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**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 16:1-11 and John 20:19-31

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

County "Stay at Home Order" continues into May.

**In person gatherings remain suspended. Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services that will continue to be online (church website or Facebook Group Page) through May 17.**

**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.

*Welcome New Baby:*

Congratulations on the birth of **Ryan Anthony Geis** born to **Jason and Mary Ann Geis** on April 4, 2020, in Reston, Virginia. Proud grandparents are **Tony and Jean Parrille**.

*Watch Your Mail Box:*

Easter Letters and Special Offering Envelopes have been mailed to homes this week.

*Signs of Faith and Hope during this Time of "Stay Safe at Home":*

Email your pictures to Linda at the church ([ldoran@cgsum.org](mailto:ldoran@cgsum.org)). Below are more photos that we have received...



(A bear and a bunny stay safe in the window at the Conrad's home.)



(Karen Schaefer's bear is visiting the Doran's home and staying a safe distance on the porch)



(Tommy, Karen Whitehill's great-grandson, was visited by the Easter Bunny, but no one else this year.)



## Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission Through the Years Making History

It is entertaining and informative to think of all that has happened in the long history of our church ‘through the years.’ Yet what we are doing now is history, too—the history of the future. One such on-going social action project is FINCA, the Foundation for International Community Assistance. In 2005, the United Methodist Women (UMW) chose to support FINCA because of its focus on providing micro-loans to hard-working people—primarily women—in developing countries. “A hand up, not a handout” is FINCA’s motto. Each week, the women meet to pay back part of their loan, to put some money into savings, and to invest in their small home businesses so they can provide better food and education for their children.

In their first year, the UMW raised just over \$1,038 for FINCA. Then, learning that a donation of \$5,000 would allow the UMW to sponsor a FINCA Village Bank, our women set out to raise that amount. They accomplished that, with \$5,000 going to each of Haiti, Jordan, Malawi, and Zambia in succeeding years. To raise the money, they have held boutiques, sold personal jewelry, held bake sales, created notecards, and participated in the Alternative Christmas. They have garnered contributions from various church Fellowship groups—the Men’s group, the choir, Wednesday Book Club, women’s circles, and the UMW Board itself. In recent years, a main fundraiser is the now-familiar Yellow Buckets. When daylight savings time begins or ends, out come the Yellow Buckets labeled “Time Change Sunday—Time for Loose Change for FINCA.” After each worship service, congregants are invited to drop their loose change into a Yellow Bucket. Whenever \$5,000 is reached, the UMW chooses another country to support. So far, they have funded FINCA Village Banks in Zambia, Afghanistan, Mexico, Guatemala, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In all, they have donated more than \$40,000 to FINCA. So this is our ongoing ‘history of the future’ which someday will become part of our history of the past.

### CGS Answers the Call with Help to Family Promise

James 2: 14-17—*What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”*

We all know the challenges as we manage to stay safe and healthy during the current Coronavirus pandemic. If one has shelter and resources for food and provisions during these troubling times, then it is a blessing.

But, what if you didn’t have these?

Providing shelter and meals for others less fortunate is still needed. For the safety of our guest families and hosts, the guest families now are using motels, not churches for shelter. Meals are no longer provided by the hosting churches, but are paid for and delivered to the guest families. All of this costs approximately \$1,000 per week per family.

To follow the scripture above and help our brothers and sisters who are in need, the CGS Family Promise Ministry team unanimously agreed to donate \$2,000 from our reserves to Family Promise San Gabriel Valley (FPSGV).

Melissa Odotei, Acting Executive of FPSGV, responded to our announcement, “Just amazing! This is so incredibly generous and helpful as we serve families during this time.”

Our CGS Family Promise Ministry is grateful for everyone’s faith, support, and good works! God bless you!



### Christ the Lord Is Risen! Easter at Church of the Good Shepherd!

Our Easter Sunday Children’s Message with Pastor Eva, Stephen Pu (Director of Music Ministries), and guest musicians Ray McNamara (steel drum) and John Ballinger (ukulele) performing “Jesus Loves Me.”

## On-Line Giving Instructions

1. Go to [www.cgsum.org](http://www.cgsum.org) if you are not on the Good Shepherd web site.
2. Click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button.
3. The **Non Pledge Giving** box will be highlighted in Blue. This fund supports the church operations.
4. Enter the amount that you want to give.
5. Enter donations for other funds as desired.
6. Click on the **Continue** button.
7. Enter your **Giving Information**.
8. Enter your credit card information.
9. Ignore the **Save Profile** option.
10. Click on the **I am not a robot** box.
11. Click on the **Process** button to send your donation.
12. You will receive an email confirmation for your donation.

*Thank you to our donors for our beautiful Easter flowers!*

*After the service, many of the plants were taken to our more home bound members.*

### IN HONOR OF:

My Family  
Bowman Children & Grandchildren  
Janice, Matt & Wesley  
Karen, Grant, Dana & Nathan  
Our Sunday School Teachers  
Marilyn's mother  
My Family  
Our Church Staff  
Jannie, Kirstie & Bobbie  
Cari & Jefferson  
Addie, Bret, & Eleanor  
Our Church Family  
Those Who Need Our Prayers  
Health-Care Workers

Carolyn Searfoss  
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Margaret & Ken Blair  
Kim & Heather Reynolds  
Marilyn & Larry Callaham  
Joyce McGregor  
Margaret & Ken Blair  
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Diane & Craig Lucas  
Diane & Craig Lucas  
Diane & Craig Lucas  
Lynne Rivera

### IN MEMORY OF:

Steve  
Betts & Fred Blair  
Pat & David Narver  
Shinchi Liu  
Marilyn's Dad  
Larry's Parents  
John Zessau  
Walker & Mary-Jo Parmenter  
Our Parents  
My Parents  
Richard & Geraldine Sage  
Richard Cook  
Theodora Quismorio  
Andrew Encinas

Carolyn Searfoss  
Margaret & Ken Blair  
Margaret & Ken Blair  
Doris Young Liu & Family  
Marilyn & Larry Callaham  
Marilyn & Larry Callaham  
Dottie & Family  
Bob & Donna Graham  
Bob & Donna Graham  
Elaine Drew  
Eva Thai-Erwin & Philip Erwin  
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The Lou Quismorio Family  
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## 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.



## Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

We are postponing plans for all events for now. We will keep you posted on date changes.

Pictorial Directory Photos have been postponed until October 7-10

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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