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400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007 - www.cgsum.org 626-447-2181

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

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 School for preschoolers and elementary grade kids meets by Zoom **Sunday mornings, 9:15-9:45.** Please contact Heather Reynolds (khreynolds89@earthlink.net or 626-272-6629) for the zoom info and other info. We will also make a recording of our class available securely for kids who can't join at the regular time.

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin. Preaching

Fruits of the Spirit: Goodness

Scripture: Psalm 67:1-7 and 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

"This Sunday in Worship"

Introit: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Anthems: "Wonderful Merciful Savior" and "Blest Are They"

Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal:

"Many Gifts, One Spirit (#114)", "Spirit Song (#347),

and "Let There Be Peace on Earth (#431)"

Drive Thru Communion on October 4, 11:30 am—12:30 pm

Celebrates World Communion Sunday



World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. On this day we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. A special World Communion offering will be collected during the Drive Thru for the United

Methodist Scholarship Fund that supports diverse mix of national and international ethnic young adults to make a global impact for Christ.

For Worship on October 4, World Communion Sunday, we will continue to have the Love Feast during the on-line worship service, but we will also offer a Special Drive Thru Communion option as well at the church 11:30-12:30.

- Please Enter the Large West Parking Lot off Duarte and Follow Signs to Stations 1-3
- Remain in Your Car at All Times
- You may open your window (if you choose) when you stop at each station, but **MUST WEAR A MASK** and your car must remain six feet away from each greeter at the Stations.
- At the last Station- Pastor Eva will give you a Communion Blessings and Benediction.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

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

Let's Celebrate Mildred Shaw's 103rd Birthday!

Long time church member Mildred Shaw will turn 103 next week on Oct. 1, 2020! While she is not up to having visitors and to practice safe social distancing—we are encouraging everyone to drop off birthday cards for her at the church instead. On Thursday (Oct. 1st) morning Pastor Eva, along with a church care team member, will give her the cards, flowers, and a slice of her favorite cake from Fredrico's Bakery. If you need, blank church postcards will be available on the bulletin board outside the office for you to write a birthday message on. Please place all cards and postcards in the mailbox located on the church office door.



2020 Flower Chart



The 2020 Flower Chart is hanging in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and there are a couple of open spots to finish off the year. As of today the open dates are: 11/1, 12/6, and 12/13 To sign up to give flowers “in honor of” or “in memory of” loved ones or in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, special event or accomplishment, call Linda in the church office, 626-447-2181 or email at ldoran@cgsun.org. The cost of the flowers is \$45 (payable to “Church of the Good Shepherd”). The church office will place your order with ZuZu’s Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message ready for Pastor Eva to mention in the Worship Service on the appropriate Sunday. You may take the flowers home by picking them up in the church office on Monday. Let us know that you are coming for them Thank you for helping to beautify our worship centers

Flu Shots will be offered by Health Ministries

Sunday, October 11, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

Contact Margaret Blair, (626) 574-1827 for a reservation. Leave your name and contact phone number. This will be a drive-through program. We are doing only people over the age of 18 years. Note that we are offering the trivalent vaccine which is being provided through Methodist Hospital, not the quadrivalent vaccine. The quadrivalent, which is stronger than the trivalent & recommended & licensed for those over the age of 65 years, may be obtained through your physician or local pharmacy. The CDC recommends that almost everyone 6 months and older receive a flu shot by the end of October to boost their immune systems and prevent complications from the flu.



BIBLE STUDY LED BY MICHAEL CHESNUT, Seminary Intern

Bible Study Schedule for the Upcoming Week:

Tuesday, September 29, 7:45-8:30 pm (we're postponing Bible Study by 45 minutes due to the presidential debate) – Ruth 2.

Sunday, October 4, NO Bible Study.

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 meetings)



Plastic Bags and 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



Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years

Fellowships Grow and Change

Challengers Young Adult Fellowship started in 1946 and within a year had 26 members, with about 20 usually attending meetings in members' homes or in the Study bi-weekly. For part of the year, they met at a morning church school class to hear a variety of speakers. The Challengers spent a snowy weekend retreat at Wrightwood. They sent CARE packages to Germany, and they donated \$100 to the building fund. Several meetings were devoted to developing a peace plan with mentors.

The Junior High Fellowship was the most rapidly developed phase of the church in 1947, with 50 active members. They attended three morning sessions of church school, and got together Sunday evenings for socializing. Monthly outings included miniature golf, skating, caroling, and camp. Their choir sang occasionally at the early service, so they gave \$15 for two choir robes. A very special choir adventure was driving to General Hospital in Los Angeles with a police escort to sing for Easter services.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship went from twice a month to weekly meetings at church, with an average of 25 attending on Sunday evenings. Often they went to members' homes later for fellowship. A large delegation of them went to Camp Redford, and they also enjoyed a Caravan Week at church. Sponsoring a clothing drive netted them what they reported as "a ton" of clothing that they sent to Europe through the American Friends Service Committee. The MYF donated \$100 to the parsonage fund.

Certain trends can be spotted among the projects the groups chose to support. With World War II fresh in memories, there was an emphasis on helping European families, whether with money or more personal gifts of necessities. Donations or pledges supported the building funds for both the church and the parsonage as the congregation moved toward their goals. Fundraisers were often fun-raisers: a bazaar, an ice cream social. The amounts donated may seem modest in view of our current monetary standards, but they were substantial at that time.

Fellowship groups have changed to meet the changing times. The Wesleyans and Challengers of early years are no more. Co-Weds were together for decades, but finally aged out. Merri-Mates and Double Rings each met for many years, then more recently joined forces. Only Sarah Circle remains; other circles have come and gone through the years. Men still enjoy their camaraderie in their Men's Fellowship Group. The Wednesday Book Club readers still exchange views on the latest good books. And Crafters still provide church boutiques with their unique creations.

While the attendance, activities, mission, and fundraisers have varied with the changing times over our 75 years together, the spirit of Methodism remains one of Fellowship.

Pastor Eva's Article: Reflection on World Communion Sunday

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday, a day where Christians all around the globe will partake in this Holy Sacrament of the Church. It is a day to celebrate community and be united with our brothers and sisters in Christ from all corners of the world.

When I was a child growing up at Long Beach First UMC in the 1980s, Holy Communion was a special event that only took place twice a year and then later once a quarter. As an acolyte it was an honor to light the candles for the Communion Service. I remember being so excited as I saw the ushers carry in the communion elements and I couldn't wait for my turn to receive the bread and juice from the pastor. The excitement I had as a child has stayed with me through the years. But I must admit that as a clergy person who now serves Communion on a monthly basis to the congregation, I think I sometimes forget how special communion can be.

Communion is not only a remembrance of the gift of Jesus Christ for the world, but also a celebration of the bond we have as a community of believers. The early Christians practiced this act of breaking bread together on the first day of the week (Acts 20) and it was done for the purpose of coming together in faith.

With the recent pandemic limiting our times of interaction, I have really appreciated the opportunity to be in community with everyone who has come to the Drive Thru Communion offered on the first Sunday of each month. I hope you will join me and the communion volunteers this Sunday after worship (11:30am-12:30pm). It will be a time to connect, break bread together, and celebrate Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Eva



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