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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, September 19, in Worship

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 1 and 1 John 1:5-10

Message: Fall In Love: Love Self

Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Prelude: "Meditation in Ab" by Eugene Englert

Postlude: Postlude on "Wake, Awake!" arr. Martin

*Congregational Hymns from the UM Red Hymnal: "For the Beauty of the Earth vs.3-6 #92",
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian #402", and "Trust and Obey #467"*

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in your prayers. Our condolences go to **Meegan Tosh** and family upon the death of her mother-in-law, **Lois Tosh**, on September 7, 2021, at the age of 95.

New Baby:

Casey and Anya Kovacic are excited to announce the birth of **Mae's** little brother, **Charlie Kjeldsen Kovacic**, on September 7, 2021, in Portland, Oregon. Grandparents **Gary and Barb Kovacic** and great-grandmother **Florence Kovacic** are extremely happy.

Altar Flowers Last Sunday:

Our Chancel Flowers on Sunday, September 12, 2021, were given:

In celebration of **Jen Pino's** 30th birthday by her family.

In memory of **John Goodno's** birthday by **Sara** and family.



The Rosebud of Love was in celebration of the birth of **Charlie Kjeldsen Kovacic** born to **Casey and Anya Kovacic** on September 7, 2021. Grandparents are **Gary and Barb Kovacic**, great-grandmother is **Florence Kovacic**, and big sister is **Mae Kovacic**.

Membership Classes Being Offered



Pastor Eva will be offering membership classes after worship on September 26 (11:30 a.m.) and October 3 (11:30 a.m.). Each class will cover Church of the Good Shepherd History, United Methodist Structure, and Membership Vows. All (members and non-members) are invited to attend. Those interested in church membership must attend one of these classes. Please email Pastor Eva (UmcPastorEva@gmail.com) for more information or if you are interested in attending.

In-Person Sunday School Has Begun

We invite all children and youth to join us for Sunday School! 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!!



CGS Children's Choir Begins Sunday, September 19, 2021

Children's Choir at CGS will start rehearsals on Sunday, September 19, 2021. Children currently in grades 2 thru 5 are invited to "make a joyful noise to the Lord". As of now, we will meet Sunday in the Music Room (directly behind the Narthex at back of the sanctuary) after Sunday School from approximately 11:15 to 11:45 AM.

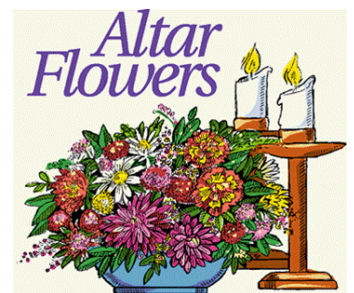
Children will need to be masked. We will make sure we are distanced, and the room is well ventilated.

More information regarding choir will be shared at our first rehearsal.

I look forward to this beginning. **-Diane Lucas, Carol Choir Director, dilucasarc@gmail.com**

Still Open Spots 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.



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.

“Can Do” Canned Food Drive for Foothill Unity Center

Our “Can Do” food drive continues through this Friday, September 17. Please bring a canned food items to the box outside the church office. 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.



Women’s Crafter Workshop

Our United Methodist Women’s Wednesday Crafters Workshop, now meet Wednesdays at 1:15-3:00 p.m., in the church library. All women are invited and all types of crafts are welcome with the proceeds from items made then sold at UMW Boutiques going toward mission projects. Bring your own projects to work on or come on Wednesday night and see if there is something you’d like to help create. Sometimes there are group projects to work on, but most of the time everyone works on their own favorite craft. We also encourage crafters to participate in the boutique sales with crafts they have made at home

during the year. We are hoping that we can resume having boutiques assuming Covid numbers go down. If you have projects you need to work on at home or are not available on Wednesday afternoons, you can still donate items with the proceeds going to UMW mission projects when we are able to hold a boutique.

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 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 now meeting in-person. Children will be seated with their families then dismissed to Jordan Hall following Children’s Moments.
- 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 through September
- 9) **If you are NOT feeling well- please stay home** and enjoy the service that will still be available to view online!



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](#)



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