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Sunday, May 3, 2020

4th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion Sunday (celebrate with a “Love Feast” at home)

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 24:1-10 and Luke 24:28-35

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).**



Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years

The Quilters

If we dredge up our memories of long ago, we may recall The Quilters of our church. Few remain as testimony to their activities, but Elaine Iverson can reach back in time to tell us tales from as long ago as 1954. It was then that a group of women started quilting at the church. They met in the lower floor of the western educational building where they had two large frames that could hold quilts-to-be large enough for full- and queen-sized beds. When the children’s school needed that space, the quilters moved to the Adult Education Center. Four or five women could work on each quilt at once, which it usually took two or three months to complete, depending on the size. Sometimes people brought the beginnings of a quilt—squares of little two-inch pieces that were stitched together, often by hand—for the Quilters to finish. They added the batting, backing, and binding. They charged for their work, then donated the money to benefit UMW or other projects. Another fundraiser was when quilts were offered for sale at the Harvest Festival and fall boutiques. Thus quilting was not only an outlet for the Quilters’ talents, but also it supported the church from time to time. Quilt Shows were held in the sanctuary. All churchwomen were invited to bring their quilts, and perhaps some notes about the family history. The quilts were draped over the pews, making a vibrant display. Some quilts challenged the Quilters’ resourcefulness. One was a quilt made in 1940 that the owner had kept since she was 10 years old, so it was very sentimental—and also very delicate to work with. Another was heavy with velour and old silk ties. At about 100 years old, it was so fragile that, to keep front and back securely together, a netting was placed over the front and quilted into place. Each Easter season, a quilt called Eternal Life hangs from the pulpit. A cross radiates quilted lines of light in all directions, symbolizing Jesus’ love for us that overshadows one dark corner. Animals and flowers make a colorful base, and a butterfly reminds of us of new life at the season. Elaine created it and dedicated it to her late husband De Iverson. Through the decades, quilting appealed to quite a number of women. As interest tapered, some of the last holdouts were Elaine, Shirley Francis, and Anita Foster. One can just imagine that many a confidence has been shared as the women worked painstakingly on the beautiful quilts. Isn’t that what old-fashioned quilting bees were all about?

On-Line Giving Instructions

1. Go to 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.



Dear friends of Foothill Unity Center

Foothill Unity Center is grateful to all who continue to support us, even during these times of crisis. We are very grateful to all who have already reached out to help us.

Foothill Unity Center's leadership is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and taking necessary precautions to help ensure that the services, food and facilities remain safe and operational.

We are remaining open to provide vital services that are needed now more than ever. However, We Need Your Help!

- Monetary Donations
- Disposable Gloves and Masks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Volunteers
- Gift Cards to Grocery Stores
- Bags
- Fresh Produce
- Breads
- Meats and Dairy
- Tissue, paper Towels and Toilet Paper
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Household Cleaning Products

Please deliver donations to either our Pasadena or Monrovia centers.

We will continue to keep you updated. Remember this vital support provided to our neighbors in need is only possible through the kindness and generosity of our community, which is needed now more than ever. Together we will continue to keep the wellbeing of our community.

Thank you for your loyalty and support as we navigate this serious situation!

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LOOKING AHEAD TO ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES IN MAY

- May 3rd- LOVE FEAST- prepare any bread item and liquid item as we participate in this fellowship style of online communion and Franklyn Shen is guest accompanist on piano
- May 10th- MOTHER'S DAY with Carolyn Noonchester as Soloist on this special Sunday
- May 17th- ONLINE WORSHIP with special liturgy to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the date CGS was chartered in May 1945

Pastor Eva's Newsletter

In Sunday's sermon message, I spoke about the recent break in that the church experienced. From video camera security footage, we saw two intruders break into Jordan Hall last weekend through one of the glass doors. They stayed overnight in the hall, lounge, and kitchen. Fortunately, the only damage to the church was to the door window and the only thing taken was the food they ate from the kitchen refrigerator and freezer. I am thankful for the church members who originally discovered the broken glass door, the Trustees for their follow up work, our Staff for revising schedules for security, and the Arcadia Police department for their commitment to increase patrols by the church after this incident was reported.

The reality is that break-ins have increased during these times. So, yes, the church has taken extra security measures- posting security camera signs, adding security alert apps, increasing campus walk throughs, etc. We also ask that church members –to not come to church alone and always have someone with you if you are on the church grounds, and do not go church after sunset when it is dark.

As I was dealing with the follow up work that needed to be done after the break in, my emotions ranged from fear, to anger, to frustration, to worry throughout the first few days. By midweek, I turned to Scriptures passages to help me deal with all the emotions I was experiencing. I was reminded of Christ's commandment that we love one another. And when viewing the security footage again of the break in, I began to see how they were simply 2 young persons in desperate need of shelter and food for the night.

I also found comfort in a prayer that was written by an Episcopal Priest, Rev. Dean Brian Baker of Sacramento (inspired by the writings of William Sloane Coffin),

The world now is too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love. I anoint your eyes so you see God in everyone, your ears so you hear the cry of the poor, your hands so everything you touch is a sacrament, your feet so you run to those who need you. And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your love, your love, changes everything.

I am reminded by the Gospel that we are needed to be the body of Christ for the world as we are his eyes, ears, hands, and feet. To show the love of Christ to strangers and to know, yes, love does change everything.

Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Well

Pastor Eva

Face Masks

The photo to the right shows Pastor Eva delivering to Chaplain Steve Wilson at the Methodist Hospital 1,000 face masks that were donated in honor of Dr. Robert Wilson by Jiangsu Fundway Organization in Nanjing, China.



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!!



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. 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. 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 or through the online giving method. [ONLINE GIVING](#) (Click)

- a) Go to **Altar Flowers** and enter your donation.
- b) In the box next to your donation, enter, "**Veterans' Flowers**"
- c) Select the **Continue** button at the bottom of the page and then enter your payment information.



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