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The Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist Church
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Sunday, August 30, 2020

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin. Preaching – Fruits of the Spirit: Joy
Scripture: Psalm 106:1-5 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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)

No Zoom Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. today.

Sunday Worship CDs and DVDs are available each week for those cannot view worship online. Please stop by the church office for a CD or DVD or call the office if you would like it delivered.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

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

SSP Recap:



Sierra Service Project

This past summer, 12 youth and 4 advisors from CGS participated in Sierra Service Project San Diego. This was SSP's 45th year of service, and although we were unable to physically travel to San Diego, we were able to participate in the entire week virtually (online). The

theme of this summer was "Grounded" and we spent the week discussing ways in which we can grow and flourish in our communities, despite the inability to leave our homes. Although we were unable to build and repair homes, we were able to connect and experience the spiritual and community programming essential to SSP. One of our own youth, Tyler Ross, shared the following:

"Although SSP was a little different this year, the San Diego Staff did a great job to convey the SSP feel, and connect participants with their communities. Even though there was no hands on repairing, which is my favorite part, I still had fun, and this turned out to be a great SSP throughout all the challenges."

Thank you for supporting our youth, and we look forward to participating in SSP again next summer!

—*Franklyn J. Shen, Director of Youth Ministries*

Plastic Bags and 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*





Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years

Newspaper Applauds Our Volunteers

The Sierra Madre News featured Good Shepherd volunteers with a full-page spread in December of 1995, leaving us with a virtual history of their work around their ‘home,’ their spiritual home. This week’s story will be replete with volunteers’ names and the tasks they performed. Many names will still be familiar even though Father Time has marched on.

A timeworn joke asks, “How many men does it take to change a light bulb?” The answer at Church of the Good Shepherd is, “A couple of stalwart volunteers and some very high ladders.” And how many light bulbs did they change? About 150 of them, the newspaper notes, in the church’s large chandeliers and ceiling fixtures, all of which are out of reach except for the very daring! Win Ballance was one of those daring ladder-climbers.

Major jobs sometimes took months. One such endeavor was painting the church’s exterior, a job headed by Win Ballance, Tom Sinclair and Don Johnson. Another crew painted Jordan Hall’s interior, and cleaned and oiled its dark wood trim. Sprinklers were repaired, with 18 hose bibs replaced by Ted Luke and Hugo Miller. All drinking fountains were restored by Marvin Thacker. Frank Marrone Jr. donated his firm’s plumbing work.

The work can be dirty as well as tiring. Think of rain gutters—cleaning, patching and bracing them, which Bob Whittier did. Or of tearing down dilapidated fences. Or removing clutter stuffed into closets and then forgotten—like in our homes, perhaps!

Or the work can be beautifying. Bob and Rickey Craig led a crew in planting azaleas, begonias, impatiens, society garlic and Indian hawthorn. The courtyard’s fine old oak tree was surrounded with rocks to guard against overwatering the trunk and roots.

The distaff church members (and sometimes their spouses) found ways to help, too. Marjorie Juhrend led a group of women on a sewing crusade to replace buttons that had fallen out of pew cushions. Donna Mills, with her usual zest, took care of the church’s TLC (tender loving care) program for ill or lonely parishioners. Shirley Francis and Millie Ballance made and hung new curtains in Jordan Hall after tossing the existing ones that fairly crumbled when touched. When the paid office receptionist position was cut back, Bernie Dever garnered a group of volunteers to handle the front desk. Some had been professionals before retirement; others trained for the job. Assisting in the office with mailings were Gwen Roche, Van and Margaret Ferry and others.

Fellowship and satisfaction are rewards of the voluntarism as members lovingly donate their talents and goodly doses of elbow grease. But another benefit is that pledges and donations can go to the church’s outreach to the community and to mission projects in the world, rather than to paid workmen.

These volunteers weren’t “unsung heroes,” as an Appreciation Luncheon was held in November of 1995, with about 100 people attending. Michael Hall acknowledged a partial list of dedicated workers, naming those already mentioned and also Dorothy Williams, Dorothy Eggleston, Helen Koch, June Traweek, Harriet Shroads, Lou Sible, Ruthellen Conrad, Barbara Springer, Alberta Neudecker, Spence Francis, and Ira Traweek. The relatively new Chinese ministry arranged for the luncheon. Carl Berquist-Devoe and Barbara Erdman entertained with piano selections.

And the volunteers weren’t “unsung” either when the local newspaper applauded their accomplishments with the detailed story and four photos, leaving us with a weathered clipping as part of our 75 years of history.

DRIVE THRU COMMUNION OFFERED NEXT SUNDAY, September 6 (11:30am-12:30pm)

For Worship next Sunday, we will continue to have the Love Feast during the on-line worship service, but we will also offer a Special Drive Thru Communion option as well at the church.

- Please Enter the Large West Parking Lot off Duarte and Follow Signs to Stations 1-3
- Remain in Your Car at All Times
- You may open your window (if you choose) when you stop at each station, but **MUST WEAR A MASK** and your car must remain six feet away from each greeter at the Stations.
- At the last Station- Pastor Eva will give you a Communion Blessings and Benediction.





SHARE THE PROMISE

SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 11



On Friday, Sept.11, Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley is holding our first *Night Without a Bed* - an effort to raise understanding and awareness of the issue of family homelessness. We're challenging our community of supporters to spend one night without their bed and spread the word about family homelessness in America by challenging at least one friend to join you. Family Promise of SGV is committed to holistic solutions that prevent and end family homelessness through a community based response. Every child deserves a bed to sleep in. Will you be part of the solution?

How to participate:



- On September 11, we ask participants to **sleep anywhere without a bed** - cars, a tent, a tree house, your living room floor, a couch.
- On **social media**, post a video or a photo. Use the hashtag #NightWithoutABed and #FPSGVRespondsTogether.
- Challenge your friends, family, and community - **challenge a friend** to complete #NightWithoutABed with you. Ask your friends and family to **give** to ensure that every child has a bed. Night Without a Bed is something you can do with your whole family!
- Become an **FPSGV Fundraising Champion** - In less than 5 minutes you can share why

you are part of Family Promise SGV and believe in our mission to ensure every child has a bed. Just share the link to your personal page with your friends and family by email and through social media, and ask them to **give to join you** in being part of the solution.

Registration opens soon!

Bible Study Led by Michael Chesnut, Seminary Intern

Bible Study Schedule for the Upcoming Week:

Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Sunday, August 30 - There will NOT be a Zoom Bible Study this Sunday.



Join us for a time of fellowship and Bible study! Over the next few weeks, we will study Philippians, a letter from the Apostle Paul. We request that you read the Scripture passage before the study; it is long enough that we won't have time to read it during our study. Over the course of reading Philippians, we'll discuss themes such as church unity, joy, and what it means to live like Christ. We look forward to seeing you there as we explore God's Word and draw closer to Him in community.

Join Online Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86197714895?pwd=cVpXZXdlV29ocjRrTllvVVF6K3NJZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 9771 4895 (You only need the Meeting ID to join this Zoom Meeting. You do not need a password. We intentionally deleted the need for a password to make it easier to access.)

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Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

Broadcast Live on Sunday at 10:00 am to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Aug. 30	13 th Pentecost	Fruits of the Spirit: Joy	Psalm 106:1-5 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Sept. 6	14 th Pentecost Drive-thru Communion (see article) Labor Day Weekend	Fruits of the Spirit: Peace	Psalm 95:1-7 2 Corinthians 2:5-11



As online only Worship Services continue, we also offer Virtual Coffee Fellowship time on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:30 am! 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

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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