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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)

Sunday, February 7, 2021

This Sunday in Worship

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

**Love Feast Communion- please select own bread and liquid item
from the comfort of your own home to participate during the on-line worship service**

Scripture: Psalm 111 and Matthew 2:19-23

Sermon: Journey of the Holy Family: Go and Set Roots

Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Prelude and Postlude: "Andante" and "Trumpet Dialogue Recessional"

**Introit and Anthems: "Crown Him With Many Crowns", "Reap What You Sow",
and Carolyn Noonchester Solo**

**Congregational Hymns from the Red UM Hymnal: "To God Be the Glory #98",
"Thy Word Is a Lamp #601" and "Standing on the Promises #374"**

Drive Thru Communion is moved to February 21st

Next Sunday, February 14 - Franklyn Shen, Youth Director, will share the Message and the Youth Choir will provide the Anthems.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Our prayers are with all those who have been mentioned previously.

Following a long illness, we are sad to say that **June Fee** passed away on January 26, 2021. Our condolences to her husband **John**, her family and her many friends. Services are being discussed.

Elaine Iverson would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her new great-grandson. He is improving but not out-of-the-woods yet, so please continue to pray for his recovery and for the family.

Congratulations:

Joyce McGregor was honored as the Assistance League of Arcadia "Most Valuable Member" at the Chapter's January meeting. Joyce has been an active member since 2004 and has served in many positions: Parliamentarian, Grants chair, Newsletter Chair, Orientation Chair, Nominating Committee and Liaison to Las Alas, to name a few. Her most recent position was as Properties Chairman for 2 years. Besides all her work for the Assistance League Joyce is an active volunteer here at Good Shepherd and also for the AAUW. We thank her for all her hard work!!

PLEDGE CARDS 2021

Thank you to the individuals and families that returned their 2021 Pledge Cards. The Finance Committee greatly appreciates your financial commitment to the church especially after the challenges of 2020 that we all faced. There is still time for those who have not turned in their pledge cards. Please mail back or drop off to the church office.



Foundation Year-Round Grants

The CGS Foundation Year-Round Grant Program is open for 2021 grant requests. Grants must foster spiritual growth or facilitate membership growth of Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, Arcadia. Grants must be consistent with the overall guidelines contained within the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. All grant applications must be submitted online only using the Foundation Online Grant Form - click the link below. Online grant application assistance will be provided when requested.

[Year-Round Grant Application](#)

The 2021 Flower Chart



Sign up for altar flowers by calling the church office, 626-447-2181, to give flowers “in honor of” or “in memory of” loved ones (or in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, special event or accomplishment). The cost of the flowers is \$45 (payable to “Church of the Good Shepherd”). Please mail the check to the church and write “Altar Flowers” on the memo line. Or you may pay for flowers online through the church website. The church office will place your order with ZuZu’s Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message announced in church by Pastor Eva on the appropriate Sunday. After the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service that Sunday, you may stop by the church to take

your flowers home with you or let us know and we will have them in the church office on Monday morning after 9:00 a.m. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship center.

2021 Memorial/Veteran’s Day Flowers

It has become a tradition at our church to have special Chancel Flowers on Memorial Day and Veterans’ Day in honor of all those who have served or are currently serving in our country’s armed forces. We would like to honor your service, or the service of a loved one, by adding your name, rank and the branch in which you served to our list. We invite you to give a donation to the flower fund to keep this tradition going. Checks should be made payable to “Church of the Good Shepherd” and turned into the office with “Veterans’ Flowers” on the memo line of the check. Suggested annual donation of \$20 covers both holidays. Those making a donation will be shown with an asterisk, but all who have served or are currently serving will be listed.



Plastic Bags and Egg Cartons



Foothill Unity Center is still collecting egg cartons and plastic bags. During this “Stay at Home” era we have a different location for dropping them off. Whenever you are in the vicinity of the church, they can be placed in the box located near the entrance to the office. Arrangements have been made to transfer the contents of the box to Fellowship Hall for future delivery to the Center.

—Vern and Lynne Whitaker

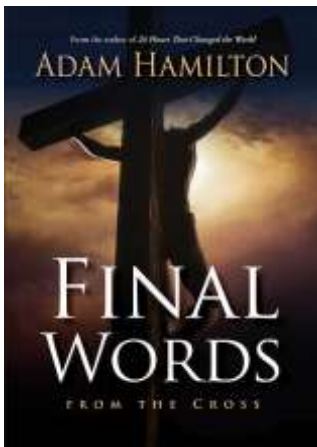
Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle, a UMW fellowship group at Church of the Good Shepherd, welcomes the participation of any woman. During the pandemic, we are meeting by Zoom the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Contact Margaret Blair (kdblair@earthlink.net) for the Zoom invitation. Join us this Thursday, February 4.

Attention All 6th-12th graders, the Class of 2021 Confirmation Class is now forming!

Pastor Eva and I would like to do a confirmation class this spring. Please let me know if you have not been confirmed and would like to be a part of this year's class. Classes will be held via zoom, and we will work with those who are interested to select the best time for classes. Our hope is that if it is safe, you will be recognized live in church in front of our entire congregation! Please call me at (626) 272-5081 or email me by this coming **Sunday, February 7, 2021**, if you are interested at fnjshen@sbcglobal.net.

– *Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth Ministries*



CGS 2021 LENTEN BOOK STUDY ***FINAL WORDS FROM THE CROSS***

by Pastor Adam Hamilton

UMC of the Resurrection, Leawood, Kansas

Via Zoom, discussions will be
7 MONDAYS

February 22 through April 5, 2021

7-8 pm

led by Diane & Craig Lucas

In each session, we will discuss Jesus's final words based on these statements:

- “Father Forgive Them”
- “Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise”
- “Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother”
- “My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”
- “I Thirst”
- “It Is Finished . . . Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit “
- Postscript: The Words After That

Each chapter begins with the biblical account of Jesus's last statements followed by a first-person story as might have been told from the viewpoint of one of the characters at the cross. Then the chapter explores the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today.

Join us and invite a friend to discuss how these powerful and meaningful statements have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves.

The book is available from Cokesbury and Amazon.

To reserve and attend, contact Diane Lucas dllucasarc@gmail.com.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles for the newsletter is noon on the Friday before the publication date. All articles are subject to space availability, especially those which are received after the deadline.

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

Our walking group meets 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 you may email her at catherine.doster@yahoo.com.

Sarah Circle via Zoom, February 4, at 7 pm.

Sign up by February 7, for the next Confirmation Class. See article in newsletter.

Next Sunday, February 14 - Franklyn Shen, Youth Director, will share the Message and the Youth Choir will provide the Anthems.

Drive Thru Communion will be held Sunday, February 21.

February 23, Dine-Out Fundraiser at Temple City El Pollo Loco for the Children's Center.

Lenten Book Study to begin on Monday, February 22, 7-8 pm, via Zoom. The book is Final Words from the Cross by Pastor Adam Hamilton of the UMC of the Resurrection in Kansas. See article in newsletter for more details.



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