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## The Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist Church

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In Person Worship this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and

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)

### **This Sunday, July 25, 2021, in Worship**

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Scripture: Psalm 13 and John 6:1-15**

**Sermon: Jesus the "Great Magician"**

**Prelude and Postlude: "He Leadeth Me" and "Coronation"**

**Introit and Anthems: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God", "Be Thou My Vision",  
and Kenny Landaverde solo**

**Congregational Hymns from UM Red Hymnal: "Morning Has Broken #145",  
"Spirit Song #347", and "Pass it On #572"**

**Reservations are NO Longer Required for In Person Worship!**

### Among the Church Family

#### *In Our Prayers:*

Please continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in your prayers. Include **Dan Place** and **John Fee** who are at Methodist Hospital, **Ila Harris** who has health concerns, and **Logan Noonchester** who is undergoing surgery Tuesday.

The Chancel Flowers on Sunday, July 18, 2021, were given in memory of **Cindy Richardson** by her family from the memorial service celebrating her life held here on Saturday, July 17.

#### *In Person Worship at CGS!*

Church of the Good Shepherd is excited to present in person worship again! We are thankful for the staff, ushers, and volunteers who help each Sunday with the check in and seating process. **Reservations are no longer needed!** Below are a few things to remember if you are planning to attend the service:

- 1) Arrive 15-20 minutes early to allow time for check in.
- 2) The Ushers will escort you to your seat of choice.
- 3) Sunday School is off for the summer so activity packets will be provided for children who will remain seated with their families.
- 4) A stationary Offering Box will be used instead of the passing of offering plates.
- 5) Restrooms will be available- one person at a time.
- 6) No fellowship gathering following the service.
- 7) **MASKS must be worn at all times.**
- 8) Summer Aloha or Hawaiian attire is welcome.
- 9) **If you are NOT feeling well- please stay home** and enjoy the service that will still be available to view online!





## Night Without a Bed

What would you do if you had two small children and you suddenly lost your house? All you had were your possessions, but you had no bed for you or your children, no place to sleep, no relatives or friends that you could turn to for shelter. Would you sleep in your car? Could you afford to go to a motel? This, unfortunately, is the situation families are facing. Fortunately, however, there's Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley (FPSGV).

For more than 10 years, Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley has been helping families in need to find stable housing and develop the skills and tools to succeed independently.

Here are 2 important ways you can show your support for children and families battling homelessness and raise awareness of this crisis by joining Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley's second **“NIGHT WITHOUT A BED” SLEEP OUT ON JULY 24, 2021.**

1. Give up your comfortable bed for one night. Put up a tent in your back yard. Make a fort in your living room. Wrap up in blankets on the sofa or in a sleeping bag on the floor. Share the experience with friends and family. Post photos of your Night Without A Bed on social media using #NightWithoutABed, tag Family Promise, and ask sponsors to support your efforts to help families battling homelessness.
2. Make a financial contribution by going to <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/family-promise-of-san-gabriel-valley/night-without-a-bed-2021>.

Scroll down to “Give a child a bed today”. That takes you to the site where you can choose any amount you would like to donate; for example, \$30 provides a set of sheets for a child, \$50 ensures a family has a meal, \$100 shelters a family for a night.

- Be sure to select the ONE TIME DONATION tab located above the blue “Continue tab”.
- You can also send a check to Family Promise San Gabriel Valley, 1005 E. Las Tunas Blvd #525, San Gabriel, CA 91776 with “**Night Without a Bed**” in the memo line.

Your financial contribution will support the work of Family Promise to help families who are struggling. They need your support now more than ever! Let's show our Church of the Good Shepherd mission of serving and helping others.

## 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Reflections

As you may know and on behalf of Good Shepherd, Pastor Eva, Michael Chesnut, Lynne Rivera, Margaret Blair, Diane Lucas, our youth delegates, Caitlyn Shen, Tyler Ross, and I attended this year's UMC Cal-Pac Conference 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Session via Zoom in June.

In past years, I attended the Annual Session in person at the University of Redlands where the typical day-time temperature in late June is over 90 degrees.

When held at U of R, most of the programs and services take place in the Memorial Chapel, built in 1927, with seating for 1,360 and accented by stunningly beautiful stained-glass windows. At U of R, it's a wonderful and meaningful gathering of clergy and laity with inspiring speakers and preachers interspersed with lots of “church business”.

Bishop Hagiya is a marvelous leader, visionary, and preacher. He brings a massive amount of Christian love, calmness, and devotion to his role as resident convener and guide.

Did I mention, it's a convention with all its “insider church stuff” for United Methodists from about 350 churches throughout Southern California, parts of Central California, Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, Guam, and Saipan? But this year was one of the most meaningful to me primarily because my experience could not have been so without it being “virtual” (Zoom speak).

Both beautifully vivid video images and passionate voices from every corner of the Conference region were abundantly Zoomed to the comfort of my home. For me, it was all about the tremendous diversity we have throughout the Conference region. While my family and I have worshipped at Good Shepherd for over 35 years, my faith and hope for our church community is greatly fortified knowing that we share our love of Christ and our journey of faith with so many others who don't look like I do, who don't speak the same language I speak, and who live thousands of miles and enormous oceans apart from me.

What's my point? It is the awesome faith-based diversity of the Cal-Pac Conference that convinces me that together we share and pursue a common purpose of seeking, knowing, following, and loving God through Jesus Christ with the tireless encouragement and support from so many United Methodists from far and wide. We are not alone; it's all about our connectionalism!

And at the Annual Session, I learned about “Kintsugi” or “Kintsukuroi” a new concept (for me) that describes my faith journey. Check it out. In short, it is embracing the broken, the flawed, and the imperfect (my faith) and keeping it and repairing it as part of the essential and visible history of my faith journey rather than hiding it.

*-Submitted by Craig Lucas, July 16, 2021*

## Cal-Pac Conference United Methodist Women

A Zoom event is being planned for Saturday, August 14, at 11 am for a Silent Auction fundraiser for Cal-Pac UMW. There will be a variety of baskets to bid on and the proceeds go to the 2021 Mission giving goal to National UMW. If you are interested in taking part in the fun, lighthearted virtual program, please RSVP by August 6, to Diane Gin at [dlokgin@gmail.com](mailto:dlokgin@gmail.com). In addition to the beautiful baskets, the creative and artistic talents of our Cal-Pac women will be featured as they put their Faith, Hope and Love into Action towards their Mission work!



# Back to School Drive

Please help us reach our goal of providing 2,000 students of low income families with backpacks and supplies for the upcoming school year.



## SUPPLIES NEEDED

- ♦ Brand New Back Packs (no blue or red)
- ♦ Calculators - Basic or Scientific
- ♦ Colored Pencils and Markers and Crayons (24-pack)
- ♦ Composition Books (College and wide ruled)
- ♦ Erasers (pencil top and regular)
- ♦ Filler Paper (College and wide ruled, 150 sheets)
- ♦ Folders (2 Pocket or 3-prong) and Binders
- ♦ Glue Bottle (Water soluble) or Glue Sticks
- ♦ Highlighters and Post-It Notes
- ♦ Pencil Boxes & Pouches
- ♦ Pencil (Mechanical, 0.5 mm, bundles of 3)
- ♦ Pencils (Standard, bundles) and Sharpeners
- ♦ Pens (Black or blue ink, bundles)
- ♦ Rulers (12")
- ♦ Scissors (5" Blunt and Pointed)
- ♦ Spiral Notebook (College or wide)

Drop off at our Monrovia or Pasadena Locations.

For more details or other ways you can help visit:

[www.tinyurl.com/fuci-bts2021](http://www.tinyurl.com/fuci-bts2021) or scan QR code

Back to School Distribution will take place at our centers: August 9 - 13

Need Help? Call 626.358.3486 to register or to see if you qualify to receive services.

OR DONATE TODAY  
Text **GIVETOKIDS** to **91999**



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## 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 as well as in the Sunday bulletin and the following week’s newsletter. 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.

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*open hearts,  
open minds,  
open doors*

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