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**Worship Schedule for
The Church of the Good Shepherd
Sunday, September 14, 2014**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Homecoming Sunday!**

Aloha Shirts and Summer Casual Dress!!

Worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Gospel Lesson is Matthew 18:21-35

The Witness is "Avanti!!"

Senior Pastor Philip Bertolo Wood, Preaching

8:00 a.m. – Worship in the Chapel.

9:00 – Bible Study - AEC

9:30 – Chancel Choir rehearsal – MR.

9:30 – 12:30 – Childcare – Toddler Room.

10:00 a.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary. Third graders receive their Bibles.

10:00 – Sunday School after Children's Time.

11:15 – Coffee Fellowship – Jordan Hall & Patio.

11:15 – All Church BBQ and Silent Auction – JH and Courtyard. Hot dogs, burgers and all the trimmings by the UMM with ice cream for dessert by the UMW. Children's activities and games.

11:15 – Women's Retreat Sign-Ups – Patio.

11:30 – Youth Bells, under the direction of Carolyn Noonchester, begin rehearsals this morning. Open to all 6th – 12th graders. Sanctuary.

4:30 p.m. – Youth Choir under the direction of Janice Clark. Open to all 6th – 12th graders. MR.

6:00 – Youth Choir Dinner – JH (bring \$3).

6:30 – UMYF - Open to all 6th – 12th graders. Franklyn will be leading the program tonight. JH.

8:00 – KNIGHTS – Jeff Doran will be leading the program to-knight. Open to all young adults, college age – 29 years of ages. The KNIGHTS will be meeting every Sunday 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

The Memorial Service for Don Johnson will be held at CGS on Saturday, October 4, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Condolences may be sent to Betty and the Johnson Family at 11723 Red Hill Ct., Gold River, CA 95670-8313.

Aloha Shirts 'Till Oct. 5!

Please continue to wear Aloha (Hawaiian) shirts through the month of September. It's hotter now than when we first put them on in June!

Women's Retreat Set for October 17-19! Sign-Ups Have Begun!

All women of the church are invited to this wonderful experience which will feature **Kathy Noling** whose topic will be "The House That Built Me" based on Proverbs 3:5-6. Registration has begun. Stop by the table on patio after church. The price is the same as last year - \$210 for early registration (by Oct. 1), \$240 after that.

An Important Invitation from Our Board of Trustees!!

Everyone who is able is invited to the Arcadia City Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00 pm, where the Board of Trustees will present its appealed proposal for the installation of the two full-color digital signs on our Church frontage – one on Duarte Road and the second on Holly Avenue. These signs will replace all of the existing signs.

The Trustees will be represented by legal counsel, and will be making a careful and thorough presentation that will summarize the six-year process of planning that has led to this meeting.

And while there is always an opportunity for public comment, **the Trustees are urging everyone to be present but to resist the temptation to speak! Please leave the speaking to those designated by the Trustees only! Thanks!**

See you at 7 on the 16th!

Don't Miss the Silent Auction This Sunday, September 14!

Come and shop at Merri-Mates' Silent Auction this Sunday, September 14. We have Googled, E-Bayed, and searched for best guesses on pricing...but are not professionals! These items are valued by their donors...and we want to help raise funds for CGS as much as possible. But we also are willing to negotiate, as we want items to find a home! Here are some of the donations:

Angel Baseball tickets, antique cuckoo clock, costume jewelry, holiday items, boogie/bodyboards, art works, airport shuttle service, kitchen items, large picture frame, computer items, large mirror, antique hanging lamp, toys, games, videos, & CD's, and brand NEW items:

Keyboard piano, Cross pen/pencil set, digital photo frame, girl's beach bike, large Igloo cooler, 2 Christmas quilts, handmade scarf, purses, and much more. Plus the vacation, theatre, and dining events previously mentioned. Don't miss the fun! Thanks for your support!

Women's Craft Workshop

After taking off most of the summer, our United Methodist Women's Wednesday Evening Crafters Workshop, is starting up on **September 10**, with an eye towards the end-of-the-year holiday boutiques. The crafters meet Wednesdays at **7:00-9:00 p.m.**, in the church library. All women are invited and all types of crafts are welcome with the proceeds from items made then sold at UMW Boutiques going toward mission projects.

Carol Choir Begins September 21

Carol Choir for children in grades 2 to 6 will begin **Sunday, September 21**. We meet in the Music Room after Sunday School until 12:00 pm. Participation in the Carol Choir gives children opportunities to learn music and what it means to sing in a choir. Once each month the choir sings their anthem that they have prepared as part of the worship service. For more information, contact **Diane Lucas**, Carol Choir director, at dllucasarc@gmail.com.

The Overture Music Academy

We are pleased to announce the start of The Overture Music Academy, located here at CGS. The Academy offers piano and guitar instruction in small group classes for preschool children and children in grades 2-6. Overture was created as an option for parents who want the most qualified teachers instructing their children, but with the added socialization provided by a small group environment. Unlike many other music schools and music stores where teaching is offered, all of Overture's teachers have at least a Master's degree and a minimum of 15 years teaching experience. In fact, Overture's teachers are also currently on the faculty of the Colburn School of Performing Arts, Whittier College, the Pasadena Conservatory of Music, and others and are already successful teachers for elementary-age children. Find out more about the Academy at www.overturemusic.org.

United Methodist Men

On **Thursday, September 18**, United Methodist Men will present our own **Tom Dukes** giving us an insight into "Investing." It's a great opportunity to learn about investments. Once again, we invite all members of the congregation to join us for this exciting meeting of learning and fellowship. Dinner is at 6:30 (cost \$5) followed by Tom Dukes at 7:15. RSVP (dinner only) to Dave Cooper (626-285-2777) or email me at nebo208f@hotmail.com.

-Dave Cooper, President UMM

Family Promise – All Church Potluck – Friday, September 26

Good Shepherd will celebrate the beginning of our new Family Promise ministry with an all-church potluck on Friday, September 26, in Jordan Hall. The potluck will begin at 6:30 pm. The Family Promise Coordinating Team will provide the beverages. Church members are asked to bring sufficient food to feed 12-people:

- A to J main dish/casserole
- K-R salad/veggie
- S-Z dessert

Please arrive before 6:30pm to set up the food for our church members and Family Promise families.

Fall Book Display in the Church Library

As autumn approaches, we're going to do some Bible Study in the Church Library display. At the center of the display is John Wesley's Study Bible, complete with his notes and comments. Here are a few other good reads you will find as part of the displays:

Mary Batcheler's, Opening Up the Bible, is a good first book to read. She includes stories, maps, and brief biographies of Biblical figures.

Another excellent book is William Barclay's, Introducing the Bible; it's readable and presents important information we can understand.

For a very different approach, read Walter Wangenin, Jr's, The Book of God, the Bible as a novel. His version focuses on people in the Bible and their activities and thoughts.

Herrietta C. Means', What the Bible Is All About, is a study, chapter by chapter, of the Bible with suggested readings in each chapter.

Next week's article will include more great options. Enjoy!! *-Elaine Drew, Church Librarian*

Keep Your Pledge Current While on Vacation

We hope you are enjoying your summer vacation and travels, with time out of school and away from day to day responsibilities. As of the end of July, we were a little behind on receipt of pledges. As you head out of town, please don't forget that the church's day to day expenses continue through the summer. Keeping your pledge current through the summer allows the church to cover these day to day expenses.

Avanti!

We're back, but not the same! After a summer that included the reception of our new Associate, Joshua, welcoming of Carolyn Noonchester to our Music Ministry staff, a great Vacation Bible School, the completion of some significant construction on the Church grounds, and the increasing inclusion of new families in our Worship.

Now it's Homecoming, the marking of a new year of ministry! New studies and retreats, new music, new Bibles, new Family Promise, new, new, new expressions of the Good News of Jesus Christ, simultaneously within our Church Family and out into our region!

So come! Be prepared! It will not be the past! There's only One Way to go, and it's Forward!

AVANTI!

Phil

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Upcoming Events:

September 14 – Homecoming Sunday and Silent Auction. BBQ after church – Hot dogs, burgers and all the trimmings by the UMM with ice cream for dessert by the UMW. Children's activities. Fun, food and fellowship for all! Bring a friend! Third graders receive their Bibles during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

September 14 – Youth Bell Choir rehearsals begin in the Sanctuary this morning at 11:30 a.m. with Carolyn Noonchester. If you can count, you can learn to play bells. Give it a try! Please email song suggestions and favorites to cgsbells@gmail.com.

September 18 – UMM meeting with Tom Dukes speaking on Investments.

September 21 – Carol Choir (grades 2-6) begins rehearsals

September 21-27 – Family Promise.

September 26 – All Church Potluck with Family Promise.

September 28 – Church Council meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the AEC.

October 17-19 – Fall Women's Retreat at Aldersgate Retreat Center in Pacific Palisades. Guest speaker is Kathy Noling on "The House that Built Me." Register by October 1, and get an early-sign-up discount!