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**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

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

**Scripture: Psalm 95:1-11 and John 10:1-10**

**Sermon Series: "I Am" #3 - "I Am the Door of the Sheep"**

**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.**

**10:00 – Worship in the Sanctuary.**

**10:00 – Youth and Children's Sunday School.**

**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 – Carol Choir rehearsal – Music Room.**

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

**4:00 p.m. – Youth Choir**

**6:00-6:30 – Youth Dinner.**

**6:30-8:00 – UMYF Practice** for the 3/22 Youth Service.

**Tonight we will NOT be having our Food, Faith and Fellowship (3F) service.** The service will resume in the near future when the current public health matter is resolved.

**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.

**All-Campus Work Day, Saturday, March 14, 8 AM - noon:**



Come join the camaraderie this Saturday as we continue to clean the church campus in preparation for our 75th Anniversary celebrations. There is more gardening, cleaning of the chapel, cleaning of bathrooms, & window cleaning which needs to be done. You'll notice that outside light fixtures & the east sanctuary door no longer have cob webs! Part of the island garden in the west parking lot has been weeded and cleaned, but there is more to do. Bring gardening tools or rags & buckets. Thanks to Double Rings, there is pizza for lunch for all who participate!!



**Food, Faith & Fellowship (3F)**

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## Cabaret: A Great Success

The 2020 SSP Cabaret (the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual) was a huge success, raising over \$1,300 after expenses! Thank you to **Janice Clark and Franklyn Shen** for leading our young people in this special show that many are saying is the best one they have seen yet! The cast sang and danced their way through the decades helping CGS celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

## Easter Flower Sales

It's time for pre-sales of potted flower plants which decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The plants include double lilies (\$17), mums (\$14), azaleas (\$20), and hydrangeas (\$20). Pre-sales will occur until March 29 after services and in the church office. They may be designated in honor of or in memory of someone special and/or designated for homebound members, and may be picked up after the 10 AM Easter Sunday service. Make checks payable to Church of the Good Shepherd, with "Easter flowers" written in the memo line.



## More on Richard Vethamani's Prison Ministry March 19-22

You can support this effort with your prayers. It's simple - pick a time that works for you and say a prayer. People from around the globe join the prayer chain. We make a physical chain with the first names of all who sign up and it literally goes around the room to show the residents that they are surrounded by a community that is praying for them. Follow the link below, select a time and sign up to pray. [Be sure to select your time zone.](#)

Pray for the Residents:

- Replace fear with peace
- Stay out of trouble
- Open to participate, listen and learn
- Accept the gift of love

Pray for the Volunteers:

- Good health
- Safety
- Wisdom and Obedience

Pray for the Weekend:

- Good weather
- Cooperation of prison staff

If you prefer, email me your time slot and I will add you to the old school sign up sheet. [richard@vethamani.com](mailto:richard@vethamani.com)

Here is the prayer chain signup link: <https://www.pravervigils.net/vigil.php?pvId=311>

Thank you for your support. *-Richard Vethamani*



## Save the Date – March 26 – Dine-Out or Take-Out

The United Methodist Women are planning a Dine-Out Fundraiser on **Thursday, March 26, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Alex DiPeppe's**, 610 Live Oak Avenue, Arcadia. Please mention UMW or present a flyer (found in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or in the church when ordering). Our UMW will receive a percentage of the cost and that money will support our special outreach projects. Thank you!

## Memorial/Veteran's Day Flowers

It has become a tradition at our church to have special Chancel Flowers on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day in honor of **all** those who have served or are currently serving in our country's armed forces. We would like to honor your service, or the service of a loved one, by adding your name, rank and the branch in which you served to our list. We invite you to give a donation to the flower fund to keep this tradition going. Checks should be made payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd" and turned into the office with "Veterans' Flowers" on the memo line of the check. Suggested annual donation of \$20 covers both holidays. Those making a donation will be shown with an asterisk, but all who have served or are currently serving will be listed.



## Through the Years

### Good Shepherd Forum

For many years, the Good Shepherd Forum attracted members to come at 9 o'clock to hear programs centered primarily on social issues of the day. Sometimes a theme was chosen for a series of consecutive Sundays. Instrumental in bringing a wide variety of speakers and topics to the Forum were John and June Fee. Such was the case in April of 1995 when a renowned Baptist minister, civic leader, and television moderator presented a two-Sunday discussion on "Christians Challenge the Cuban Embargo." Following that was a four-part series surrounding Lent. A Jewish cantor spoke on *The Meaning of Passover*; a Roman Catholic instructor in Religious Education in Claremont described *The Meaning of Lent*; the church organist met the Forum members near the organ to demonstrate *The Music of Lent*; and a Christian activist and Program Director of the American Service Committee talked about *The Meaning of the Resurrection*.

## 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.

## Advice from Our Health Ministries Committee

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (CO-VID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, the CDC recommends everyday preventive measures to help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

From: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019)

## New Members

**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) which has already passed and March 22 (Sunday at 9:15am-9:45am or 11:30am-12noon). Speak to Pastor Eva if you missed the class on March 8 but are interested in joining on March 29. Please sign up with Pastor Eva at the church office (626) 447-2181 or e-mail: [PastorEva@cgsun.org](mailto:PastorEva@cgsun.org)

## 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](#)



*In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loves us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. - Romans 8:37-39*

Beloved Church of the Good Shepherd Family and Community,

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is having an increasing impact on our communities and the world. The church wants to keep you informed about the steps we are taking to help keep you, our congregation and our communities safe. The best approach to this public health matter is to continue to pay attention to the official information coming from the Public Health Department, to use good hygiene practices, to stay home if you are sick, and to be prudent about social contact if you are among a vulnerable population.

#### WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 15<sup>th</sup> (Available In Person or via Live-Stream)

Worship will still take place this Sunday. Please know that there will be precautions set in place for those who would still like to attend worship in person. This includes but is not limited to: hand sanitizers placed at the entrance, staggered pew seating, no passing of the peace with handshakes, and no passing of the offering plate.

For those who are: not feeling well, or are in a vulnerable population group (elderly, young children, immune deficiencies) or for those who are not comfortable in the larger worship setting, please feel free to stay home and enjoy the worship service through the church's LIVE STREAM via the Church Website ([www.GCSUM.org](http://www.GCSUM.org)) or the Facebook Group Page.

Whether worshipping in person or on-line, may we find comfort and hope as we join our hearts in song, prayer, and proclamation!

#### SUNDAY EVENING 3F (Food, Faith, and Fellowship) Gathering

Is cancelled until further notice.

#### MID-WEEK GROUPS and CLASSES

For mid-week groups and classes, watch for notices from your leaders about whether your class, group or committee is still meeting. The office will continue to be open during the week for your calls and visits.

#### PRAYERS, CONNECTION, AND PASTORAL CARE

We'll make the most of this Lenten season by engaging in spiritual growth and drawing together in prayer and reflection. Prayers and other resources to use during this unusual time will be provided via the Church Newsletter, Website, and Facebook Group Page.

Please feel free to call to church office (626) 447-2181 if you have pastoral care needs, questions, or concerns, or would like a virtual or in person visit from Pastor Eva.

While we too are working to keep ourselves and others safe, we are committed to being the church and following John Wesley's model in doing all the good we can, in all the ways we can, in all the places we can. We will care for one another and find our way to the other side of this challenge. Social isolation is difficult and tends to heighten anxiety. Reach out to one another via phone, email and cards. Check in especially with folks who might be feeling particularly vulnerable.

#### CHILDREN'S CENTER

The CC will currently remain open until directed by the Arcadia USD or LA County Public Health Department to close. The Director and Staff have taken extra measures to disinfect and prevent the spread of germs as best as possible. More info will be given on the church website.

#### MARCH AND BEYOND

We will continue to provide updates as we learn more and continue to monitor the state of COVID-19. Thank you all for your commitment to being the church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, even in unpredictable times in our world. Our prayer is that you prioritize your care and health, find connection in meaningful ways, and continue to pray unceasingly, as we wait for what is ahead.

*Together in Christ's Service,*

**Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor**

**March 13, 2020**

## Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

**We will NOT be having our Food, Faith and Fellowship (3F) service.** The service will resume in the near future when the current public health matter is resolved.

**March 14 – All Church Work Day – 8 am to noon (see article on front cover).**

**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 4 and May 2 – Our Next All Church Work Days!!**

**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.**

**Sunday, May 17 - Charter Sunday.**

**Saturday, June 13 – Diamond Dinner Celebration.**

**Ladies, The 2020 Women's Retreat Weekend is October 16-18.** Pastor Eva will be our leader!!  
Mark your calendars now so you don't have a conflict!!



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