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

**This Sunday, April 25, 2021**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Scripture: Psalm 23 and 1John 3:16-24**

**Sermon: Ministry Intern, Michael Chesnut preaching**

**Prelude and Postlude: "Gather Us In" and "Thou, O Lord, Shall Endure"**

**Introit and Anthems: "Let All the World", "Be Thou My Vision", Carillon Choir piece, and Anthem Solo by Susan Holder**

**Congregational Hymns from UM Red Hymnal: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #139", "Close to Thee #407", and "Jesu, Jesu #432"**

**We will be celebrating Drive Thru Communion on Sunday, May 2,  
11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the large west parking lot.**



**Among the Church Family**

***In Our Prayers:***

Please keep those previously mentioned in your prayers and include **Gay Place** who is recuperating from surgery.

**Church Reopening Plans for In Person Worship**

The Church Council is pleased to announce that at its recent meeting, it approved the Relaunch Plan for In Person Worship. This plan will now be submitted to the District Superintendent and the district relaunch committee for approval. Once approval is received- the church committees (Trustees, Worship, Music Ministry, Together Again, etc.) and Pastor Eva will need to ensure that all requirements outlined in the plan are in place before we can worship together again in person. Some of these requirements are: clean HVAC system, purchase sanitizing supplies, professional deep cleaning of Sanctuary and Restrooms, set up video monitors to be used in place of worship bulletins and hymn books, post proper signage for safety protocols, start a reservation system, train ushers & volunteers, and much more. As you can see there will be much to do, so an exact date for in person worship has not yet been set. Please know that all this work is needed to ensure the wellbeing of all who attend. We follow our Conference Bishop's guideline as set by Methodist founder John Wesley, "To Do No Harm." Please continue to pray for this process and look for more updates in future newsletters. And until we gather again in person, please know your patience is greatly appreciated and your continued participation in online worship and drive thru events is a blessing!



## GOOD SHEPHERD CHILDREN'S CENTER

**WHERE** 600 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016

**WHEN** Wed, Apr 28th

**FROM** 4:00pm - 8:00pm

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### Women's Book Study

The Women's Book Study is a delightful gathering of women who share a love of good books. They read a large variety of genre...something for everyone! The group is once again meeting weekly at noon in Jordan Hall. Plenty of space to spread out but still engage in a great discussion. Be sure to wear a mask and plan to social distance!

## Sierra Service Project

This summer marks the 30th year and 31st time that CGS will be participating in SSP, with our first trip led by Rev. Steve Horswill-Johnston in 1991. Due to COVID, this summer's SSP will be a virtual experience and is open to anyone ages 10-110! This year's summer program will have three areas of focus: indigenous peoples, environmental and housing justice, and Mexico/California border issues. Participation fees range from \$60 to \$275, and scholarship support is available. The CGS UMYF plans on going Week 4 (July 19-23), and if you would like to go with our group, please contact Franklyn Shen by April 25, 2021. After this date, individuals may register through SSP for any week beginning June 28. If you would like more information, please visit the Sierra Service Project website at [www.sierraserviceproject.org](http://www.sierraserviceproject.org) or contact Franklyn Shen at (626) 272-5081.

## 2021 Memorial/Veteran's Day Flowers

It is 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.



## 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](mailto: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.



## Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

### Through the Years

This informative column is taking a break this week but will return with more interesting tales of the first 75 years at CGS as we begin our next era in the life of our church! Be sure to thank **Fran Syverson** for all the time and effort she puts into this weekly column!

## Plastic Bags and Egg Cartons



Foothill Unity Center is still collecting egg cartons and plastic bags. During this pandemic 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.

## 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](#)



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