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Sunday, March 8, 2020

Second Sunday in Lent

Time Change Sunday – Spring Forward

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

Scripture: Psalm 121:1-8 and John 8:12-16

Sermon Series: “I Am” #2 - “I Am the Light of the World”

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 – Lenten Book Study – Library.

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

9:45 – Cabaret Call Time.

10:00 – Worship in the Sanctuary.

10:00 – Children’s Taste of Cabaret - JH.

10:00 – ESL Bible Class – AEC.

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

11:00 – Coffee Fellowship – JH

11:15 – FINCA time change, change collection!

11:15 – Carol Choir rehearsal – Music Room.

11:15 – Youth Bells rehearsal – Sanctuary.

3:30 p.m. – Cabaret Call Time.

5:00 – 21st Annual SSP Cabaret – JH

6:00 – Dinner for Cabaret participants – JH.

7:00 – 21st Annual SSP Cabaret – JH

8:00 – Help Clean Up Jordan Hall.

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 **Catherine Doster** who will be participating in the L.A. Marathon on Sunday, March 8.

UMYF Reunion Potluck on March 7

A Reunion 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. Bring a potluck dish to share with the group!



Time Change Sunday!



This Sunday, March 8, is when Daylight Saving Time begins. Traditionally we have buckets to collect change for United Methodist Women’s FINCA Project. FINCA helps fund small loans to women in 3rd world countries to start projects to enhance their lives. Please bring your change to drop in our buckets so that we can CHANGE LIVES with your CHANGE on TIME CHANGE SUNDAY! Thank you from the UMW!

Love Endures – The 21st Annual SSP Cabaret – Celebrating 75 Years of CGS Sunday, March 8 at 5 pm and 7 pm

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 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](#)

"We Are One" Winter Choral Concert

Featuring students in the Vocal Arts Conservatory of the CA School of the Arts, "We Are One" is a musical celebration of who they are as a tight-knit community of compassionate vocal artists from diverse backgrounds and experiences. The show is **Friday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.** in our Sanctuary. CGS members are invited to attend - \$5 donation requested.

Prison Ministry

I am going to prison again! I participate in the Kairos Prison ministry and will be going with a team of 30 men to the Trumbull Correctional Institution in North East Ohio from March 19 to 22, 2020. Kairos is clearly the most intense 3½ day mission experiences of my life. It is amazing to watch God work in the lives of these residents. On Thursday evening, they walk in with defensive walls up. By Sunday morning, they are sharing openly and praying for each other. This is truly a life-changing ministry and it is humbling to be a part of it. To learn more about Kairos Inside, check out this link: <http://www.kairosprisonministry.org/>

-Richard Vethamani

Lenten Book Display

Lent began on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the six weeks preceding the crucifixion of Jesus and the joy of Easter Sunday. During Lent, we are called to know Christ, to follow him more closely, and to live more obedient lives.

To begin, read Stephen Mitchell's The Gospel According to Jesus. The author rewrites the Gospels as if Jesus had written them. Only what Mitchell believes Jesus said and did is included. Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote The Man From Nazareth about Jesus as people of his time saw him. The crowds, scribes and Pharisees, women and children, militant nationalist, Jews each saw him differently. Each of us sees him differently, as well.

This summer, the city of Oberammergau, Germany, will offer the Passion Play, In 1633, the parish of Oberammergau promised to present the play about Christ's suffering and death every ten years if the plague was ended. It was, and in 1634, the Passion Play was presented for the first time. Read the text before you travel there.

David Wesley Soper's You Have Met Christ is a look at ways modern men and women felt the impact of a contemporary Christ in their lives. Frank Laubach's The Greatest Life is Jesus telling his own story in his own words. Dr. William Creasy recreated the 560 year old Imitation of Christ by Thomas Kempis. "The book is a guidebook to a life of holiness whose end is God." (p. 26) Zan W. Holmes, Jr., wrote Encountering Jesus. He writes that preachers must be the prompter, offstage, who reminds the players to play their part. The audience in the drama is God. (p. 64)

During Lent, read some, pray some, and act some. Find Christ in some of these actions.

- Elaine Drew, Librarian

New Members will be invited to join Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday, March 29 in the 10am Worship Service! Those interested in membership must attend the following 2 new member classes with Pastor Eva: March. 8 (Sunday at 9:15-9:45am or 11:30am-12noon) and March 22 (Sunday at 9:15am-9:45am or 11:30am-12noon). Please sign up with Pastor Eva at the church office (626) 447-2181 or e-mail: PastorEva@cgsun.org

Through the Years

No Indebtedness

It is rare indeed for a new church to enter its first buildings without indebtedness, but such was the case for Church of the Good Shepherd. It was, however, due in part from support from its friends. The church members themselves raised \$20,000 in their first year. Pledges of \$15,000 came from members of the First Methodist Church of Pasadena. Crusade for Christ, a national program after World War II, donated \$9,500 to the building program. And the church's building committee itself raised \$11,000 one Sunday afternoon, enough to furnish the new building. Thus with much faith and confidence, though at times a little trepidation, Church of the Good Shepherd went from a dream to a reality on May 17, 1946 when the congregation entered their first building—debt-free.

Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Mark your calendars and join us in celebrating 75 years of Christian Ministry and Mission. More details to follow as events get closer:

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.



Bishop Hagiya's Message on Public Health

We have all been consumed by the rapid spread of the Coronavirus and its growing implications for our daily lives. We cannot downplay the importance of being prepared and not reacting with panic or fear.

As a spiritual body, we need to remember that fear turns people toward sin. Anytime we scapegoat a certain people (e.g. Asians where the virus seemed to originate), we are guilty of practicing such sin. Our response to victims should not be ostracizing and shunning them, but it should be to have compassion and care for them.

As the California-Pacific Conference, we are looking into a number of different scenarios as well as our options in response. Personally, I believe we should follow the old adage: "Expect the best, prepare for the worse." Part of our preparation has been talking with our own Disaster Response Team, one of the best in the nation.

We hope to provide timely updates as this is a developing situation. What I wanted to share with you today are some resources that have been a part of our discussions.

In terms of guidance from medical professionals, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control has produced a number of [helpful documents here](#) that you may want to go over with your church.

As we have been checking with our sister denominations, we found an [excellent Emergency Plan](#) from the United Church of Canada as well as a [Pandemic Preparedness Guide](#) from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that we are studying.

For now, please consider following the advice in general being given by our own American medical authorities:

- Seek immediate medical intervention if you develop flu like symptoms
- Stay home if you are not feeling well, and especially if you are coughing
- Wash your hands on a regular basis and use hand sanitizers as an alternative
- Sanitize those areas with which you have a lot of contact

Most importantly as people of faith, let us pray for those who have contracted the virus and for our world wide population that the virus will be contained. Let us turn to our God in faith and let us not succumb to our fears and anxieties.

Be the Hope,

Bishop Grant J. Hagiya

Los Angeles Area Resident Bishop

The United Methodist Church

Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

March 6 – Cal School of Arts Vocal Concert – 7:30 pm in our Sanctuary.

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

March 8 – Time Change Sunday. Turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night when you go to bed. Daylight Savings Time begins!

March 8 – 9:15-9:45am or 11:30-12 noon new member classes.

March 8 – 21st Annual SSP Cabaret at 5 & 7 pm. Don't miss it!

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

March 21 – Clean pews and flip pew cushions, 9 am to noon.

March 22 – 9:15-9:45am or 11:30-12 noon new member classes.

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

March 29 – New Member Sunday.

April 4 – Help put up the palms for Palm Sunday beginning at 8 am.

April 5 – Palm Sunday.

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

April 12 – Easter Sunday

May 13 – 16 - Pictorial Directory Photos - Watch for more information and sign-ups.

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