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IT'S TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS—Orders due by this Sunday, 11/29!

Pandemic or not, Church of the Good Shepherd has a tradition of decorating our altar with beautiful poinsettias at Christmas time. We are pre-selling 6" potted red poinsettias for **\$15** each to be used in the sanctuary for services beginning Sunday, December 13. Plants can be picked up at church on Sunday, December 20, between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM, or donated for delivery by our team of volunteers to more home-bound church members. (The Christmas Eve service will be pre-recorded for viewing on Christmas Eve.)

To order, email Margaret Blair at KDBLAIR@EARTHLINK.NET, or call her at [\(626\)574-1827](tel:6265741827). We need to know:

Your name/s _____

Your phone number _____

The number of plants to be ordered _____ x \$15/plant = _____

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Will you pick up your plant/s on Sunday, Dec. 20th or donate it/them

Your check should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd for **\$15** per plant ordered. Write "poinsettia" on the memo line. Send it to the church at 400 W. Duarte Rd, Arcadia, CA 91007 or place it in the mail drop at the church office.

The last day to order is this Sunday, November 29! Orders must be in this week!!

If you wish to be on our volunteer team, let Margaret know! We'd love to have you!



Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Our prayers are with everyone mentioned previously. Be sure to keep **Kirstie Hubbell** who is recuperating from surgery at City of Hope and **Doris Wiechman** and **June Fee** who are back at Methodist Hospital in your prayers.

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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)



November 25 Thanksgiving Eve Service

Available to view online any time after 2pm on Wednesday

with Special Music from The Youth Choir!

Scripture: Psalm 100 and Matthew 15:29-39

Message: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Introit and Anthem: "Great is Thy Name", "Song of Thanksgiving"

Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "We Gather Together #131",

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come #694"

November 29 Sunday Worship Service

1st Sunday in Advent

Scripture: Proverbs 4: 1-5 and Luke 14:15-24

Message: "The Banquet Feast"

Introit and Anthems: "We Gather Together", "An Advent Credo",
and a solo from Israel Segura

Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "When in Our Music God is Glorified #68",
"Take Time to Be Holy #395", "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #384"



CHRISTMAS IS A MONTH AWAY!



Give meaningful gifts this year through the CGS ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET! For a shopping list go to the church website and click on the "News and Events" tab. In the drop down click on "Latest Announcements" and you will find Family Promises list and under that one list for Church World Service, Trees for Life, Finca, Union Station, Heifer Project and Habitat for Humanity. Turn your lists and check into the church and we will send you your cards and inserts! How easy is that! No masks needed!

Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years

THANKSgiving

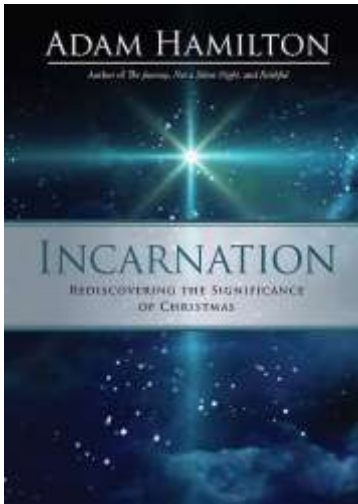
Thankfulness is everywhere this week, surrounding us with warmth and good will. So let's pause for a moment and think of some of the people and events in the Church of the Good Shepherd for which we are eternally thankful. A good place to start is with our charter members who had the faith, ambition and determination to form a fledgling church. We know we are standing on their shoulders as we have plunged forward through the 75 years since our founding.

That same spirit of courage and farsightedness has led us to many things for which we are grateful. We do not take for granted our lush grounds, our stained glass windows, or our fine buildings in which we gather to worship and to carry on the missions of our beliefs.

We give thanks for the long continuum of pastoral leaders who have taught us, consoled us, and inspired us. And we are thankful for all our peers and co-congregants who have served us on committees, projects and every imaginable phase of caring for our church. The meals we've eaten together, the music that has lifted our souls, the holidays we've celebrated. We are so thankful, in sorrows or joys, for the loving and supportive relationships we have found here.

So in this week of THANKSgiving, may we give thanks and rejoice in the many blessings God has bestowed upon us.





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 dlucasarc@gmail.com

“The Eucharist and the Thanksgiving Holiday”

I had been taking the Eucharist, or communion, for a long time before I learned what the word *eucharist* actually means. It means “thanksgiving” in Greek. Thus, our Thanksgiving holiday and the Eucharist share a common focus. This got me thinking: how can we incorporate something like the Eucharist or aspects of it into our own Thanksgiving holidays?



I’m not sure I have any one-size-fits-all answer on how to do this; this may well look different for each family that does it. An obvious way to do this is simply set aside some bread and juice to take with our Thanksgiving meal. Of course, if we do this, we will need to do it in a way that’s sensitive to the fact that some (or many) at our table do not share our faith. Moreover, incorporating bread and juice into our Thanksgiving holiday meal wouldn’t technically be communion or the Eucharist. In United Methodism, we need an ordained minister to consecrate the elements for that to happen. Nevertheless, sometime during the Thanksgiving holiday, we can still eat the bread and drink from the cup, or we can intentionally set aside time to thank God, or there might be some other practice you can think of that works best for you. (And if you can do these things with fellow Christians, that’s definitely preferable.) And when we do this, we can thank God for the gifts of creation as well as the gift of God’s Son, remembering Jesus’ incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection for the sake of us and our world.



-Michael Chesnut, Ministerial Intern

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Happy Thanksgiving!!



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Order Poinsettias this week only!! See article on front cover.

Turn in your order by this Sunday, November 29!!



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 information. We will also make a recording of our class available securely for kids who can't join at the regular time.

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



*open hearts,
open minds,
open doors*

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