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Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services (church website or Facebook Group Page)

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

**This Sunday in Worship**

***Fourth Sunday in Lent – Daylight Savings Time Begins***

**Scripture: Psalm 32 and Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

**Sermon: "Journey of the Heart: Repairing", Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching**

**Prelude and Postlude: "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving" and**

**"Come, Ye Faithful Raise the Strain"**

**Introit and Anthems: Youth Bells with "How Firm a Foundation"; Youth Choir with "Soli Deo",  
"Kyrie", "Adoramus Te", and Benediction Response "A Closing Prayer"**

**Congregational Hymns from UM Red Hymnal: "Morning Has Broken #145",**

**"Spirit of the Living God #393", "Blest Be the Tie that Binds #557"**

***Virtual Sunday Social at 1 pm & wear Your Favorite Tshirt***

***(Zoom meeting ID 879-3780-8985, no Passcode required)***

**Among the Church Family**

*In Our Prayers:*

Please include all those mentioned previously in your prayers and include **Gay Place** who is at Methodist Hospital.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Elsie "Ricky" Craig**. Elsie passed away on March 1, 2021. She and her late husband Bob were active, longtime members of our church.

**EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS**

As we prepare for Easter, we also plan the preparation of our sanctuary for Easter. Even though our services are not currently open for in-person worship, we will continue to adorn our altar area with potted spring flowers. These are purchased by members or friends of our congregation in "memory of" or in "honor of" someone special. The potted flowers can be picked up by the purchasers after the Easter service (time to be determined closer to Easter) or donated for delivery to our members who are more home bound. Prices of the potted flowers are listed below. Please send the following information and payment to the church office by March 21. Make checks payable to Church of the Good Shepherd & write Easter flowers on the memo line. For further information, contact Margaret Blair ([574-1827](tel:574-1827)) or the church office. Thank you!



Your name & phone number \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_.

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Double Lily \$15.00 # \_\_\_\_\_

Mum \$12.50 # \_\_\_\_\_

Hydrangea \$17.50. # \_\_\_\_\_

Azalea \$17.50 # \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my plant/s on Easter Sunday. \_\_\_\_\_

Please take my plant/s to a homebound church member. \_\_\_\_\_

## Stock Transfer Info

For church members paying their pledges or making special gifts to the church in the form of stock transferred into the Good Shepherd Morgan Stanley account, we need your assistance. At the time you initiate the transfer of stock from your account to the Good Shepherd account at Morgan Stanley, please send an email to the church Financial Secretary Jenny Lee at [jennylee323@gmail.com](mailto:jennylee323@gmail.com) with these details: name of the donor, the purpose of the gift (fulfilment of pledge, directed gift, memorial gift, etc., information on the stock being transferred and number of shares. This will allow us to be aware of the gift, and ensure that the funds are appropriately directed.



## Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

### Through the Years

#### Lenten Talks in 1968

Easter falls on April 4 this year, and Lent started with Ash Wednesday on February 17. Lent is a six-week period of worship, with special emphasis on prayer, fasting, giving to others, and repentance in our Christian faith. In 1968, Lent and Easter fell on dates rather parallel to those of 2021. Ash Wednesday was February 28 and Easter was April 14.

We thought it might be interesting to see what the people of Church of the Good Shepherd did in 1968 during this poignant season of worship. From our scrapbook of local newspaper clippings of that year, we learn that a special series of Lenten talks was presented on Wednesday evenings during Lent.

For five weeks, a former pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd brought the Lenten message at 7:30. Informal receptions were held at 6:15 in the Fellowship Lounge, providing an occasion for renewing acquaintances. Each minister's wife also attended. Dinner followed at 6:45. Different Fellowship groups served the meals. Hosting in succession during the series were the Co-Weds, W.S.C.S., Shepherders, Double Rings, and Merri-Mates. There was a charge for dinners: \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Reservations were required.

The Reverend Stanley S. McKee launched the series on March 6 with "What Christ Means to Me" as his topic. He had been the senior minister from 1964 to 1967.

"What Are You Doing With That Which You Have?" was the challenging question posed by former associate minister George D. Walters on March 13. He had conducted a dynamic youth program at Good Shepherd from 1955 to 1961.

Pastor Thatcher Jordan spoke on "The Impossible Dream" on March 20. Perhaps the title alluded to the fact that he had led in the building of both the Sanctuary and the Asbury Educational Building during his 15 years as senior minister from 1949 to 1964.

The theme chosen on March 27 by the Reverend Will Hildebrand was "A Time for Compassion." He had been appointed in 1945 as the Founding Minister of our church. Under his four-year leadership, the Chapel, Administrative Building, and Fellowship Hall were built.

"Souls Without Rudders" was John R. Knox's topic on April 13. As associate minister for three years beginning in 1961, he had continued the successful youth program of his predecessor, George Walters.

Lent has been observed in our church in many ways throughout its 75 years of history. We've now had a glimpse of how the leaders and congregation observed it 53 years ago in 1968.

## CGS Foundation Grants

The CGS Foundation Year-Round Grant Program is open for 2021 grant requests. Grants must foster spiritual growth or facilitate membership growth of Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, Arcadia. All grant applications must be submitted online only using the Foundation Online Grant Form - click the link below. Online grant application assistance will be provided when requested.

[Year-Round Grant Application](#)





## 2021 Memorial/Veteran’s Day Chancel Flowers

It is a tradition at CGS to have special flowers on Memorial Day and Veterans’ Day in honor of **all** those who have served or are currently serving in our country’s armed forces. We would like to honor your service, or the service of a loved one, by adding your name, rank and the branch in which you served to our list. We invite you to give a donation to the flower fund to keep this tradition going. Checks should be made payable to “Church of the Good Shepherd” and turned into the office with “Veterans’ Flowers” on the memo line of the check. Suggested annual donation of \$20 covers both holidays. Those making a donation will be shown with an asterisk, but all who have served or are currently serving will be listed.

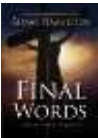
## Walking Group

Our walking group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 8 am. Everyone is welcome! Bring and wear a mask and plan to social distance. For more information call walk leader, Catherine Doster, 626-365-6447 or email her at [catherine.doster@yahoo.com](mailto:catherine.doster@yahoo.com)



## Special Events in the Season of Lent

The church is offering many activities for Lent and we hope you will join us for these activities!



**Mondays:** Lenten Book Study (via Zoom at 7pm)

**Wednesdays:** Courtyard Devotion Time with Pastor Eva's, Soloists, and Piano. DUE TO RAIN- no in person gathering on March 10. A video will be posted on Facebook Group Page and on Church website after 3pm and available to view throughout the week.



**Fridays:** Reflection Time with Seminary Intern Michael Chesnut (video posted on Facebook Group Page and church website after 3pm)



**Virtual Sunday Socials at 1 pm:** **March 14** All Church Social & wear Your Favorite Tshirt (Zoom meeting ID 879-3780-8985, no Passcode required), and **March 21** Sandwich Generation Social (Zoom invite to be emailed) and Young Adult Social (Zoom invite to be emailed).



## Drive Thru Communion and More!

Save the date for Drive Thru Communion on **Sunday, March 21** (new date!) from 11:30am-1pm and also receive Palm Branch for Palm Sunday and Hymn music for Easter Sunday!



## Confessing Our Sins and Our Methodist Beginnings



After listening to Pastor Eva’s sermon yesterday on the 4 steps of repentance, I found myself reflecting on step #2: confessing our sin. Just as Pastor Eva said, in United Methodism, we confess our sins to God, and there is no accompanying mandate that we confess our sins to the pastor or to others (James 5:16 exhorts us to confess our sins to one another, but I don’t that’s meant to be taken as a strict command). But we would do well to remember that John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, made confession of sin to others an integral part of the band meeting process. Band meetings were meetings of about 3-5 people, and they were part of the extensive small group network that John Wesley helped to create and organize. The band meetings (as well as other small group meetings) were designed to promote spiritual growth and maturity, and they were a critical part of the success of the Methodist movement. In short, these band meetings loom large in our history, and they were centered around confessing sins to and then praying for others. As inheritors of Wesley’s legacy, we are a people who continue to cherish the goal that the band meetings were founded upon: the goal of growing in holiness and seeking to ever-increase in Christian maturity and growth. Given this, it’s worth thinking about: if John Wesley found confession of sin to others indispensable in this process, then should we as well?



*-Michael Chesnut, Ministerial Intern*

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**Daylight Savings Time Begins on March 14 – Turn your clocks ahead one  
hour when you go to bed on Saturday night!**

**Drive Thru Communion on March 21, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

### **The 2021 Flower Chart**

Sign up for altar flowers by calling the church office, 626-447-2181, to give flowers “in honor of” or “in memory of” loved ones (or in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, special event or accomplishment). The cost of the flowers is \$45 (payable to “Church of the Good Shepherd”). Please mail the check to the church and write “Altar Flowers” on the memo line. Or you may pay for flowers online through the church website. The church office will place your order with ZuZu’s Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message announced in church by Pastor Eva on the appropriate Sunday. After the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service that Sunday, you may stop by the church to take your flowers home with you or let us know and we will have them in the church office on Monday morning after 9:00 a.m. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship center.



*open hearts,  
open minds,  
open doors*

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