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Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services (church website or Facebook Group Page)

Sunday, March 21, 2021

This Sunday in Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21 and John 12:1-8

Sermon: "Journey of the Heart: Practicing"

Prelude and Postlude: "Psalm 23" and "Rigaudon"

Introit and Anthems: "Seek the Lord", "Consecration", and Solo by Carolyn Noonchester

Congregational Hymns from UM Red Hymnal: "I Sing the Almighty Power of God #152",

"Spirit Song #347" and "My Jesus, I Love Thee #172"



Drive Thru Communion this Sunday, March 21, 11:30am-1pm and also receive a Palm Branch for Palm Sunday and Hymn music for Easter Sunday!



Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please include all those mentioned previously in your prayers.

Our prayers and condolences to **Dawn & Rick Arnold** and family upon the passing of **Dawn's mother Sharon Kay Fernandes** on March 7, 2021.

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

As we prepare for Easter, we also plan the preparation of our sanctuary for Easter. Even though our services are not currently open for in-person worship, we will continue to adorn our altar area with potted spring flowers. These are purchased by members or friends of our congregation in "memory of" or in "honor of" someone special. The potted flowers can be picked up by the purchasers after the Easter service (time to be determined closer to Easter) or donated for delivery to our members who are more home bound. Prices of the potted flowers are listed below. Please send the following information and payment to the church office by March 21. Make checks payable to Church of the Good Shepherd & write Easter flowers on the memo line. For further information, contact Margaret Blair ([574-1827](tel:574-1827)) or the church office. Thank you!

Your name & phone number _____



In memory of _____.

In honor of _____

Double Lily \$15.00 # _____

Mum \$12.50 # _____

Hydrangea \$17.50. # _____

Azalea \$17.50 # _____

I will pick up my plant/s on Easter Sunday. _____

Please take my plant/s to a homebound church member. _____

Special Events in the Season of Lent



The church is offering many activities for Lent and we hope you will join us for these activities!

Mondays: Lenten Book Study (via Zoom at 7pm)

Wednesdays: Courtyard Devotion Time with Pastor Eva's, Soloists, and Piano. A video will be posted on Facebook Group Page and on Church website after 3pm and available to view throughout the week.

Fridays: Reflection Time with Seminary Intern Michael Chesnut (video posted on Facebook Group Page and church website after 3pm)

Virtual Sunday Socials at 1 pm: **March 21** Sandwich Generation Social (Zoom invite to be emailed) and Young Adult Social (Zoom invite to be emailed).

Drive Thru Communion and More: Drive Thru Communion this **Sunday, March 21** from 11:30am-1pm and also receive Palm Branch for Palm Sunday and Hymn music for Easter Sunday!



In-Person Wednesday Devotion Time!



Since rain is not scheduled for this Wednesday, we are planning to hold our Wednesday Courtyard Devotion at 10:30 a.m. in the church courtyard this week. Please call the church office to RSVP. Leave your name and how many will be coming if you need to leave a message. Plan to arrive 5-10 minutes early for sign in and seating. You are welcome to wear a hat or bring an umbrella for shade. Pastor Eva will lead the devotion time with Soloists and Piano completing the service. A video will be available on Facebook Group Page and the church website after 3 pm.

Dear Church Family,

The Good Shepherd Children's Center wants to share its good news with you!

As some of you may know, the Children's Center had to close briefly during this past pandemic year, but reopened on June 1, 2020 to serve families from the surrounding San Gabriel Valley area.

At the beginning of our closure on March 17, 2020, Church of the Good Shepherd Foundation officers informed us that they would be interested in helping us stay ready to re-open by encouraging us to write a grant to help keep our teachers on staff during the temporary closure. They funded that grant last April which was central to our ability to remain viable.

And now, nearly one year later and after our reopening on June 1, 2020, the Foundation has blessed us again with another Church of the Good Shepherd Foundation grant to help keep us able to provide childcare and preschool to the community. Without their timely assistance we may not have been able to continue past mid March with this critical ministry of the Church.

Fortunately, we are gaining new enrollees now and are likely to increase to the Covid regulated allowed enrollment numbers, soon.

The foresight and generosity of the Church of the Good Shepherd Foundation has been key and made the Foundation an essential partner with the Children's Center in service to the community. Truly, "we are all in this together!" We are deeply appreciative to the Foundation and all the Church for your amazing support! With God's grace and the help of all, we will remain able to continue to serve the needs of the community for years to come!

With gratitude,

Linda, Cindy and the teachers of the Good Shepherd Children's Center

Walking Group

Our walking group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 8 am. Everyone is welcome! Bring and wear a mask and plan to social distance. For more information call walk leader, Catherine Doster, 626-365-6447 or email her at catherine.doster@yahoo.com



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.



Spring Fundrasier for Children’s Center

The Good Shepherd Children’s Center is having a Spring fundraiser! We are happy to have Boon Supply, this year. This is just in time for your spring gifts, Easter and Mother’s Day, or for picnicking and getaways! Many items also can help prep for Earth Day and are eco-friendly, like shopping bags and reusable items! All items are online and ship to you directly.

Go to boonsupply.com/233766, shop online and 40% comes back to our school!

All proceeds will go to support the Children’s Center’s special enrichment programs, classroom materials and any additional equipment, as needed.

We hope you enjoy these fundraisers and we thank you for your support!



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



CGS PRAYER CHAIN

The Church of the Good Shepherd has a dedicated group of people who pray for members and their friends when a request comes into the church office. If you have a need for prayer for yourself, family or friends, please call the church office (626)447-2181 or email Carole Sano jscano@sbcglobal.net. If you would like to be added as one of our members of the Prayer Chain please send your email address to Carole.

CGS Foundation 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. 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](#)



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.



2021 Memorial/Veteran's Day Chancel Flowers

It is a tradition at CGS to have special 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.

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