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Sunday, October 25, 2020

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Reformation 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)

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin. Preaching, Fruits of the Spirit: Self-Control

Scripture: Psalm 103:1-5 and Galatians 6:6-10

"This Sunday in Worship"

Introit: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Anthems: "Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord" and "Only Hope" solo by Kenny Landaverde

**Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "For the Beauty of the Earth #92",
"It Is Well With My Soul #377", and "Are Ye Able #530"**

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Our prayers of healing and strength are with **Kirstie Hubbell** who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Prayers also for her mom, **Jannie Hubbell**, and grandparents, **Donna & Bob Graham**, who will be helping her win this battle.

Our sincere condolences go out to the family of **Rev. Jeffrey Bishop** upon his passing on October 2, 2020. Jeffrey served as a United Methodist hospital chaplain for Kaiser Permanente. He and his wife **Ruth** had been attending Church of the Good Shepherd for the past 2 years.

All Saints Day and Veterans Day will be Celebrated in Worship on Nov. 8th:

The Nov. 8th online worship service will honor the Veterans past and present who have faithfully served our country as well as the Saints who have passed away in 2020. There will be special music and readings. Also, the names of loved ones will be read and a rose placed on the altar for each person. Please submit the name of your loved one to the church office by Nov. 5th to ensure their names are included in the service.

"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

Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years

Staying the Same

“The more things change, the more they stay the same.”

Sometimes that’s good, sometimes it’s troublesome. Perusing clippings in our archival scrapbooks, we see examples of both. Notable are our efforts toward creating better understanding among cultures with speakers and programs, and through personal experiences. More disconcerting are our internal disparities in the body of the church.

Our efforts:

Carol Irons, a member of Good Shepherd and a PCC student, went to Mexico for six weeks with a Methodist work team. The 10 young people completed a cement social hall floor, painted, installed windows and made drapes. Carol narrated a slide show of their work for a W.S.C.S. meeting in October 1964.

A young Nigerian spoke at church of his involvement in the 8th International Student Movement Quadrennial. Nwikpo told of his graduation from the Methodist Boys’ High School in Oron, Nigeria, the first Methodist mission station in his country. In the United States, he became active in Christian student work.

The MYF of Good Shepherd was one of six suburban churches chosen to participate in a series on “The Ghetto and the Church.” For six weeks they visited with the MYF of All Nations Methodist Church of Los Angeles, focusing on such topics as race, minorities, and relations among the groups.

The MYF held a clothing and toy drive for people in San Luis Rey, Mexico, and spent a weekend sharing camaraderie with the children and their families.

“Missions Do Pay” was Princess Alice Siwundhla’s message to us as she spoke of her life’s journey. Starting as an orphan in a tiny African village in Malawi, she grew up with “tribal superstitions and heathen customs.” From the Chapel of Luwazi where she became a Christian, she devoted herself to speaking widely in America on the difference Christ makes in human lives.

Some of the culture exchanges were definitely up close and personal. Maria Reis came from Brazil to spend a year with the Gary Mills family. She fit right in with the four Mills daughters enjoying, as they did, guitar and piano playing, volleyball, swimming, and painting. She shared her wide knowledge of things Brazilian: coffee, iron ore, salt farms, and the world’s biggest stadium in Belo Horizonte.

Bart Halberstadt had a brother for a year in 1971 when Fumio Hara came from Japan as an AFS exchange student. His high school of only 1,000 students offered but three grades, but Fumio had studied 12 subjects! In Arcadia, he studied English, American history, and Spanish. He and Bart went with MYFers on a 10-day High Sierra backpack trip. And, of course, on an outing to Disneyland—Americana at its best!

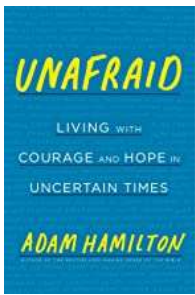
So in the mid-1960s, our church members found ways to build understanding of other cultures. The clergy took part also. In an ecumenical gesture, Cardinal McIntyre gave a check to Bishop Gerald Kennedy to help a Methodist-sponsored institution buy supplies for a Roman Catholic mission. The money was to help the Agricultural Aid Foundation send a tractor and other equipment to a Catholic junior high school that specialized in growing tropical products in New Guinea.

The Rev. Fred Coots was a delegate to the United Methodist Church General Conference in St. Louis in 1970. There the 950 delegates focused on topics such as improving conditions of black and other minorities, the war in southeast Asia, environmental pollution, lowering the voting age, and greater inclusion of youth on church boards and agencies.

But there’s a dark side in our history, too. Much strife came with discussions of whether to merge with the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Disagreements also festered over the process of the bishop’s appointments of ministers to their churches at the annual conference. Yes, some things “stay the same.” Even in one sad notice which was reported in a clipping—that a fire had broken out after windows had been broken and the church had been had been vandalized!

In the decades since, we have continued to learn about other cultures with speakers, personal and group interchanges, and church-wide programs and projects. So what we observe is that things have “stayed the same” in our desire to create better understanding across various lines of separation. Have we made progress? That’s something to ponder. Have we tried? Yes, in so many ways, ways that we still employ today.





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: **Face** our fears with faith, **Examine** our fears in light of the facts, **Attack** our anxieties with action, and **Release** 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

BIBLE STUDY LED BY MICHAEL CHESNUT, Seminary Intern

Bible Study Schedule for the Upcoming Week:

Sunday, October 25, 9:00-9:45 am – Matthew 5

Join us for a time of fellowship and Bible study! In this upcoming week, we will study the first chapter of Jesus's famous 'sermon on the mount.' We look forward to seeing you there as we explore God's Word and draw closer to Him in community. Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 981 1766 7154 Passcode: 4hSeTK



Virtual Coffee Time on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

As online only Worship Services continue in August, we will also offer Virtual Coffee Fellowship time on the 2nd and 4th Sundays! 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

Or Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

Welcome New Financial Secretary, Jenny Lee to CGS

New Financial Secretary Jenny Lee has begun her 2nd quarter at CGS. Prior to working at the church, Jenny worked as a finance consultant for the Motor Trend Group (a Division of the Discovery Channel) and was their Sr. Finance Director for many years before resigning to spend more time with her family, husband James and daughter Katie.

Jenny is a graduate of USC with a degree in Business. She has also served on her local PTA (as Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor) and as the Finance Chair for Chinese UMC from 2016-2019.

She looks forward to meeting CGS members once in person worship services resume at a later time. Until then, she will be busy with her work for the church; and also honing new Covid skills: dog grooming, family hair stylist, baking, gardening, and school tech support.





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Sunday Worship CDs and DVDs are available each week for those who 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 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 information. We will also make a recording of our class available securely for kids who can't join at the regular time.

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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