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## The Church of the Good Shepherd

### United Methodist Church

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

### **This Sunday, May 23, 2021**

*Pentecost Sunday!*

**Scripture Readings: Psalm 104: 24-34 and John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15**

**Sermon: "To Remember that the "You" is Plural!"**

**The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching**

**Prelude and Postlude: "Voluntary in D Major" and "All Glory, Laud & Honor"**

**Introit and Anthems: "To God Be the Glory", "Anthem of Pentecost",  
and Solo by Garrison Holder**

**Congregational Hymns: "Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather #552",  
"Breathe on Me, Breath of God #420", and "Every Time I Feel the Spirit #404"**



### Among the Church Family

Please keep those previously mentioned in your prayers.

The two altar flower arrangements last Sunday, May 16, were given: In memory of **Marie Brazier** by **Diane Lucas** and in memory of **Helen Sansui** by **Maria, Ruemruk, and Dylan**.

#### **Farewell to East District Superintendent Rev. Melissa McKinnon:**

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Rev. Melissa McKinnon will change appointments from the East District to the North District Superintendent. Melissa was a past Associate Pastor here at Church of the Good Shepherd and we know her gifts and skills will be valuable to the North District. To thank her for her time as our East DS- we will present her with a gift basket on May 22<sup>nd</sup> after the District Online Zoom meeting that will be filmed here at CGS. If you would like to add a note or a card to the gift basket to wish her well, please drop it off to the church office mail slot by this Friday, May 21, at 7pm. OR please email your note to [ldoran@cgsum.org](mailto:ldoran@cgsum.org) by Friday at 7pm and it will be printed out and placed in the basket.

### Music Ministry Sunday Service- Ways to Watch, Listen, and View!

Call 626-210-4074



The Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> Music Ministry Service experienced technical difficulties and was not able to be viewed live. Pastor Eva and the worship team apologize for the inconvenience, but we are thankful to all the wonderful adult and youth singers, bell ringers, and musicians who shared their gifts and talents in worship.

The full worship service has now been posted online to the church's Facebook Group Page (Church of the Good Shepherd) and the church website ([www.cgsum.org](http://www.cgsum.org)).

We are pleased to also announce that for those without online access, the full Music Ministry Sunday Worship Service can be heard anytime between Wednesday, May 19 to Friday, May 28 by calling this local #626-210-4074.

## 2021 Memorial/Veteran's Day Flowers Deadline May 26, 2021

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 by Wednesday, May 26, 2021. 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.



## 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!!!

## 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](#)



## 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](mailto: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@cgsum.org](mailto:ldoran@cgsum.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

We will have finished a year of celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee on May 20. But the celebration has been not what we had hoped when we first began making plans. So during that year, we have taken a nostalgic trip Through the Years to recount what our church has dreamed of, worked at, and accomplished.

Church of the Good Shepherd was chartered on May 20, 1945. By May 17, 1946, the new church members entered its first buildings with no indebtedness, due to funds raised by the members themselves, a pledge from the First Methodist Church of Pasadena, and the Crusade for Christ. In those post-war years, the church thrived and the campus grew with it. One by one, the Sanctuary, Jordan Hall, the education building and others were added. Children's Sunday School classes were so well attended that some overflowed into the Holly Avenue School. *(continued on next page)*



*(from previous page)* Befitting the Church of the Good Shepherd, the radiant stained glass window over the chancel altar depicts Jesus as a good shepherd. Side windows repeat the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. They also are stained glass, as are many windows in the Chapel and office wing.

Methodists must sing! And so we've always had a strong music program, one which now offers choirs for all age groups. In addition to worship services, they perform contemporary music for lighter events. Our magnificent organ has undergone a change from our old pipe organ to a modern digital one.

As we've looked back over our history, we've remembered some of the many projects we've initiated for outreach to the local community, of which we are an involved and committed member, as well as to the global community. Opening of the Children's Center in 1972 to provide care for community children is a prime example. From 1989 to 2006, a Chinese congregation made our campus their church home, with worship services held in the Chapel. We have offered ESL classes to those who wanted them.

Long ago, Good Shepherd established a Foundation that distributes funds from its investments to projects which will grow the church in mission and numbers. Recently church members have sponsored FINCA Villages with loans to impoverished people world wide.

The Alternative Christmas provides a way to buy gifts of shares in charitable organizations or handmade crafts from Third World countries.

Our long history finds many members joining together for a common interest and also the joy of camaraderie. Older men became known as the Geritol Gang. They took on the task of helping keep the campus grounds and buildings attractive and in good repair. Other volunteers now continue their work. The Quilters met for many years, raising money as well as making beautiful quilts. Several women stitched more than two dozen needlepoint kneeling cushions for our Chapel and Chancel communion rails.

Bike riders got together for years to have fun while riding and to raise money for a Mexican Medical Mission. Some of them went to the mission to help with the clinic there. Young people have spent a week of their summers on the Sierra Service Project going to Native American reservations in the western states where they've painted, roofed, and built ramps.

The United Methodist Men and the United Methodist Women are both relevant groups. Not only do they have regular meetings, they also have a long record of holding weekend spiritual—and fun—retreats. Early on, women formed several circles, but only one remains active. However, the Wednesday Book Study has been going strong for many years.

More recent history includes the church's strong commitment to both the Foothill Unity Center and the Family Promise program. We've donated items to the Center and helped staff big events such as food distribution and back-to-school clothing drives. For Family Promise, the church provides supper, overnight lodging, and breakfast for temporarily homeless families several weeks each year.

So these are some of the things we have touched on to describe how Church of the Good Shepherd has remained steadfast Through the Years. It has weathered several wars, the 9/11 attack, a depression, and a novel virus pandemic. With faith in God, we will pray to remain steadfast as we step into our 77<sup>th</sup> year. On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, we shall recognize our 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the online worship service. And after we are able to resume normal activities, we are still hoping for a belated Jubilee Celebration!

***I wish to express my gratitude to the many friends who have shared their thoughts and memories with me for the Through the Year series this past year.***

***Blessings, Fran Syverson***

***And, we all thank YOU, Fran, for your wonderful, informative articles!!***

## **.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)



## 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

## Plastic Bags and Egg Cartons

Foothill Unity Center is still collecting egg cartons and plastic bags. 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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open minds,  
open doors*

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