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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, November 21, 2021, in Worship

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-7 and Mark 6:30-40

Message: "There's Enough"

The Rev. John Woodall will be preaching this morning.

Prelude: "Give Thanks" by Henry Smith, arr. By Richard Kingsmore,

And Postlude: "Majesty" by Jack Hayford, arr. By Fritz Stanley

Played by Franklyn J. Shen, Piano

Introit: "Morning Alleluia" by J. L. Clark; Youth Choir

Anthem: "I Will Give Thanks" by Jothen; Children's Choir

Youth Choir Anthem: "Come, Ye Thankful People" by George J. Elvey, arr. J. L. Clark.

Congregational Hymns from the UM Red Hymnal - Opening Hymn: We Gather Together #131,

Hymn of Preparation: Spirit Song #347, Closing Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God #102.

Part 2 of our Craft Boutique – Need a one-of-a-kind gift for a family member or friend? Check out the Crafters' Boutique in the Courtyard, again this Sunday, November 21, after the 10 a.m. service. You will find handcrafted Christmas ornaments and decorations, knitted and crocheted items, woven baskets, and embroidered towels. All proceeds from this sale will go to UMW missions and charities.

Among the Church Family

Please continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in your prayers.

Gloria Seto passed away peacefully in her sleep on Nov. 5th after a long battle with cancer. Prayers for her daughter **Kim Lazaro** and grandchildren **Owen and Daisylin**. Pastor Eva will preside over the funeral service at Rose Hills on Nov. 27th.



Thank you to Rev. John Woodall for bringing the message This Sunday, November 21. Rev. Woodall currently serves as President and CEO of the California Pacific United Methodist Foundation. He is familiar with Church with Good Shepherd and has even played with our Carillon Bell Choir in the past!



Altar Flowers Last Sunday:

Our Chancel Flowers on Sunday, November 14, 2021, were given in honor of our Veterans and those currently serving in the military.

Thanksgiving Eve Online Service and Devotion Boxes

This year's Thanksgiving Eve service will be offered online through the church website and Facebook group page. Pastor Eva will share Thanksgiving reflections and offer the Communion liturgy. Our wonderful youth choir directed by Janice Clark will provide the music and Franklyn Shen will accompany them as well as play the prelude. Special Devotion Boxes to compliment the online service will be available to pick up after worship on Sunday, Nov. 21st or from the church office Monday- Wednesday the 22nd-24th. Each box will include a Communion wafer and juice set, the order of worship, prayer rock, and a few more items.



Save the Date for these Special Thanksgiving Services in November

Nov. 21st - Sunday Worship Service with special guest preacher, Rev. John Woodall

Nov. 22nd - Arcadia Interfaith Action Group Thanksgiving Service (7pm in person at Santa Anita Church OR live streamed on the YOUTUBE Channel: Arcadia Interfaith Action Group)

Nov. 24th - Thanksgiving Eve Devotional Service (available online after 3pm) with Pastor Eva and Youth Choir

Nov. 28th - Thanksgiving Sunday Worship Service



The Alternative Market Is Here!

No need to panic about filling the needs on your Christmas shopping list...the virtual Alternative Market is here! You won't need a bag or a box to purchase meaningful gifts for friends, family, grandkids and co-workers. Your gift could be a breathing, hope-giving, money-making, fruit bearing, women empowering, food providing, milk-making, shelter giving, refugee assisting, community building, life changing miracle! Your purchases help people locally, nationally and around the world to help end poverty and achieve self-reliance. Organization offering gifts are CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, TREES FOR LIFE, FINCA, HEIFER PROJECT, UNION STATION, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, AND FAMILY PROMISE. Run off a shopping list from our church website or pick up a copy on Sunday in the Narthex or in the church office during the week. Fill out the form, indicate the number of cards needed for each item, make your check out to CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD then indicate if you want your cards sent by mail or picked up on Sunday in the Narthex or during the week in the church office. Blessed shopping!!

HELP SUPPORT

Church of the Good Shepherd Children's Center

Where: Panera Bread at 600 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, 91016

When: Friday, November 19, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm



WE'RE COMMITTED TO YOUR SAFETY.

We offer a variety of ordering options so you can support the cause in whichever way you feel most comfortable. Services vary by cafe.

*20% of total net sales from your designated fundraising event will be donated to your organization.

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Attention: Walkers!!



We have made some changes to our group! Most Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. we will meet at the church as usual, but the first Tuesday of each month, for a fun change, will be we will be meeting at the Arboretum at 8:00 a.m. inside by the stairs at the bottom. Everyone is invited to join us! The Arboretum is at 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, 91007. Cost is \$15 for Adults, Seniors (62+) \$11, annual pass is \$65.

Christmas Eve Will Be Here Before We Know It – Make Plans Now!!

The 5:00PM Family Christmas Pageant is coming back!!! We invite all children ages 5-18 to participate in the Christmas pageant, which will be a part of the Christmas Eve Family Service on Friday, Dec. 24, 2021. We will have one rehearsal on Sunday, Dec. 19th, from 11:15AM-12:30PM (lunch will not be included), and all members of the Children's Choir, Youth Bells, and Youth Choir will be participating in the service. We would also like to accommodate those children and youth coming from out of town after Dec. 19th for Christmas. If you let us know, you can still participate by coming at 3:30PM on Friday, Dec. 24th. You will need to wear the color of what you would like to be (white for angel, brown for shepherd, black for animal). If you are interested in participating, please contact Franklyn Shen at (626) 272-5081, or by email at fnjshen@sbcglobal.net.



What's In a Name?

This was the question raised by the Double Rings Fellowship Group who have been known as "Double Rings" for a loooooong time. The name held, even after embracing another Fellowship Group named Merri-Mates.

The Covid Pandemic break gave the group a little time to reflect on who we are, what is our mission, and what is our future. Conversations about the name of our group indicated a change might be due. The terms "Double Rings" and "Merri-Mat" definitely implied that one needed a spouse in order to be a part of the group which was not the message we wanted to convey.

Of course, all of us who have been involved forever knew that there was never any problem with "inclusiveness." No one was ever not welcome. Even those of us who did not have a spouse, or a significant other were always made welcome. The subject was broached this past summer during one of our open-air meetings in the courtyard. Was it time to consider a name that would reflect the inclusiveness that we want to convey? Our group was ready to explore the possibilities.

Our leader, Dave Raymond, invited Double Ring members to come up with a list of names that might better suit the makeup of our group. First, we had a chance to suggest names. From that list we were asked to vote for our three top choices. The votes then fell into a group of three favorites. Members had three different opportunities through email and in person to "vote" on the name we preferred. Because we operate from a position of trust, we needed no poll watchers or vote counters to help us make a decision. After this very careful process, the vote was finalized last Tuesday night. Our adult Fellowship group will now be known as

"Shepherds" and **all** are welcome to be part of our group.

We eventually will be able to meet and eat, which is what we do best, but we also have very enlightening programs and service projects. Watch this space for meeting times and activity announcements, and know you are invited to **join us**.

REMINDER: DO NOT respond to fake emails that claim to be from Pastor Eva but are not from her umcpastoreva@gmail.com email and are asking for money, gift cards, etc.

Now through December 12th, Church of the Good Shepherd will be collecting food and donations for **Foothill Unity Center's Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets**. CANNED goods such as yams, vegetables, fruit, soups, beans spaghetti sauce, canned meat, olives, stews, and cranberry sauce would be appreciated. BOXED packages like dessert mixes, stuffing, rice, baking mixes, Jell-O, gravy packets, dinner helpers and dry salad dressing packages would help make a holiday dinner. Donations can be dropped off during the week in the white barrel outside of Jordan Hall and on Sundays in the white barrel that has been placed in the Narthex. **NO DONATIONS IN GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE!** If you wish to contribute towards the purchase of turkeys, chicken or ham please send or drop off your donation directly to the Foothill Unity Center, 415 W. Chestnut Ave., Monrovia, Ca 91016.



**Sunday Service Is “In Person” at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and
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