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**Sunday, November 8, 2020**

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Honoring Our Veterans and Remembering Our Saints**

**Scripture: Proverbs 1:1-7 and Mark 13:32-37**

**Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching**

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**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)

*Drive Thru Communion and Pledge Card Drop Off will be held November 22, (11:30 am – 1:00 pm)*

**Bible Study Led by Michael Chesnut, Ministerial Intern**

**Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. – Matthew 27:27-27:66**

Join us for a time of fellowship and Bible study! In this upcoming week, we will cover Matthew's telling of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. 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>

Meeting ID: 981 1766 7154

Passcode: 4hSeTK



**Among the Church Family**

*In Our Prayers:*

Prayers for **Doris Wiechman** who is recuperating at home following a hospital stay.

*New Baby:*

**Kelly Kovacic Duran and Ivan Duran** are excited to announce the birth of **Mateo's little brother Joaquín James Duran** on October 23, 2020. Grandparents **Gary and Barb Kovacic** and great-grandmother **Florence Kovacic** are very happy.

*Congratulations:*

Congratulations to **Dylan Malasarn** for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 174! Dylan's Eagle Project was done at here at the Good Shepherd campus and included planting small trees by Jordan Hall, moving plants to the railing near the ramp, moving rocks in the courtyard and in front of the church, filling dirt areas with grass plugs in the parking area near Duarte, removing a tree trunk, and painting drains and piping to match the church buildings. Proud parents, **Maria Sansui and Ruemruk Malasarn**, grandparents **Dean and Heidi Sansui**, Aunt and Uncle **Lynn and Scott Mondrala**.



## CGS OFFERS A TREAT FOR ALL!

Trunk or Treat did not take place this year due to Covid restrictions, but we do have a special treat for all ages! Thanks to the CGS Foundation, the church will once again offer a Puppet Show. This year's show, "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be presented ONLINE through Noteworthy Puppets (**Kevin Noonchester**) now until November 9 (ending at 12noon). Here is the YouTube Live Link: <https://youtu.be/bfTYgT4-Bzk>

## Update on the Law for Those Over 70

Due to recent changes in the law, please update the note we sent with your 2021 pledge packets: Under federal tax law, you have a special opportunity both to reduce your taxable income and to maintain your charitable giving. If you are over **72** and must take an annual "Required Minimum Distribution" (RMD) from your retirement accounts, you may redirect some or all of your RMD to the church. **Deadline to take RMD extended to 2022.** The amount that you direct to the church will be excluded from your income. There is no additional income tax charitable deduction for such distributions, also known as a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" or QCD. Please consult your financial or tax professional for more information about this tax saving opportunity or contact Pastor Eva or our Financial Secretary, Jenny Lee.

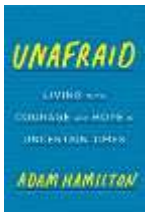
## 25<sup>TH</sup> Annual Alternative Christmas Market

Our 25<sup>th</sup> annual market will be held this year...not at church, but virtually! Thanks to a grant for postage from our Church of the Good Shepherd Foundation, you will be able to order your dedicated gifts and have your cards returned to you by mail. In this 2020 Pandemic year people need help more than ever. You can give life changing gifts that touch lives both locally and around the world and also honor your loved ones and friends in the true spirit of Christmas.



This year Church World Service has ornaments to insert into your CWS cards. Gifts that have ornaments are indicated with an asterisk (\*) on the shopping list and were sent to us in limited quantities.

Print the shopping list which is a separate attachment and start your shopping!



## CGS 2020 FALL BOOK STUDY

***UNAFRAID: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times***  
by Pastor Adam Hamilton, UMC of the Resurrection, Kansas  
**5 MONDAYS, via Zoom, led by Diane & Craig Lucas**  
**October 19 through November 16, 2020, 7 pm to 8 pm**

## New Walking Group Forming

A new walking group is forming at CGS and will be meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 8 am. You must bring and wear your mask, plan to social distance, and **Catherine Doster**, who will be leading the walks, will provide the water. If you want more information, call Catherine at 626-365-6447 or email her at [catherine.doster@yahoo.com](mailto:catherine.doster@yahoo.com).



## "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 until 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*



## Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

### Through the Years

When we think of the history of our church, our minds may automatically go to its ‘ancient’ history of seven decades ago when it first began. But so much has happened through the years, so many ‘historical’ things have come and gone, that we may need to redefine ‘history.’ As we begin to describe our history, we soon realize that it has many facets. What is contemporary when we do it becomes history as we move on and look back on it.

It was post-World War II when Church of the Good Shepherd was chartered. Even the oldest of us now were mere teenagers then. It was our parents’ generation that established the church. They formed it with faith, joy, and commitment. It endures today with those same virtues. But we find different ways to fulfill our goals and dreams for the church according to the changing times.

A major effort of early church members was to build its facilities—the chapel and sanctuary—which had to accommodate the ever-growing congregation. Now we find ourselves adapting to a dwindling population, like many of our peer churches.

Our mission efforts have changed from outreach to hunger in war-torn Europe to hunger in America now. For a time, having a Chinese ministry at our church was relevant, but it became history. Our hardworking Geritol Gang took loving care of our grounds until they aged out, but their projects are now tended by younger people adding their own history to the continuum. Our sponsorship of a clinic in Mexico wrote an entire chapter of our history, featuring the support of our Bike Team. The women’s Quilters who quilted together for many years are now only a fond memory. Family camp provided a special time of togetherness for a while. Our support of FINCA is current history but is now on hiatus, except through Alternative Christmas, because of the coronavirus pandemic. Alternative Christmas will be adapted to mail-in participation this year. Despite the virus, we are finding new means for continuing our faith and its practices “virtually,” in ways we never would have thought possible for keeping our church family together. We are making, day by day, an entirely new history for the future to read about.

### Virtual Coffee Time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

As online only Worship Services continue, we will also offer Virtual Coffee Fellowship time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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)



### 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

## **Our Worship Service Is Broadcast Live on Sunday at 10:00 am to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG**

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

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**Sunday School** for preschoolers and elementary grade kids meets by Zoom **Sunday mornings, 9:15-9:45.** Please contact Heather Reynolds ([khreynolds89@earthlink.net](mailto: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.

**BIBLE STUDY LED BY MICHAEL CHESNUT, Seminary Intern, Schedule for the Upcoming Week: Sunday, November 8, 9:00-9:45 am, Matthew 27:27 – 27:66**

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**AND, PLEDGE CARD DROP OFF WILL BE NOVEMBER 22 ALSO!!**



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