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Sunday, May 24, 2020

7th Sunday of Easter – Ascension Sunday – Memorial Day Weekend

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 66:32-35 and John 17:1-11

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).

Among the Church Family

Our sincere condolences go out to **Nancy Cooper and family** upon the death of **Dave Cooper** on May 18, 2020. Dave had been in the ICU at Methodist Hospital with COPD and pneumonia then moved to hospice care just yesterday. Our prayers go out to Nancy and family upon his passing. He will be missed by many.

Prayers for **Don Nagai**, the Sano’s brother-in-law, who will be receiving dialysis.

Memorial Day Flowers Are in Church this Sunday – May 24!

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 by **May 20** 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.



For Pentecost Sunday Service

Pentecost Sunday is May 31st! 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 by May 25th at:

PastorEva@cgsum.org

(This photo is an example of what we hope for Pentecost Sunday at CGS.)

LOOKING AHEAD TO ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES IN MAY AND EARLY JUNE

- May 24th 7th Sunday of Easter, Sermon Theme: Prayer
- May 31st Pentecost Sunday (please submit photos for this Sunday by May 25th)
- June 7th Sabbath Sunday for Pastor and Worship Team (Online Service led by the Bishop, District Superintendents and Conference Team will be available instead)
- June 14th 2rd Sunday of Pentecost, Sermon Theme: Sharing the Glory of God

Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission **Through the Years** **Charter Sunday**



...in the beginning....

The initial service for the Methodist Church in Arcadia was held Sunday, May 13, 1945 at 7:30 p.m. in the Holly Avenue School Auditorium. The sermon was given by Dr. Leonard Oechsli, the Methodist District Superintendent. His topic, "America's Destiny as a Christian Nation," was chosen in honor of V-E Day, May 8, 1945. Mother's Day was also celebrated. Prior to this initial service, Bishop James Baker and Superintendent Oechsli had arranged for ministers from nearby Methodist churches to call door-to-door in Arcadia. Dr. Oechsli became acquainted with interested families who then formed the charter membership and elected the trustees. They were George Edwards, Earl Dettra, Albert Baker, Howard Wilson, and Harold Johns. Once elected, the trustees immediately voted to begin a campaign to raise \$20,000 dollars for the first unit of the church building. A Women's Society of Christian Service was also organized with 34 members. The women began planning social events at once so new members could get acquainted.

The Charter Sunday service was held in the Holly Avenue School Auditorium on Sunday, May 20, 1945 at 7:30 p.m., just 75 years ago this week. At this service, the newly appointed minister of the church, Rev. Will Hildebrand, was formally installed and 86 charter members were enrolled. The combined Vesper and Chancel Choirs of the Rosemead Community Methodist Church provided music for the service. In his report to the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference of the Methodist Church on June 22, 1945, Dr. Oechsli described the Charter Sunday service as "a thrilling experience and one which those present will never forget." By the time of Dr. Oechsli's report, the congregation had grown to 101 members. The congregation continued to hold its services at Holly Avenue School until the new Chapel was built at the corner of Holly Avenue and Duarte Road, a site which was purchased for \$8,500 by Dr. Oechsli on behalf of the conference. Groundbreaking was Feb. 13, 1946 and the dedication of the Chapel, along with the first Sunday School unit, was Dec. 22, 1946. It was completely free of debt and valued at \$75,000. The church grew rapidly, and at the end of six months, the congregation assumed the minister's salary, relieving the conference of that responsibility. When the first building was completed, there were more than 200 members on the rolls. Charter Sunday is one of the landmark moments being celebrated during the 75th Jubilee of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Foothill Unity Center Bags & Egg Cartons

Thank You to the many church members who have supported the Foothill Unity Center by donating plastic bags and egg cartons. The Center is still collecting these items. During this "Stay at Home" era we have a different location for dropping them off. Whenever you are in the vicinity of the church, those bags and egg cartons can be placed in the box located near the entrance to the office. Arrangements have been made to transfer the contents of the box to Fellowship Hall for future delivery to Foothill Unity Center.

-Vern and Lynne Whitaker

Family Promise Update on “Virtual” Spring Hosting – May 24th through May 31st, 2020

Many thanks to all of you, our very generous supporters of our Family Promise hosting program at Good Shepherd! With your help, we have surpassed our goal of raising \$1,000 to keep our one guest family in a motel for one week and supplied with gift cards to purchase food during the week. As of this message, we have received \$2,350! The surplus and any additional donations will be retained in the Family Promise restricted account at CGS for our future needs of Family Promise. Our “Virtual” Guest Family includes: Linda Lynch (mom), Sierra (girl), 14; Aidan, 12. Our guest family was recently forced from their home after a fire in a neighbor's apartment spread to their apartment. FPSGV will be working with the family to regain stability, regain permanent and affordable housing, and support them as they navigate the trauma of losing their home to a fire on top of this already very difficult season of COVID-19. Please keep our guest family in your prayers as they continue meeting their challenges. If you would still like to contribute, here's how.

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.
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

-David Steinmeier, Family Promise Communications Coordinator

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Pastor Eva's Newsletter

I recently read an LA Times article about a church in Northern California that defied State and Health Department stay at home orders by reopening their church for a Mother's Day worship service. Almost 200 people who attended that service were exposed to the coronavirus by an attendee with COVID-19. Let us pray for the pastor, for the attendee with COVID-19, and all who attended.

As Pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd, I know how wonderful it would be to open up worship again; and to hear the wonderful choir sing, to see the joyful children's faces at Children's Time, and to shake hands as we greet one another. However, I know that the health and well-being of our church members and visitors must come first. As the state and county begins the next phase of reopening, please note that churches are not included in this stage. We will be included in a later stage that's date has not been designated yet. This is because churches have gatherings over 50 people and involve singing, social contacts, and other interactive activities.

The California Pandemic Roadmap includes 3 basic tenets: COVID-19 is not going away soon; Modifications to Stay-At-Home Order must be guided by health risk and a commitment to equity; and Taking responsibility is key at all levels – individual, business, and government.

This means we as a faith community must be patient and resilient during these times. I pray that this verse from 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 will help you as it has helped me through these past few weeks:

“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”

Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Well,

Pastor Eva



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!!

Parenting the Love and Logic Way

GOOD NEWS about **Parenting the Love and Logic Way** classes. For a short time, until May 15th, 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 and register to take the class before the May 15th 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.



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