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Worship Schedule for The Church of the Good Shepherd Sunday, February 15, 2015

Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Transfiguration of the Lord
Worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.
Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:2-9

Witness: "They Were Right!"
Senior Pastor Philip Bertolo Wood, Preaching

8:00 a.m. - Worship in Chapel.

8:45 – Coffee Fellowship in the Courtyard.

9:00 – Bible Study – AEC.

9:15 - Chancel Choir rehearsal - MR.

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

10:00 – Worship in Sanctuary.

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

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

11:30 – Family Promise Volunteer Lunch – JH.

11:30 – **UMW Board meeting** – Library.

11:30 – Youth Bell rehearsal – Sanctuary

11:30 – Carol Choir rehearsal – Music Room.

12:00 p.m. – Serve Noon Meal at Union Station.

12:00 – Deadline for Foundation Grants!

2:30 - UMYF return from SSP Weekend.

3:00-5:00 - Youth Choir rehearsal - MR.

3:00 - Concert - Chapel

No Youth Choir dinner, UMYF or KNIGHTS.

The Church Office and the Good Shepherd Children's Center will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015, for President's Day.

Next Wednesday, February 18, is Ash Wednesday and CGS will offer services at: 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel and 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Both services with Holy Communion.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please continue to pray for those mentioned previously in church and in the newsletter. Be sure to add Ian MacKinnon to your prayers and continued healing for Katharine Tompkins, Wayne Whitehill, and David Steinmeier.

Our condolences go out to the family of **Hilda Needle** upon her death on January 25, 2015.

Pardon Our Dust:

The Board of Trustees has begun work on the restrooms in the Sanctuary. Please use the new outside restrooms until the renovation has been completed.

Foundation Grant Requests 2015 – LAST CALL!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to improve or develop religious, charitable, and education programs and activities of Church of the Good Shepherd! If you have been thinking about applying for a 2015 Good Shepherd Foundation grant, pick up an application in the church office this week or from the church website under "Announcements." Deadline is Noon this Sunday, February 15, 2015.

MEN, SAVE THE DATE - 11th Annual Men's Retreat April 17 & 18

On **APRIL 17 and 18** the Annual Men's Retreat for 2015 will be led by Pastor JOSHUA CLOUGH on the Good Shepherd campus. Watch this space for additional details.

Our 6th FINCA Village Bank!

\$5,000! We've done it again!—six times since 2005. And each time that we raised \$5,000, we became sponsors of a FINCA Village Bank. This time, the UMW voted to sponsor a bank in Mexico, adding it to our "roster" of Village Banks in Afghanistan, Haiti, Jordan, Malawi and Zambia. We also voted to continue to support FINCA as the Social Outreach project in 2015. We will continue our Loose Change collections in Fellowship Groups that wish to take part, as well as launch other money-raising projects in the months ahead. With your generous support, we're aiming for No. 7!

Fran Syverson and Meegan Tosh UMW Social Outreach Co-chairs

"Calling all Volunteers" to Help with Family Promise!

Our first group of guest families for 2015 arrives on Sunday evening, February 22nd, and departs early on Sunday morning, March 1st. So far, we have most of the volunteers that we will need to assist with hosting the families. Stop by the table on the patio after church this Sunday and see how you can help, then stay for the volunteer luncheon in Jordan Hall at 11:30 a.m.

David Steinmeier, Family Promise Communications Coordinator

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Mathew 25: 37-40

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Jesus Taught us how to Serve Others

Sermons Are Now Online!

Were you out of town, on vacation, or didn't make it to worship on Sunday? Church of the Good Shepherd is now uploading an audio version of the weekly sermon to the church website. We are excited to offer this online format, which is an extension of the ministries of our church, to fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We encourage you to share the sermon on other social media outlets, such as Facebook, or with friends and family in your personal networks. To access the audio online visit egsum.org and click the link "Listen Online." You will be directed to the webpage which hosts the weekly sermons. Simply, click on the sermon title and listen in!

Music in Sacred Spaces Presents Another Fabulous Concert February 15

Music in Sacred Spaces is proud to welcome violin sensation, Andrew Sords, and Principal Cellist of the Los Angeles Opera, John Walz, together with pianist, Timothy Durkovic, in a concert featuring the monumental Tchaikovsky piano trio as well as music by Mozart and Bartok. Join us on Sunday, February 15, at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel for world-class music. Invite a friend! A requested donation of \$15 and \$10 for students with ID will be taken at the door.

"You Are the United Methodist Men" Meeting

Bring a meaningful personal story to share at our UMM meeting on February 19, 2015. An incident, a book, a poem, a great vacation, a lesson learned, a day to do over, a frightening moment – or a happy one, etc. No more than 3 or 4 minutes. Dinner at 6:30 PM. The meeting at 7:15 PM is one we create and which may leave us knowing each other a little better.

Calling All Cabaret Alumni!

This year's Cabaret theme centers on home and family, and the current youth choir members would like to invite our alumni to come join their choir and church family for this year's Cabaret. Alumni would be featured in their own number, as well as joining in on the opening and closing numbers if they wish. Cabaret weekend is March 7 and 8, 2015. We'll send you music in advance, and you would only have to come to the dress rehearsal on Saturday, March 7 from 5-10 pm and then the shows on Sunday, March 8, with a 3:30 pm call time and shows at 5 and 7 pm. If you'd like to join the show, contact Janice at janiceclark@ausd.net or 626-446-9310.

2015 Flower Chart

We have our new 2015 Flower Chart hanging in the narthex of the Sanctuary. You may order flowers "in honor" or "in memory" of loved ones or in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or special event. Please make your \$40 check payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd" and write "altar flowers" (and the date for the flower order) on the memo line. Place your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church. The flowers will be ordered by the church office from ZuZu's Petals in Arcadia.

Memorial/Veterans/Chancel Flowers

Join the list of veterans who donate toward the flowers in church on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day in honor of those who have served or are currently serving in our country's armed forces? If so, please contact Linda in the church office. The cost of \$20 covers both holidays. Checks should be made payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd" and turned into the office with "Veterans' Flowers" on the memo line of the check. The list from last year is not automatically carried over —you need to sign up again this year for 2015 list.

Forward!

With the Youth being part of the Sierra Service Project Weekend of Service in Los Angeles this weekend, and the return of Family Promise in another week, we are reminded that the overused word, "Love", becomes fresh, unique, and dynamic all over again through the investment of ourselves in the welfare of others. Now.

Let us follow the examples presented and share the commitment of our love to all, for positive change in their lives, and ours.

Avanti!

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Upcoming Events:

February 13-15 – SSP Weekend of Service for our Youth Group.

February 15 – Luncheon for Family Promise Volunteers.

February 15 – Deadline for Foundation Grants at noon.

February 15 – Concert in the Chapel at 3:00 p.m.

February 16 – Church Office and Children's Center closed for President's Day.

February 18 – Ash Wednesday services at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

February 19 – UMM Monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

February 22-28 – Family Promise at CGS.

March 8 – SSP Cabaret in Jordan Hall at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

March 27 – SAVE THE DATE – Wedding Shower Dinner for Joshua and Claire given by UMW with the help of UMM and the Youth – 6:00 p.m. in Jordan Hall.

April 17 & 18 – Annual Men's Retreat (to be held here at CGS this year).