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Sunday, November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday

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 Bible Study this Sunday

"This Sunday in Worship"

Scriptures: Proverbs 3:21-26 and Mark 10:17-22

Sermon: "Exploring Stewardship with the Saints: Francis of Assisi—The Way of Poverty"

Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

This Sunday's Music will be provided by the Youth Choir and Youth Bell Choir

Introit: "Soli Deo"

**Anthems: "10,000 Reasons- Bless the Lord", "Prayer for Thanksgiving",
and Youth Bell Choir "For All the Saints"**

Benediction Response: "A Closing Prayer"

**Congregational Hymns: "Come, Ye Thankful People Come #UMH 694",
"Give Thanks from the Faith We Sing #2036"**

November 25: Thanksgiving Eve Worship! More details next week!

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Our prayers are with **Joyce McGregor** and **Leslie Kenan** who are mending at home following broken bones due to falls. Prayers for quick, thorough healing for both ladies!

Masters of Harmony Virtual Christmas Show:

This event will take place in less than three weeks on Saturday December 5, 2020, at 3 p.m. PST. The show will be streamed at 'no charge', but you do need to sign up for a 'Virtual Seat' prior to the show. Go to this link to register: <https://watchbarbershop.com/moh/>. Here are a few reasons to consider watching:

- Masters of Harmony is an award winning men's a cappella chorus that sings pretty well
- Many holiday songs that you know and love
- The show is only an hour long
- If you don't like it, just turn it off and no one will be the wiser
- I have my own 47 second commercial in the middle of the show

So, sign up for your virtual ticket today and let the Masters of Harmony get your holiday season started by 'Making Spirits Bright'!

Best regards, **Bart Halberstadt**, Masters of Harmony, VP-Marketing

Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years

History of Our Organ

After more than six faithful decades of playing soulful and joyous tunes, our pipe organ was tired. It needed not only some refurbishing of the organ's organs, so to speak, but it would also benefit from a facelift. The moment had come. Yet it was also a moment to ask whether money should be spent on an upgrade, or whether it would be wiser to invest in a more modern instrument, one which would be better-suited to the size of the sanctuary. Perhaps even a digital one.

The decision was made: we began raising funds for a new organ. But then a pair of 'angels' came forth! C.W. 'Wink' and Muriel Hartranft decided they would like to leave a legacy of a new sanctuary organ to Good Shepherd. They donated a very generous \$450,000. Rich Ehrich gave another donation to provide the organ's sound of 'big trumpets' that he wanted. And monies given in the fund-raising drive went toward an electronic chapel organ, replacing the old one that was also in dire need.

Tim Durkovic, our organist at the time, guided the church trustees in the choice of a Rodgers organ. He educated them as to why a modern digital organ was the way to go. The old organ, long appreciated by the congregation, was laid to rest. Installation started in 2010 and the new organ's glorious tones filled the church for the first time just three weeks before Easter in 2011. Somehow it seemed symbolic that it was played on Resurrection Sunday. The Hartranfts were thrilled, as was the entire congregation. Wink and Muriel enjoyed it together for a few weeks before he died. She lived several more years. A plaque on the organ commemorates the gift. It reads, "This instrument is dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of C.W. (Wink) Hartranft by Muriel Hartranft" with the date "February 13, 2011" noted.

But the organ was not entirely complete aesthetically. Some fine-tuning was needed to make it look like a "real" pipe organ. The towering pipes on the west side of the choir loft don't really make sounds; they just look impressive! The smaller horizontally projecting pipes under the balcony rose window are a façade also, but handsome to look at. They hide the equipment that plays antiphonally.

Our organ is a magnificent piece of technology. It has 136 actual pipe ranks. What does that mean to the uninitiated? Ranks give off tones that are exact replicas of those of a pipe organ. A rank is a complete set of pipes in one sound—for example, the trumpets on the back wall of the church, were they real, would constitute one rank of pipes. Moreover, it boasts over 500 digital voices, enhancements that can sound like a bird, choir, tympani, or orchestral instruments, to name a few.

The organ has attracted some highly respected organists. Mark Thallander and Tim Durkovic recorded a Christmas album called "Carol for Keyboards" at the first holiday season. For the Dedication Concert, internationally acclaimed organist Fred Swann was the guest artist.

Stephen Cook, our organist since 2015, says he continues to learn more about the organ's capabilities, such as the ability to record and play back. This allows the organ itself, with a mere touch of a button, to play back a previously recorded piece, thus freeing the organist to direct the choir. Because of being one hundred per cent digital, the organ is maintenance-free, Steve says. "This is such an important part of being good stewards of church resources," he continues.

Despite the pandemic, history continues to be made. Steve Cook and several well-distanced choir members are present each Sunday morning to provide inspiration to the congregation through virtual worship. Still, members look forward to the day when they will once again delight in the full, rich organ tones filling the sanctuary.



**Drive Thru Communion will be held this Sunday, November
22, (11:30 am – 1:00 pm)
With a special station for people to drop off
2021 Pledge Cards,
a Thanksgiving Offering Plate for that special offering,
and an Advent Gift for Children!**

Heavenly Treasures

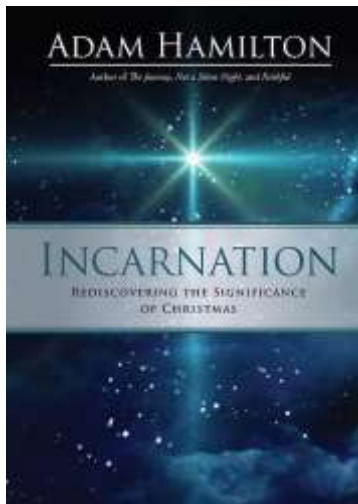
Many of you enjoyed doing some of your Christmas shopping at the Heavenly Treasures tables at the Alternative Market. You can still get meaningful gifts for friends and family by using their website. A copy of their flyer is to the right of this article.

The crafts are made from groups around the world (refugees, single mothers, widows, disabled, those rescued from human trafficking, orphans). 100% of every purchase goes back to the artisans. During this Pandemic the need is great for these disenfranchised individuals. Please check out the web site! Free shipping is offered for a minimum purchase.



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CGS 2020 ADVENT BOOK STUDY INCARNATION

Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas

by Pastor Adam Hamilton

UMC of the Resurrection, Leawood, Kansas

Via Zoom, discussions will be EITHER

5 SUNDAYS

November 29, December 6, 13, 20, & January 3, 2021

9:00-9:45 am led by Michael Chesnut

OR

5 MONDAYS

November 30, December 7, 14, 21, & January 4, 2021

7-8 pm led by Diane & Craig Lucas

During this season of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the significance of the Christ child for our lives and world today.

In the 5 weekly discussions based on the book, *“Incarnation”* by Pastor Adam Hamilton, we will come together to “rediscover the significance of Christmas”. His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. We will explore the meaning behind those names for Christ and the difference He makes in our lives this Christmas and every day.

To help prepare for each session, reserved participants will receive a weekly guide providing the goals and relevant scripture. Participants are encouraged to purchase the book that is available from either Cokesbury or Amazon.

Join us and invite a friend to reclaim the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness.

To reserve and attend, contact Diane Lucas dllucasarc@gmail.com

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.

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 info. 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 is not meeting this week.

DRIVE THRU COMMUNION IS THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 (11:30am-1:00pm) with, PLEDGE CARD and THANKSGIVING OFFERING DROP OFF, and AN ADVENT GIFT FOR CHILDREN, ALSO!!

Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. – Join the walking group in the church parking lot and courtyard!



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