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Sunday, August 9, 2020

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Sermon Topic: Stay in Love with God

A Note from Pastor Eva: Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God. These rules are based on the 10 Commandments from the Old Testament and Jesus's Great Commandments from the Gospels. I find these rules are fitting for us as we seek to be faithful Christians in today's world of Pandemic health concerns, economic crisis, racial inequality, environmental changes, and family dynamics. Let us journey together this month as I discuss the 3 Simple Rules in my sermon messages during the online worship services.

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

In-person gatherings remain suspended at CGS.

Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services (church website or Facebook Group Page).

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in the newsletter and prayer chain in your prayers.

Our condolences go to family and friends of **Ann Salisbury** upon her death on July 27, 2020.

Our condolences to **Chuck, Matthew and Rebecca Richardson** upon the death of wife and mother, **Cindy Richardson** on July 28, 2020. A Graveside Service for Cindy will be on Saturday, August 8 at 10am at Live Oak Memorial Park in Monrovia. Pastor Eva will preside over the graveside service with the Boy Scout Leaders assisting. Attendance is limited to 30 guests so please contact Chuck directly if you would like to attend. A Celebration of Life Service will be held later in the year at Church of the Good Shepherd. A special Go Fund Me account is being set up to help the family with funeral costs. Also, the church is collecting restaurant and fast food gift cards to provide for the family during this time.

Our condolences go to **Larry Kaiser** and family upon the passing of his wife **Virginia Kaiser** on July 29, 2020. A small private service for the immediate family is planned. Virginia was a member of our Chancel Choir, Double Rings, and enjoyed Sunday services.

Prayer request: Continue praying for the Family Promise guest family of mother and 2 teen-aged children as they progress in their transition to permanent housing. CGS hosted them virtually the last week in July thanks to our many generous CGS FP supporters.

Thank You Note:

Thank you to the UMW for giving me the United Methodist Women's Youth Award. I am grateful for the recognition and happy that it will go to support missions. *-Emily Crouse*

New Baby:

Congratulations to **Nicole and Brendan Bowman** on the birth of their daughter **Daphne Isla Bowman** on July 27, 2020. Proud grandparents are **Carolyn and Greg Bowman**.

Virtual Coffee Time on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

As online only Worship Services continue in August, we will also offer Virtual Coffee Fellowship time on the 2nd and 4th Sundays! Use the following login or call in information to join us for virtual fellowship from the comfort of your home.



Here is the Zoom Login Info: only the meeting ID is needed- no password required.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87937808985>

Meeting ID: 879 3780 8985

Or Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

Sierra Service Project Information

CGS members, families and friends are cordially invited to the Sierra Service Project "Survive & Thrive in Year 45" online anniversary celebration on Thurs., Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time). CGS Youth Director and SSP Board of Directors Chairperson Franklyn Shen will be one of the speakers! Other highlights include video clips from each of the five work-sites of SSP Summer 2020, which was the organization's first-ever online program (due to COVID-19). To get the Zoom or Facebook link to attend the party, RSVP by Aug. 5 to adam.vargyas@sierraserviceproject.org.

For decades, CGS Youth have transformed faith into service through their work with SSP. Youth from churches, schools and other organizations collaborate to paint homes, refurbish roofs, build wheelchair ramps, and build other projects for communities-in-need, while also exploring their own individual faith journeys. CGS Youth have said that some of their favorite memories have been volunteering with SSP.

For more information about SSP, please visit their website www.sierraserviceproject.org, or contact Franklyn at fnjshen@sbcglobal.net or SSP Board Member Cindy Chow-Snavely at kcsnavely@verizon.net.

CGS Graduations



Middle School Promotions

Logan Whitaker, grandson of Lynne & Vern Whitaker, St. Mark's School, Upland CA

Daisylin Lazaro, daughter of Alberto & Kimberly Lazaro, grandparents: Terry & Gloria Seto, Abuela: Guadalupe Gonzalez, Macy Intermediate School, Monterey Park.

Anna Shore, daughter of Michael & Kirsten Shore, grandma: Betsy Belnap, Oak Av. Intermediate, TC.

High School Graduations

Emily Crouse, daughter of Amy & Terry Crouse, Monrovia High School

Korina Gomez-Fugate, daughter of Ed Fugate, Arcadia High School

Alberto Owen Lazaro III, son of Alberto & Kimberly Lazaro, grandparents: Terry & Gloria Seto, Abuela: Guadalupe Gonzalez, Schurr High School, Montebello CA

Liam MacKinnon, son of Melissa MacKinnon (Dave MacKinnon – deceased), Valencia High School, Santa Clarita, CA

Hallie Shore, daughter of Michael & Kirsten Shore, grandma: Betsy Belnap, Temple City High School

Clarissa Leyva, granddaughter of Mike & Penny Hoover, South High School, Torrance, CA

University and Grad School Graduates

Vance Christopher Bulen, son of Janine & David Bulen, grandparents: Lois & Don Bulen, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Bachelor's degree with a Major in Communication Studies/Minor in Business Administration.

Alison Young, daughter of Don & Doris Young, Claremont Graduate University with a Master's degree in Psychology.

Greg Van Kirk, son of Sharon & Doug Van Kirk, brother: Tim Van Kirk, Rice University, Master's degree in Accounting.



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Through the Years

Our Stained Glass Windows

It's a sunny Sunday morning, and you're quietly waiting for the 10 o'clock service to begin. The organ prelude puts you into a meditative mood. Your gaze drifts upward on the wall ahead of you, and you see a most glorious rainbow of colors. Ah, it's the morning sunlight playing through the stained glass windows again! Four of these tall, brightly-hued windows on either side of the church glow whether it's sunny or not. Phrases from the 23rd Psalm are lettered across the top. When we recite that psalm, it is meaningful to read along the words of hope, "The Lord is my shepherd...."

Looking toward the chancel, one's focus is surely drawn to the commanding stained glass window over the altar. It depicts in radiant tones the Lord Jesus cradling a lamb over His shoulders—proclaiming that this is indeed the Church of the Good Shepherd. Rich blues and greens dominate the pastoral scene.

Those are the nine most dominant stained glass windows in our church, but there are so many more! Not all are made of colored glass, but most follow the theme of diamond-shaped pieces fitted together. There are, for example, 10 diamond windows in the narthex. You may not have noticed them as you enter and look into the sanctuary to see if your friends have arrived, for they are made of clear glass. The large, welcoming narthex doors, however, have stained glass. One stained glass window high in the balcony blesses us as we depart. It is the circular rose window with a lamb in the center, symbolizing Christ as the Lamb of God.

In other areas around the church and the campus there are smaller windows, all symbolic in nature. Two windows with figures of a minister and a teacher are in the transept behind the bell choir, signifying professional "good shepherds." A statesman, scientist, doctor and nurse grace the four "ambulatory" windows in hallways not usually traveled by congregants. And the flower room (did you even know we had one?) also has a pair of windows, rarely seen by most.

A variation of the stained glass concept may be found in the main office windows. It originated in Europe. When a pane was accidentally damaged, the workmen chose a small piece of stained glass and replaced the missing part. Now the small colored pieces are deliberately put in as design features, and they're called "accidentals." Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin and Linda Doran both enjoy the cheeriness of the bits of color that brighten the views from their desks.

John Wallis spent over 70 years working in stained glass, starting in 1927. It was he who designed and fabricated all of the Church of the Good Shepherd windows. They were installed in 1956-1957, and dedicated in May 1957 while the Rev. Thatcher Jordan was pastor. The church's architect, Reginald Inwood, was also involved in the process. Wallis's windows are fashioned with antique glass, mostly from Europe, but some from first-quality American-made glass. It is painstaking work, a meld of artistry, science, and mechanics.

John Wallis's daughter Susan grew up in her father's studio where she started as a designer 58 years ago. For 35 years she has run their studio, now located in Sierra Madre. She has followed in her father's path of working only with traditional stained glass. Not surprisingly, stained glass windows need care. Over time, the elements may take a toll on the solder that binds joints of the panes. In June of 2013, Susan oversaw major repairs and restoration throughout the church—in the library, fellowship hall, altar, main office, and Psalm 23 windows. The Rev. Philip Wood was pastor during this rather extensive maintenance project. Watchfulness over our beloved windows continues.

One day we will again be able to worship together in our sanctuary, God willing. Perhaps we will see with fresh eyes the many ways in which our stained glass windows glorify the Lord, our Savior.

From Our Seminary Intern

Probably like many, my spiritual journey has been full of twists, turns, switchbacks, and just plain getting lost. I was born and raised in a small town in Oklahoma, and I was baptized in my local UMC. My family attended that church until I was about 11 years-old. Around that time, my mother had a conversion experience, and then we started attending a charismatic church. Once I graduated high school, I left home to attend Pepperdine University, and there I attended a variety of different churches. I never found a church home, and eventually, I stopped attending church altogether.

About 7 years ago, I realized that I needed to start attending church again. There was only one problem: I had no idea where to go. I eventually decided to return to the UMC. Once I went, it felt like I had come home. But it got me thinking: what makes the UMC different from say, the Lutherans, the Episcopalians, or the Pentecostals? After researching this, I learned that one thing that makes United Methodists distinct is our Wesleyan emphasis on "holiness." For John Wesley, this includes a love of God that cannot help but spill over into a love of neighbor. This is undoubtedly one of the pieces of our UM heritage that I most cherish, and I only hope that such a notion of holiness continues to shape our lives as United Methodist people. I pray that we all have eyes to see the ways in which we can live holy by loving God and loving our neighbors, whether that be through something as simple as email, phone call or errand run. *—Michael Chesnut*

Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

Worship services continue to be on-line only.

Aug. 9	10 th Pentecost	Stay in Love with God	Psalm 20:1-5 Romans 12:14-21
Aug. 16	11 th Pentecost	DS MacKinnon Message Prerecorded Message	Psalm 16:1-6 Romans 1:8-12
Aug. 23	12 th Pentecost	Fruits of the Spirit: Love	Psalm 100:1-5 1 Corinthians 13:1-7
Aug. 30	13 th Pentecost	Fruits of the Spirit: Joy	Psalm 106:1-5 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Sept. 6	14 th Pentecost Holy Communion Labor Day Weekend	Fruits of the Spirit: Peace	Psalm 95:1-7 2 Corinthians 2:5-11



The Good Shepherd Children's Center is now enrolling infant – five years for Fall, call 626-447-1249 for more information.



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