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**Sunday, May 10, 2020**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Mother's Day**

**The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching**

**Scripture Lessons: Proverbs 31:10-31**

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

**County "Stay at Home Order" continues into May. In-person gatherings remain suspended.**

**Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services that will continue to be online  
(church website or Facebook Group Page).**

**Foundation Grant Approved for CGS Children's Center**

Challenging times like these call for innovation, patience, and faith as we work together to stay healthy and remain positive while we take steps to ensure our readiness to serve our congregation and our community.

Our **Children's Center** has provided an outstanding educational environment to preschool through pre-Kindergarten children since 1972. They play a huge role in supporting our community.

When the stay-at-home orders required the closure of the school - having a significant impact not only on the families whose children attend but on the teachers and staff of the Children's Center - it became essential that bold action be taken. Children's Center Director **Linda Brown** submitted a **Year Round Grant Request** for funds to retain our certified and dedicated teachers and staff so that they could hit the ground running for the planned reopening of the school in June.

The CGS Foundation Directors approved the grant which covers payroll, rent, and utilities through April and May. The Children's Center is using the time for teacher training and preparedness.

**Parenting the Love and Logic Way**

GOOD NEWS about **Parenting the Love and Logic Way** classes. For a short time, until May 15<sup>th</sup>, Love and Logic is offering their Online Parenting class for FREE. With schools closed and kids at home all the time, we know parents are find it even more difficult to deal effectively with their children. We are pleased to let you know there is help out there.

All you need to do is go to: [www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com) and register to take the class before the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. You then have up to 3 months to complete the class. Click on the Classes and Conferences icon and then proceed to register for the online parenting class. Follow the directions and when you go to check out the charge will be \$0.00. When this offer is over the regular cost will once again be \$99.

If you would prefer to take a face to face class here at the Church of the Good Shepherd, facilitator **Joann Steinmeier** will once again be offering the class but only when it is again safe to do so.

## On-Line Giving Instructions

1. Go to [www.cgsum.org](http://www.cgsum.org) if you are not on the Good Shepherd web site.
2. Click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button.
3. The **Non Pledge Giving** box will be highlighted in Blue. This fund supports the church operations.
4. Enter the amount that you want to give.
5. Enter donations for other funds as desired.
6. Click on the **Continue** button.
7. Enter your **Giving Information**.
8. Enter your credit card information.
9. Ignore the **Save Profile** option.
10. Click on the **I am not a robot** box.
11. Click on the **Process** button to send your donation.
12. You will receive an email confirmation for your donation.

### Family Promise – “Calling all Supporters”! For “Virtual” Spring Hosting – May 24<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>



The Covid-19 pandemic has severely impacted Family Promise, both nationally and at our local level, Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley (FPSGV). For the first time in the history of Family Promise, guest families are being housed in motels until the stay-at-home order is lifted.

Good Shepherd is also under shut-down restrictions. Our Cal-Pac Conference Bishop, Grant Hagiya, is asking each congregation to remain “dark” until June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Since we are committed to host FP guests May 24-31, we need to follow the recommendation of our church and FPSGV to make appropriate adjustments in our hosting. For the safety of the current guest family and our CGS FP volunteers, Good Shepherd will “virtually” host our one guest family at a local motel and provide delivered take-out meals during our scheduled hosting week. The cost of this week of “virtual” hosting is \$1,000.

The CGS FP Team is asking our congregational supporters to raise the \$1,000 needed to keep our one family currently in the Family Promise program safe and secure in a local motel and ensure that they have access to food. There are two ways to financially support this effort:

#### Mail In:

1. Write a check to Church of the Good Shepherd.
2. Put “CGS FP #8240” on the memo line.

#### On Line:

1. Go to [www.cgsum.org](http://www.cgsum.org).
2. Click on the “ONLINE GIVING” button.
3. Ignore the “Log In” box.
4. Enter your donation in the “Family Promise Hosting” box.
5. Click on the “CONTINUE” button to proceed to the check out page.

**Matthew 14: 15-16** .... the disciples came to him and said, ...”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”.

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

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## Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

### Through the Years

*“O sing unto the Lord a new song....”*

And so Methodists sing! The choirs are an integral part of our worship services, as no one knows better than Carolyn Searfoss. She and her husband Steve joined the Good Shepherd choir in 1972. Carolyn has sung there ever since except for the two-year hiatus she took when she was the head band mother at Arcadia High. Even after Steve died in 1990, she remained in the choir. Her loyal longevity can be tallied with the nine choir directors she has sung under, and the fourth set of choir robes she has worn! Easter Sundays are always special for the choir. There was a time when three worship services were needed to accommodate the congregants. Twelve choristers sang at the early service in the Chapel. The full choir, accompanied by a brass quartet, sang at the two held in the Sanctuary. At the close of the service, the congregation was invited to the choir loft to join in the “Hallelujah!” chorus, and many did.

During the summer the choir takes a month-long vacation, becoming a casually dressed Summer Choir that welcomes people who can't attend during the regular season. Not surprisingly, the loft is usually well-filled with folks who simply like to raise their voices in praise and adoration. Several choir members wear two hats on Sunday mornings by playing in the Bell Choir. Says Carolyn, “We sing and ring!” One day the choir was woefully short on sopranos. The director asked Carolyn, a mezzo, to sing soprano with Mae Porteus that day. She did, and thereafter remained a soprano.

Two highlights through the years stand out in Carolyn's memories—as different as they could be. One was the Pop Concerts that choir members performed annually in Jordan Hall. Jack Lantz directed the Broadway musicals that brought out the oft-surprising talents needed for the dancing, acting, singing, and choreography. Ticket money went for such needs as new choir music. The other highlight came in 2006 when Tim Durkovic as director was invited to bring the choir to New York City to present a concert in Carnegie Hall. With singers from all over the country, about 200 in all, they sang Faure's Requiem with orchestral accompaniment. Carolyn said she was in awe to be singing at Carnegie, as were many others, no doubt. Choir members become a close-knit group of friends, working and singing with dedication and joy. Rehearsals are now held at 8:30 Sunday morning, and visitors are always welcome to join in. But beware! They may become devotees like Carolyn, who says with enthusiasm, “It's just so much fun!”

### For Pentecost Sunday Service

Pentecost Sunday is May 31<sup>st</sup>! It will be a virtual online worship service to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the early church. We hope to fill the pews with photos of church members and church friends!

Please email a photo of you and/or your family to Pastor Eva at:

[PastorEva@cgsum.org](mailto:PastorEva@cgsum.org)

by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

(This photo is an example of what we hope for Pentecost Sunday at Church of the Good Shepherd.)



## Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

We are postponing plans for all events for now. We will keep you posted on date changes.

Pictorial Directory Photos have been postponed until October 7-10

Ladies, The 2020 Women's Retreat Weekend is October 16-18. Pastor Eva will be our leader!! Mark your calendars now so you don't have a conflict!!



### 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. 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. 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 or through the online giving method. [ONLINE GIVING](#) (Click)

- a) Go to **Altar Flowers** and enter your donation.
- b) In the box next to your donation, enter, "**Veterans' Flowers**"
- c) Select the **Continue** button at the bottom of the page and then enter your payment information.



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