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**Worship Schedule for  
The Church of the Good Shepherd  
Sunday, November 9, 2014**

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Special Flowers for Veterans' Day**

**Worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.**

**Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**

**The Gospel Lesson is Matthew 25:1-13**

**The Witness is "Ready"**

**Senior Pastor Philip Bertolo Wood, Preaching**

**8:00 a.m. – Worship in the Chapel.**

**8:30 – Chancel Choir rehearsal.**

**9:00 – Bible Study – AEC**

**9:00 – Christmas Pageant Leaders' Meeting.**

**9:30 – 12:30 – Childcare – Toddler Room.**

**10:00 a.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary**

**10:00 – Sunday School after Children's Time.**

**11:15 – Coffee Fellowship – Jordan Hall & Patio.**

**11:30 – Youth Bells, open to 6–12 graders. Sanct.**

**11:30 – Carol Choir– grades 2-6 – Activity Center.**

**4:30 p.m. – Youth Choir, 6–12 graders. MR.**

**6:00 – Youth Choir Dinner – (bring \$3) - JH.**

**6:30 – UMYF - Open to all 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders.**  
Franklyn will lead the program tonight.

**6:30 – Parenting Group** led by Elsa Cordero  
Wood will meet in the Lounge off Jordan Hall..

**6:30 – Book Study on "People of the Book"**  
meets in the AEC with Pastor Phil.

**6:30 – Book Study on "Revival"** by Adam  
Hamilton meets in the Library with Pastor Joshua.

**8:00 – KNIGHTS – The topic tonight will be**  
"Ethics and Us!"

**Among the Church Family**

***In Our Prayers:***

Please continue to pray for those mentioned previously in church and in the newsletter and be sure to include **Helen Finke** who is recuperating at home; **Mike Dukes** at Huntington Hospital.

***New Baby:***

Congratulations to **David and Megan Reed** on the birth their new daughter **Freyja Ina Reed** who was born on October 24, 2014. Her proud grandparents are Dave Oblonsky and **Diane Oblonsky** and her proud great-grandmother is **Elaine Iverson**.

***Christmas Pageant Signups:***

As the holidays approach, plans are under way for the Christmas Eve Family Pageant! Children are welcome to help bring to life the story of the birth of Jesus! We need animals, angels, shepherds, wise men, census takers, narrators and crew. Rehearsals are before church at 9:00 a.m. on Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. The dress rehearsal is Dec. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Pageant will be held Wed., Dec. 24 at 5:00 p.m. Please contact **Cindy Snavely** by phone or text at (626) 641-5583.

### ***Thank You Notes:***

Trunk or Treat Update,

Thanks to all of you who helped create another safe environment and fun time for all of the children and parents who participated in another successful Trunk or Treat. We had 24 cars many of which were decorated for Halloween. Many of our members got in the mood by dressing up in exciting and varied costumes. A telescope was set up to view the night sky even though the clouds prevented a great view. Thanks also to our church members who could not attend but donated candy. The rain stayed away until after our event. We had 400+ children of all ages participate in the fun. Once again Church of the Good Shepherd provided a safe and fun outreach activity for the whole community.  
***-Vern and Lynne Whitaker***

“Fill the Bowl Project” Update,

Thanks to all who have so generously donated to our Humane Society of the United States Animal Protection Ministries program! Through your kind support, we have been able to send (3) full “to the brim” bins of cat, dog and rabbit food to our local San Gabriel Valley, Pasadena Humane Societies and Foothill Unity Center’s pantry to help keep pets and people together! Let’s fully help make it a family, pet friendly Holiday Season!

***- Linda Brown, Director, Good Shepherd Children’s Center***

**Pet food collection continues through November 23. Place items in the bins outside the Center’s office.**

### **And There Shall Be Two Signs**

Learn all about them at the Co-Weds Fellowship Group meeting on **Tuesday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m.** in Jordan Hall. Hear **Dave Raymond, Wayne Whitehill** and **Phil Wood** tell about the new signs and what it took to get them approved. Installation has just begun! To join the group for their \$12.00 catered dinner at 6:30 pm, please call **Channing Lushbough** at 626-309-0270 for reservations.

### **Alzheimer’s Disease - November Program of the United Methodist Men**

Possibly more feared than death itself, Alzheimer’s disease presently has no cure and its diagnosis is problematic. It can damage or destroy both the victim and his or her family emotionally and financially. On **Thursday, November 20, 2014**, the United Methodist Men will present a program to consider and discuss this dread affliction, its effects, and what to do about it. CGS member **Mike Johnson** will be the presenter and discussion leader. All are welcome. That means ladies too as they constitute more than one-half of those with the disease. \$5.00 dinner at 6:30 p.m. Program about 7:15 p.m. – Free. Location: Church library.

### **Men’s Power Breakfast**

Men of the church, if you find yourself wide awake at 5:00 a.m. on a Tuesday morning, here’s your answer. Get up and get dressed, get into the car and drive to church, and join the Men’s Power Breakfast in the AEC at the church. Enjoy a great cup of coffee and a really good donut at this weekly meeting led by Pastor Phil Wood. The group discusses everything from the Bible to current events. It is lively, thought provoking, and at times passionate. 6:30-7:30 a.m. in the AEC. \$2 donation for the coffee and donuts. – ***Dave Cooper***

### **Holiday Electronic Giving**

Each holiday season, Church of the Good Shepherd anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year. If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at [cgsum.org](http://cgsum.org) and locate the Online Giving button. Or if it’s easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office. You can also schedule your gifts to Church of the Good Shepherd using your bank or credit union’s online banking bill pay option. Thank you for your generosity and support!

## Music in Sacred Spaces November 16 at 3:00 p.m.

Join us for the next concert in our concert series **Sunday, November 16, at 3:00 p.m.** We will welcome to our stage **our very own Stephen Cook and Timothy Durkovic** performing a program of works for one piano and FOUR hands by French composers. You will be treated to music by Francis Poulenc, Gabriel Faure, Claude Debussy and Maurice Ravel. Please invite a friend and join us for this special treat in our chapel. Requested donation of \$15/\$10 for students with an ID.

## Family Promise – Why Christmas Week?

Why Christmas week? “You know that everyone is so busy with family and friends.” “You won’t be able to get any volunteer help”. “Are you crazy?” Feeling the tug of the Holy Spirit, our Coordinating Team decided to provide “space at the inn” during Christmas week. Hosting begins on the evening of December 21, and ends on the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer for just one evening during this special week as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, God’s precious gift to humanity. Enlist the help of your “out-of-town” family members, friends, and fellowship groups. Service is the ultimate Christmas gift!

A Word from Our Family Promise Guests - Over the next several weeks, I will be sharing “thank you” letters from several of the families that stayed with us in September. This first letter comes from Megan who has a 2-year old daughter and a 13-year old son. Each day, this family headed to the bus stop at 4:30 am! Megan went to work and Nick took his sister, Julie, to child care and then continued onto school. Here is Megan’s thank you letter: *“I feel blessed to know that there is a host church to give shelter and food to me and my family. God bless you, we will miss you all and you have been so helpful and super nice.”* -Megan

If you did not have the opportunity to volunteer for our first Family Promise hosting, we really need your help Christmas week and again in 2015. Look for volunteer sign up opportunities at church beginning on Sunday, November 9. If you want to commit NOW to being an Evening Host, Dinner Host, Over-night Host, or will prepare an evening meal, please contact **Diane Lucas** at: [dlucasarc@gmail.com](mailto:dlucasarc@gmail.com) or call 626-447-4457.

### 2014 Christmas Week - Preliminary Schedule:

- December 21 – 28
  - o Pre-setup activities: December 20, 3 to 4 pm
  - o Guest Family Setup: December 21, 5:30 to 6:30 pm
  - o Take Down/Cleanup: December 28, 2 to 4 pm



**Luke 2: 10 “... I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people.”**

– *David Steinmeier*, Family Promise Communications Coordinator, [david@microjoining.com](mailto:david@microjoining.com)

### ***Four Hundred...***

- children served at Trunk or Treat.***
- daffodils planted Saturday in Remembrance and Hope.***
- committed Christians that John Wesley prayed to be part of to shake down the gates of Hell in this life and in the next.***
- acts of simple kindness to mark our faith in God's grace.***
- days of prayer, meditation, reflection and response to grow the Good Shepherd Movement.***
- reasons to make the Gospel a living experience. and it begins with ones, us, doing good, today.***

***Phil***

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**Upcoming Events:**

**Now through November 23 – 2015 Finance Campaign.**

**Now through November 23 - We will be collecting new, unopened cans and bags of dog and cat food for the Humane Society's "Fill the Bowl Project." Place your donations in the bins outside the Children's Center Office.**

**Now through the holidays – Food Drive for Foothill Unity Center.**

**Parenting Group led by Elsa Wood, Sundays at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Lounge.**

**Book Study led by Pastor Phil, Sundays at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the AEC.**

**Book Study led by Pastor Joshua, Sundays at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Church Library.**

**November 15 – Festival of Bands (Duarte Rd. closed to traffic all morning).**

**November 16 – Concert at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

**November 18 – Co-Weds meeting regarding the new signs. 7:30 p.m. in JH.**

**November 20 – UMM meeting regarding Alzheimer's. 7:15 p.m. in Church Library.**

**November 24 – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at CGS, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary.**

**November 26 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship in the Chapel at 7:30 p.m.**

**December 21-28 – Family Promise at CGS.**