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Sunday, November 15, 2020

Twenty-fourth 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)

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

***Scriptures: Proverbs 2:1-5 and Luke 19:1-10***

***Message: "Exploring Stewardship With the Saints: St. Luke the Evangelist- The Way of Generosity"***

***Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching***

***Introit: "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"***

***Anthems: "So Send I You" with Section Leaders; and Message Response by Garrison Holder, Solo  
Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "Stand Up and Bless the Lord #662", "I  
Surrender All #354", and "Take My Life, That I May Be #399"***

***Drive Thru Communion will be held Sunday, November 22, (11:30 am – 1:00 pm)***

***With a special station for people to drop off 2021 Pledge Cards!***

**Bible Study Led by Michael Chesnut, Ministerial Intern**



**Sunday, November 15 at 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.** – Matthew 28; Matthew 27:57-66 recommended but not necessary.

Join us for a time of fellowship and Bible study! In this upcoming week, we will cover Matthew's telling of the resurrection of Jesus. We look forward to seeing you there as we explore God's Word and draw closer to God and each other in community.

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

Meeting ID: 981 1766 7154

Passcode: 4hSeTK

**Among the Church Family**

***In Our Prayers:***

Our condolences to the family of **Jean Knapp** upon her death on October 30, 2020. Jean is survived by her husband **Art Knapp**, sons **Mark and Steven** (who attended CGS and the youth group many years ago), and by her sister and brother-in-law **Sara and John Goodno**.

***Congratulations on a New Baby:***

**Alex and Shannon George** announce the birth of their baby girl, **Cora Alexandra**, born on October 22 in San Diego. Her sisters, **Harper and Quinn**, grandparents **Barbara and Charlie George** and grandparents **Bob and Cathy Acosta** are very excited to welcome her to their family.

## CGS Saints List for 2020

Last Sunday, November 8, we celebrated the Saints of our congregation who have died in the last year. Roses were placed on the altar for each of the following names read:



*Frank Alvarado*

*Mary Alvarado*

*Rick Archibald*

*Jeffrey Bishop*

*Ruth Chong*

*David Cooper*

*Edward Cordero*

*Doris Crosby*

*Gordon Currier*

*Helen Frances Currier*

*Mavis Eckenboy*

*Frank Fernandez*

*Jim Francis*

*Phyllis Gibson*

*Virginia Kaiser*

*Ronald King*

*Jean Knapp*

*Eva Lawson*

*Carol Libby*

*Walter McNall*

*Alice Murray*

*Marilyn Palfrey*

*Jan Robinson*

*Cindy Richardson*

*Mary Romey*

*Martha Russell*

*Ann Salisbury*

*Mildred Shaw*

*Thomas Sinclair*

*Mary Stettler*

## Foothill Unity Center

2020 has been very busy for the Foothill Unity Center. Because of the pandemic there have been many more clients to serve.

Church of the Good Shepherd has always supported their HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE where families get special baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Any foods appropriate for a holiday meal that is in a can, box or package will be appreciated. No perishables or glass containers please. You may drop donations at the center. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP THEM OFF AT CHURCH.**

ANGEL TREE Angels. Each year we have had two Christmas trees filled with Angels with wishes for the children of the clients. The center is still working on the plans for their virtual angels but donations of toys, clothing or books will be matched to the appropriate child. Please drop off donations at the center. Or you can wait until the Angels are ready.

As always cash donations will be used to buy food items or Angel Tree items. Make your check out to FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER. You may drop it off or send it. The address is: Foothill Unity Center, 790 Chestnut Avenue, Monrovia, Ca 91016.

## “God’s Relentless Love”



I’m currently taking a leadership class at Fuller right now, and we’re learning about ways to handle major upheavals in the life of the church and its individual members. Our professor made sure to let us know that, in such upheavals, it is very common for congregation members to unload their anger on church leaders. He wanted us to be ready. One of my fellow students asked how long a church leader should stick with such a person and help them transition through the upheaval. My professor’s response was basically: “for as long as it takes.”

This got me thinking of the parable of the lost sheep (Mt. 18:12-14 // Lk. 15:3-7). Even when God has 99 sheep and only one is lost, in a relentless love, God continually pursues the one. In other words, God pursues us “for as long as it takes.” I also wonder if the election got me thinking about this. After all, we are called to grow in embodying this very same love. In other words, with the support of God’s grace, we are called to extend this very same love to even -- and most especially -- those whose political, theological, or moral views we find irrational and abhorrent.

*-Michael Chesnut, Ministerial Intern*



## Family Promise

Good Shepherd has been hosting Family Promise throughout 2020 and they are also included in the Alternative Christmas Market. To participate, complete the form included in this week's Word. Follow the steps to select the items you'd like to purchase and the number of cards you'd like for each purchase. You'll also receive inserts for each item you purchase. You'll be asked to total the number of each item you purchase, the amount (\$) for the items you have purchased, and the # of cards you need. After the form is completed, write a check to the church for the items that you wish to purchase and return the list to the church office by either mail or by dropping it in the church mail slot. We will fill your order and return the cards and inserts by mail.

See insert for your shopping list.

## Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

### The Church's Foundation



“The Church’s One Foundation...” is a favorite hymn we often sing. But Church of the Good Shepherd has another Foundation, one with which we may not be so familiar. It is a separate entity from the church itself, and has very specific goals, functions, and finances. The impetus for establishing it in April 1985 was to support the church and underwrite projects in ways not possible through the regular budget.

Its purpose as stated in its Bylaws is: “This corporation shall have as its sole purpose and objective the aid, promotion and development of the religious, charitable and educational activities, purposes, functions and programs of the Church of the Good Shepherd, United Methodist, Inc., Arcadia, California.”

The Foundation is governed by a board of 11 directors who serve rotating terms of three years. David Steinmeier is the current president. Church members often donate to the Foundation in honor or in memory of a loved one. It has a 501(c)(3) classification. Over the years, its assets have grown to \$2.22 million through wise investment policies and actions of the Foundation’s Investment Committee.

What parishioners are probably most familiar with are the Foundation’s grant program, donor tea, and golf tournament. Cyndi Skripak introduced the grant program in 1997 when she was our associate pastor. Anyone or any group can submit a grant request for something that will further the mission and outreach of the church as defined in the bylaws. For years the requests were due in February; now they are accepted year-round. This allows for the money to be provided as urgent needs appear. A review committee decides whether to grant the request. Committee members presently are Leanne Baroldi, David Rios, Le Le La, David Steinmeier, and Joe D’Amore. Some requests have been turned down when, for example, they can be met by the church trustees. Some are for distant outreach needs, as when the Women’s Retreat committee applied for funds to provide new dining room chairs for Aldersgate, where the women have held their popular weekend retreat for 25 years.

The Foundation Tea has been held each year since 1997 to honor donors and to grant awards. The late Mildred Shaw suggested the idea, and under her tasteful guidance made the first tea the glamorous highlight of the church’s social year. Invitations to the tea are highly treasured. The tradition has continued until this, the year of the pandemic. Donors and grantees gather at the San Gabriel Country Club for the tea and the ceremonial awarding of grants to the recipients. In 2019, grants were given in such diverse areas as parenting classes, new lounge furniture for small group meetings, book studies, hearing devices, a 5<sup>th</sup> bell octave for the bell choir, and conversational English classes. In 2020, grants have helped the Children’s Center doors stay open in April and May during the initial pandemic shutdown. They have provided postage money for the Alternative Christmas. The hiring of our seminary intern, Michael Chesnut, was made possible by a grant.

But not a cent of money donated to the Foundation goes toward tea expenses. That’s where the fund-raising Golf Tournament comes in. Proceeds from that sporty (and competitive) event covers all the Foundation’s operating expenses. Anywhere from 20 to 40 players contended in early years, but the number has dwindled in recent years. The tournament ended in 2019 after 25 years of continuous support of the Foundation. Fortunately, the balance of the tournament proceeds will support the Foundation Tea for many years to come.

Our Foundation has a long history and an admirable record of fulfilling its mission. We can joyously praise it by singing “Our Church has Two Foundations!”

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

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](mailto: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 15, 9:00-9:45 am.**

**DRIVE THRU COMMUNION HAS BEEN MOVED TO NOVEMBER 22 (11:30am-1:00pm) AND, PLEDGE CARD DROP OFF WILL BE NOVEMBER 22 ALSO!!**

**Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. – Join the new walking group in the church parking lot and courtyard!**



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