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**The Church of the Good Shepherd**  
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**Sunday, January 12, 2020**

**Baptism of the Lord**

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

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

**Scripture: Psalm 29:1-11 and Matthew 3:13-17**

**“Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy Name”**

**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.**

**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**

**11:15 – Carol Choir rehearsal – Music Room.**

**11:15 – Youth Bells rehearsal – Sanctuary.**

**4:00 – 6:00 – Youth Choir rehearsal.**

**Sundays @ Six are still dark as new plans take shape.**

**6:30 – 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.

**Sarah Circle**

**Join us this Thursday, Jan. 9th, 7 PM in the Library** for our annual planning meeting & fellowship! All women are welcome to join this fellowship group which usually meets the first Thursday of the month, 7 PM in the Library. Sarah Circle meetings may include fellowship time, speakers, mission support (Elizabeth House & Methodist Hospital for example) and, assisting United Methodist Women with church-wide projects. Contact **Margaret Blair** [kdblair@earthlink.net](mailto:kdblair@earthlink.net), (626)574-1827, for more information.

**Church Council**

**Our first Church Council meeting for 2020 will be Saturday, Jan. 18th, 10 AM - noon, in the Library.** The Council consists of chairmen of all committees & work areas, as well as leaders of our fellowship groups and other groups. Together we work to “make disciples of Christ” through our coordinated efforts at Church of the Good Shepherd.

## Family Promise – “Calling all Volunteers”! For Winter Hosting – January 26<sup>th</sup> through February 1<sup>st</sup>



When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat”. **Matthew 14: 14-16**

Many thanks to those who volunteered in 2019 to help provide a refuge at Good Shepherd for our local temporarily homeless families! You have indeed responded generously to Jesus’ command as stated above in Matthew 14:14-16.

Our first hosting opportunity of 2020 is three-weeks away. Please call or email me with your favorite volunteer task as soon as possible. Many thanks to those individuals and groups who have already volunteered to serve at Winter Hosting!

### Volunteer Positions Needed:

Date	Day (January)	Hosting Need	Volunteers needed for EACH hosting task
25	Saturday	Set Up Crew, 2 to 3-pm	6
26	Sunday	Evening	2
27	Monday	Dinner, Evening, & Overnight	2
28	Tuesday	Evening & Overnight	2
29	Wednesday	Evening & Overnight	2
30	Thursday	Overnight	2
31	Friday	Dinner, Evening, & Overnight	2
	Day (February)		
1	Saturday	Dinner & Evening	2
2	Sunday	Laundry Crew, 11:30 am	3
		Take Down Crew, 2 to 3-pm	6

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, Family Promise Communications Coordinator**

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### 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.



## On-Going Food Collection

Just because the holidays come and go, doesn't mean there isn't a need for canned or packaged 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 throughout the year.



**Feeding the Community**

Food donations should NOT come in a GLASS CONTAINER! Here is a list of some suggested items:

(canned or packages of:) potatoes or yams, any canned vegetables or fruit, hearty soups, beans, spaghetti sauce, salad dressing in a plastic container, dessert mixes, stuffing, rice, baking mixes, pickles, olives, gelatin, gravy, dinner helpers, beef stew, bread mixes such as cornbread, mac and cheese mix.

If you prefer to make a donation towards the purchase of food, 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. Thanks and blessings for a happy and healthy new year!

### *Pastor Eva's Message – A Time of Holding*

Last week was a challenging week for the United Methodist Church. Many newspapers, TV reports, and social media pages were filled with stories about the UMC splitting over the beliefs and issues of Human Sexuality. *Please be assured that currently the UMC has not split.* In May 2020 thousands of delegates from all around the world will gather at General Conference to set the UMC's doctrines and disciplines for the next quadrennium. To be honest, this puts our local churches and clergy in a "holding" pattern as we wait to see what will happen. Many are holding onto the traditional beliefs that they believe in and were raised with. Others are holding onto the desire for social justice and acceptance for all. And others are holding onto the church structure that has been around for decades or others dream of a new structure for 2020 and beyond.

In this time of "holding", I am thankful for the leadership and people of Church of the Good Shepherd. We have been open and honest with each other these past few months in our Covenant Conversations. Many have participated in the sessions that included Scriptures, Social Constructs, Small Group Discussions, and a Town Hall meeting. There is now a Covenant Writing Committee that will work on a Covenant Statement that reflects our own church's belief and perspective. Please see me if you are interested in joining the Covenant Writing Team or would like to share more input with them.



Remember that holding does not just mean to keep or to grasp, but it also means to strengthen and to support. Our covenant time together helps to strengthen us as a church and it supports our church members, clergy, bishop, and conference area. This is fitting as Church of the Good Shepherd celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year! It is a church that began in May 1945 with a charter group of members devoted to God's call for them to be in witness, fellowship, and service to each other and the community.

May we hold each other in prayer this year and continue to be the church that God calls us to be.

Grace and Blessings,

*Pastor Eva*



— JOIN US FOR —  
**A DELICIOUS WAY TO  
RAISE MONEY!**

**Date:** January 9, 2020 - Thursday

**Time:** 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM

**At this BJ's location:**

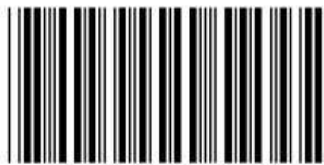
400 E. Huntington Drive  
Arcadia, CA 91006  
626-462-1494

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family  
and friends while earning funds in support of:

### **Foothill Unity Center**

With each flyer presented during this **FUNDRAISING EVENT**, BJ's will donate  
**20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES** to the designated organization!

Valid for dine in or take out. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages or Happy Hour specials. Please do not  
distribute flyers on-site during the event. Digital or printed flyer must be presented to the server.



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## Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

We will be celebrating Church of the Good Shepherd's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020. Watch the newsletter for the fun events that are in the planning stages to celebrate together.

January 9 – Foothill Unity Center fundraiser at BJ's (see flyer).

January 9 – Sarah Circle in the Library at 7:00 p.m. to plan the year.

January 10 – Conversational English classes resume at 9:30 a.m.

January 14 – Double Rings in Jordan Hall at 6:30 p.m. for a Soup/Salad potluck.

January 18 – Church Council meeting in the Library at 10:00 a.m.

January 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – Children's Center and Church Office closed.

January 25 – February 2 – Winter hosting of Family Promise.

February 17 – President's Day – Children's Center and Church Office closed.

February 26 – Ash Wednesday.

April 5 – Palm Sunday.

April 10 – Good Friday – Children's Center and Church Office closed.

April 12 – Easter Sunday.



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