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The Church of the Good Shepherd
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Sunday, December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Trek to the Tree – Bring Your Christmas Offering to Church

8:00 a.m. Worship in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16 and Luke 1:46-56

“God with Us Brings Peace”

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

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

8:00 a.m. – Worship in the Chapel.

9:00 – Coffee Fellowship – Courtyard.

9:00 - Bible Study – Library.

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

9:30 – Carol 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 – Sign Cards for our Christmas tree in JH.

11:15 – Carol Choir rehearsal – Music Room.

11:15 – Youth Bells rehearsal – Sanctuary.

11:15 – 1:00 – Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal.
Setting up the stable and removing pews from the Sanctuary.

11:50 – Lunch for Christmas Eve rehearsal participants.

12:20 p.m. – Walk-through of the Christmas Eve Service (with music).

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

6:30 – UMYF and Young Adult Christmas Party –
Please eat dinner before you come. Please bring a gift worth \$10.00 for the gift exchange, and a dessert to share. All college and Young Adults and friends are also welcome!

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.

A Christmas Tree, for Our Church Family

In Jordan Hall this Sunday morn, there will be a tree for you to adorn. Cards to sign for your church friends, wish them Merry Christmas as the year ends. Write on a card to hang on the tree, holiday greetings for you and for me. No cost is involved, no fuss, no mess, just your church family for you to bless!



Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal

All of our major roles are filled for the Christmas Eve family Service at 5:00PM on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 5:00PM, but we have room for shepherds, animals, and angels. Carol Choir, Youth Choir, and Youth Bells will also be participating. A dress rehearsal for the Pageant will be this Sunday, December 22, from 11:15AM – 1:00PM. Lunch will be included!



Trek to the Tree

This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, **December 22**, we will be continuing our tradition of **Trek to the Tree**. At both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Services we will bring our special Christmas offering and place it under the trees in our Chapel and Sanctuary. If you are unable to be here this Sunday, please bring your offering to the Christmas Eve Services or drop it in the mail.

Next Tuesday, December 24, 2019: Christmas Eve Worship Services at Church of the Good Shepherd



5:00 p.m. Family Service – Sanctuary - Featuring a Children's Christmas Pageant, our Youth and Carol Choirs singing and Youth Bells playing. Children are encouraged to attend this service with their parents. Free child care will be available for infants and toddlers.

9:00 p.m. Lessons, Carols, and Candles – Sanctuary - Christmas message by Pastor Eva. Chancel Choir and Bells will also be featured. Service in the Sanctuary concludes with candles.

11:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion – Chapel - Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the lighting of candles at midnight as Christmas day begins!

Church Office Closed Over the Holidays

The Church office will be closed beginning at noon on Friday, December 20, 2019, and will reopen on Monday, January 6, 2020. If you have an emergency during that time, please email Pastor Eva at pastoreva@cgsun.org or call/text her on her cell phone at 1-562-682-8859.

2019 giving must be postmarked, or received in the church office, by December 31, 2019. Money received after that date will be applied to 2020 giving.

This newsletter is the final one for 2019. The next "Word" will be typed and sent to the printer on January 6, 2020. The email version will be created at that time and sent out that week also. Any articles for that issue should be sent to ldoran@cgsun.org by January 6, 2020, at noon.

2020 Flower Chart

The 2020 Flower Chart is hanging in the Narthex of the Sanctuary. Sign up to give flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" loved ones or in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, special event or accomplishment. The cost of the flowers is now \$45 (payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd"). The church office will place your order with ZuZu's Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message in the church bulletin on the appropriate Sunday. After the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service that Sunday, you are invited to take your flowers home with you.



Holiday Food Basket Collection Continues

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 the bins in the alcove off Jordan Hall. And, just because the holidays come and go, doesn't mean there isn't a need for canned foods. Families need to eat all year long and Foothill Unity Center is there for the folks in our community who need a helping hand at the holidays and throughout the year. 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*

Stewardship Update:

Thank you to church members and friends who have been so generous in Stewardship Giving for 2019. All are encouraged to reach their 2019 commitment amount during this last month of the year. And as we begin to focus on the new year, the Finance Committee appreciates all who have turned in their new pledge cards or signed up for on-line giving in 2020! So far the church has received 94 Pledge cards. These cards, along with the on-line giving pledges are helping the church reach its projected offering income for 2020. We continue to set 100 Pledge Cards as a goal for 2020. Feel free to bring your card to church on Sunday and place in the offering plate, or mail or drop off to the church office anytime. On-line giving pledges will be tracked as well.

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR**



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Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

December 22 – Trek to the Tree during both worship services. Bring your Christmas offering envelope with your Christmas gift for the church.

December 22 – Sign a card for the tree in the hall, and wish your church family Merry Christmas to all!

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And upcoming in 2020...

We will be celebrating Church of the Good Shepherd's 75th Anniversary. Watch the newsletter for the fun events that are in the planning stages to celebrate together.



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