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## The Church of the Good Shepherd

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In-Person Worship this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and

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

**This Sunday, November 28, 2021, in Worship**

**The First Sunday of Advent**

**Scripture: Luke 21:25-36**

**Message: "Raise Your Head to Hope"**

**The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin will be preaching this morning.**

**Prelude: "Prelude on 'Trust and Obey'", arr. Powell,**

**And Postlude: "Postlude on 'Ash Grove'" by Martin**

**Introit: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

**Anthem: "Anthem of Gratitude"**

**Anthem Response: Carolyn Noonchester, Soloist**

**Congregational Hymns from the UM Red Hymnal – Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Long Expected**

**Jesus" #196, Hymn of Preparation: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1-3) #131,**

**Closing Hymn: "Hope of the World", #178.**

### Among the Church Family

Please continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in your prayers.

The Seto and Lazaro families invite you to attend the Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Gloria Seto that will be held on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Rose Hills Memorial Park- Sky Rose Chapel. Pastor Eva will preside over this service.

And, be sure to mark your calendar for the December 4, at 1 pm, Memorial Service for Dave Cooper here in our Sanctuary with a reception following at the Cooper's home. Former Pastor Phil Wood will be taking part in the service.

#### *Altar Flowers Last Sunday:*

The Chancel flowers in the Sanctuary last Sunday were given:

*In honor of Florence Kovacic as she celebrates her 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday from her family.*

*In memory of Dick Van Kirk from his family.*

*In remembrance of Cindy Richardson's birthday by her family.*



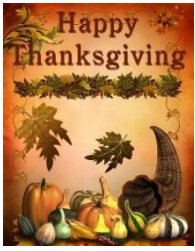
### Attention: Walkers!!

We have made some changes to our group! Most Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. we will meet at the church as usual, but the first Tuesday of each month, for a fun change, will be we will be meeting at the Arboretum at 8:00 a.m. inside by the stairs at the bottom. Everyone is invited to join us! The Arboretum is at 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, 91007. Cost is \$15 for Adults, Seniors (62+) \$11, annual pass is \$65.



**REMINDER: DO NOT respond to fake emails that claim to be from Pastor Eva but are not from her [umcpastoreva@gmail.com](mailto:umcpastoreva@gmail.com) email and are asking for money, gift cards, etc.**

## **Thanksgiving Eve Online Service and Devotion Boxes**



This year's Thanksgiving Eve service will be offered online through the church website and Facebook group page after 3 pm. Pastor Eva will share Thanksgiving reflections and offer the Communion liturgy. Our wonderful youth choir directed by Janice Clark will provide the music and Franklyn Shen will accompany them as well as play the prelude. Special Devotion Boxes to compliment the online service will be available to pick up from the church office Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> until 1 pm. Each box will include a Communion wafer and juice set, the order of worship, prayer rock, and a few more items.

## **The Alternative Market Is Here!**

No need to panic about filling the needs on your Christmas shopping list...the virtual Alternative Market is here! You won't need a bag or a box to purchase meaningful gifts for friends, family, grandkids and co-workers. Your gift could be a breathing, hope-giving, money-making, fruit bearing, women empowering, food providing, milk-making, shelter giving, refugee assisting, community building, life changing miracle! Your purchases help people locally, nationally and around the world to help end poverty and achieve self-reliance. Organization offering gifts are CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, TREES FOR LIFE, FINCA, HEIFER PROJECT, UNION STATION, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, AND FAMILY PROMISE. Run off a shopping list from our church website or pick up a copy on Sunday in the Narthex or in the church office during the week. An insert of the list is in this newsletter and on the next page. Fill out the form, indicate the number of cards needed for each item, make your check out to CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD then indicate if you want your cards sent by mail or picked up on Sunday in the Narthex or during the week in the church office. Blessed shopping!!



## **A Note from the Chairman of the Finance Committee...**

And so, the holidays begin! As we begin this time of thanksgiving and celebration with family and friends, there are so many things to keep in mind and in our hearts. The people in our circle of family and friends, the people beyond that circle, our city, our country, our world. Over the past 20 months we the church have supported each other and the world beyond Good Shepherd during these unusual times. As we approach the end of 2021, please review the statement of giving you recently received, and confirm that your giving record is correct and current. If your financial situation has changed, and your 2021 pledge amount is no longer appropriate, please email Jenny Lee, our Financial Secretary, at [Jennylee323@gmail.com](mailto:Jennylee323@gmail.com), and let her know. We will update the budget and the church's year-end spending as needed. We're family. That's what family does.



## **Christmas Eve Will Be Here Before We Know It – Make Plans Now!!**

The 5:00PM Family Christmas Pageant is coming back!!! We invite all children ages 5-18 to participate in the Christmas pageant, which will be a part of the Christmas Eve Family Service on Friday, Dec. 24, 2021. We will have one rehearsal on Sunday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, from 11:15AM-12:30PM (lunch will not be included), and all members of the Children's Choir, Youth Bells, and Youth Choir will be participating in the service. We would also like to accommodate those children and youth coming from out of town after Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> for Christmas. If you let us know, you can still participate by coming at 3:30PM on Friday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. You will need to wear the color of what you would like to be (white for angel, brown for shepherd, black for animal). If you are interested in participating, please contact Franklyn Shen at (626) 272-5081, or by email at [fnjshen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fnjshen@sbcglobal.net).

## **ANGEL TREE**

This year the Foothill Unity Center is not going to have individual Angels for the Angel Tree. This year they are giving "family gifts". This means that they are requesting family games and puzzles. Some suggested games are Bananagram, Boggle, Bop It, Candyland, Game of Life, Monopoly, Phase 10, Scattergories, Scrabble, Sorry, Tabu and Trouble. If you bring a game please put it in the white barrel in the Narthex. They are also asking for \$25 gift cards for stores such as Target, Kohls, Walmart, Amazon and Marshalls. Please place your gift cards in an envelope and write on it 'FOR FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER'S FAMILY GIFTS' and place it in the offering box in the Narthex or drop it off at the church office. Thank you for supporting this meaningful project in a different way this year! Happy Thanksgiving to you!





## 2021 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's time to order poinsettias! Church of the Good Shepherd has a tradition of decorating the area around the altar with beautiful poinsettias. We are pre-selling 6" potted poinsettias for \$15 each after church on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and ending on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a nice way to honor or remember someone special. They may be picked up following the 9 PM Christmas Eve service or after the Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> morning service. Any flowers remaining after noon on December 26<sup>th</sup> will be donated by our team of volunteers to our more homebound church members. If you wish to volunteer to help deliver poinsettias on Dec. 26th, please contact Margaret Blair at [kdblair@earthlink.net](mailto:kdblair@earthlink.net). To order, stop by our table on November 28<sup>th</sup> or December 5<sup>th</sup>, or contact the church office during the week.

### Poinsettia Flower Order   Poinsettias - \$15.00

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Please donate my plant to give to another church member.

Purchased by \_\_\_\_\_ Paid \_\_\_\_\_ cash/check

Make checks payable to **CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.**    **THANK YOU!**



## **FAMILY PROMISE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET SHOPPING LIST**

*Below is the Family Promise Shopping List. Please see the insert for the other lists.*

1. Mark the items you'd like to purchase and the number of cards you'd like for your purchase
2. Total the section and transfer totals to the bottom of the page.
3. Total items and make out a check to the church.
4. Return your list and check to the church either by mail or by dropping the it into the church mail slot
5. We will fill your order and return your cards by mail.

ITEM	Price	# Purchased	\$ Total	#Cards
A night in a hotel (hotel only ) for a family	\$125.00			
A week in a hotel (hotel only) for a family	\$875.00			
A dinner for a family	\$20.00			
A sack lunch for a child	\$5.00			
A week of sack lunches for a child	\$25.00			
A week of sack lunches for a family	\$100.00			
Diapers and baby wipes	\$35.00			
A gas card to cover a week's transportation	\$30.00			
<b>Subtotal Family Promise -&gt;</b>				

### **COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

Mail order to: The Church of the Good Shepherd 400 W. Duarte Road Arcadia, CA 91007 Or drop in church offices mail slot		<b>\$ TOTALS</b>	<b># CARDS</b>
	Family Promise		
<b>Checks payable to:</b>	<b>FINAL TOTAL</b>		
<b>CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD</b>			

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET SHOPPING LIST**

1. Mark the items you'd like to purchase and the number of cards you'd like for each purchase.
2. Total each section and transfer totals to page two.
3. Total items and make out a check to the church.
4. Return your list and check to the church either by mail or by dropping it in the church mail slot.
5. We will fill your order and return your cards by mail or to the church Narthex on Sundays.

**1. CHURCH WORLD SERVICE (\*Special tree ornament available)**

ITEM	PRICE	# PURCHASED	TOTAL	# CARDS
*5 gallon clean water	\$5			
*Blanket	\$10			
Corn to Plant	\$10			
*Visit to Health Center	\$11			
*Hygiene Kit	\$15			
School Kit	\$15			
Writing supplies for 10 children	\$16			
*Seeds for a Community Garden	\$18			
Literacy Class	\$19			
Books for 10 Students	\$20			
A water filter for a home	\$25			
*Refuge food for 1 month	\$25			
*Bio Sand filter	\$30			
<b>SUB-TOTAL CWS (1) →</b>				

**2. TREES FOR LIFE**

ITEM	PRICE	# PURCHASED	TOTAL	# CARDS
5 Trees	\$5			
<b>SUB-TOTAL TFL (2) →</b>				

**3. FINCA**

ITEM	PRICE	# PURCHASED	TOTAL	# CARDS
1 Share of a Loan	\$5			
<b>SUB-TOTAL FINCA (3) →</b>				

**4. UNION STATION**

ITEM	A SHARE	TOTAL ITEM	#	TOTAL	# CARDS
Three Meals	\$7.50	___ X \$7.50			
Toys and Games at Family Center	\$25	___ X \$25			
New clothing for a single mom	\$50	___ X \$50			
Week of meals for mother/child	\$100	___ X \$100			
<b>SUB-TOTAL UNION (4) →</b>					

**5. HEIFER PROJECT**

ITEM	A SHARE	WHOLE ANIMAL	#	TOTAL	# CARDS
Flock of Chickens	(-)	\$20			
Flocks of Ducks/Geese	(-)	\$20			
Honeybees	(-)	\$30			
Trio of Rabbits	\$10	\$60			
Goat/Sheep	\$10	\$120			
Pig	\$10	\$120			
Llama/Alpaca	\$20	\$150			
Water Buffalo	\$25	\$250			
One School of Fish	\$30	\$100			
Heifer	\$50	\$500			
<b>SUB-TOTAL HEIFER (5)</b>					
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**6. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

ITEM	A SHARE	TOTAL ITEM	#	TOTAL	# CARDS
Door Knob	(-)	\$10			
Light Fixture	(-)	\$25			
Can of Paint	(-)	\$25			
Tub of Nails	\$25	\$50			
Toilet	\$25	\$75			
Window	\$25	\$100			
Interior Door	\$25	\$175			
Kitchen Sink and Faucet	\$25	\$200			
<b>SUB-TOTAL HABITAT (6)</b>					
→					

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

Mail order to:		SUB-TOTALS	# CARDS
The Church of the Good Shepherd 400 W. Duarte Rd Arcadia, CA 91007  Or drop in church offices mail slot	<b>CWS (1)</b> →		
	<b>TFL (2)</b> →		
	<b>FINCA (3)</b> →		
	<b>UNION (4)</b> →		
	<b>HEIFER (5)</b> →		
	<b>HABITAT (6)</b> →		
<b>Checks payable: CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD</b>	<b>FINAL TOTAL</b> →		

**(Select one) Deliver my cards by**

(1)  Pick up in Narthex on Sunday      Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(2)  Mail to:      Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Holiday Canned and Boxed Giving

Now through December 12<sup>th</sup>, Church of the Good Shepherd will be collecting food and donations for **Foothill Unity Center's Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets**. CANNED goods such as yams, vegetables, fruit, soups, beans spaghetti sauce, canned meat, olives, stews, and cranberry sauce would be appreciated. BOXED packages like dessert mixes, stuffing, rice, baking mixes, Jell-O, gravy packets, dinner helpers and dry salad dressing packages would help make a holiday dinner. Donations can be dropped off during the week in the white barrel outside of Jordan Hall and on Sundays in the white barrel that has been placed in the Narthex. **NO DONATIONS IN GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE!** If you wish to contribute towards the purchase of turkeys, chicken or ham please send or drop off your donation directly to the Foothill Unity Center, 415 W. Chestnut Ave., Monrovia, Ca 91016.



**Sunday Service Is "In Person" at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and Broadcast Live at 10:00 am to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG**



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