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The Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist Church
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Sunday, September 20, 2020

Sixteenth 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.

Sunday School starts September 20!

We will begin Sunday School for preschoolers and elementary grade kids by Zoom **Sunday mornings, 9:15-9:45**. It will be so nice to be sharing with each other again about God's love and Jesus' teachings. 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.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

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



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.

Financial Status Update 2020

As we complete more than 5 months of attending virtual church and enjoying virtual fellowship, we want to update you on the financial status of the church. As of the end of July, our pledged and unpledged giving totaled 281,241.00, or 4,000 under budget. Our total revenue was under budget by 20,892. In general our expenses were lower, especially our maintenance and facility expenses. Expenses totaled 378,081, resulting in a shortfall of 13,401. We believe that this shortfall will be reversed as we come into the fall. We thank the members of the congregation for being faithful givers and for continuing to be active participants in the life of the church. God's work, our hands!

Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission



Through the Years Funding a Chapel in 1945



For our Methodist forebears who launched the Church of the Good Shepherd in 1945, a financial commitment was one of the considerations involved, along with the spiritual dedication. So one wonders: what were the other monetary factors in people's lives at that time?

The cost of building the sanctuary was a tiny percentage of what today's price tag would be, but quite daunting at the time. Where was the money to come from? Of their modest earnings, how could families spare their share of the funding? Could they tithe? Or increase that to more than a tithe? Could they deny themselves any modest luxuries, such as an occasional dinner in a restaurant? Let's look at some of the average numbers facing each family in 1945.

The price of a home would, then as now, depend greatly upon its size and amenities. Probably the phrase "location, location, location" was as relevant as it is presently, too. So lovely homes were available for between \$4,600 and \$10,000, complete with modest mortgage payments. If you'd rather rent, you could find a place easily for \$60 a month. As for transportation, \$1,020 to \$1,250 would put your own wheels under you. Then for somewhere between 15 and 21 cents a gallon of gas, you could fill 'er up.



Now for some basics in food. You could eat (or share) an entire loaf of white bread for 9 cents. A couple of eggs to go with it would be good, and 58 cents would buy a dozen. For 62 cents, you could have a whole gallon of milk. Beyond basics, you might decide occasionally to spend some on little luxuries, such as movie tickets at 55 cents...or even box seat tickets to the '45 World Series for \$7.50! A fine men's dress shirt might cost \$2.50. For the extravagant luxury of a lady's fur coat, you'd need to part with around \$70. A special little girl might dream of a doll house, and \$3.19 could make her dream come true. Perhaps someone in the family would like to write letters on a portable typewriter rather than by hand. It could cost \$68.37 to buy one. But then it cost only 3 cents to mail the letter!



Before any of these price tags appear too enviable, we need to look at how much money the wage earner brought home. Sources report the average wages per year as \$2,400 and salaries as \$2,900. Decisions would have to be made wisely for that amount of money to stretch over even the basics for a family. Most people had slim margins of optional spending. As for the luxuries we mentioned, they were probably indulged in rarely, if ever.

But now these folks wanted to build a chapel for their newly founded church! Such faith! How audacious! How committed! So now we look again at the financial commitment the first Good Shepherd congregants had to make to assure the success of their church. In view of the incomes and costs of living we've sampled here, we are awed and humbled by their dedication, as well as eternally grateful for what they accomplished 75 years ago.



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. **An invitation to attend the event and a list of sponsorship opportunities are enclosed as a newsletter insert for your information.** 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>



BIBLE STUDY LED BY MICHAEL CHESNUT, Seminary Intern

Bible Study Schedule for the Upcoming Week:

Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30 - 8:15 (Note: we are starting 30 minutes later than usual this week)
-- Ruth 1

Sunday, September 20 at 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. -- Ruth 2

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/98117667154?pwd=QWdBaVEzZmJTaVFHT2poU0NwVlVpdz09>

Meeting ID: 981 1766 7154

Passcode: 4hSeTK (Zoom is now mandating that we use a passcode for our meeting rooms.)

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Pastor Eva's Reflection: A Night Without A Bed

On Sept. 11th, I chose to spend the night on an old deflated air mattress. This choice was made to support Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley's awareness and fundraising event. While it was a physically uncomfortable night, I must admit I slept better than expected. I enjoyed a delicious dinner, read a good book, was in an air conditioned room, and I went to bed knowing that the next night I would be back in my own king size bed.

Many children and parents across our communities go to sleep each night without a bed and without these comforts of home. They face nights without housing and food. This is why the work of FPSGV is so important as their programs help eradicate family homelessness. Church of the Good Shepherd had 36 families take part in this event and we exceeded our goal of 75 participants (including some pets and stuffed animals)! This is a wonderful testament to doing mission and service that God has called the church to be a part of for over 75 years.

Some participants slept without a bed, some donated financially, and some did both. Thank you to the following families and individuals who participated: Arnolds, Blairs, Callahams, Clark, Chesnuts, Crouses, D'Amores, Doran, Doster, Dukes, Gurney, Hackney, Halberstadt, Hoover, Iverson, Kenan, Lee, Lucas, McGregor, Ng, Pang, Poole, Mendenhall, Mulligan, Malasarn, Sansui, Schaefer, Shen, Snavely, Steinmeier, Thai-Erwin, Vethamani, Whitehill, Wilson, Wright, and Young.

FPSG raised over \$10,000 for this event. And for those who spent the night without a bed, please remember to e-mail me a photo of yourself (or the sleep space) by Friday, Sept. 18th so it can be included with the photos to be shown during worship on Sunday.



Together in Christ's Service,

Pastor Eva

P.S. Due to the Bobcat fire and evacuation of nearby Arcadia foothill homes, I have actually been spending the past few nights away from home. Phil and I are thankful for the many generous offers of guest bedrooms and support that we have received. We continue to pray for all the people and homes affected by the fires.

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



Conference UMW Opportunities

Have you ever attended Mission u???

Here's your chance....get a taste and join a 4-week study entitled Finding Peace in an Anxious World. This study will focus on the different aspects of the Serenity Prayer – serenity, acceptance, courage, and wisdom. The Book of

Proverbs along with the Serenity Prayer will be used as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry, and fear as we move towards God's peace during these uncertain times.

Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, and 31

Times: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Instructor: Eutha Hankinson

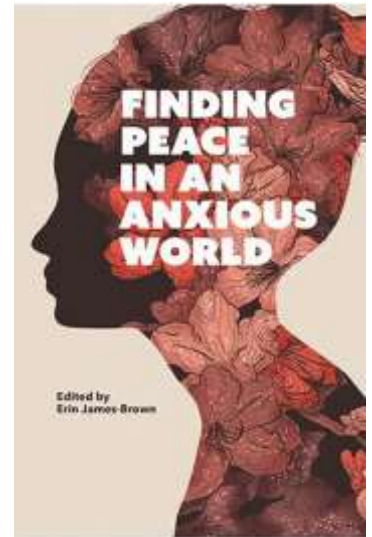
Cal-Pac UMW Treasurer

Cost: Free

Deadline to register: Sept. 26, 2020

ZOOM information will be provided upon the completion of your registration.

Technical requirements: To participate in Zoom meetings, participants must have a reliable internet connection and a laptop, tablet, or smartphone device that can download and install the Zoom app. A web or phone camera and a microphone are highly recommended although some users may call in via phone if a mic is not available.



Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Send your registration information to Eutha Hankinson at ehskier@att.net -- Questions: 818-767-3508

UMW Annual Celebration 2020

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 (2 PM - 4 PM PDT; 11 AM - 1 PM HST)

Location: Zoom Webinar

Cost: Free

RSVP Deadline: Saturday, October 3, 2020

“Moving Forward Together”



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! – 2 Corinthians 5:17

- Guest Speaker is Rev. Sandra Olewine, First UMC of Pasadena.
- The 2020 Annual Celebration ‘Love Donation’ will go to David & Margaret Youth and Family Services. The money collected will help fulfill items on their ‘Wish Lists’. To make a donation, mark ‘2020 Love Donation’ in Memo section. Please consider a ‘Missions offering’ as well, mark ‘2020 Missions Offering’ in Memo section. Make checks payable to **Cal-Pac UMW** and mail all checks to: Eutha Hankinson, 9659 Via Torino, Burbank, CA 91504.

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For more information, contact the Registrar Phyllis Veal at lisevea808@gmail.com or 808.205.7308.

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



Youth Events: 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.

Virtual Coffee: 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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