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

This Sunday, May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter and Drive Thru Communion

Scripture: Psalm 22:25-31 and John 15:1-8

Sermon: "We Can Do Nothing Apart from God"

Prelude and Postlude: "Evening and Morning" and "God Is Our Refuge and Strength"

***Introit and Anthems: "This is the Day the Lord Has Made", "Epilogue of Praise",
and Solo by Carolyn Noonchester***

***Congregational Hymns from UM Red Hymnal: "Hope of the World #178",
"Let Us Break Bread Together #618" and "Here I Am Lord #593"***

We will have a "Love Feast" during the online worship service. So please prepare your own bread and juice at home to participate. THERE will also be DRIVE THRU COMMUNION offered after worship (11:30am-1:00pm) for those who would like consecrated elements.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please keep those previously mentioned in your prayers.

Our condolences to **Sara Goodno and family** upon the passing of her husband **John Goodno** due to a boating accident on April 21. Sara and John are longtime, very involved members of Good Shepherd and John was a retired local gynecologist and an active member of the art community

Prayers also for **Jim and Carole Sano and family** as Jim was on the boat with John when it overturned on the Colorado River. Our prayers are with both families during this difficult time.

Sierra Service Project

This summer marks the 30th year and 31st time that CGS will be participating in SSP, with our first trip led by Rev. Steve Horswill-Johnston in 1991. Due to COVID, this summer's SSP will be a virtual experience and is open to anyone ages 10-110! This year's summer program will have three areas of focus: indigenous peoples, environmental and housing justice, and Mexico/California border issues. Participation fees range from \$60 to \$275, and scholarship support is available. The CGS UMYF plans on going Week 4 (July 19-23), and if you would like to go with our group, please contact Franklyn Shen by April 25, 2021. After this date, individuals may register through SSP for any week beginning June 28. If you would like more information, please visit the Sierra Service Project website at www.sierraserviceproject.org or contact Franklyn Shen at (626) 272-5081.



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.

Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years

CGS Youth in Songs, Shows, and Praise



"Come to the Cabaret"....and, for that matter, come to the annual Good Shepherd Youth Musical. At either one you'll enjoy hearing our young people raise their voices in fun and praise, and seeing them dance in perfect time to the tunes.

Janice Clark directed the church's music program for children and youth in the '90s. When Franklyn Shen joined the staff as UMYF director in 1999, he and Janice soon dreamed up the concept of combining their talents for what was to become the Cabaret, with Janice as director and Franklyn as pianist. Thus, for 22 years the history of the Cabaret has been part of the history of Good Shepherd.

Each year Janice chooses the Cabaret theme and appropriate songs from popular music and Broadway shows. They've done "No Place Like Home," "American Songbook," and "Planting Seeds, Growing Roots, Sprouting Love." In 2008 they did "The Eighties" and in 2018 they did "Back to the Eighties." After all, it was a whole different set of singers after 10 years!

Sometimes guest artists are featured, often coming from the ranks of UMYF counselors. This year Morgan Noonchester, daughter of our bell choir director Carolyn Noonchester, sang with Kermit the Frog, who was voiced and animated by her puppeteer father, Kevin Noonchester.

Basically it's mostly the same teenagers who attend UMYF meetings, work with the SSP, and participate in the choir or bells music program. The Cabaret integrates all these activities and provides another fun way for young people to get together. It's also a fundraiser to support the summer work program of the SSP. In appreciation for church members' enthusiastic support, they are invited to a SSP Stockholders dinner directed and organized by Franklyn. Here the SSP-ers describe their experiences at the summer camp. Franklyn is hopeful that the dinner may happen in August this year if live gatherings are permitted by then.

Sixth graders to seniors are eligible to sing in the Cabaret, a total of seven years, and 13 of them have done all seven. Another 14 have done six years. So far 115 separate youth have been in the Cabaret shows. Both Franklyn and Janice say how rewarding it is to watch as these young people grow and mature through the years.

Because it was the church's 75th Jubilee year in 2020, the Cabaret featured tunes from each decade. As the musical segment for each decade was introduced, all head and associate pastors who had served during that time were named. The Cabaret played on March 8, just under the wire for live performances before the Covid-19 Pandemic shutdown. By 2021 new challenges meant Cabaret had to be produced "virtually," and the challenges were well met!

Janice chooses the songs, rehearses, plans the choreography, produces and directs the Cabaret. Franklyn is the pianist, but during the pandemic he has also been Zoom host and technology coordinator. The two of them may hold the key roles in bringing the Cabaret to the stage, but they are not the only people who make it happen. Janice's "boys in the booth," her moniker for the techies, are Jeff Doran and Brendan Eder on sound, and Michael Arnold on camera. They also film and record the shows, and post them on the church website and Facebook page. Other vital volunteers include Kevin and Cindy Snavely and Steve and Becky Bickel who assisted with sound and stage when their own children were in the youth choir, and have continued ever since. Youth choir alumna Stephanie Shen as editor has generously shared her expertise.

Unlike the Cabaret, the Youth Musical is composed of original songs by Janice—so far, songs for 27 musicals, with the 28th in progress. And she writes them to fit the number of boys and of girls who will be in the cast that year. Each has a storyline, usually with a Christian theme. It is presented in the chancel as that Sunday's message in lieu of the sermon.

The youths' musical programs have been a vital part of our church's recent history. With great anticipation, we are all hopeful that the next Youth Musical and Cabaret can once again be enjoyed on stage and live!



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May 6th Arcadia Interfaith National Day of Prayer Service

Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin and Ministry Intern, Michael Chesnut will join other clergy and lay leaders in prayers for our faith communities, cities, nation, and world. It will be filmed at Santa Anita Church and livestreamed on a special youtube channel. It will be available to watch live at 7pm on May 6th or anytime after. Youtube link will be provided next week.

Hey Youth!

Do you know a lot about little things? Or a little about a lot of things? Join the ZZZP with SSP Trivia Game on Thurs., April 29 at 3 p.m. (Pacific Time)! See if you can beat the SSP advisors :) ZZZP with SSP is a Sierra Service Project program for youth and their families, and is led by CGS UMYF President Tyler Ross and youth from across California! The monthly gatherings are open to entire households. Register for free at sierraserviceproject.org -> zzzp with ssp.



Women's Book Study Returns to Library

The Women's Book has moved its meeting location the last couple of weeks and is now back in their regular meeting spot before the pandemic, the church library! Join the discussion at 12:00 noon every Wednesday in the CGS library....be sure to 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. 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.



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