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

This Sunday, May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day

Scripture: Psalm 98 and John 15:9-17

Sermon: "No Greater Love Than This"

Prelude and Postlude: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" and "Hymn of Joy"

***Introit and Anthems: "Stand Up and Bless the Lord", "Not By Might, Nor By Power",
and Solo by Israel Segura***

***Congregational Hymns from UM Red Hymnal: "All Creatures of Our God and King #62",
"His Name is Wonderful #174", "Where Charity and Love Prevail #549"***

The member slideshow that will be shown at the end of this Sunday's worship will be in honor of mothers and the important women in our lives. We will use the current photo of the women we have OR Please email Pastor Eva's gmail address (UmcPastorEva@gmail.com) if you have a photo of you and your mother, grandmother, aunt, or other OR of you with your children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, etc. All photos must be emailed by Saturday 12noon.



Among the Church Family

Please keep those previously mentioned in your prayers and include **Mindy Black** who was admitted to City of Hope.

Congratulations to Ministry Intern, **Michael Chesnut**, who met with his District's Board of Ordained Ministry and was approved to continue as a Candidate for Ministry.

Fran Syverson Honored by East District UMW:

In recognition of her service to Church of the Good Shepherd this past year, East District UMW has given Fran Syverson their "Quiet Disciple" award. Fran has always been an active member of United Methodist Women, but this past year she has provided a unique service by writing weekly articles about our church's history for "The Word" to help us commemorate our 75th anniversary. Since almost all of our Diamond Jubilee activities have had to be postponed or cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Fran's articles have been an important method of celebrating our founding, growth and missions over the years. Fran has spent many hours researching, interviewing, and crafting her articles without even putting her name on them. She is a true example of a Quiet Disciple. Thank you, Fran.

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.

Calling All Graduates!



Congratulations to the Class of 2021! Without a doubt, the Class of 2021 has overcome the most challenges of any class that we know, and your church family would like to recognize your accomplishments. We will be doing a slide show for this year's Seniors that will be shown during the Youth Musical on Sunday, June 13. If you would like to be included, please email Franklyn Shen (fnjshen@sbcglobal.net) a baby picture, senior picture, and 3-5 other pictures that you would like included. Also, please send him a list of accomplishments, the high school you are graduating from, and your future plans. Please send Franklyn the information by Sunday, May 23, 2021. Thank you for your perseverance and congratulations on finishing high school!

All 2021 Graduates: If you, or your child, are graduating from Middle School, Sr. High School, College or Graduate School, please inform the Church Office by phone, 626-447-2181, or email: ldoran@cgsun.org, to be included in the annual list of graduates. Please include the name of the graduate, who they are related to (parents, grandparents, spouse – not the whole extended family, please) and the school they are graduating from. If graduating from college or graduate school, include the type of degree earned and the field of study. The deadline to submit names is Friday, June 18.



Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years

The Face and Voice of the Church

“Good morning! How may I help you?”

The first impression anyone gets of the Church of the Good Shepherd is that of the person at the receptionist's front desk. It matters not whether the caller is phoning or coming through the front office door for the very first time, or whether it's a member who regularly comes or phones. At each encounter, this is where the first impression is made. So it matters whether the

front desk person is pleasant, courteous, and knowledgeable about the workings of the church.

Being the “first face” or the “first voice” of the church has been both a paid position and one filled by volunteers as we've adapted to changing circumstances. In their own way, both have served their church through the years.

Some years ago during a financial crisis, the staff receptionist position was cut. It was apparent that the post still had to be filled, so Bernie Dever came to the rescue. She gathered a cadre of women who could volunteer regularly once a week. Karen Whitehill is one of several who served this way for many years. This arrangement worked for quite some time. But it became apparent that having different people at the front desk each day did not provide the continuity needed. So the church returned to having paid staff in the mornings, which were busier, and volunteers in the afternoon.

Receptionists have plenty to do when they aren't handling phone calls or welcoming visitors. They direct calls to the proper staff person, or help set up appointments. Perhaps they can answer the visitors' questions. They stuff envelopes, often for bulk or holiday mailings, and sort and label mail. They may line up other volunteers.

In the distant past, when Rev. Frank Finkbiner was our pastor and Betty Johnson his administrative assistant, Karen Schaefer answered a church ad for a receptionist and Betty hired her. Karen laughs as she recalls that she had never used an electric typewriter, and that she later taught herself to use a computer from a manual. She also worked in the church's own print shop, using an addressograph.

How things have changed! Not only in the skills required, but also the office logistics. Karen, coming full circle from when she worked here years ago, is on the staff again. Since she now works only three days a week, with Suzanne Wright working the other two, some of their tasks have been delegated. Leslie Kenan arranges for the volunteers. Banking deposits, tracking attendance and membership are still done, but radically differently, impacted like so much else, by the pandemic.

But whatever the circumstances, we can count on the front office being staffed with capable women who warmly greet us in person or on the phone with a pleasant “Good morning. How may I help you?”

Women's Book Study Returns to Library

The Women's Book Study 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!





Year-Round Grant Applications for 2021 Are Being Accepted

The CGS Foundation Year-Round Grant Program is open for 2021 grant requests. The purpose of a grant must be the aid, promotion, and development of the religious, charitable, and educational activities, purposes, functions, and progress of the 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](#)

**You and your family are cordially invited to join with the members of the
ARCADIA INTERFAITH ACTION GROUP
to our virtual livestream**

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Theme: *Finding God in the Midst of a Pandemic*

***Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin and Michael Chesnut will lift up a Prayer for the Nation; and Rev. Stephen Wilson will be offering the Closing Prayer.**

**To be broadcasted Live on:
Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m.**

***Watch the Service on the AIAG Youtube Channel*
*(the website link for it will also be posted on the CGS church website
and Facebook group page on Friday as well)***

Youtube: Arcadia Interfaith Action Group National Day of Prayer Service



Call: (626) 446-8206 for further information



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.

In honor of “Be Kind to Animals” Month

The Children’s Center is collecting old towels for a donation to the Pasadena and San Gabriel Humane Societies, May 1–31. A box for donation drop off is located in front of the Children’s Center office or Church office. Thank you for your support of this collection project!!!



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*open hearts,
open minds,
open doors*

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