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Sunday, December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

The Hanging of the Greens

8:00 a.m. Worship in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-6 and Luke 1:26-38

God with Us Brings Love - 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.

9:00 – Youth Bells call time.

9:30 – Youth Choir call time.

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 – JH

11:00 – Alternative Christmas Market – JH.

11:00 – Poinsettias on sale – Patio

11:00 – Craft Sale in JH.

11:15 – Carol Choir rehearsal – Music Room.

11:20 – Youth Bells rehearsal – Sanctuary.

4:30 – Youth Choir – Music Room – Rehearsals for Cabaret and Christmas Eve.

6:00 – Youth Dinner.

6:00 – Sundays @ Six not meeting in December.

6:30 – UMYF – Fellowship and Program – Franklyn Shen will be leading tonight.

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.

Christmas Poinsettias

Every Christmas, our chapel and sanctuary are decorated with beautiful poinsettia plants which are pre-purchased by our congregation, usually in memory or in honor of friends and family. These may be taken home after the 9 PM and 11 PM Christmas Eve services, or left for volunteers to take to our homebound members after Christmas. This year, you may pre-purchase poinsettias for \$10 each after the services on Sunday, December 8 and in the office during the week between. The last day to order is December 8.



Calling All Children, Youth and Adults



Christmas is coming! We need animals, shepherds and wise men 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. It is not a problem if you are unable to make both rehearsals. Lunch will be included!

Holiday Food Basket Collection – Now through New Years!

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! Here is a list of some suggested items: (canned or packages of:) yams, vegetables, fruit, hearty soups, beans, spaghetti sauce, salad dressing, dessert mixes, stuffing, rice, baking mixes, pickles, olives, Jello, gravy, dinner helpers, beef stew, cranberry sauce, bread mixes such as cornbread, mac and cheese mix, canned pumpkin. If you prefer to make a donation towards the turkeys, chickens, and hams that are provided please make your check out to The Foothill Unity Center and leave it in the office for safe delivery. Food items should be left in Jordan Hall. Thanks and blessings!



Foothill Unity Center Bags & Egg Cartons



Thank You to the many church members who have supported the Foothill Unity Center by donating plastic bags and egg cartons. The Center is still collecting these items. Please continue to bring the bags and egg cartons and deposit them in the white barrels located in the annex of Jordan Hall (northeast corner of JH). If possible, please place them in grocery store type paper/plastic bags rather than loosely.

–Vern and Lynne Whitaker

The Arroyo Singers in Concert at CGS

The Arroyo Singers present “Christmas in L.A.” to start your holiday season off right! The show is **Saturday, December 7, at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary here at Good Shepherd. Ticket donation is \$15 at the door (children under 12 are free).**

The Arroyo Singers is a Women's Choral group and was formed in 1961 by a group of Cal Tech wives. The groups' membership is now open to all women who love to sing, and they hail from all around the San Gabriel and San Fernando Valley's. They welcome new members at the beginning of January and September.

The group is under the Musical Direction of Ryan R. Brown. Ryan serves as Associate Conductor for Zoé Chamber Choir, Choral Director at California School of the Arts-San Gabriel Valley, and a Teaching Associate for the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music.

Dr. Lauralie Pow, collaborative accompanist. Lauralie received her Doctorate in Collaborative Piano from University of Miami in 2016. She is currently on faculty at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) where she individually coaches students and teaches classes. Lauralie is also currently on faculty at the California School of the Arts in San Gabriel (CSArts) where she teaches classes and accompanies vocal and choral classes.





Crafter's Workshop Boutique

After church this **Sunday, December 8**, there will be a UMW Craft boutique sale in Jordan Hall. Stop in to buy one-of-a-kind gift items for the folks on your shopping list.

Double Rings Bake Sale

Double Rings is having its annual Holiday Bake Sale after church the following **Sunday, December 15**, in Jordan Hall. Don't miss all the yummy goodies!



Our Annual Alternative Christmas Market December 8 and 15 Give the World a Christmas Gift this Year!



ALTERNATIVE MARKET

Can you believe that Christmas is coming soon! Don't worry about going shopping or catching deals online. Our annual Alternative Christmas Market has something for everyone on your list! The market will be held after the 10 AM service on December 8 and 15. Gifts from Church World Service, Trees for Life, FINCA, Heifer Project, Union Station Pasadena, Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise and Heavenly Treasures will be available for gifts that give twice!

FINCA AT THE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Millions of poor women in the developing world are desperate for an opportunity to help transform their lives and the lives of their children. They are the world's forgotten people, living in remote, far away places where traditional banks either don't exist, or if banks do exist, women might as well be invisible, for their likelihood of getting access to credit or being able to open an account is doubtful. That's why FINCA was founded-to serve hard-working women, living in poverty who, because they lack collateral, can't qualify for traditional bank loans. But with support from individuals like you, we can offer them access to credit and other financial services. The loans are not a lot, and they're short-term, typically repaid over three or four months. People struggling to rise above poverty's worst conditions in 20 countries are getting a hand up, thanks to their FINCA loans and friends like you who make them possible. **GIVE A MEANINGFUL GIFT TO A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER! WHERE ELSE CAN YOU GIVE HOPE AND HELP FOR \$5 A SHARE?!**



SHOP THE ALTERNATIVE MARKET FOR MEANINGFUL GIFTS

Your gift could be a living, breathing, hope giving, moneymaking, fruit bearing, women empowering, food providing, fuel generating, milk making, shelter giving, refugee assisting, community building, life-changing miracle. Complete your shopping at our Alternative Christmas Market!



Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

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December 8 – Hanging of the Greens during worship.

December 8 – Crafters Christmas Boutique in Jordan Hall at 11:00 a.m. - Alternative Christmas Market continues and Poinsettia sales final day after 10:00 a.m. worship service.

December 15 – Special Choir Cantata Music during 10:00 a.m. worship. Invite family and friends to this special time of worship.

December 15 – Double Rings Fellowship Group is having their Christmas Bake Sale in Jordan Hall at 11:00 a.m. – Alternative Christmas Market concludes.

And upcoming in 2020...

Save the date, UMYF Alumni from the 1998 to 2003 era: February 29, 2020 (leap day), come for a potluck in Jordan Hall at 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



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