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Sunday, November 3, 2019

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints Sunday - The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Time Change Sunday – Yellow FINCA buckets for your loose change!

Fall Back! Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

8:00 a.m. Worship in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Scripture: Psalm 119:1-11 and Matthew 17:24-27

Message: “A Stewardship Culture of Generosity: Why Is Offering Time So Important?”

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

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

8:00 p.m. – Worship in the Chapel.

9:00 – Coffee Fellowship – Courtyard.

9:00 - Bible Study – Library.

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

9:30 – Carol Choir call time.

10:00 – Worship in the Sanctuary.

10:00 – Children’s Sunday School.

10:00 – ESL Bible Class – Library.

11:00 – SSP Stock Sales on the patio.

11:00 – Coffee Fellowship – Jordan Hall.

11:15 – Covenant Conversations (Session 3B) and lunch in JH.

11:15 – Carol Choir rehearsal – Music Room.

11:20 – Youth Bells rehearsal – Sanctuary.

4:30 – Youth Choir – Music Room.

6:00 – Sundays @ Six is meeting tonight.

6:30 – Youth dinner.

7:00-8:00 – Youth Fellowship – UMYF.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please keep all those previously mentioned in your prayers. If you or a loved one needs to be added to the prayer chain or the newsletter prayer list, please let the church office know. Prayers to **Dawn Arnold** as she recuperates at home following knee surgery.

New Baby:

Congratulations to our former Associate Pastor **Lydia Sohn and husband James Rogers** on the birth of their second child **Ivy Lynne Sohn Rogers (Zee Yeon)**. Ivy was born on Saturday, October 26, 2019, in San Diego. Proud big brother is **Hugh**.

Congratulations!

Our own **Lou Quismorio, The Flowerman**, was honored by the Pasadena Civitan Club at their Employer Awards Reception for hiring persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Holiday Food Basket Collections Begin!

It’s almost November and many of us begin to look towards Thanksgiving and Christmas. The clients of the Foothill Unity Center also would like to celebrate these special holidays with their families and you can help! The Center distributes special Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and our donations can help fill them. Anything you enjoy at a holiday meal can be donated. Make sure it DOES NOT come in a GLASS CONTAINER! Food items should be left in Jordan Hall. Thanks and blessings!



Trunk or Treat

Halloween is Thursday night! We will have our usual **Trunk or Treat** event in our parking lot and showing a **puppet show, "The Three Little Pigs" at 7:30 p.m.** You are invited to participate in one or all of these ways: 1) spread the word! 2) come with your kids, grandkids, neighbors, friends, etc. 3) come with your car as dressed up or as simple as you want it to be to pass our candy or trinkets to the kids. This fun event is Thursday, October 31, 6:15-8:00 p.m. Please call or email **Lynne and Vern Whitaker** if you'd like to do the latter so they can add your car to the line-up: vlwhit@sbcglobal.net or 626-446-7860.

Clean-Up Day

The October 19th Clean-up Day at CGS was a great success! Windows were washed, closets and cupboards were cleaned of cobwebs and dust, lots of things were sorted, candlesticks were polished, weeds were pulled, and so much more! Hearty thanks to the loving, helpful hands of **Ken Blair, Margaret Blair, Cindy Chow-Snavely, Janice Clark, Susan Janss, Sandy Jellinick, John Kenan, Leslie Kenan, LeLe La, Diane Lucas, Joyce MacGregor, Carolyn Noonchester, Jean Parrille, Kim Reynolds, Lynne Rivera, Kevin Snavely, Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, and Suzanne Wright.**



For All the Saints

On **Sunday, November 3**, we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday. All persons related to this congregation who have died in the last year will be honored. The following are the names of those who have gone on to be with God during the last year, November, 2018, to present. This list attempts to include all church members who have died, relatives who have died and are shown in our newsletter by name, as well as those whose memorial services were held at Good Shepherd. If we have inadvertently omitted a member of your household or other member friend, please notify Linda Doran in the church office (447-2181) by 10/31 at noon so they can be included in the service on November 3 and in the worship service at the Women's Retreat.

Wilmer Aisporna
 Amy (Ann) Morrison Boshier
 Barbara Brewer
 Margaret Buchanan
 Shirley Butterworth
 Nicholasa Cordero
 Naomi Cummings
 Betty Doster

Anita Foster
 Richard Hubinger
 Betty Johnson
 Arne Kalm
 Anthony Larsen
 Lorraine Munsey
 Lee Riblet

Robert (Bob) Rutten
 Mike Schmidtberger
 Harriet Shroads
 Timothy Stanley
 Louise (Sandy) Thistlewaite
 Howell Tyson
 Dick Van Kirk

Time for Change

It's the season of the time change, and so it's the Time for Change—loose change! And that means our Yellow Buckets will be waiting for you to feed them with your Loose Change contribution to FINCA this **Sunday, November 3**. Our church UMW sponsors FINCA banks in Third World countries by making small loans available to impoverished people so they can improve their home businesses and make better lives for their families. To reach our FINCA goal, every penny, nickel, dime and quarter counts. So lighten your purse or pockets by dropping your Loose Change into those Yellow Buckets next Sunday!

Covenant Conversation Sessions

Thank you to all who have attended any of the Covenant Conversation Sessions. These sessions are for us to learn, discuss, and vision together as we work towards creating a Covenant Statement for Church of the Good Shepherd in regards to LGBT+ issues. This is especially important as churches, clergy, and laity will be affected by the upcoming 2020 General Conference that will revise the United Methodist Church's stance on human sexuality.

3 more sessions will be offered:

Session 3B Social Constructs: on Nov. 10th (Sunday, 11:15am) with Professor Andrew Vosko of Claremont Graduate University. Lunch and child care will be provided for these.

Session 4: A Series of 1 Hour Small Group Discussions led by Covenant Conversation Team Members

- Nov. 3rd (Sunday @ 5pm) for any member wishing to attend before Sundays at 6 Devotion Time
- Nov. 6th (Wednesday @1pm) for church members of the Women's Book Club
- Nov. 7th (Thursday @9am) for church members of the Men's Power Breakfast group
- Nov. 9th (Saturday @10am) for any member wishing to attend
- Nov. 10th (Sunday @9-9:45am) for any member wishing to attend
- Nov. 12th (Tuesday, time TBD) for church members of the Double Rings group
- Youth Group and Young Adult discussion times TBD

We encourage you to attend one of the above discussion sessions. CGS is a diverse community with a vast range of theological positions, yet we are all members of the same church and share many missions and values in our service to God. It is vitally important that all viewpoints are expressed and taken into account. We will then gather together to hear small group discussion summaries and talk about final reflections on Nov. 17th for Session 5: Town Hall Meeting.

Pastor Eva's Message

Our focus on Stewardship and Generosity continues and all are invited to reflect on the following questions: Why Is Offering Time So Important (Nov. 3), and Are We Honoring Jesus' Legacy of Generosity (Nov. 10)?

The Finance Committee and I are thankful for each member's generosity as it funds the ministries of the church for its members and the people in the community. One of our great community focused ministries is the Friday English Conversation Classes. Each of the 4 Language Skills classes would not be possible without the hard work of the volunteer teachers and the church support. People from various ethnic groups attend the classes as they learn English skills and discuss current news events. There are also joyful times of celebrating American cultural activities- such as Halloween pumpkin carving and cookie decorating (see photos below).

Join us each Sunday as we explore Stewardship and what it means to give generously to support the ministries of the church. And please save the date of Nov. 17th for Pledge Sunday.



Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

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 3, 2019. Look for the Fill the Bowl Project bin outside the Children's Center Office.



November 1-3 – Women's Retreat!

November 2 – Turn your clocks back one hour as we FALL BACK and get an extra hour of sleep for the Fall time change!

November 3 is All Saints' Sunday. We will celebrate the lives of those in our congregation or relatives of our members who have died within the last year. Those who have gone before us will be honored in our worship services here and at the Women's Retreat.

Nov. 10 and 17 – Covenant Conversations – after church with lunch served in Jordan Hall.



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