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Sunday, July 12, 2020

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Youth Musical Sunday!!

Youth Choir and UMYF will present an online youth service featuring a concert performance of the musical "Sidekick." Set in the small town of Darien, Connecticut, "Sidekick" tells the tale of what happens when a wealthy couple pays to bring in some New York theater professionals to spice up the Darien Community Theater's annual benefit revue. "Sidekick" will be presented in a combination of zoom-recorded dialogue and physically-distanced recorded songs, accompanied by UMYF director, **Franklyn Shen**, and recorded and edited by Youth Choir alumna, **Stephanie Shen**. The musical was written, composed and directed by **Janice Clark**. We look forward to sharing "Sidekick" with you. Please tune into the link posted on cgsum.org on July 12.

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

In-person gatherings remain suspended at CGS.

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

Among the Church Family

July 1st marked Pastor Eva's one-year anniversary with Church of the Good Shepherd. And what a year it has been! Pastor Eva has met so many challenges & kept us going. Her relentless faith & courage have been extraordinary. And she has served our church, a large church, without an assistant. Reflect on these words from Hebrews 13:7--"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life & imitate their faith."

If we were able to be together physically at CGS, we would have cake & cookies in Jordan Hall to celebrate Pastor Eva's first anniversary as our pastor. But this is not possible at this time. Therefore, instead of cake, cookies, & hugs, let's show our appreciation with cards or emails. Was there a moment, a word, an action that was particularly meaningful for you?

Send your cards or letters to the church office at 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007 or email them to pastoreva@cgsum.org.

Graduation Time



All 2020 Graduates: If you, or your child, are graduating from Middle School, Sr. High School, College or Graduate School, please inform the Church Office by email: ldoran@cgsum.org, to be included in the annual list of graduates. Please include the name of the graduate, who they are related to (parents, grandparents, spouse – not the whole extended family, please) and the school they are graduating from. If graduating from college or graduate school, include the type of degree earned and the field of study. The deadline to submit names is July 31.

Seminary Ministry Intern Begins at CGS!

The church is thankful to the Foundation Board for their generous funding as we welcome Michael Chesnut to CGS Staff.

Michael and his wife, Carin, recently moved to the area so that Michael can attend Fuller Seminary in Pasadena. He is currently finishing his first year there. After graduating from Fuller, Michael intends to be an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church.

Michael and Carin have come to the area from the island of O‘ahu in Hawai‘i, where they were members of Ewa Beach United Methodist Church. There Michael served as the youth Sunday School teacher for two years. He also served with a ministry that conducted worship services with and fed meals to the homeless population of O‘ahu. Before living in Hawai‘i, Michael was a graduate student at Northern Illinois University. There he served with the Wesley Foundation campus ministry, serving meals to students and engaging in outreach.

Michael received his bachelor’s degree from Pepperdine University in Christian studies and his master’s degree from Northern Illinois University in philosophy. Michael is also a certified candidate for ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church.



ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES CONTINUE IN JULY

July 5th 4th of July Sunday and Drive Thru Communion

It was great to see everyone who participated in the Drive Thru Communion. Thank you to volunteers Margaret Blair, Diane and Craig Lucas, and Lynne Rivera (see photos below).

July 12th Youth Musical and Youth Sunday

July 19th Sermon Topic: John Wesley’s 3 Simple Rules

July 26th Sermon Topic: John Wesley’s 3 Simple Rules continued

This month, I will begin a new sermon series on John Wesley’s 3 Simple Rules:

Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God. These rules are based on the 10 Commandments from the Old Testament and Jesus’s Great Commandments from the Gospels. I find these rules are fitting for us as we seek to be faithful Christians in today’s world of Pandemic health concerns, economic crisis, racial inequality, environmental changes, and family dynamics. Let us journey together this month as I discuss the 3 Simple Rules in my sermon messages during the online worship services.



Thank you to all who submitted their Together Again Survey. The Together Again committee will review the 80+ surveys that were received and will report back in next week's newsletter.



Sierra Service Project

In 1991, Rev. Steve Horswill-Johnston introduced the youth of Good Shepherd to the Sierra Service Project. That first summer 13 youth and 7 adults traveled to Smith River, California where they worked, doing home repair for the Tolowa Indians living on the Smith River and Elk Valley Rancherias. Those 13 youth returned and related to the others how fun and fulfilling the work trip had been. In 1992, 21 youth and 3 adults made the trip and in 1994, 29 youth and 4 adults made it part of their summer. Soon after that Good Shepherd was annually sending the largest contingent of youth from any church in the Western states.

Through the years, 260 youth and adults from Good Shepherd have gone on the Sierra Service Project 713 times. Their combined efforts represent **28,520 hours of service (713 x 40 hours)**, doing home repair on Native American Reservations and Rancherias in Arizona, California, and Nevada.

In February of 2015, CGS participated in the SSP Weekend of Service for the first time, sending 10 Youth and 5 Adults to work in South Central Los Angeles and returned the following year. Their efforts represented **408 hours of service (34 x 12 hours)**.

Between these two service trips, we have provided **28,928 hours of community service!**

This summer, due to COVID-19, 12 Youth and 4 Advisors will be staying at home and doing a virtual version of SSP for the first time in SSP's 45-year history. Although the service project portion of SSP will be missing, this year's theme of "Grounded" will challenge the youth to think spiritually and practically about how they can help in their own communities this summer. Our hope is that next summer we will again be able to travel to a worksite to do home repairs.

This year, 6 of the 16 are first timers with CGS, and with their participation, the list of Good Shepherd people who have been to S.S.P. will grow to 266.

This year's participants are:

Youth:

Korina Gomez-Fugate
*Jackson Hisey
*Daisylin Lazaro
Owen Lazaro
*Amber Pattison
*Rebecca Richardson
*Miranda Richenberger
Mackenzie Rios
Tyler Ross

Caitlyn Shen
*Kevin Shyam
Phoenix Stanley

Advisors:

Jennifer Bulgin DeClerk
Franklyn Shen
Cindy Snavelly
Kevin Snavelly

*First time attendees with CGS

PASTOR EVA'S NEWSLETTER

On Sunday, I began my second appointment year at Church of the Good Shepherd! Phil and I remember fondly our first Sunday here last year and the wonderful welcome we received. I am thankful for the warmth and appreciation you have shared with me this week through cards, e-mails, flowers, and small gifts. *I truly believe that God has placed me in the right church at the right time for the right reasons.* We have had a wonderful 1st year filled with Covenant Conversations, fun Children's Moments, Sermon messages, beautiful Choir music, UMYF Cabaret, Wednesday Women's Book Club, Thursday Men's Power Breakfast, church work Saturdays, Seasonal book studies, ESL Classes, Women's Retreat, 75th Anniversary planning, dedicated and hardworking staff, and much more! I look forward to our ministry together in the year ahead!



Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

Our 75th Anniversary series of articles “Through the Years” will return next week!

Worship services will continue to be on-line only.

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Women’s Retreat Update

Ladies, we were hoping not to have to do this, but the 2020 Women’s Retreat has been cancelled, or rather postponed until 2021. We are still considering a one day meeting, not our usual retreat, but a chance to be together (social distancing, and masks, of course, probably at the church) and reconnect until we are able to have our actual retreat next year.

I spoke to Brenda at Aldersgate this morning and she is transferring our deposit to weekend of October 15, 16, and 17, 2021. She has been using this time to paint the facility inside and has some other ideas on what to do to as far as some updates. –*Linda Doran, Retreat Committee*



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