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## The Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist Church

400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007 - [www.cgsum.org](http://www.cgsum.org) 626-447-2181

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, August 15, 2021, in Worship**

*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Scripture: Psalm 111 and John 6:51-58*

*Message: Jesus the "Son of God"*

*Prelude and Postlude: "There Is No Name So Sweet" and "Postlude in G Major"*

*Congregational Hymns from the UM Red Hymnal: "O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair #258",*

*"O Love How Deep #267 vs. 1, 5-6", and "O How I Love Jesus #170"*

*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. **John Fee** who is recuperating at Methodist Hospital and would love visitors. Prayers for **Nancy Larimer, Janet Bartel's daughter**, who is undergoing surgery on Monday, August 9.

Our Chancel Flowers on Sunday, August 8, 2021, were given in celebration of **Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin and Phil Erwin's** wedding anniversary on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

### 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!** Please note the article on the front page: Online only service on Labor Day Weekend, September 5. Below are a few things to remember if you are planning to attend the service any other Sunday:

- 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!**



## Worship on September 5<sup>th</sup> will be a Special Online Only Service!



Pastor Eva and the worship team will take a break this Sunday during Labor Day Weekend. Please enjoy a special edited online service that will be presented instead. The service will include a selection of favorite hymns, anthems, solos, children's messages, and more from the past 15 months of online services.

*Also included in this online service will be a tribute to the loved ones we have lost during the pandemic. If you would like your loved one to be lifted-up in this tribute, please email 3 photos of him or her to Pastor Eva ([UmcPastorEva@gmail.com](mailto:UmcPastorEva@gmail.com)) by August 30<sup>th</sup>.*

## Save the Date, Sunday, September 12, 2021

Save the Date for **Welcome Home Sunday** on September 12th! We will have a special worship service and fellowship activities afterwards. More details to come.



## Year-Round Foundation Grants



The CGS Foundation is still open to receive and consider funding 2021 grant requests. The purpose of a grant must be the aid, promotion, and development of the religious, charitable, and educational activities, purposes, functions, and progress of the 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](#)

## 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!



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### Dear UMW and Sarah Circle members:

The Church of the Good Shepherd UMW Unit needs to start early to find a new Treasurer. Carolyn Hubinger, our long-time treasurer, will be moving out of state very soon so we need a new Treasurer ASAP.

Also, if we are to remain as a local UMW unit for Church of the Good Shepherd we will need new officers, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, by January 1, 2022. If we aren't able to fill those four positions by January 1, 2022, we will no longer have a local UMW unit.

Please prayerfully consider taking an office for next year. You may contact **Suzanne Wright** of the Nominating Committee at: [zusatex@yahoo.com](mailto:zusatex@yahoo.com) if you are interested in any of those positions.

Thank you,

*Karen Schaefer, UMW President*

## *Pastor's Message*

Last month, United Methodist clergy and lay delegates from 7 conferences (Alaska, California Nevada, California Pacific, Desert Southwest, Mountain Sky, Oregon Idaho, Pacific Northwest) met for a Western Jurisdiction meeting. Before I was ordained, I attended many of these meetings as a Lay Delegate. I remember the important business of electing Bishops, setting budgets, approving resolutions, etc. While some of the tasks became perfunctory, there was always a feeling of Holy Conferencing. As participants we knew we were doing the work that God had entrusted in us as we strove to mirror the wisdom of Christ and felt the presence of the Holy Spirit with us.

This quadrennial's Western Jurisdiction (WJ) also worked together in Holy Conferencing and adopted a new Vision Statement: "Where Love Lives". More info about this WJ Vision and also the Mission Statement can be found at [www.westernjurisdictionumc.org](http://www.westernjurisdictionumc.org). Now, local churches in the WJ are encouraged to live by this Vision as well. It is a wonderful message of God's love and justice for all people.

I am proud to say that Church of the Good Shepherd has been practicing a similar mindset even before the WJ adopted this theme. In 2019, we held a series of Covenant Conversations to learn, listen, and shared together our thoughts on the church and LGBTQ issues. Then in 2020, from these sessions and the work of the Covenant Team, the CGS Church Council adopted a Covenant Statement (see below). As a church, let us continue to do the work that God had entrusted in us as we strive to mirror the wisdom of Christ and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit amongst us!

*Blessings- Pastor Eva*

## *Church of the Good Shepherd Covenant Statement*

**Biblical Foundation:** *Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God, for God is Love. (1 John 4:7)*

### **We Believe**

We believe that God is love and therefore loves all persons, and that all are welcome to find a sense of belonging and home in the family of faith.

### **We Affirm**

We affirm Jesus' central message of compassion for all and respect for the dignity of every human being.

### **We Recognize**

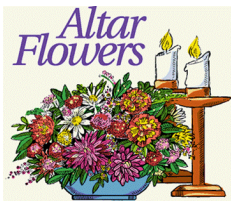
We recognize that inclusion does not mean that we are all of one mind. We are stronger because of the wide range of our diversity. We disavow any attempts to exclude or punish individuals.

### **We Invite**

We invite and welcome all to join us in our ministry and mission, regardless of age, class, race, nationality, ethnicity, culture, ability, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

**We are all God's children** and no person should be denied access to God's Love for any reason.





## 2021 Flower Chart – September is Empty!!

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.

**Sunday Service Is “In Person” at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and  
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*open hearts,  
open minds,  
open doors*

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