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**The Church of the Good Shepherd
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Sunday, May 31, 2020
Day of Pentecost

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching
Scripture Lessons: Psalm 104:34 and Acts 2:1-17

Special video by our UMYF

Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG
County "Stay at Home Order" continues into June. 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).

Among the Church Family

Prayers of healing for **Margaret Blair's sister-in-law, Cheryl Narver**, who just had her 3rd mitral valve replacement last week.

Prayers for Choir member, **Mary Archibald and her husband, Rick**, as he recovers from COVID-19 and then can return to his skilled nursing facility. Mary has not been able to be with him for 70 days, since the facility doors were closed to all but employees.

Farewell This Sunday for Director of Music Ministry, Dr. Stephen Pu

This Sunday, May 31st will be Stephen's last Sunday at CGSUMC. We are thankful for his time with us Director of Music Ministry and wish him well as he continues his work with the Anaheim Unified School District and Hollywood Master Chorale, as well as his graduate studies at the University of La Verne. A gift basket will be presented to him this Sunday. PLEASE drop off any cards or notes to be included in the basket to the church office or email notes to be printed to PastorEva@cgsum.org by this Saturday 12 noon.



For Pentecost Sunday Service

Pentecost Sunday is May 31st! It will be a virtual online worship service to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the early church. We hope to fill the pews with photos of church members and church friends!

Please email a photo of you and/or your family to Pastor Eva by May 29th at:

PastorEva@cgsum.org

(This photo is an example of what we hope for Pentecost Sunday at CGS.)

Notes of Encouragement for Family Promise Virtual Hosting

The church is participating in our quarterly hosting of a family in need of housing in a new virtual way! The family will receive hotel housing and meal deliveries. Thank you to all who contributed to the Family Promise Fund. Cards or notes of encouragement can be sent to the guest family (Linda and family) via 2 options: (1) mail to Family Promise Director Melissa Odotei, FPSGV at 1005 E. Las Tunas Drive #525, San Gabriel, CA. 91776 or (2) drop off in church mail box by 12 noon Friday.

Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years

The Bike Team

...Fellowship and Fundraising

The Bike Team at Church of the Shepherd has had a long, successful, and endearing history. It raised funds for various groups, numerous riders have come and gone, and memorial rides have honored several people. Biking began in the early '90s with, on average, 20 bikers. When our church began supporting the Mexico Medical Mission in Tatoxcac, Pueblo, the bikers raised money to support the Mission. Their goal was \$10,000, which came from donations and pledges. When Church of the Good Shepherd no longer helped support the Mexico Medical Mission, the Bike Team raised money for Foothill Unity Center, and others. For the last three years of their fundraising, Family Promise was their beneficiary.

Bikers rode every weekend for 3 or 4 months to get fit before the 100 mile plus, two-day Annual Bike Ride to Solano Beach. The annual ride was a full-fledged operation, complete with a support staff, which Bonnie Rooker headed up for many of the early years. Support members procured and toted all the food for meals, snacks, and stops. Others carried medical and emergency equipment.

Art Leatherman was ride designer for 15 years, planning even the smallest detail for both bikers and supporters—where to turn, where freeways were, where to eat. Following Art's design, Bob Talty scouted the route a week ahead. The Thursday before the big ride, there was an orientation dinner at Steve and Lori Philippi's.

The Merri-Mates gave the Bike Team a rousing sendoff with a church breakfast the Saturday morning of the Annual Ride. Early on, they bunked overnight at their host church, the San Clemente UMC Church, sleeping on the floor. The support staff prepared dinner and breakfast. Sometimes they ingeniously improvised their amenities. Once David Steinmeier fastened a hose to the kitchen faucet, hooked it up to some PVC, and fashioned a shower in the parking lot! Walkie-talkies provided communication in pre-cell phone days. Mike Sullivan blew a horn or stopped traffic, guiding the bike caravan to pass through safely. So they rode bikes to their destination—but how did they get home? That, too, was partly provided by the support team. A big truck carried the bikes back to Arcadia—although some stalwart bikers were known to have braved the ride back on two wheels! And a few friends or family usually drove down and carpooled home with their tired bikers.

The Bike Team became known for their red shirts. At first, La Victoria Foods donated t-shirts via Art Leatherman. Then later, with help from a Foundation Grant, they got some "real bikers' shirts." Pedro Galindo designed the handsome logo on the shirt backs. We remember the bikers wearing those red shirts when, upon their return, they triumphantly entered the chancel during the service. The annual ride was named the Steven Searfoss Memorial Bike Tour from 1992 until 2004, dedicated, after Steve's untimely death, for his heavy involvement in the Mexico Medical Mission. It was changed to the Bonnie Rooker Memorial Bike Tour in 2005 to honor her many years of leading the support staff. Since then, various people have been honored or memorialized.

As riders aged-out, they softened up a bit. They shortened the ride, overnights at a Seal Beach hotel, ate in restaurants, and shared tales of their adventures. The Bike Team, as such, eventually dwindled and dissolved. It would be a challenge—a miracle, really—to name all the dedicated bikers through the years! Suffice it to say there were dozens who enjoyed the satisfaction and camaraderie of the Bike Team, whose motto might well have been "Fellowship and Fundraising."



2020 Memorial Day

The “Red, White and Blue” Chancel Flowers last Sunday were in honor and remembrance of all those who have served, or are currently serving, our country in the various branches of our military. *Special thanks those who contributed, or their families who did so in their names, to our 2020 Veterans’ Fund. This fund makes our special flowers on Memorial Day and Veterans’ Day possible, as well as providing flowers at the memorial services of our veterans. An asterisk is by their names. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the fund is encouraged to do so (suggested donation \$20 per year).

Gen. Thomas Sinclair, USMC
Sgt. Jack Kelly, USAF (deceased)
Col. Roy Gilliam, USAF (deceased)
Col. Ralph Breeden, USA (deceased)
Col. Russ Andres, USMC
SSgt. Win Ballance, USMC
AIC Dave Cooper, K-9 (deceased)
Lt. Helen Cornelius Finke, USA Nurses Corp. (deceased)
**Sp/5 John Garton, USA Nat’l Guard (deceased)*
PFC John L. O’Jibway, USMC (deceased)
Radarman 1st Cl. Walter Hubinger, USN(deceased)
Lt. Loren Russell, USN (deceased)
Maj. Warren C. Shaw, Jr., USA (deceased)
SSgt. Jim Slemmon, USA A Corp. (deceased)
1st Lt. Roy Steed, USA A Corp. (deceased)
**Lt. Truman M. Stelle, USA AF (deceased)*
**Lt. j.g. Howard Syverson, USN (deceased)*
Lt. j.g. Paul Verburbg, USN (deceased)
**1st Sgt. Wayne Whitehill, USA Security Agent (deceased)*
Sp/5 Michael Johnson, USA
T 5 Robert Whittier, USA
Sp/2 Dan Place, USA
**Lt. Col. Theodore S. Drew, USAF (deceased)*
Capt. Michael Fox, USA
Major John Fee, USA
Signalman 1st Cl. ME (Mac) McMaster (deceased)
**Sgt. Al Olson, USA (deceased)*
Capt. Anthony Byrom Parrille, USAF
Spec. 5 Anthony P. Parrille, USA
Leonidas George Bymakos, Infantry
George L. Bymakos, USN
Nicholas L. Bymakos, USN
Charles Lekas, USA
Radarman 3rd Cl. William Earle, US Cstgrd.
SSgt. Art Leatherman, USMC (deceased)
1st Lt. Bruce D. Brereton, USA
E4 Sp. 4th Cl. John Kenan, USA
Tech/Sgt. Gilbert W. Lewis WWII
**HM2 Larry Atkins, USN*
Fireman 2nd Cl. Lawrence W. Arnold (deceased)
Robert Lee (deceased)
Gary Lee (deceased)
**1st Lt. Craig Lucas, USA*
Yeomen Duane Schube, USN

Capt. Richard Briggs (deceased)
Dr. Ted A. Dorian (deceased)
Capt. Jon Dorian Shafer, USA
LTC Marc Norman Shafer, USA
Norman Shafer, USN
**1st Lt. Harry Heflin, USA*
**Capt. John A. Godno, USAF*
**PO William C. Hoover, USN, Sea Bees (deceased)*
**Capt. Loren Broadhead, USAF*
**PO 3 Dean Sansui, USN*
Cpt. Kane C. Roberts, USA
REO P. Van Kirk, USA (deceased)
Harley Van Kirk, US Sp. Forces (deceased)
Michael Van Kirk, US Airborn
Christopher Van Kirk, US Airborn
**1st Sgt. Cindy Villanueva, USA (actively deployed)*
Robert Talty (deceased)
Sgt. Kenneth Mallory, USA
Lt. Com. Thomas W Crosby, USM
PO2 Travis Mondrala, USCG
Major Paul DeLeon
Ens. Thom DeWitt Muirhead, Merchant Marines (deceased)
Lisa Kim’s father and all veterans
Sgt. Leonard R. Henkey USA (deceased)
Sgt. Tom K. Henkly (deceased)
E4 David L. Crissey, USA
T/Sgt Peter Ulrich, USA
Lt. J. G. Bruce McCallum, USN
S/Sgt Wesley Ashby, USA (deceased)
PO 1st Cl. Walter McNall, USN
Lt. Col. Arthur F. Pomeroy, USA
2LT Roy Thomas Gilbert, USA (deceased)
Gunnery Sgt. George G. Chapman USMC (deceased)
**Dave Callaham, USN Sub. Corp*
Lt. William F. Brower, USA Air Corp.
3 Miyamoto Brothers, 442nd, 10th Mt. Division
3 Sano Brothers, USA Air Force
**Lt. David L. Narver, Jr., Naval Civil Eng. Corp. (deceased)*
**2 Lt. Frederic D. Blair, USA Air Corp. (deceased)*
**PO 2nd Cl Joseph D’Amore, USN*
**Sgt. John Warren Collar, USA Tank Corp. (deceased)*
**Robert Joseph Budihias, USN (deceased)*

Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

May 31 – Pentecost Sunday (please submit your photos for this Sunday by May 29)

June 7 – Sabbath Sunday for Pastor and Worship Team (Online Service led by the Bishop, District Superintendents and Conference Team will be available instead)

June 14 - Sermon Theme: Sharing the Glory of God

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!! We hope by October we can have our event!



Foothill Unity Center Bags & Egg Cartons

Thank You to the many church members who have supported the Foothill Unity Center by donating plastic bags and egg cartons. The Center is still collecting these items. During this “Stay at Home” era we have a different location for dropping them off. Whenever you are in the vicinity of the church, those bags and egg cartons can be placed in the box located near the entrance to the office. Arrangements have been made to transfer the contents of the box to Fellowship Hall for future delivery to Foothill Unity Center.

-Vern and Lynne Whitaker



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