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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

This Sunday, September 26, in Worship

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 122 and 1 John 4:7-12

Message: Fall In Love: Love Neighbor

Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Prelude: "Sonata K, 287 I" by Giuseppe Scarlatti

Postlude: "When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified" arr. Laura Page

Youth Choir, Janice Clark, Director will be singing:

Introit: "Make A Joyful Noise" arr. J. L. Clark;

Anthem: "Alleluia" by J. L. Clark;

Benediction Response: "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig

*Congregational Hymns from the UM Red Hymnal: "We Gather Together #131",
"On Eagle's Wings #143", and "Help Us Accept Each Other #560"*

11:30 a.m. Membership Class (see article on the next page)

Among the Church Family

Please continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in your prayers. Our condolences go to **Nick Board and sister Kelsey** upon the death of their father **Greg Board**. Services pending.

One of the 13 Marines recently killed in Afghanistan was a Good Shepherd Children's Center alumni, **Lance Col. Kareem Nikoui**. His younger brother attended a couple years later and his mom was known as the goat lady. She would bring her goats to show the kids and even used them to trim the big field before it was redone. Prayers for the families as they are coming home and being laid to rest.

Prayers for **Gloria Seto**, who is in the hospital as the cancer has spread to her adrenal gland. Let us keep the **Seto and Lazaro family** in our prayers during this time.

Prayers for **Marilyn Callaham's** mother, **Claire Hanson**, who is 100 years old and has entered into hospice and comfort care for her last days.



Altar Flowers Last Sunday:

Our Chancel Flowers on Sunday, September 19, 2021, were given:

In celebration of **James and Jenny Lee's** wedding anniversary.

In celebration of the 1st wedding anniversary of **C.J. Liu and Scarlet Song**.

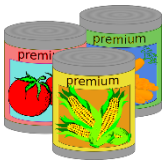


Pastor Eva's Fall In Love Sermon Series Continues

As we welcome the first day of the Fall Autumn season on September 22nd, let us continue to journey together and Fall in Love. Each Sunday's sermon will focus on a different theme of Love and how the Scriptures teach us to Love God, Love Self, Love Thy Neighbor, Love the World, Love Christ, and Love the Holy Spirit. This Sunday we will examine what it means to Love Thy Neighbor. By loving our neighbor, we are following Christ's commandment to love one another just as we love ourselves. However, in many situations, we find that this is easier said than done. Also, looking ahead to the first Sunday in October (Oct. 3- Love the World) Pastor Eva will incorporate her experience as an audience member of "The Price Is Right" game show into her message! If you are able- please watch that episode on September 29th (Wednesday at 10am on CBS) or watch on https://www.cbs.com/shows/the_price_is_right/.



Thank You to All Who Participated in the "CAN DO" Canned Food Drive!



179 canned goods were donated through our Welcome Home Sunday and office drop box options! These cans, along with 70 others that were donated by the Women's Fellowship Group, means a total of 249 cans will be donated to Foothill Unity's food bank that provides weekly groceries to families and elderly in need. Your donation is especially appreciated during this time since Foothill Unity's usual donation venues have been affected by the pandemic. Thank you to **Carole Sano, C.J. Liu, and Scarlet Song** for helping with the collection. Next month, we will collect items for Thanksgiving Baskets, more details to come in the October newsletters.

CGS Children's Choir Has Begun

Children's Choir at CGS started rehearsals on Sunday, September 19. 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, dlucasarc@gmail.com*



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!!

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](#)



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.

FREE FLU SHOTS AT CHURCH, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 11 AM - 1 PM

Thanks again to Methodist Hospital, Health Ministries will be offering the **regular dose flu shots** in our drive-thru clinic on October 10, after church until 1 PM, for those 18 years of age and older. For people age 65 years+, the senior dose is highly recommended over the regular dose and available at most local pharmacies or your physician's office. Note that this does not contain the COVID-19 vaccine. For reservations, call **Margaret Blair** (626) 574-1827 or the church office (626) 447-2181.



“Thank You and See You Soon”

Greetings CGS Family,

As you all may know from our service this past Sunday, this week I am beginning Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Methodist Hospital here in Arcadia. CPE is something like a hospital chaplaincy internship, and it is normally required by our conference for candidates for ordained ministry like myself. CPE is a demanding program, not least because it consists of 40-hour work weeks as well as on-call duties and homework assignments. Pastor Eva and I spoke about this, and we determined that it would be best for me to refrain from my internship duties at the church from now through December. Thus, you will not be hearing from or seeing me as much these next few months.

With that said, this is hardly goodbye. I will still be attending worship throughout this time, and I will resume my internship duties in January. Nevertheless, I want to thank everyone at Good Shepherd for the internship opportunity thus far. You all have been incredibly gracious and generous with the ministry opportunities that you have given me, and you have supported and encouraged me every step of the way. I am deeply appreciative of you all, and I feel genuinely blessed that God brought me here to CGS. – *Michael Chesnut, Ministry Intern*

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!



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



**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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