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Worship Schedule for Sunday, January 13, 2019

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Message: "Through Water and Fire", Pastor George Hooper, Preaching
Remembrance of Baptism

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.

10:00 – Worship – Sanctuary.

10:15 – Children’s Sunday School

11:15 – Carol Choir rehearsal – MR.

11:15 – Youth Bells Choir rehearsal - Sanct.

11:15 – Coffee Fellowship – JH and Patio.

11:15 – Double Rings Board - Library.

2:00 p.m. – Piano Recital – JH.

4:00 – Youth Choir – MR.

6:00 – Youth Choir Dinner – JH.

**6:30 – UMYF – Pastor George is leading –
Confirmation Class #10.**

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Our condolences go out to **Carolyn Hubinger** and family upon the death of her husband **Richard Hubinger** on January 4, 2019. Service is set for February 9, at 2:00 p.m., with a reception following.

Condolences also to **Susan Schmidtberger** and family upon the death of her husband **Mike Schmidtberger** on January 7, 2019. Service is set for February 2, at 2:00 p.m.

The memorial service for **Linda Ballance** will be held on Saturday, January 19, at 1:00 p.m. with a reception following in Jordan Hall.

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.

Family Promise – “Calling all Volunteers”! For Winter Hosting – January 26th through February 3rd

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat”.

Matthew 14: 14-16

Many thanks to those who volunteered in 2018 to help provide a refuge at Good Shepherd for our local homeless families! You have indeed responded generously to Jesus’ command in Matthew 14:14-16 as stated above.



Our first hosting opportunity of 2019 is less than three-weeks away. Please look deep into your heart and help us to quickly fill our volunteer needs. Please call or email me with your favorite volunteer task as soon as possible.

Volunteer Positions Needed:

Date	Day (January)	Hosting Need	Volunteers needed for <u>each</u> task
26	Saturday	Set Up Crew, 2 to 3-pm	6
27	Sunday	Dinner, Evening, & Overnight	2
28	Monday	Dinner, Evening, & Overnight	2
29	Tuesday	Dinner, Evening, & Overnight	2
30	Wednesday	Dinner, Evening, & Overnight	2
31	Thursday	Dinner, Evening, & Overnight	2
	Day (February)		
1	Friday	Dinner, Evening, & Overnight	2
2	Saturday	Dinner, Evening, & Overnight	2
3	Sunday	Laundry Crew, 11:30 am	3
		Take Down Crew, 2 to 3-pm	6

2019 Hosting Schedule:

January 27rd – February 3rd

April 27 – May 5th

July 20th – July 28th

October 19th – October 27th

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Blood Pressure Screening

Now that the New Year is here, Health Ministries is offering free blood pressure screenings in the Lounge on Sunday, January 20, after the 10 AM service. For better results, wear a short-sleeved top and try not to drink anything containing caffeine until afterwards.

Youth News:

Our Youth Group will be officially going to San Diego for SSP next summer! The dates of the trip will be July 27 through Aug. 3, 2019. They will be spending the night at La Jolla United Methodist Church (Pastor Phil Wood's church) on Saturday, July 27th. Also, congratulations to **Sarah Reynolds**, who has been named the SSP Site Director for the site in Spokane, Washington. SSP Stock Sales will begin every Sunday after service on Sunday, Feb. 3rd.

Thanks for Your Generosity in 2018!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your generous hearts and contributions in this past year! Your donations to The Foothill Unity Back to School Event was appreciated. Your food and monetary donations for the holiday food baskets was well received and your Angel tree gifts made many children warm and happy on Christmas. Your participation in the Alternative Christmas Market touched people locally, countrywide and around the world. Here are the totals that the various participating organizations received: HEAVENLY TREASURES:\$1,131.12. FAMILY PROMISE OF THE SGV: \$1,007. HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL: \$2,380. UMW FINCA PROJECT: \$150. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: \$480. CHURCH WORLD SERVICE: \$725. UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES: \$147.50. So many people have been touched by your gifts. Thank you!

Women's Crafter Workshop

After taking off time over the holidays, our United Methodist Women's Wednesday Evening Crafters Workshop, is starting up officially on January 16. The crafters meet Wednesdays at 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the church library. All women are invited and all types of crafts are welcome with items made then sold at UMW Boutiques and the proceeds going toward mission projects.

Grace Notes 1/7/19

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" – Ecclesiastes 3:1

This passage of Holy Scripture comes from the "wisdom literature" of the Hebrew Bible. Indeed, the author of Ecclesiastes shares what the search for wisdom has yielded. There is a sense of peace which comes from experiencing the cycles of seasons and of life. We are able to remain steadfast in our faith even in the midst of change.

On Sunday I was taking down the Christmas lights and observing the changes in the garden. In Southern California this isn't always easy to see. Something is always in season. The buds are already swelling, even as the last of the Autumn leaves cling to the tree. Sometimes we feel the need to force a dormancy so that we can do the pruning necessary to encourage strong new growth.

As the new year begins many of us seek to make changes in our lives. We resolve to become more active, to eat right, or to take up a Spiritual discipline. We often neglect these resolutions just as soon as we make them. One of the reasons for this is that we look only at the goal without thinking through the strategies. We simply try to add something more to our busy schedules without making space for different behaviors. We might do well to understand the wisdom of the author of Ecclesiastes, who writes that there is "a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away" (Ecclesiastes 3:6).

Where in your life might God do some pruning, that you will experience strong new growth?

Grace and Peace

George

Upcoming Events to Mark on Your New Calendars!!

January 10 - Sarah Circle meeting is on the 2nd Thursday, in the Library at 7:00 p.m., this month due to holiday schedules.

January 11 - The Conversational English Class returns.

January 13 - Double Rings old/new board planning meeting, at 11:30 in the Library.

January 16 - The Wednesday Night Crafter's Workshop begins again.

January 20 - Free Blood Pressure Screenings by Health Ministries after church.

January 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr., Day - Church office and school are closed.

February 10 - Scouting Ministries Sunday.

February 18 - President's Day - Church office and school are closed.

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

March 3 and 4 - New Book Study begins.

March 6 - Ash Wednesday.

April 21 - Easter.



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