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Sunday, October 11, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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)

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The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin. Preaching

Fruits of the Spirit: Patience

Scripture: Psalm 136:1-9 and Galatians 3:23-29

***"This Sunday in Worship"***

***Introit: Special Men's Trio***

***Anthems: "Rain Come Down" and Israel Segura solo***

***Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal:***

***"Shall We Gather at the River (#723)", "Be Thou My Vision (#451)",  
and "There's A Spirit in the Air (#192)"***

**Among the Church Family**

***In Our Prayers:***

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

Longtime church member **Mildred Shaw**, who just turned 103, passed away on, Sunday, October 4, 2020. Mildred will be missed by her family and her many friends.

Church members are invited to attend Mildred Shaw's Internment Service on Monday, October 12 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin presiding at

Loma Vista Memorial Park  
701 E. Bastanchury Road  
Fullerton, CA 92835  
(714) 525-1575

Donations in Mildred Shaw's memory may be given to:

Church of the Good Shepherd UMC  
Attn: Shaw Memorial Fund  
400 W. Duarte Road  
Arcadia, CA. 91007



## **BIBLE STUDY LED BY MICHAEL CHESNUT, Seminary Intern**

**Bible Study Schedule for the Upcoming Week:**

**Tuesday, October 6, 7:00-7:45 pm – Ruth 3. (Craig & Diane Lucas will be leading Bible Study this week.)**

**Sunday, October 11, 9:00-9:45 am – Ruth 4.**

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)**

## **East District UMW Annual Celebration**

The East District UMW held its annual celebration virtually on Zoom and live streamed on You Tube on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker was Mele Faiva Blagojevich, who spoke on the theme, “We Are Called.” District officers for the new year were installed.

President Julie Asuncion conducted the business meeting. She announced that the East District has two Mission projects. The first is to Methodist Hospital to supply PPE during the COVID-19 pandemic. Volunteers from the East District sewed 500 face masks and provided 100 hospital gowns this year. The second project is to support the David and Margaret Youth and Family Services, which recently opened a Drop-in Center for residents who are transitioning to independent living.

President Asuncion also announced that the new President of the National UMW is Ainise Isama’u from our own Cal-Pac Conference. Cal-Pac will be holding its virtual annual conference on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The main speaker is Rev. Sandra Olewine, pastor of First UMC of Pasadena. The theme of the meeting is “Moving Forward Together”. A “Love donation” from this conference will go to David and Margaret Youth and Family Services.

Finally, she announced that the Women’s Auxiliary of Methodist Hospital is suspending its Bear Project at this time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They recommend sending donations to the Spiritual Care program at Methodist Hospital instead. The Women’s Auxiliary held its September meeting on Zoom.

Submitted by *Sandra Jelinek, East District UMW nominating committee*



## **Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission**

**Through the Years**

**The Census Takers**

In this year when the U.S. Census has taken on looming importance, the goal is for every individual to be counted in the fabric of our national community. But we may have forgotten—or never knew—that there was a time when another kind of census was significant in the religious community of Arcadia.

“Old-fashioned door-to-door knocking and bell-ringing this Sunday afternoon will call Arcadians to a reconsideration—brief though it may be—of the role of religion and faith in their lives.” Thus began one of the newspaper articles on the coming Community Religious Census, the first such to be held in many years. A great deal of planning went into setting up the logistics for the census. Good Shepherd was represented by the Rev. Rev. Everett Swedenburg, our minister of membership, who served as publicity chairman for the community survey.

Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders joined together to take a census to learn of peoples’ religious preferences and activities. Rather than each faction canvassing separately, they did it unitedly. The survey was not a solicitation. Its goal was to find those folks not associated with any religious organization and invite them to participate wherever they might have an interest.

More than 850 volunteers from all local faiths fanned out and visited 17,100 homes on January 9, 1966, in the afternoon. They represented 76 religious bodies in the community. They were trained in door-to-door interviews asking just a few basic questions. These included the family’s name and children’s names, whether they were members of any local religious group, and whether or not they attended a local church or synagogue. Every volunteer gave a set of Psalm selections to each household as a gift from the American Bible Society.

A photo accompanying an article in a newspaper showed Marvin Thacker on his visit to Mr. and Mrs. James Frid and their young daughter Janice. Thacker was shown “rehearsing” his speech to fellow members of Good Shepherd.

After the survey, the results were sorted according to the families’ religious preference and then given to each church or synagogue with the preference indicated. One wonders: Could such a census serve a similar purpose now? Or has its time come and gone?

## The CGS Ballot Measure Forum Is Back!

Pastor Eva will moderate a panel of Good Shepherd Barristers who will explain all 13 state and county measures on the November ballot. Don't miss this important event that will provide unbiased and comprehensive explanations of the upcoming ballot measures. If you are confused by the sheer scope of this year's ballot (with measures on issues ranging from stem cell research, to diversity requirements in employment, to property tax rules, to kidney dialysis clinic requirements), join us for the presentation and walk away with the confidence that you will be voting your intended choices.

Login Information for the Oct. 10th ZOOM Presentation at 11:30 am: Join Zoom Meeting

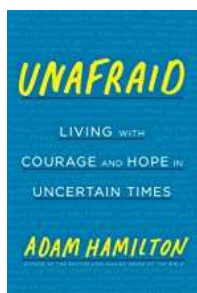
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82983060901?pwd=N2pIS0drTmF1dWhLR3M0TG1YTG9OUT09>

Meeting ID: 829 8306 0901 Passcode: 939352

OR Dial by your location: +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Please RSVP to [PastorEva@cgsum.org](mailto:PastorEva@cgsum.org) and remember to have the Official Voter Information Guide with you during Saturday's ZOOM presentation.

The presentation will be recorded and available to view after Oct. 13th for those unable to participate in Saturday's online live event.



### CGS 2020 FALL BOOK STUDY ***UNAFRAID: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*** by Pastor Adam Hamilton

United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, Kansas

5 MONDAYS, via Zoom, led by Diane & Craig Lucas

October 19 through November 16, 2020

7 pm to 8:00 pm

In the weekly discussions using a video based on the book, we will explore how to face and overcome the fears we feel about loneliness, illness, financial insecurity, disappointing others, failure, insignificance, and aging. Hamilton draws on recent research, inspiring real-life examples, and fresh biblical insight to help us understand and counter fears as well as the everyday anxieties all of us encounter.

Hamilton invites us to: **F**ace our fears with faith, **E**xamine our fears in light of the facts, **A**ttack our anxieties with action, and **R**elease our cares to God.

To help prepare for each session, reserved participants will receive a weekly guide providing the goals and relevant scripture for the session. Purchase of the book is **OPTIONAL**; however, it is available from Cokesbury and Amazon.

To reserve, please let Diane Lucas know that you will be attending. [dlucasarc@gmail.com](mailto:dlucasarc@gmail.com)

### “St. Francis in a Box” Event

The Good Shepherd Children's Center is once again sponsoring a “Fill the Bowl” project for our area Human Societies, the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society and the Pasadena Humane Society.

A collection bin is located outside the Children's Center office door. Suggested “Wish List” items include Purina Pro Plan Cat Chow, Purina Pro Plan Kitten Chow, Pro Plan wet food for cats, Fancy Feast Kitten wet food, Pedigree dry dog food, Natural Balance or Purina Beneful dry dog food and Purina Puppy dry dog food.

We will be gathering food items for the month of October and ending this yearly mission project on November 8, 2020, for distribution to our local shelters during that second week in November.

We thank you for remembering God's Creatures and helping to provide a good meal for them, as they await their forever homes!

-The Children's Center





## 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 is a free, no-charge, drive-through program. We are doing only people over the age of 18 years. **Note this new information:** Methodist Hospital has informed us that we are offering a quadrivalent vaccine, not a trivalent vaccine. This quadrivalent vaccine is designed to help against 4 different flu bugs which are forecast to be present this year. There is a stronger quadrivalent “high dose” vaccine which is recommended & licensed for those over the age of 65 years. It 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.

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Please note that our new Pictorial Directory is on hold. As soon as things open back up and we can proceed with setting photo shots for the process, we will let you know!

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