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

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**Among the Church Family**

***In Our Prayers:***

Please keep all those previously mentioned in your prayers.



Thank you to all who returned their Easter offering envelope and gave so generously to the church. The Finance Committee appreciates your acts of stewardship through these special offerings and your monthly/annual pledge tithing. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter giving contribution letters will be mailed out this week. And if you have not been able to return your Easter offering envelope yet, please feel free to mail or drop it off to the church anytime this month.

**SSP Cabaret A Success!!**

Thank you to everyone for watching 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual SSP Cabaret! The Cabaret is available to watch on Facebook or the CGS website. Special thanks to Janice Clark for all her hard work in choreographing and picking songs for "Making Connections". We have already raised \$1300.00 directly for Sierra Service Project! If you would like to donate for the youth attending SSP this summer, please donate via the CGS website, or mail or drop off a check in the church office. Please make the check payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd" and put "SSP Cabaret" on the memo line. Thank you!





## Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission Through the Years

### Children's Center Copes with Pandemic

The Children's Center has two quite different aspects: caring for the children and running the Center's business. They go hand-in-hand. Both faced a new reality and new challenges just three months into a fateful year. And both fell to Linda Brown, director since 2007, and Cindy Ostry, office manager since 2007, to cope and succeed.

When the Covid-19 pandemic struck, the Center promptly closed on March 17, 2020. The Good Shepherd Foundation encouraged them to apply for a grant. This was approved, providing salaries for the staff to stay home and keep well for the two months before the Center was able to reopen on June 1. Even the resumption of classes took its toll on the budget—and the children—for enrollment was lighter as fewer parents opted to return their children to the Center just then.

Linda and Cindy became adept at seeking funding through grants. Six different grants came from various sources, including 2 from our Good Shepherd Foundation! The Children's Center also received 2 paycheck protection program (PPP) Small Business Loan/Grants, 1 PPE grant from Options, and 1 LACDA grant from Los Angeles County.

Grants have kept them afloat, undergirding their ongoing finances, such as the usual overhead and salaries. But pandemic-specific supplies also needed to be purchased: air purifiers for the classrooms, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), masks, gloves, and Clorox wipes.

In addition to the business end of the Center was, of course, providing care for children. Before Covid-19 struck, the popular Center had wait-lists. Most sought after were spaces for infants and 2-year-olds; there was sometimes room for 4-year-olds. There's not a wait-list now, but one may be necessary soon. Children have returned slowly, in an abundance of caution and as safety rules have become known. As parents have been able to return to their jobs, enrollment has grown now to 38. Linda says the Health Department regulations now allow up to 48 children in our 4 operational classrooms. It's an ever-changing rule as we move through the pandemic.

Let's not forget another important and essential facet of this scenario of the Center's operation: the teachers! Without their unfailing dedication and affection for the children, there would be no Children's Center as we know it. Teachers are paid modestly, but they love their jobs of caring for the children. No medical benefits are provided, but they can get insurance privately and somewhat reasonably through Covered California. They do enjoy, however, some perks—a week of sick leave, paid major holidays, and 2 weeks of vacation after working 2 years. And, since the children have time off over the Christmas season, staff can also be home with their own families at that time.

While the months of pandemic restrictions have proven challenging at the Children's Center, as elsewhere, everyone involved there has risen to that challenge with grace and faith. It promises to continue to be part of the history of our church through the coming years.

### 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](#)





## 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)

## 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.



## Women's Book Study

The group is once again meeting weekly at noon! Bring your own chair and come to the large west parking lot of the church. Wear a mask and plan to social distance!

## 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.



## CGS PRAYER CHAIN

The Church of the Good Shepherd has a dedicated group of people who pray for members and their friends when a request comes into the church office. If you have a need for prayer for yourself, family or friends, please call the church office (626)447-2181.



## Plastic Bags and Egg Cartons

Foothill Unity Center is still collecting egg cartons and plastic bags. During this pandemic era we have a different location for dropping them off. Whenever you are in the vicinity of the church, they 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 the Center.

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