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Sunday, November 1, 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

*All Saints Day (Our Saints will be celebrated next Sunday, November 8,
as well as our Veterans, in Worship.)*

Drive Thru Communion has been moved to November 22, (11:30 am – 1:00 pm)

Daylight Saving Time Ends! Fall Back!

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)

Youth Led Worship

Scripture: Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17, Matthew 22:34-46, and Numbers 6:24

**Centering Meditation: “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift.
That’s why it’s called the present” – Master Oogway (Kung Fu Panda)**

“The Future is Up to Us”

Elle Quismorio, Miranda Richenberger, Dylan Malasarn, Caitlyn Shen, and Tyler Ross speaking

Introit: “This is the Day” by J.L. Clark, Youth Choir

Special Music: “Jesus Loves Me” by the Youth Bells, Carolyn Noonchester, Director

Anthem: “You Are There, O God” and “Closing Prayer” by the Youth Choir, Janice Clark, Director

Congregational Hymns: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” #154 and “Blessed Assurance” #369

Among the Church Family

New Baby:

Congratulations to **John Pino and Cassidy Gallagher** on the birth of their son, **Jameson Alexander Pino**, on October 19, 2020. Grandparents are **Rick and Dawn Arnold** and **Ernie Pino**. Great-Grandma is **Ruth Arnold**. Aunt and Uncles are **Jen Pino** and **Stephen, Michael and Kenneth Arnold!**

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 and in the newsletter.

New Walking Group Forming

A new walking group is forming at CGS beginning this Tuesday, October 27, 8:00-9:00 a.m., and meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 8 am. You must bring and wear your mask, plan to social distance, and **Catherine Doster**, who will be leading the walks, will provide the water. If you want more information, call Catherine at 626-365-6447 or email her at catherine.doster@yahoo.com.





CGS OFFERS A HALLOWEEN TREAT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!

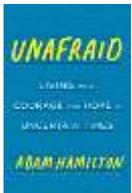
Trunk or Treat will not take place this year due to Covid restrictions. But we do have a special treat for children and families! Thanks to the CGS Foundation, the church will once again offer a Puppet Show. This year's show, "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be presented ONLINE through Noteworthy Puppets (Kevin Noonchester) and available to view Oct. 31st (starting at 12noon) to Nov. 9th (ending at 12noon). Here is the YouTube Live Link: <https://youtu.be/bfTYgT4-Bzk>

All Saints List for 2020



On **Sunday, November 8**, we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday here at CGS at our 10 a.m. online service. All persons related to this congregation who have died in the last year will be honored. The following are the names of those who have gone on to be with God during the last year, November, 2019, to present. This list attempts to include all church members who have died, relatives who have died and are shown in our newsletter by name, as well as those whose memorial services were held at CGS. If we have inadvertently omitted a member of your household or other member friend related to CGS, please notify Linda Doran in the church office (626-447-2181 or email ldoran@cgsun.org) ASAP (by Thursday, November 5) so they can be included in the service on November 8.

Rick Archibald	Gordon Currier	Virginia Kaiser	Marilyn Palfrey	Thomas Sinclair
Jeffrey Bishop	Helen Frances	Ronald King	Cindy Richardson	Mary Stettler
Ruth Chong	Currier	Eva Lawson	Mary Romey	
David Cooper	Mavis Eckenboy	Carol Libby	Martha Russell	
Edward Cordero	Jim Francis	Alice Murray	Ann Salisbury	
Doris Crosby	Phyllis Gibson	Walter McNall	Mildred Shaw	



CGS 2020 FALL BOOK STUDY

UNAFRAID: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times
 by Pastor Adam Hamilton, UMC of the Resurrection, Kansas
 5 MONDAYS, via Zoom, led by Diane & Craig Lucas
 October 19 through November 16, 2020, 7 pm to 8 pm

“Love in the Time of American Political Elections”

My wife told me last night of a story she read or saw in the news. Apparently, people are beginning to booby-trap political and election signs, attaching razor blades to the bottom to teach some unsuspecting thief a lesson. After researching, I confirmed the story. The only issue is, in the story that I read, the unsuspecting thief was no thief at all, but a county employee tasked with moving the sign because it violated a county sight-line ordinance. And although not a thief, this county employee was unsuspecting, ending up in the hospital with 13 stitches.



I write this story not to invoke your rage or ire, but really to illustrate what you probably already know. The political divisions in this country today run deep. I suspect that, the closer we get to the election, the deeper those divisions will become. And given that political division and strife is just the water we Americans swim in at the moment, it's incredibly difficult not to get caught up in them. All I can encourage us to do in these times is remember that, in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, it is the Samaritan who comes to the rescue of the Jewish man who was beaten and robbed. If anyone knew a long history of division and hostility, it was the Jews and Samaritans. Nevertheless, it is the Samaritan – not fellow Jews -- who demonstrate love, grace, and compassion to the injured Jewish traveler. Part of Jesus' point in the parable is that to love our neighbors means to love the very people that we might normally call opponents or enemies. Thus, when we find ourselves roiled in political division, or despondent because of it, in the next few weeks, I encourage us to “grace up”: pray that the Holy Spirit empowers us to embody the love, grace and compassion of the Good Samaritan. I then encourage us to “get up”: to sincerely attempt to exercise this love, grace, and compassion ourselves. Hopefully a political election seen through the lens of the Parable of the Good Samaritan, prayer, and self-control can make the coming weeks a little less stressful and a little more hopeful. – *Michael Chesnut, Ministerial Intern*



Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years

'Trunk or Treat'

They came by the dozens—little creatures in space suits, ballerina tutus, pirates' outfits, or nurses' uniforms. They came at the witching hour of six, and to the witching place, the dark and spooky parking lot of the Good Shepherd Church. They came to "Trunk or Treat," a safe and sane way for kids and youths to celebrate Halloween. Rather than going house to house asking for Treats, they came to one gathering place.

About 200 kids brought their bags to collect Treats, thronging the parking lot starting at six o'clock. There they found cars and trucks with Trunks decorated to the hilt. Jack-o'-lanterns, ghosts, black cats, bulging eyeballs, scarecrows, shimmering colored lights, witches—limited only by the imagination and creativity of the Trunk owners! Last year 32 cars took part, lining up side-by-side in a row with their Trunks open, and making a wide path so people could walk by and gaze in awe. And get Treats!

Melissa Roux-McKinnon, associate pastor in 2002, borrowed the idea from the church where she had served previously, and it soon became a hit and a tradition here. All neighborhood children and youth were invited. Linda Doran, Billie Tone, and Fran Syverson wrote publicity for Trunk or Treat, and it was publicized in local newspapers. The church's electric sign at Holly and Duarte avenues beckoned to passersby.

Even with all the intriguing, imaginative Trunk displays to visit, the "treating" didn't take very long, so sometimes there were other attractions to enjoy. Kevin Noonchester gave three of his popular puppet shows from 2017 to 2019. Bales of hay were brought in for kids to sit on while they watched the 3 Little Pigs, Jack & the Beanstalk, & Zorro.

For several years, David Steinmeier, wearing his "Harry Potter" wizard costume, brought his 6-inch reflecting telescope so kids (and parents!) could climb a ladder and peer through it, perhaps to see the planets or a Halloween moon. His telescope had seen many a moon, for David had made the telescope as his senior project in high school in 1963. And occasionally the aroma of popping corn wafted through the night air, tempting any hungry little goblins.

Lynne and Vern Whitaker have organized the event since 2014. Alas! Because of the pandemic, it—like so many other events—has fallen by the wayside this year.

CGS FAMILY PROMISE "HOSTING" OCTOBER 25-31, 2020

We are excited to welcome our guest family- Katrisha (mom), Da'Sani (age 18, girl), Nariyah (age 11, girl) and Ka'Than (age 8 boy). We so wish we could actually see those beautiful smiles in person, but our hosting continues to be done virtually. CGS is paying for the family's motel and food this week. And we are so thankful that we can support them in this meaningful way thanks to you, our CGS members!

Because of Katrisha's work, child care, and distance learning, the family is being housed in a motel in Inglewood. They have been in the Family Promise program since the end of August. The family had been living in the Moreno Valley until about a year ago when Katrisha made the brave decision to leave an unhealthy and toxic domestic situation. They came to the LA area to stay with a friend but that situation did not work out as expected. The family has been homeless for about a year - staying in motels or a vehicle - however they could make that work. Mom is currently working as an RA caring for patients in the Inglewood area and loves her job! She is extraordinarily grateful! She told the FP San Gabriel (FPSGV) staff that she feels incredibly blessed to have found FPSGV and the opportunity this provides for her to save and make a new home for her family.

Cards of support and encouragement for Katrisha and her family, can be sent to: Family Promise SGV, 1005 E Las Tunas Drive #525, San Gabriel, CA 91776. I know they would appreciate receiving these from our CGS family.

AND the family whom we "hosted" with housing and meals in May and July have now exited Family Promise and are on their way to stable and permanent housing.

Our CGS Family Promise ministry continues being God's heart and hands by providing housing and food for our guest families. Even though we cannot physically provide our CGS hospitality and great dinners, support of our Family Promise ministry through the CGS budget and generous donations enables us to do God's work for those who need a helping hand. Thanks be to you and thanks be to God!

-Diane Lucas, CGS Family Promise Coordinator



'St. Francis in a Box' Event: Fill the Bowl! The CGS Children's Center is collecting pet food now through November 8, for area Human Societies. A collection bin is located outside the Children's Center office door.

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

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday morning, November 1. Turn clocks back one hour.

Sunday Worship CDs and DVDs are available each week for those who cannot view worship online. Please stop by the 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.



BIBLE STUDY LED BY MICHAEL CHESNUT, Seminary Intern, Schedule for the Upcoming Week:

Sunday, November 1, 9:00-9:45 am, Matthew 13:54-14:36

Join us for a time of fellowship and Bible study! In this upcoming week, we will cover Matthew's take on stories like the death of John the Baptist, the feeding of the 5,000, and Jesus walking on water. 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

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