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Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

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

***This Sunday, April 11, 2021***

***Scripture Passages: Psalm 133 and 1John 1:1-7***

***Message Title: "Alleluia, Christ is Risen....Now What?"***

***Sunday, April 18- Special Prerecorded Cal-Pac Conference Worship Service with our church Music Director and Section Leaders providing the Opening and Closing Hymns!***

***Sunday, April 25- Ministry Intern Michael Chesnut will be preaching***

**Among the Church Family**

***In Our Prayers:***

Please keep all those previously mentioned in your prayers.

And, please include **David Tosh, Meegan's husband**, who is recovering from bypass surgery.



***Thank You Note:***

Thank You to all who visited the church courtyard on Easter Sunday to see the Blooming Flower Cross! And much appreciation to the volunteers: ***Diane and Craig Lucas, Lynne Rivera, Karen Schaefer, Suzanne Wright, Michael Chesnut, Margaret and Ken Blair, Heather Reynolds, Joyce McGregor, Carole Sano, and Amy Crouse.***



***Reminder:***

If you haven't done so already, this is a reminder to mail or drop off your Easter Offering.



***Congratulations!***

Congratulations to UMYF President and SSP Youth Board Member, **Tyler Ross**, for being officially named a California Pacific East District Youth Delegate! His selection was made official by District Superintendent Rev. Melissa Mackinnon on 3/31 and Tyler will represent the youth of our district at the Virtual Annual Conference June 17-19.

**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)



## It's Time for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual SSP Cabaret!

6:00 pm this Sunday, April 11!



Coming this Sunday, it's the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual SSP Cabaret! Get yourself a bowl of ice cream, some cookies or a piece of cake. Pull up your easy chair, or relax on the sofa, and enjoy your dessert while watching the CGS youth sing and dance the night away. We can't be with you live this year, but we're looking forward to connecting with you through our filmed cabaret show called "Making Connections." We perform this show, as always, in support of the Sierra Service Project, and our youth who will be participating in SSP this summer, both virtually and through outside projects live at CGS. If you would like to support the youth of CGS who are going on SSP, please make a donation to the church through the CGS website, by mail, or by dropping off a check through the mail slot at church. *The show will be posted on the CGS website and on Facebook at 6:00 pm on Sunday, April 11, 2021. So, come to the Cabaret!*



## Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

### Through the Years

#### Easter Vacation

The Children's Center closed last Thursday and Friday for Easter vacation, so we're taking a spring break too. We'll return shortly with a story on how the Center has coped and progressed during the pandemic.

### Sierra Service Project

Due to our current county restrictions, as anticipated, Sierra Service Project this summer will officially be online, however, we will be planning to meet at church every night during the week for some service projects and outdoor fun activities at CGS! We will be planning on participating in SSP the week of July 19 – 23, 2021, however, once we are registered, you can attend as many weeks as you would like. There is programming scheduled from Monday through Friday from 10:30AM – 6:00PM, however, you can come for what you are able to come to and whatever fits in your schedule. Anyone who is currently in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade is eligible to go. Cost is \$175.00 per person, however, if you have participated in Youth Bells or Youth Choir, the cost is just \$25.00! You can find more information about SSP and its programs at [www.sierraserviceproject.org](http://www.sierraserviceproject.org) If you are interested in attending SSP this summer, please email me at [fnjshen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fnjshen@sbcglobal.net) by Sunday, April 18, 2021!

*-Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries*

### God at Our Side



We are currently studying the Book of Isaiah for United Methodist Men, and its first 39 chapters can be a tough read. It just feels like over-and-over again Isaiah prophesies these powerful and visceral oracles of destruction for Jerusalem. God's judgment and wrath seem to leap off every page. Yet, these prophecies of destruction always seem to be coupled with prophecies of how God will restore the people and make them whole. In fact, the further you get along in the book, the more strongly Isaiah emphasizes that no matter what the people have done or how they have failed, God will still not abandon them. Some of the most powerful images Isaiah gives us of this are found in 40:28-31 and 43:1-2. As members of God's people, these promises extend to us as well. Thus, when you have a few minutes, I encourage you to read these verses and meditate on the fact that no matter what has happened or is happening or will happen, and no matter what we have done or how we have failed, God will not abandon us. He will still lead us, guide us, and protect us.

*- Michael Chesnut, Ministerial Intern*

*Thank you to all who donated the beautiful potted flowers for our Easter Service!*

**IN MEMORY OF**

Mike Riffey  
June Fee  
Doris Weichman  
Evelyn Dean  
Doris Weichman  
Pat & David Narver  
Betts & Fred Blair  
My Mother & Father  
Our parents  
Our parents  
My parents & Bobbie Moore  
Our parents & loved ones in heaven  
Family & Friends lost this year  
Rich Erwin  
Our parents  
Everett L. Clark, Jr  
Helen Sansui  
June Fee  
John Zessau  
Renee Zessau Bertolino  
Joseph & Ann D'Amore  
Bernard & Ila Wrede  
Mike Ruggles  
Rick Archibald  
Our Mothers and Grandmothers  
Our parents

**IN HONOR OF**

Pastor Eva  
Kay Obler  
Ella Cole  
Barbara Cole  
Addie, Bret & Eleanor  
Our Church Family  
Those who need our prayers  
Florence Kovacic  
Pastor Eva  
Our Children  
Our parents (living & deceased)  
Our children & grandchildren  
Our Worship Team  
Our seven grandchildren  
Our children  
Thai Family  
Erwin Family  
Jane & Janice Clark  
Katherine & Clay Levister  
Dean & Hideko Sansui  
My family  
My family

Anne Riffey  
Anne Riffey  
Anne Riffey  
Jackie Olson  
Jackie Olson  
Margaret & Ken Blair  
Margaret & Ken Blair  
Catherine Doster  
Leslie & John Kenan  
Shirley & Warren Hassler  
Elaine Drew  
Jean & Tony Parrille  
Sandra Jelinek  
Eva Thai-Erwin  
Penny & Mike Hoover  
Susan Mendenhall  
Maria Sansui  
Joyce McGregor  
Dottie Zessau  
Dottie Zessau  
Joe & Marcia D'Amore  
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Margaret & Ken Blair  
Margaret & Ken Blair  
Norman & Linda Collar  
Virginia & Tom Crosby

Jenny Lee  
Kay & John Meisch  
Jackie Olson  
Jackie Olson  
Diane & Craig Lucas  
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Her great grandchildren Mae, Mateo, and Joaquín  
Marilyn & Larry Callaham  
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Margaret & Ken Blair  
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Jean & Tony Parrille  
Connie & Harry Heflin  
Eva Thai-Erwin  
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Susan Mendenhall  
Susan Mendenhall  
Maria Sansui  
Joyce McGregor  
Elaine Iverson





## 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 Flowers



It is a tradition at our church to have special Chancel 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.

**Sunday Service Is Broadcast Live at 10:00 am to  
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Cabaret this Sunday, April 11, at 6:00 pm**



*open hearts,  
open minds,  
open doors*

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