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Sunday, November 10, 2019

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Worship in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Scripture: Psalm 145:1-5 and Matthew 21:12-17

Message: "A Stewardship Culture of Generosity: Are We Honoring Jesus' Legacy of Generosity?"

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

10:00 a.m. is Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

8:00 p.m. – Worship in the Chapel.

9:00 – Coffee Fellowship – Courtyard.

9:00 - Bible Study – Library.

9:00 – 11:30 – Childcare – Toddler Room.

10:00 – Worship in the Sanctuary.

10:00 – Children's Sunday School.

10:00 – ESL Bible Class – Library.

11:00 – SSP Stock Sales on the patio.

11:00 – Coffee Fellowship – Jordan Hall.

11:15 – Covenant Conversations (Session 3B) and lunch in JH. Child care available.

11:15 – Carol Choir rehearsal – Music Room.

11:20 – Youth Bells rehearsal – Sanctuary.

4:30 – Youth Choir – Music Room.

6:00 – Sundays @ Six is meeting tonight.

6:30 – Youth dinner.

7:00-8:00 – Youth Fellowship – UMYF.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please keep all those previously mentioned in your prayers. If you or a loved one needs to be added to the prayer chain or the newsletter prayer list, please let the church office know.

Congratulations:

Longtime CGS member and renowned humorist **Dorothy Denne** (Dorothy's Place appeared in the Arcadia Weekly for many, many years) was honored by the Arcadia Police Foundation for her years of volunteering and spearheading the recent K-9 program in Arcadia. Congratulations to Dorothy!

Trunk or Treat:

A very successful Trunk or Treat was held on Halloween Night in the west parking lot. We had 32 decorated cars and the largest attendance yet! The lot was filled with excited children in colorful, imaginative costumes. Tremendous effort was made by all to have the event be an outreach to the community with the hope that they will visit our church. Thank you to our members who donated candy. Mark your calendars for next year when it will be on a Saturday evening!

-Lynne and Vern Whitaker

Calling All Children, Youth and Adults

Christmas is coming! We need animals, shepherds, wise men, angels, Mary, and Joseph for the Christmas Eve family Service at 5:00PM on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 5:00PM. Carol Choir, Youth Choir and Youth Bells will also be participating. Rehearsals for the Pageant will be Sunday, Dec. 15th from 11:15AM – 1:00PM, and Sunday, Dec. 22nd, from 11:15AM – 1:00PM. All children, youth, young adults, and adults ages 2-105 are welcome to participate. Lunch will be included!

Covenant Conversation Sessions

These sessions are for us to learn, discuss, and vision together as we work towards creating a Covenant Statement for Church of the Good Shepherd in regards to LGBT+ issues. This is especially important as churches, clergy, and laity will be affected by the upcoming 2020 General Conference that will revise the UMC's stance on human sexuality.

3 more sessions will be offered:

Session 3B Social Constructs: on Nov. 10th (Sunday, 11:15am) with Professor Andrew Vosko of Claremont Graduate University. Lunch and child care will be provided for these.

Session 4: A Series of 1 Hour Small Group Discussions led by Covenant Conversation Team Members

- Nov. 3rd (Sunday @ 5pm) for any member wishing to attend before Sundays at 6 Devotion Time
- Nov. 6th (Wednesday @1pm) for church members of the Women's Book Club
- Nov. 7th (Thursday @9am) for church members of the Men's Power Breakfast group
- Nov. 9th (Saturday @10am) for any member wishing to attend
- Nov. 10th (Sunday @9-9:45am) for any member wishing to attend
- Nov. 12th (Tuesday, time TBD) for church members of the Double Rings group
- Youth Group and Young Adult discussion times TBD

We encourage you to attend one of the above discussion sessions. CGS is a diverse community with a vast range of theological positions, yet we are all members of the same church and share many missions and values in our service to God. It is vitally important that all viewpoints are expressed and taken into account. We will then gather together to hear small group discussion summaries and talk about final reflections on Nov. 17th for Session 5: Town Hall Meeting.

CGS 2019 ADVENT BOOK STUDY

"THE JOURNEY—Walking the Road to Bethlehem"

by Adam Hamilton

a simple girl, an ordinary man, an unforgettable destination

Join the Advent CGS Book Study

4 MONDAYS, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 16, 2019



"If you think you know the story of Jesus' birth, think again! This wonderful book sets us on a journey to the times and characters of Christmas so that we experience the birth of Christ in our lives in a new way." —Joel C. Hunter, author of *Church Distributed*

As he did with Jesus' crucifixion in "24 Hours That Changed the World", Pastor Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road. Join Diane and Craig Lucas as we journey with Pastor Adam Hamilton from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Bring a friend. To sign up for the class, contact Craig & Diane Lucas (dllucasarc@gmail.com) 626-447-4457. Cost of the book is \$12. Contact Diane if you want to order a book from her. The book is also available from Amazon and Cokesbury. Be sure to get the Expanded Paperback Edition!

Equipping for Renewal, Leadership Training

On Saturday, Nov. 16th, the East Cal Pac District will be sponsoring a training session for church leaders and others who may be interested. It will be held at Good Shepherd this year. There will be sessions especially designed for leaders & members of Trustees, Finance, SPRC, Lay Leaders, Youth directors/leaders, and clergy. This is an excellent time to learn & ask questions of the Cal Pac experts, & I encourage your attendance. Even if you know you will not be an officer next year, there is probably information which can be passed on to the next officer of your committee. Cost is only \$15.

Pastor Eva & Franklyn will be leading a couple of group sessions.

Our UMW will be busy providing the continental breakfast & lunch. If you are not attending as a participant, ask Sandy Jelinek if there is anything you can do to assist with the breakfast or lunch set up/clean up. They will be serving an estimated 100-120 participants.

CGS Family Promise – 2019 Fall Hosting Summary, October 20th through the 27th

Fall Hosting saw the arrival of a new guest family to Good Shepherd. Dioselina with daughter, Marisol, and sons, Jesus and Luis. Marisol is a first year student at Cal State Long Beach. Can you imagine attending college without having a home base to spread out your “stuff” and do your homework? Jesus and Luis very much enjoy learning and were very diligent in completing their homework each night, including their weekend assignments!

Many thanks to the more than 60-volunteers who prepared dinners, conversed with Dioselina and her family, and provided a safe sleeping environment! We cannot provide this level of love and support without your help. Gary Wat, the Monday Evening Dinner Host found CGS and Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley (FPSGV) through the San Gabriel Chamber. This was the 2nd time Gary was a dinner host. He knew no one at CGS before coming to us.

Gary said this about our CGS Volunteers: “It is always such a blessing to serve alongside with you and truly fellowship together with the members of your church. It is always what I imagined a true church would do, to bless others, to be in our Lord's House, and provide a home for those that need it.”

Channel 34 approached FPSGV about doing a segment on the work that FPSGV does in our community. So on Thursday morning, FPSGV arranged to interview Dioselina at CGS. It was very hard for Dioselina to talk about being homeless, but she wanted to do this interview for her family.

Assembling puzzles and playing board games proved to be a very popular activity in the evening.



Family Promise takes a lot of planning and hard work. Our dedicated Family Promise Leadership Team under the direction of **Diane & Craig Lucas**, with support from **Larry & Marilyn Callaham** and **John & Leslie Kenan**, ensured that our guest family was well cared for during their stay with us. Please thank them when you see them at church.

2020 Hosting Schedule:

If you didn't have an opportunity to volunteer for Fall Hosting, please plan to volunteer for one or more of the 2020 hosting dates.

2020 Hosting Schedule	
Winter	January 26 – February 1
Spring	May 24 – May 30
Summer	July 26 – August 1
Fall	October 25 – October 31

-David Steinmeier, CGS Family Promise Communications Coordinator
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Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

The clients of the Foothill Unity Center would like to celebrate the holidays with their families and you can help! The Center distributes special Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and our donations can help fill them. Anything you enjoy at a holiday meal can be donated. Make sure it DOES NOT come in a GLASS CONTAINER! Food items should be left in Jordan Hall.

The Finance Committee is thankful for each member's generosity as it funds the ministries of the church for its members and the people in the community. Join us each Sunday as we explore Stewardship and what it means to give generously to support the ministries of the church. And please save the date of Nov. 17th for Pledge Sunday.

Nov. 10 and 17 – Covenant Conversations – after church with lunch served in Jordan Hall.

November 16 – East District Training Conference here at CGS, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

November 17 – Pledge Sunday.

November 23 – Arcadia Band Review – Duarte Road is closed 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

November 25 – 7 p.m. Interfaith Service at Holy Angels.

November 25 – Advent Book Study begins at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the church library.

November 27 – 7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service in our Chapel.

November 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving weekend holidays – office and Children's Center closed.



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