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Sunday, October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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)

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin. Preaching, Fruits of the Spirit: Gentleness

Scripture: Psalm 99:1-5 and Galatians 6:1-5

"This Sunday in Worship"

Introit: "Gentle Shepherd"

**Anthems: "Trust" a Bell Choir medley of 'My Faith Looks Up To Thee', 'Amazing Grace',
and 'Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us'; and "Grace"**

**Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty #64",
"As The Deer- (from Faith We Sing) #2025", "Blessed Assurance #369"**

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Our sincere condolences go out to the **Rev. Matthew Chong and family** upon the death of wife and mother **Ruth Chong** on October 6, 2020. Ruth touched many lives here at CGS and at Faith UMC. Services are pending.

Our prayers are with Chuck Richardson who is having DBS surgery on Tuesday, October 13, then the second part on October 20. Please keep Chuck and the Richardson children in your prayers.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 United Methodist Youth Fellowship Youth Council: President: **Tyler Ross**, Council Members: **Dylan Malasarn, Miranda Richenberger, and Caitlyn Shen**

Congratulations to UMYF President, **Tyler Ross** (son of **Bill and Jennifer Ross**) who has been elected to serve on the Sierra Service Project Board as a Youth Representative for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Tyler is a three-time SSPer, President of the CGS UMYF Youth Council, and is a senior at Arcadia High School. He will play an important part in steering SSP through the organization's transformative season of navigating in-person and virtual programs that build faith and strengthen communities through service to others.

Hearty thanks to UMYF Director **Franklyn Shen** who has concluded two three-year terms on the SSP Board, the most recent two years as President. Franklyn has provided warmth, humor, and strategic leadership as SSP continues its strong tradition of outreach.

Cindy Chow-Snavely has been nominated to the SSP Board Vice Chair position for the 2020-21 term, in addition to continuing her role as Personnel Committee Chair.

Thanks and congratulations to Tyler, Franklyn, and Cindy whose work with the Board continues a tradition of CGS support for SSP. Previous Board members and staff from CGS include **Axie Acosta, Carolyn Bickel, Ken Gudger, Allie Hisey, Annika Lile, Craig Renfrew, Sarah Reynolds, Ashley Rios, Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin** and **Joel Tibbet**.

The CGS Ballot Measure Forum Available

Thank you to all who participated in the Forum Presentation on the 2020 California Ballot Measures. Moderator **Gary Kovacic**, and Presenters **Michael Johnson** and **Craig Lucas** provided valuable information and answered questions on the various ballot issues. If you missed the Forum Presentation or would like to view it again- please use the following link and passcode to watch in on ZOOM:

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CD (Audio) copies will also be available after October 16th.



Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years Membership Surges

In the days when newspapers featured special events at local churches, it was not uncommon for them to show photos and names of people who had recently joined congregations. Church of the Good Shepherd had its share of this publicity, for it had a surge in growth at the time, not unlike mainline churches throughout the country. In just 1964 to 1966, more than 160 new Good Shepherd members were pictured.

Newly appointed senior pastor, The Rev. Everett McKee, along with the Rev. Lawrence Peele, minister of membership, must have been pleased when they posed with 19 newcomers who became part of their “flock” in September of '64. Welcoming ceremonies and a reception followed. In October, only six weeks later, 14 more people joined Good Shepherd.

Then in 1965 began what would seem to have been a banner year in growth. To start, in January, 20 people were welcomed into their new home of worship. In March, 10 more joined them. By June, Rev. Everett Swedenburg was the minister of membership, and another 20 folks joined. The church celebrated its 20th anniversary in June with festivities that included honoring a most impressive 37 new congregants.

Ten people became members in August, with two sets of parents and four youthful children among them. Another 12 were received in September. And wrapping up the year, just in time for the holidays, 25 more folks joined in November.

Large confirmation classes were also the order of the times. Ninth graders confirmed in June 1965 numbered 40, in June 1966 there were 39, and in April 1967 a few less, 29.

New parishioners could find more than spiritual inspiration at Good Shepherd. Friendship and camaraderie abounded, and fellowship groups met the interests of all ages. Merri-Mates planned a theater party to see Dr. Zhivago. Junior MYFers served up a pancake breakfast. A Mother-Daughter banquet was held. About 30 MYFers and 10 adults took an overnight trip to Mexicali for a work weekend. A Festival of Fellowship brought together members of Church of the Good Shepherd, Holy Angels Catholic Church, and Foothill Jewish Community Center for an art and music celebration. And these are just a few examples of what the new members could participate in.

We are so fortunate that our church archives hold large scrapbooks with numerous clippings about our church. From routine weekly announcements of church services to notable special events, clippings have been painstakingly pasted in, presumably by dedicated volunteers. We owe them a debt of gratitude for making their current happenings a vital part of our 75 years of history.

--Our thanks to Sandy Jelinek for sharing the scrapbooks.

“St. Francis in a Box” Event

The Good Shepherd Children’s Center is once again sponsoring a “Fill the Bowl” project for our area Human Societies, the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society and the Pasadena Humane Society.

A collection bin is located outside the Children’s Center office door. Suggested “Wish List” items include Purina Pro Plan Cat Chow, Purina Pro Plan Kitten Chow, Pro Plan wet food for cats,

Fancy Feast Kitten wet food, Pedigree dry dog food, Natural Balance or Purina Beneful dry dog food and Purina Puppy dry dog food.

We will be gathering food items for the month of October and ending this yearly mission project on November 8, 2020, for distribution to our local shelters during that second week in November.

We thank you for remembering God’s Creatures and helping to provide a good meal for them, as they await their forever homes!

-The Children’s Center



BIBLE STUDY LED BY MICHAEL CHESNUT, Seminary Intern

Bible Study Schedule for the Upcoming Week:

Tuesday, October 13, 7:00-7:45 pm – Ruth 4.

Sunday, October 18, 9:00-9:45 am – Matthew 1:1-2:12

Join us for a time of fellowship and Bible study! In this upcoming week, we will close out our Tuesday evening study of Ruth, discussing themes like accountability, God's love for *all*, and our own roles in God's story. After Tuesday evening, Bible study will shift to only Sunday mornings.

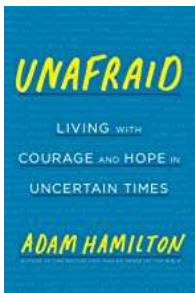
On Sunday morning, we will begin our 5-week study of the gospel of Matthew, beginning with the story of Jesus's birth – only fitting for the upcoming season of Advent! We look forward to seeing you there as we explore God's Word and draw closer to Him in community.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98117667154?pwd=QWdBaVEzZmJTaVFHT2poU0NwVlVpdz09>

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CGS 2020 FALL BOOK STUDY **UNAFRAID: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times**

by Pastor Adam Hamilton

United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, Kansas

5 MONDAYS, via Zoom, led by Diane & Craig Lucas

October 19 through November 16, 2020

7 pm to 8:00 pm

In the weekly discussions using a video based on the book, we will explore how to face and overcome the fears we feel about loneliness, illness, financial insecurity, disappointing others, failure, insignificance, and aging. Hamilton draws on recent research, inspiring real-life examples, and fresh biblical insight to help us understand and counter fears as well as the everyday anxieties all of us encounter.

Hamilton invites us to: **F**ace our fears with faith, **E**xamine our fears in light of the facts, **A**ttack our anxieties with action, and **R**elease our cares to God.

To help prepare for each session, reserved participants will receive a weekly guide providing the goals and relevant scripture for the session. Purchase of the book is **OPTIONAL**; however, it is available from Cokesbury and Amazon.

To reserve, please let Diane Lucas know that you will be attending. dlucasarc@gmail.com

God's Story

I had an interesting experience last week. I'm taking a class at Fuller entitled "Practices of Worship," and naturally, one of our first assignments was to reflect on and write what we think it means to worship. Now, I have attended church regularly for most of my life. I even graduated from Pepperdine with a bachelor's in Christian Studies, and I took a course where I distinctly remember talking about this very same question. I expected the answer to flow naturally from my learning and experience. Hardly. It took me a long time to come up with a suitable answer. Even more interesting, my fellow student talked about having the same issue. What does it mean to worship?



Our professor later provided a way of seeing worship that I found illuminating: "Worship is doing God's story." I had never thought of worship in this way, as enacting out God's story that begins in the Bible with Adam and Eve, climaxes with Jesus Christ, and is continuing on to this very moment. In this sense, God's story does not end with the Book of Revelation. Rather, it is ongoing, and we are playing a part in it, both as individuals and as a church community. So it made me think: what are things we can do, ways that we can act, to continue God's story in a way that's faithful to the Scriptures and Jesus Christ? Surely one thing we can do is attend church service on Sundays, which is what we typically think of when we imagine worshipping. But how else might we live out God's story, both inside and outside of our church walls?

-Michael Chesnut, Seminary Intern

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Sunday Worship CDs and DVDs are available each week for those who 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.

Sunday School for preschoolers and elementary grade kids meets by Zoom **Sunday mornings, 9:15-9:45**. Please contact Heather Reynolds (khreynolds89@earthlink.net or 626-272-6629) for the zoom info and other information. We will also make a recording of our class available securely for kids who can't join at the regular time.

Please note that our new **Pictorial Directory** is on hold. As soon as things open back up and we can proceed with setting photo shots for the process, we will let you know!

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