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Sunday, May 12, 2019

8:00 a.m. Worship in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Mother's Day

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43 and Revelation 7:9-17

"Wipe the Tears Away"

Pastor George Hooper, Preaching

10:00 a.m. is Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

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 – Chapel.

10:00 – English Class – Library.

10:15 – Children's & Youth Sunday School.

11:00 – SSP Stock Sale – Patio.

11:20 – Youth Bell rehearsal – Sanctuary.

11:20 – Carol Choir rehearsal – MR.

Youth Choir and UMYF will not be meeting tonight so that the youth can spend time with their moms and mother figures.

6:00 – Sundays @ Six –New worship experience – 30 minutes of music, prayer, the Word and discussion in the Courtyard or the Lounge depending on the weather.

6:30 – Book Study in the Library.

Sundays @ Six

Come to the Lounge (or in the courtyard) to sing, pray, read and share. This is an informal time together. Drew Brannon plays the guitar, while Franklyn Shen shares the Word. When? Sundays at 6 PM!

We do it all in 30 minutes so there is plenty of time to

- follow a class with praise
- stick around for a book study or fellowship
- end your day with prayer
- start your night out on the right foot



The first Sunday of the month, we follow worship with a shared meal (we provide the meal, you provide the lively discussion). So if you enjoyed Dinner Church, or want to try something different, this is just for you!



May 11, Letter Carrier Food Drive for Foothill Unity Center, Inc.

It's that time of year to support our wonderful letter carriers in their nationwide "Stamp Out Hunger" food collection event! This event is the largest single-day food drive and is scheduled in May each year to help keep food pantries stocked during the summer months when the kids are home all day from school! This event is a great opportunity for youth and adult volunteers! Contact the Center if you are able to help information@foothillunitycenter.org or www.foothillunitycenter.org or call them at 626-358-3486. Last year, over 300 volunteers assisted letter carriers by unloading, sorting and packing food at participating local post offices. Foothill Unity Center, Inc. received over 200,000 pounds of food from this event! Letter

carriers and volunteers make a huge difference in the work Foothill Unity Center, Inc. does in distributing this food to low-income families and the homeless population in eleven communities in the San Gabriel Valley.

Memorial/Veteran's Day Flowers

It has become a tradition at our church to have special Chancel Flowers on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day in honor of all those who have served or are currently serving in our country's armed forces. We would like to honor your service, or the service of a loved one, by adding your name, rank and the branch in which you served to our list. We invite you to give a donation to the flower fund to keep this tradition going. Checks should be made payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd" and turned into the office with "Veterans' Flowers" on the memo line of the check. Suggested annual donation of \$20 covers both holidays. Those making a donation will be shown with an asterisk, but all who have served or are currently serving will be listed. Memorial Day Sunday is May 26, 2019.



Summer Camps



This summer, come outside and explore the universe of God at Summer Camp 2019 at Cedar Glen, Lazy W Ranch, and Camp Wrightwood! At summer camp, young people will grow in faith, learn leadership skills, grow self-esteem, make life-long friendships and have fun. Cal-Pac summer camp is a safe place where everyone belongs. Weeklong events are available for Elementary, Junior High, and High School youth, and even for grandparents and grand kids. There are adventures to be had in God's great creation - so

plan ahead for a great summer! Cal-Pac camps are weeklong, overnight, Christian based camps where your child will engage in worship, small group activities, large group activities and games. They could also participate in activities, such as swimming, archery, ropes courses and many, many more. At summer camp, your child will grow in their faith, learn leadership skills, grow their self-esteem, develop inter-personal skills with peers and adults, make life-long friendships and have fun. Check the website at www.calpacumc.org. For more information, or with questions regarding the program or applications, please contact Michele Corbett at mcorbett@calpacumc.org.

2019 Flower Chart

The 2019 Flower Chart is hanging in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and there are lots of open spots. 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 \$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. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship centers.





Meet Our New Pastor, (as of July 1) The Reverend Eva Thai-Erwin

Rev. Thai-Erwin, or Pastor Eva as she prefers to be called, is of full Chinese heritage but was born in Vietnam. Her family settled in Long Beach, CA. after immigrating to the US. Pastor Eva grew up at Long Beach First UMC where she was active in children's choir, acolyte club, youth group, and teaching Sunday School. As she was growing up, she also attended Buddhist Temple services with her grandparents. However, her love of Biblical Scripture, UM Traditions, the practice of Reason in faith, and her many wonderful church Experiences led her to accept Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior while in high school.

Pastor Eva attended Long Beach State University and was involved with the UM campus ministry. The summer before her last year at CSULB, her fellow campus ministry friend invited her to be a counselor at Camp Colby Senior High camp. It was on the last night of camp that she first experienced God's call for her to ministry. As she was helping to serve Communion by the campfire, she felt the warmth of God's love surround her and she knew He was leading her to commit further to His service. This commitment led to first youth ministry work at Los Altos UMC and then jointly with California Heights UMC and Lakewood First UMC. After eight years in youth ministry, Pastor Eva then worked in Campus Ministry settings: United Ministry at USC; Wesley Foundation at University of Hawaii; and Director of the Wesley Foundation at University of California, Irvine.

During her third year at UCI, she attended a Sierra Service Project Young Adult week with her students in Arizona. As the group was visiting a small church on the Indian Reservation she once again felt God's voice calling her to ministry. This time it was the undeniable and unescapable call to Ordained Ministry. She began the Masters of Divinity program at Garrett- Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL. Then transferred and completed the degree at Claremont School of Theology. While at CST she also served as a seminary intern at Artesia-Cerritos UMC; and Young Adult Director and Pastoral Care Coordinator at Hollywood UMC.

Pastor Eva was Commissioned in 2011 and Ordained Elder in 2014. She was appointed to Chinese UMC as Associate Pastor in 2011 and Senior Pastor in 2015. Her eight years at the church have been vital to her formation as a Pastor. This includes: leading English Ministry and assisting with the Chinese Ministry; growing the Young Family Ministry program; pastoral leadership in bible studies, fellowship groups, church committees; and active community involvement in the church's Chinatown Children's Choir, the Chinatown Business Improvement District Board, Pacific Alliance Hospital chaplaincy, and the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce.

Her faith journey has taken her from childhood and youth years at Long Beach FUMC, to Youth ministry work as a young adult, to Campus Ministry positions, and finally to Ordained ministry. And while she did not complete her M.Div. degree from Garrett Seminary, she did meet her now husband, Philip Erwin there. She and Phil enjoy traveling together, eating out and experiencing new restaurants, staying in and trying new recipes at home, and watching or attending baseball games (LA Dodgers for Pastor Eva and Chicago Cubs for Phil)!

Pastor Eva has always felt God's presence with her in all these phases. She has taken comfort from His words in Psalm 25:10, "All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees." and been inspired by the words of Christ in Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." She now looks forward to the new appointment with the members of Church of the Good Shepherd in Arcadia. Let us together be the light of Christ for the world!

Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

The Children's Center is collecting old bath and beach towels for the Humane Society during the month of May.

Conversational English classes meet every Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Sundays @ Six – A new worship experience – Every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

May 11 – Letter Carrier Food Drive for Foothill Unity Center.

May 12 – Mother's Day.

May 26 – Memorial Day Sunday – Special flowers honoring all veterans.

June 9 – Youth Musical during worship at 8 & 10 in the sanctuary.

June 12-15 – Annual Conference in Redlands.

June 16 – Father's Day.

June 22 – UMW Event for the whole family – A '50's Sock Hop with music, dancing, food, games and prizes! 5:00-8:00 p.m. For men, women, teens and kids! Get out your bobby socks, saddle shoes, poodle skirts, capris, white t-shirts with the sleeves rolled-up, and hair grease!! It's time to Rock 'n' Roll...let's do the twist!!

June 30 is Pastor George's last day and July 1 is Pastor Eva's first day.

This summer, Vacation Bible School here at our church will be July 15 – July 19 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



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