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Sunday, February 23, 2020

Transfiguration Sunday

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

Scripture: Psalm 99:1-9 and Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon Series: Lord's Prayer #7 - "Deliver Us from Evil"

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.

9:00 – Youth Bells call time.

9:30 – Youth Choir call time.

10:00 – Worship in the Sanctuary. Youth Bells and Youth Choir in service.

10:00 – Children's Sunday School.

10:00 – ESL Bible Class – Library.

11:00 – SSP Stock Sales on the patio. Our youth are going to Chiloquin, Oregon, this summer.

11:00 – Coffee Fellowship – JH

11:15 – Carol Choir rehearsal – Music Room.

11:15 – Youth Bells rehearsal – Sanctuary.

11:30 – UMW Board meeting- Lib.

2:00 – Fam Prom Board meeting – Lib.

4:00 – 6:30 – Youth Choir Cabaret rehearsal.

6:30 – Youth Dinner – JH.

7:00 – 8:00 – UMYF – Youth fellowship time.

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.

Prayers for a thorough recovery for **Dan Place** who is at Methodist Hospital with pneumonia.

Prayers for a successful and speedy recovery for **Steve Bickel** who is recovering from leg surgery and for **Becky Bickel** who is being treated for reactive airway disease.

Church Council Meeting:

There will be a Church Council meeting on Saturday, February 29, at 10:00 a.m. in the church library.

Food, Faith & Fellowship:

We now gather on the 1st & 3rd Sundays each month from 5-7pm for 3F...Food, Faith & Fellowship. This includes cooking a meal together in the kitchen, then a time of faith devotion, followed by a fellowship meal. Please let Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org or 626-447-2181) know by Sunday 12 noon on those Sundays if you would like to attend. This helps insure we have enough food and supplies. And please feel free to lead a future cooking session as well!



Ash Wednesday Is February 26

Our Ash Wednesday worship service will be on Wednesday, February 26, at 7 p.m. in the chapel. Please join us as we gather together to begin the season of Lent. If you are not able to come to the service, come to our ashes-to-go drive-thru any time between the hours of 7:30-9:00 a.m. and 2:00-3:30 p.m. in our large west parking lot!

Love Endures The 21st Annual SSP Cabaret Celebrating 75 years of Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday, March 8 at 5 pm and 7 pm



"Time is a wheel in constant motion, always rolling us along." (Tia Sillers/Mark D. Sanders) This lyric from "I Hope You Dance" hits on the constant truth of our lives. Time is moving onward, change happens whether we want it to or not. Fashions change, musical styles change. Saints have gone before us, and saints are still to come, following in our footsteps. But some things do remain constant--the love and grace of God carries through from generation to generation.



Please join the Youth Choir and UMYF as we celebrate the 75 year (and counting) life of Church of the Good Shepherd through music, song, and dance representing each of the decades from the 1940s to the present. The Cabaret will be presented in Jordan Hall on **Sunday, March 8 with shows at 5:00 and 7:00 pm**. Included will be a delicious dessert, and donations will gratefully be taken to help support our youth on their Sierra Service Project trip this summer. *Come to the Cabaret!*

Foundation Grants

The Church of the Good Shepherd Foundation Inc. approved 16 grants in 2019 - our first full year since changing the grant process from a single grant period to accepting requests all year-round. The total amount of money to fund these 2019 grants was over \$44,000.

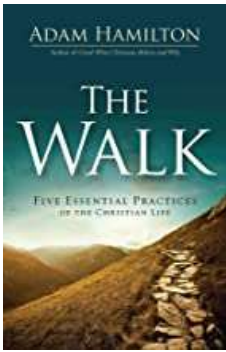
Among the grants funded were:

- Parenting classes
- Conversational English classes
- Family Promise transportation support
- Tuition for the Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection
- Book studies
- Covenant Conversation lunches
- Calligraphy Class
- Trunk or Treat activities
- Furniture for the Church Lounge
- 5th Bell Octave for the Bell Choir
- Hearing Devices



The Year-Round Grant Program is open for 2020 grant requests. Grants must foster spiritual growth or facilitate membership growth of Church of the Good Shepherd UMC (Church), Arcadia. Grants must be consistent with the overall guidelines contained within the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

All grant applications must be submitted online only using the Foundation Online Grant Form - see link. Online grant application assistance will be provided when requested. [CGSFD Year Round Grant Application](#)



CGS 2020 LENTEN BOOK STUDY

“THE WALK—*Five Essential Practices of the Christian Faith*”
by Adam Hamilton

- **6 SUNDAYS, from 9:00 am to 9:55 am, February 23 through March 29, 2020**

OR

- **6 MONDAYS, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, February 24 through March 30, 2020**

Pastor Adam Hamilton’s latest book and accompanying DVD emphasize 5 essential practices of Christian life rooted in Jesus’ own walk with God that have been and continue to be vital to CGS as we celebrate 75 years of Christian ministry and mission.

Join Diane and Craig Lucas as we deepen our walk with Christ by exploring the five essential practices-- worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith.

To sign up for the class, contact Craig & Diane Lucas (dlucasarc@gmail.com) 626-447-4457. Cost of the book is \$15. Contact Diane not later than Feb 13 if you want to order a book from her.

The book is also available from Amazon and Cokesbury.

Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

In celebration of our 75 years of Christian Ministry and Mission, we are planning several opportunities to celebrate this milestone. We hope you will be able to join us for at least one, if not all of the events we have planned listed below. We will also be working on a new pictorial directory. Watch for additional opportunities to share in our events and experiences throughout the year.

May 13 – 16 - Pictorial Directory Photos.

Sunday, May 17 - Charter Sunday will be a re-dedication of the church during a single service at 10:00 am. It is also All Choir Sunday. The service will be followed by an all church photo and lunch.

Saturday, June 13 – Diamond Dinner Celebration (invitations to follow).

Sunday, September 13 – Family Homecoming with lunch and an outreach project.



Grief Group Begins

A new Grief Group begins next **Tuesday, February 25, at 7-8 p.m.** in the church library. All are welcome. The class meets for 10 weeks and will be led by Linda Brown.

UMYF Reunion on March 7

A Reunion (note date change due to conflicts) is being planned for Saturday, March 7. Potluck luncheon in Jordan Hall will be held at 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for 1998 – 2003 era UMYF Alumni and their families. Mark this date on your calendars and plan to be a part of the fun.



Save the Dates

Photos for a new pictorial directory will be taken **May 13-16, 2020**, here at CGS. Sign-ups will be soon, so watch the newsletter for updates, and plan to take part in this directory which will be a part of our 75th Anniversary year!!

Please note: The church office has new times...Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We are closed Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.

Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

February 23 and 24 – Lenten Studies begin...see article.

February 25 – New Grief Group begins at 7-8 pm in the church library.

February 26 – Ash Wednesday. Drive-thru Ashes to Go 7:30-9 am and 2-3:30 pm in our west parking lot. Worship Service in the Chapel at 7 pm.

February 29 – 10:00 am Church Council meeting in the church library.

March 7 – UMYF Reunion in JH, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm for 1998–2003 era Alumni.

March 8 – SSP Cabaret at 5 & 7 pm. Don't miss it!

March 14, April 4, and May 2 – Our Next All Church Work Days!!

March 26 – UMW Fundraiser at Alex DiPeppe's, 4-9 pm.

April 5 – Palm Sunday.

April 10 – Good Friday – Children's Center and Church Office closed. Stations of the Cross 1-6 pm in the Chapel.

April 12 – Easter Sunday services at 6, 8 and 10 am.

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