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

This Sunday, September 5, in Worship

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Special Online Only Service!

This Sunday, Pastor Eva and the worship team will take a break on Sunday the 5th 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 on September 5th will be a slideshow tribute to the loved ones we have lost during the pandemic. If you would like your loved one to be lifted up in this slideshow tribute, please email 1-3 photos of him or her to Pastor Eva (UmcPastorEva@gmail.com) by September 1st.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in your prayers.

Our condolences to former Bishop Mary Ann Swenson upon the death of her husband Jeff Swenson on August 22, 2021, following his battle with cancer. A Memorial Service is scheduled for October 9, 11:00 a.m. at Hollywood UMC. Many of you will remember Jeff when he rode with the CGS Bike Team.

Altar Flowers Last Sunday:

Our Chancel Flowers on Sunday, August 29, 2021, were given:

In memory of her parents, Tom and Isabel Clarke, by Janet Bartel.

In loving memory of Dan Place by his family from his memorial service held on August 28 here at Church of the Good Shepherd.

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](#)



WELCOME Home

Welcome Home Sunday is September 12th! Join us for a wonderful 10:00 a.m. worship service with special music from our section leaders and choir members, prayers for our community connections (Methodist Hospital, Holly Avenue Elementary School, and Family Promise), blessings for the Children's Center and Sunday School Teachers, and the kickoff of the "Fall In Love" Sermon Series! See below regarding our canned food drive.

Invite you friends and family members to our Welcome Home Worship! Postcard invitations are available in the church office if you would like to give one to the person(s) you are inviting.

“Can Do” Canned Food Drive for Foothill Unity Center

We will also have a canned food drive for Foothill Unity on Welcome Home Sunday, September 12- so please bring a canned food item for our "CAN DO" canned food drive collection. Foothill Unity has relied on the USPS's Stamp Out Hunger food drive for some of their needs. However, the mail carriers were not able to collect food this year due to Covid restrictions. So local churches are helping with special food drives in addition to their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas collections. CGS will collect CANNED FOOD items in September. Bring canned food (only canned goods please) items to the Welcome Home Sunday Service! If you are unable to attend that Sunday, a donation box will be placed outside the church office from September 10-20th.



Sunday School Update for September 12

We invite all children and youth to join us for Sunday School on Sunday mornings beginning September 12. For September, we will offer two versions. In-person activities during the 10:00 a.m. service will resume, with children coming to the service with their families and leaving to join Sunday School after Children's Moments. Everyone will be masked and we will meet in Jordan Hall with doors open or outside, depending on our activities. All ages from toddler through high school will begin together. We'll do some things as a big group and other things as smaller groups by age. Virtual activities 9:15-9:45 a.m. will be offered by Zoom for preschool through elementary ages for families that choose to worship from home. Contact Heather Reynolds (khreynolds89@earthlink.net, 626-272-6629) with any questions or for Zoom connect info. We look forward to seeing you!!

Still A Few Open Sundays for Flowers

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 now \$50 (payable to “Church of the Good Shepherd”) Please note the price increase from \$45 to \$50 for new orders. 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.



Plastic Bags and Egg Cartons



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

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 above: 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!



Words of Affirmation!

Two week's ago, the Sunday Children's Message included the poster on the left with Words of Affirmation! Each week, children are encouraged to pick 2-4 words or phrases from the poster and practice them while in school throughout the week. And let us continue to pray for the children, parents, and teachers as the school year has begun!

Urgent to All Women of the Church

The Church of the Good Shepherd UMW Unit needs 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 if you are interested in any of those positions.

Thank you, **Karen Schaefer**, UMW President

Beloved,
let us love one another:
for love is of God;
and every one that loveth
is born of God,
and knoweth God.
~ 1 John 4:7



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open minds,
open doors*

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