estranged, you are invited to join our Blue Christmas service, December 20, 2018 in the chapel at 7:00 p.m.



## Women's Crafter Workshop

Our United Methodist Women's Wednesday Evening Crafters Workshop, meet Wednesdays at **7:00-9:00 p.m.**, in the church library. The group has been on a break over the holidays and will resume the middle of January. (Wednesday, January 16). All women are invited and all types of crafts are welcome with the proceeds from items made then sold at UMW Boutiques going toward mission projects. The Crafters Christmas Boutique on December 2 and 3, sold over \$1,100 worth of items. When the group meets again in January, they will decide which projects to send money to, such as FINCA, Elizabeth House, Foothill Unity Center, Family Promise, to name a few. Bring your own projects to work on or come on Wednesday night and see if there is something you'd like to help create. Sometimes there are group projects to work on, but most of the time everyone works on their own favorite craft. We also encourage crafters to participate in the boutique sales with crafts they have made at home during the year. If you have projects you need to work on at home or are not available on Wednesday nights, you can still donate items with the proceeds going to missions.

## Foothill Unity Center Bags and Egg Cartons

Thanks to the many church members who have supported the Foothill Unity Center by donating plastic bags and egg cartons. Even though the California state law made changes in plastic bag use, Foothill Unity Center continues to accept plastic bags, as well as the paper and reusable ones. They also continue to accept all types of egg cartons. Remember that when you receive plastic bags, please bring them to church so we may deliver them, along with the egg cartons, to Foothill Unity Center. Thank you for your generosity. -*Vern and Lynne Whitaker*

## 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. 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:fnjshen@sbcglobal.net).

## Grace Notes

Kathy and I invite you to join us for a:

**Christmas Open House at the parsonage  
141 White Oak Drive in Arcadia on  
Sunday, December 23, 2-4 PM**

We will have homemade cookies and I will share some savory snacks from the grill. We look forward to preparing our home for your arrival!



Grace and Peace,

**George**

## Many Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!



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

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

Dec 21 to Jan 3 – Children’s Center closed.

Dec 22 to Jan 6 – Church Office closed.

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

December 23 - Christmas Open House at the parsonage at 141 White Oak Drive in Arcadia,  
2-4 p.m.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Services:



5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary featuring a Children’s Christmas Pageant with our Youth and Carol Choirs and Youth Bells.

9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary is Lessons, Carols, and Candles with the chancel Choir and Carillon Ringers and the Christmas message by Pastor George.

11:00 p.m. in the Chapel with Holy Communion and Candles at midnight.



*open hearts,  
open minds,  
open doors*

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