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Sunday, March 1, 2020

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Scripture: Psalm 112:1-9 and John 6:28-36

Sermon Series: "I Am" #1 - "I Am the Bread of Life"

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

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

8:00 a.m. – Worship in the Chapel.

9:00 – Coffee Fellowship – Courtyard.

9:00 – Lenten Book Study – Library.

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

10:00 – Worship in the Sanctuary.

10:00 – Children's Sunday School.

10:00 – ESL Bible Class – AEC.

11:00 – SSP Stock Sales on the patio. Our youth are going to Chiloquin, Oregon, this summer.

11:00 – Coffee Fellowship – JH

11:15 – Carol Choir rehearsal – Music Room.

11:15 – Youth Bells rehearsal – Sanctuary.

4:00 – 8:00 – Youth Choir Cabaret rehearsal.

5:00 – 7:00 – Food, Faith, & Fellowship (3F).

6:00 -6:30 – Youth join with 3F for devotion.

6:30-7:00 – Youth join with 3F for dinner.

7:00-8:00 – Youth Choir extended Cabaret

Rehearsal. Run through of the program.

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 for **Mavis Eckenboy** who is very ill. Her daughter **Cindy Villanueva** is on leave to be with her. Prayers for the whole family and that Cindy is able to make it home in a timely manner.

Food, Faith & Fellowship Is this Sunday, March 1:

We now gather on the 1st & 3rd Sundays each month from 5-7pm for 3F...Food, Faith & Fellowship. This includes cooking a meal together in the kitchen, then a time of faith devotion, followed by a fellowship meal. Please let Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org or 626-447-2181) know by Sunday 12 noon on those Sundays if you would like to attend. This helps insure we have enough food and supplies. This Sunday will be chicken enchiladas to make and enjoy together!

Church Council Meeting (Please Note Time Change from 10 to 9 a.m.):

There will be a Church Council meeting on Saturday, February 29, at **9:00 a.m.** in the church library.

UMYF Reunion Potluck on March 7

A Reunion is being planned for Saturday, March 7. Potluck luncheon in Jordan Hall will be held at 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for 1998 – 2003 era UMYF Alumni and their families. Mark this date on your calendars and plan to be a part of the fun. Bring a potluck dish to share with the group!





Ash Wednesday Is February 26

Our Ash Wednesday worship service will be on Wednesday, February 26, at 7 p.m. in the chapel. Please join us as we gather together to begin the season of Lent. If you are not able to come to the service, come to our ashes-to-go drive-thru any time between the hours of 7:30-9:00 a.m. and 2:00-3:30 p.m. in our large west parking lot!

LENTEN PRACTICE OF “GIVING UP” OR “TAKING ON”

The season of Lent begins this Wednesday, Feb. 26th (Ash Wednesday) and ends on Saturday, April 11th. Christians are encouraged to enter a time of Reflection and Repentance during these 6 weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. You are invited to consider Giving Up or Taking On something. Jesus gave up his life for us on the cross, so many will commit to giving up something that is important to them or is a temptation to them (ex. a food item, a bad habit, or an activity). We also recognize that by his death, Jesus took on our sins and the sins of the world. You may then want to consider taking on something (ex. a new hobby, a commitment to spend more time on something, or a good habit). Please feel free to contact Pastor Eva (626-447-2181 or PastorEva@cgsum.org) if you would like ideas or want to share what you are giving up or taking on!

Family Promise – Winter Hosting Summary January 26th through February 1st

Many thanks to all of our volunteers who made Winter Hosting happen for April and her two daughters Haylei and Destiny! Our guest family was very appreciative of how our congregation accommodated their heavy schedule of high school activities.

Some great news...the week following their stay at CGS, April and her two daughters moved into their own apartment! We are all blessed!

Why do you as volunteers continue to support Family Promise at CGS? One of our volunteers, Gary Wat summarizes his involvement as follows:



“I’ve been blessed with a safe upbringing, loving family, and a job that allows me to take care of those I love. I want to give back to those who are in tough situations, so every quarter I volunteer with Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley.

I make dinner and share a meal with homeless families who are transitioning out of their situation. I love how involved the church is as well. By putting the Word into action and serving the community, it makes me proud and comforted to see that Jesus is shared not just through preaching, but with acts of kindness and compassion. It's a deeply meaningful experience that I hope you will have a chance to share with me one day!” To see Gary’s video taken at CGS during CGS Fall Hosting, 2019, click on: [CGSFP-Wat](#)

Family Promise Hosting takes a lot of planning and hard work. Our dedicated Family Promise Leadership Team under the direction of Diane and Craig Lucas, with support from Larry and Marilyn Callaham, and John and Leslie Kenan, ensured that our guest family was well cared for during their stay with us. Please thank them when you see them at church.

2020 Hosting Schedule:

If you didn’t have an opportunity to volunteer for Winter Hosting, please plan to volunteer for one or more of the 2020 hosting dates.

2020 Hosting Schedule	
Spring	May 24 – May 30
Summer	July 26 – August 1
Fall	October 25 – October 31

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Love Endures
The 21st Annual SSP Cabaret
Celebrating 75 Years of CGS
Sunday, March 8 at 5 pm and 7 pm



Please join the Youth Choir and UMYF as we celebrate the 75 year (and counting) life of Church of the Good Shepherd through music, song, and dance representing each of the decades from the 1940s to the present. The Cabaret will be presented in Jordan Hall on **Sunday, March 8 with shows at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.** Included will be a delicious dessert, and donations will gratefully be taken to help support our youth on their Sierra Service Project trip this summer. *Come to the Cabaret!*

Foundation Grants

The Year-Round Grant Program is open for 2020 grant requests. Grants must foster spiritual growth or facilitate membership growth of Church of the Good Shepherd UMC (Church), Arcadia. Grants must be consistent with the overall guidelines contained within the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. All grant applications must be submitted online only using the Foundation Online Grant Form - see link. Online grant application assistance will be provided when requested. [CGSFD Year Round Grant Application](#)

Alternative Christmas Market 2019 Update

Thanks to everyone who helped make our past market such a success. Blessings from you to friends and loved ones will keep blessing so many this year! Here are the totals sent to each organization: CHURCH WORLD SERVICE \$1099. TREES FOR LIFE \$120. FINCA \$365. HEIFER PROJECT \$1955. UNION STATION \$447.50. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY \$430. FAMILY PROMISE \$994.

Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Mark your calendars and join us in celebrating 75 years of Christian Ministry and Mission. More details to follow as events get closer:



May 13 – 16 - Pictorial Directory Photos

Sunday, May 17 - Charter Sunday will be a re-dedication of the church during a single service at 10:00 am. It is also All Choir Sunday. The service will be followed by an all church photo and lunch.

Saturday, June 13 – Diamond Dinner Celebration (invitations to follow).

Sunday, September 13 – Family Homecoming with lunch and an outreach project.

Pastor Eva's Message

At Sunday's worship service the Youth Choir did a wonderful job in singing "On Eagles Wings" during the offertory time. The Youth Choir and other youth have been devotedly practicing this piece and other songs for the past few months as they prepare for the SSP Cabaret performances on March 8th. I am thankful for gift of music they and their director, Janice Clark, bring to the church. This year's theme is Love Endures! and includes music, song, and dance from each of the decades from 1940s to the present.

I have been reflecting on the SSP Cabaret theme as it reminds me of the passage from 1 John 4:7 "Beloved let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God, for God is Love." This passage will be used in the Covenant Statement that will be presented for approval to church leadership at the Church Council meeting Saturday. The Covenant Statement represents our local church's belief that we are called to welcome all in ministry and mission, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation. We must trust the leadership of our church. And I am thankful to all who attended the Fall Covenant Conversations speaker sessions, small group discussions, and town hall meeting. Please know that the final approved statement will be shared with the whole church as we near the United Methodist General Conference gathering date in May 2020. We understand the importance of connecting and communicating with each other as we continue our 75 years of ministry and mission!

Grace and Blessings,

Pastor Eva

Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

February 25 – New Grief Group begins, 7-8 pm, Church Library.

February 26 – Ash Wednesday. Drive-thru Ashes to Go 7:30-9 am and 2-3:30 pm in our west parking lot. Worship Service in the Chapel at 7 pm.

February 29 – 9:00 a.m. Church Council meeting in the church library. (note time change!)

March 6 – Cal School of Arts Vocal Concert – 7:30 pm in our Sanctuary.

March 7 – UMYF Reunion Potluck in JH, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm for 1998–2003 era Alumni.

March 8 – SSP Cabaret at 5 & 7 pm. Don't miss it!

March 14, April 4, and May 2 – Our Next All Church Work Days!!

March 26 – UMW Fundraiser at Alex DiPeppe's, 4-9 p.m.

April 5 – Palm Sunday.

April 10 – Good Friday – Children's Center and Church Office closed.

April 12 – Easter Sunday

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