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The Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist Church
400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007 - www.cgsum.org 626-447-2181
Sunday, September 13, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin. Preaching

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 (church website or Facebook Group Page)

Sunday Worship CDs and DVDs are available each week for those cannot view worship online. Please stop by the church office for a CD or DVD or call the office if you would like it delivered.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in the newsletter and prayer chain in your prayers.

Celebrate - Sunday School starts September 20!

We will be having Sunday School for preschoolers and elementary grade kids by Zoom starting September 20. We will meet **Sunday mornings, 9:15-9:45** and sing some songs, tell some stories, play some games, and make some things. It will be so nice to be sharing with each other again about God's love and Jesus' teachings.

Families: Please contact Heather Reynolds (khreynolds89@earthlink.net or 626-272-6629) for the zoom info and other information. We will also make a recording of our class available securely for kids who can't join at the regular time.

Would you like to help? Please contact Heather or Pastor Eva if you would like to help. It's OK if you don't know much about Zoom or aren't sure what you can do - we have lots of ideas!



Fall Opportunities for Youth

If you are in 6th-12th grade, our church offers some fantastic opportunities for you to learn more about God and meet other youth your age. We would love to have you join us via Zoom until we can safely gather at church.

On Sundays, when elementary Sunday School starts up, we will be helping with the elementary Sunday School from 9:15-9:55AM.

Youth Bells, under the direction of Carolyn Noonchester will be starting up as soon as they are able. Youth Choir under the direction of Janice Clark will be meeting from 5:30PM-6:30PM via zoom (Schedule to follow), and United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) will be meeting from 6:30 – 7:15PM every Sunday. UMYF is an opportunity to share joys and concerns, play games, and discuss current events.

On Wednesdays, we will be having Wednesday Night Devo from 8:30PM-9:00PM. This will be a chance for a short mid-week devotion and Bible Study to get you through the rest of the week.

For more information and the zoom links, or if you have any questions, please contact Franklyn Shen at (626) 272-5081, or fnjshen@sbcglobal.net.



BIBLE STUDY LED BY MICHAEL CHESNUT, Seminary Intern

Bible Study Schedule for the Upcoming Week:

No Bible Study on Tuesday, September 8.

Sunday September 13 at 9:00-9:45 a.m. – Study material TBD

Join Online Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86197714895?pwd=cVpXZXdlV29ocjRrTllvVVF6K3NjZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 9771 4895 (You only need the Meeting ID to join this Zoom Meeting. You do not need a password. We intentionally deleted the need for a password to make it easier to access.)

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CGS SETS GOAL OF 75 PARTICIPANTS FOR FAMILY PROMISE OF SGV'S AWARENESS & FUNDRAISING EVENT! FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

For more than 10 years, Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley has been helping families in need find stable housing and develop the skills and tools to succeed independently. You can show your support for children and families battling homelessness and raise awareness of this crisis by joining Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley's first Night Without A Bed sleep out on September 11, 2020.



Put up a tent in your back yard. Make a fort in your living room. Wrap up in blankets on the sofa or in a sleeping bag on the floor. Give up your comfortable bed for one night and share the experience with friends and family. Post photos of your Night Without A Bed on social media using #NightWithoutABed, tag Family Promise, and ask sponsors to support your efforts to help families battling homelessness.

WAYS YOU CAN PARTICPATE WITH CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

- 1) Commit to spending the night with out your bed and help the church reach it's goal of 75 participants in honor of CGS's 75th Anniversary.

E-mail Pastor Eva (pastoreva@cgsun.org) or call the church office with your name and the # from your family who are participating.

- 2) Make a financial contribution that will support the work of Family Promise. Please go to the following website to make an individual contribution:

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/family-promise-of-san-gabriel-valley/night-without-a-bed>

- On this site you can choose any amount you would like to donate; for example \$30 provides a set of sheets for a child, \$50 ensures a family has a meal, \$100 shelters a family for a night.
- Be sure to select the one time donation or monthly donation tab located above the blue Continue tab.

- 3) E-mail Pastor Eva a photo of how you spent your night without a bed. Photos will be shown during the September 20th on-line worship service.

For more information or questions, please contact CGS Family Promise Coordinator, Diane Lucas dllucasarc@gmail.com

Foothill Unity Center 40th Anniversary!

As you can imagine, the pandemic has been tough on non-profit organizations this year, especially **Foothill Unity Center**. Demand for food and critical social services has increased dramatically, and donations have lagged behind the demand. To complicate things, Foothill Unity Center's annual major fundraiser now needs to be virtual. But the good news is that this virtual event will be fabulous. On Saturday, September 26, starting at 6:00 p.m. we will celebrate Foothill Unity Center's 40th birthday with heartfelt greetings, inspirational stories, superb entertainment, and even a splendid auction. See an **invitation to attend the event and a list of sponsorship opportunities on page four of this newsletter**. The Center needs your help! So please plan to celebrate Foothill Unity Center's 40th birthday with us. Your attendance, sponsorship, and donations will be greatly appreciated. Keep healthy!

-Gary A. Kovacic, President, FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER, INC., 790 West Chestnut Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

Website: <http://foothillunitycenter.org>

A Flu Shot is the Best Protection Against the Flu



We will be offering the trivalent (not quadrivalent) **flu shots on Sunday, October 11 from 11:30 AM – 1 PM**. This will probably be a drive through program this year. Contact Margaret Blair, (626)574-1827, if you are age 18 & older & wish to be on the recipient list. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that almost everyone six months and older get a flu shot every year by the end of October. The flu vaccination is especially important for people 65 years and older because they are at high risk for developing serious complications from flu. In the United States, a high-dose quadrivalent vaccine is licensed only for persons aged 65 years and older. The higher dose of antigen in the vaccine is intended to give older people a better immune response, and therefore, better protection against flu.

Once again Methodist Hospital is offering flu shots through our parish nurse program. **However, the flu vaccine that Methodist Hospital provides is the trivalent vaccine for younger adults.** Therefore, it is recommended that individuals 65 years and older get their quadrivalent flu shots through their physician or local pharmacy.

Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years

Family Promise—Hosting and Welcoming

The history of the beginnings of our CGS Family Promise (FP) Ministry was shared previously. But it didn't provide the details of how we accomplish the hosting of the guest families.

It all starts with the staff of Family Promise San Gabriel Valley (FPSGV). They are the ones who meet with the prospective families to make sure that FP is the right match. FPSGV also coordinates the annual hosting schedule for the 14 churches in their consortium. Our CGS quarterly FP hosting is coordinated with our CGS calendar and our CGS FP lead team.

Our hosting is like inviting people whom you don't know to stay in your home for one week. You know their names, their ages, their daily schedule, their allergies, but that's all. We also know the families will arrive on Sunday before dinner and then depart the following Sunday morning after breakfast.

Each evening begins with the families' arrival for dinner provided by various CGS Fellowship groups or local community groups. Evening activities organized by our FP evening hosts include more conversations around the dinner table, helping children with homework, playing games, and reading stories. The guest parents frequently use this time for themselves; their children's laughter indicates that they are being well supervised by our volunteers. The families retire upstairs in the Wesley Building to their sleeping areas with lights out by 10 p.m. Our two FP overnight host volunteers set up their air mattresses downstairs and spend the night on campus. The next morning, the overnight hosts set up breakfast choices for the guest families. After a quick breakfast, the guest families get their lunches that they prepared the night before and depart for their day--taking children to school, going to work, or going to the FPSGV center.

And then this same routine is repeated the next day. Members of the CGS FP team are at church every evening to greet the families. We frequently hear, "We feel so welcome when we arrive each evening at your church because we see some of the same people each evening. That's really reassuring, especially for our children." And we hear, "Hi, can we continue playing that game we started yesterday?"

At the end of the week, our guests literally stuff their bags, belongings and themselves into their cars and, after a blessing for safety, courage, and peace, we tearfully say goodbye to our guests.

Of course, our FP hosting had to be virtual in May and July, 2020, because of COVID-19. Thanks to the generosity of our CGS family, we paid for motel and food gift cards for the FP guest family for the week the family would have been with us physically at the church. CGS members also sent cards of encouragement and support to let our guest family know that we were praying for them.

"Thanks so much! Your church is the best!" "You have really good cooks at this church! Thanks for the bountiful and delicious dinners!" "We wish we could stay here another week; you are so kind, so thoughtful, so generous, and so loving!" "For the first time, our children have felt comfortable, calm, loved, and peaceful!" These testimonies from our guests encourage us to continue being God's hands and hearts for our guest families through our Family Promise Ministry.

-Diane Lucas



Foothill Unity Center, Inc.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
40TH ANNIVERSARY
VIRTUAL GALA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

LIVE STREAM BEGINS AT 6PM

THIS IS A FREE LIVE EVENT

Join us in celebrating 40 years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors.
Your support is needed now more than ever.
We look forward to celebrating with you!

LIVE STREAM BEGINS AT 6PM AT

www.foothillunitycenter.org/gala

Visit above event page for live stream, up-to-date event details,
RSVP, meal package purchase and sponsorship info.

VIRTUAL AUCTION

Bidding begins Friday 9/25 at 4pm and ends Sunday
9/27 at 8pm (check above event page)

Please consider making a donation on our event page or
Donate Now....TEXT **4gala TO **41444****

626-358-3486

information@foothillunitycenter.org

HELP HOPE HEALTH

Foothill Unity Center, Inc.

40 YEARS

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



Restaurant Fundraiser: 3 days Carry-Out ONLY!

Just mention Foothill Unity Fundraiser and **30%** of the proceeds from your purchase will be donated to the Foothill Unity Center. Regular Priced Menu Only. Event is only for Pick-Up. Contact Free payments can be placed only at Numerounopizzapasadena.com. Please make sure to mention Foothill Unity Fundraiser under Special Instructions for online orders.

Tuesday September 8th – Thursday September 10th

All DAY
Carry-Out ONLY



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Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!



Worship Service Broadcast Live on Sunday at 10:00 am to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

The Good Shepherd Children's Center is now enrolling infant - five years for Fall, call 626-447-1249 for more information.

Virtual Coffee Fellowship

As online only Worship Services continue, we also offer Virtual Coffee Fellowship time on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:30 am! Use the following login or call in information to join us for virtual fellowship from the comfort of your home.

Here is the Zoom Login Info: only the meeting ID is needed- no password required.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87937808985>

Meeting ID: 879 3780 8985



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