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**Worship Schedule for
The Church of the Good Shepherd
Sunday, November 16, 2014
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.
Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
The Gospel Lesson is Matthew 25:14-30
The Witness is "The Measure of Our Life"
Associate Pastor Joshua Clough, Preaching**

8:00 a.m. – Worship in the Chapel.

8:30 – Chancel Choir rehearsal.

9:00 – Bible Study – AEC

9:30 – 12:30 – Childcare – Toddler Room.

10:00 a.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary

10:00 – Sunday School after Children's Time.

11:00 – Holiday Pie/Cornbread Sale orders taken.

11:15 – Coffee Fellowship – Jordan Hall & Patio.

11:30 – Youth Bells, open to 6–12 graders. Sanct.

11:30 – Carol Choir– grades 2-6 – Music Room.

**3:00 p.m. – Music in Sacred Spaces - One Piano/
Four Hands Concert – Chapel.**

4:30 p.m. – Youth Choir, 6–12 graders. MR.

6:00 – Youth Choir Dinner – (bring \$3) - JH.

**6:30 – UMYF - Open to all 6th – 12th graders.
Joscelle will lead Middle School and Franklyn will
lead the Sr. High program tonight.**

6:30 – Parenting Group led by Elsa Cordero
Wood will meet in the Lounge off Jordan Hall..

6:30 – Book Study on "People of the Book"
concludes tonight in the AEC with Pastor Phil.

6:30 – Book Study on "Revival" by Adam
Hamilton meets in the Library with Pastor Joshua.

8:00 – KNIGHTS – Franklyn will lead to-knight.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please continue to pray for those mentioned previously in church and in the newsletter and be sure to include **(Frank) Clark Thomas** who is currently in Transitional Care at Methodist Hospital; and **Alan Krug** who is recuperating from surgery at Huntington Hospital.

Our condolences go out to **Shirley Francis and family** on the death of her sister **Bette Nieubuurg** in Eugene, Oregon, on November 5, 2014. Bette and her late husband were longtime CGS members.

Christmas Pageant Signups

As the holidays approach, plans are under way for the Christmas Eve Family Pageant! Children are welcome to help bring to life the story of the birth of Jesus! We need animals, angels, shepherds, wise men, census takers, narrators and crew. Rehearsals are before church at 9:00 a.m. on Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. The dress rehearsal is Dec. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Pageant will be held Wed., Dec. 24 at 5:00 p.m. Please contact **Cindy Snavelly** by phone or text at (626) 641-5583.

Music in Sacred Spaces this Sunday, November 16 at 3:00 p.m.!

Join us for the next concert in our concert series **Sunday, November 16, at 3:00 p.m.** We will welcome to our stage **our very own Stephen Cook and Timothy Durkovic** performing a program of works for one piano and FOUR hands by French composers. You will be treated to music by Francis Poulenc, Gabriel Faure, Claude Debussy and Maurice Ravel. Please invite a friend and join us for this special treat in our chapel. Requested donation of \$15/\$10 for students with an ID.

Family Promise – Why Christmas Week?

Why Christmas week? “You know that everyone is so busy with family and friends.” “You won’t be able to get any volunteer help”. “Are you crazy?” Feeling the tug of the Holy Spirit, our Coordinating Team decided to provide “space at the inn” during Christmas week. Hosting begins on the evening of December 21, and ends on the morning of the 28th. Volunteer for just one evening during this special week as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, God’s precious gift to humanity. Enlist the help of your “out-of-town” family members, friends, and fellowship groups. Service is the ultimate Christmas gift!

If you did not have the opportunity to volunteer for our first Family Promise hosting, we really need your help Christmas week and again in 2015. Look for volunteer sign up opportunities at church beginning on Sunday, November 9. If you want to commit NOW to being an Evening Host, Dinner Host, Overnight Host, or will prepare an evening meal, please contact **Diane Lucas** at: dlucasarc@gmail.com or call 626-447-4457.

2014 Christmas Week - Preliminary Schedule:

- December 21 – 28
- Pre-setup activities: December 20, 3 to 4 pm
- Guest Family Setup: December 21, 5:30 to 6:30 pm
- Take Down/Cleanup: December 28, 2 to 4 pm

**Luke 2: 10 “... I am here with good news for you,
which will bring great joy to all the people.”**

– *David Steinmeier*, Family Promise Communications Coordinator
david@microjoining.com



Men’s Power Breakfast

Men of the church, if you find yourself wide awake at 5:00 a.m. on a Tuesday morning, here’s your answer. Get up and get dressed, get into the car and drive to church, and join the Men’s Power Breakfast in the AEC at the church. Enjoy a great cup of coffee and a really good donut at this weekly meeting led by Pastor Phil Wood. The group discusses everything from the Bible to current events. It is lively, thought provoking, and at times passionate. 6:30-7:30 a.m. in the AEC. \$2 donation for the coffee and donuts. – *Dave Cooper*

Holiday Electronic Giving

Each holiday season, Church of the Good Shepherd anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year. If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at cgsum.org and locate the Online Giving button. Or if it’s easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office. You can also schedule your gifts to Church of the Good Shepherd using your bank or credit union’s online banking bill pay option. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Holiday Pie Fund-Raiser for Our School

The Holidays are here again, along with all the traditions we enjoy! Some of us will be eagerly anticipating that first taste of holiday pie and what better way to plan for the festivities than to pre-order your holiday pie or cornbread from the Children's Center, Marie Callender's Holiday Pie Fundraiser!

Our "**Holiday Pie/Cornbread Sale**" will began Wednesday, November 5 and lasts for one and a half short weeks (**last day to order Tuesday, November 18!**) So, don't miss out on this chance to enjoy the convenience of ordering your desserts through us, for pick-up right here in our own church kitchen on Tuesday, November 25, from 3-6 p.m.

Pre-order forms are available after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, November 16. The cost for each item is the same as it would be if you ordered directly from Marie Callender's, but the Children's Center will receive 20% of our total sales for this fundraiser!

Remember, you get the convenience of "one stop shopping" during this busy time of year and the children will get the benefit all year long! Thanks again for all your generous support for all our fundraisers and....

Happy Holidays!

-Linda Brown, Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center

Yoga Class

The Yoga Class which meets on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. will **not** be meeting on Monday, November 24.

And There Shall Be Two Signs

Learn all about them at the Co-Weds Fellowship Group meeting on **Tuesday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m.** in Jordan Hall. Hear **Dave Raymond, Wayne Whitehill** and **Phil Wood** tell about the new signs and what it took to get them approved. Installation has just begun! To join the group for their \$12.00 catered dinner at 6:30 pm, please call **Channing Lushbough** at 626-309-0270 for reservations.

Alzheimer's Disease - November Program of the United Methodist Men

Possibly more feared than death itself, Alzheimer's disease presently has no cure and its diagnosis is problematic. It can damage or destroy both the victim and his or her family emotionally and financially. On **Thursday, November 20, 2014**, the United Methodist Men will present a program to consider and discuss this dread affliction, its effects, and what to do about it. CGS member **Mike Johnson** will be the presenter and discussion leader. All are welcome. That means ladies too as they constitute more than one-half of those with the disease. \$5.00 dinner at 6:30 p.m. Program about 7:15 p.m. – Free. Location: Church library.

This Week's Message



In our fast paced busy world of technology and rapid change we are constantly evaluated for effectiveness. We compare our worth to others based on the money we make, the clothes we wear, and the car we drive. We all do this from time to time, in one way or another. With many different messages about our value as people the question we might ask; "how do I measure the value of my life?" This weekend in worship we focus on the parable of the talents, or the valuable coins, in the gospel of Matthew to explore the idea that what we choose to value has greater impact on our lives than what we achieve. Come join us!

Joshua

Join the “Dollar-A-Day” Challenge!

This last Sunday our Chair of the 2015 Finance Campaign, Todd Sams, challenged us to make the best Pledge that we can toward the 2015 Annual Budget, ***and then*** to set aside **one dollar per day** as an additional gift to our Church. If one hundred of us do so, we give an additional \$36,500.00 per year. And, if two hundred of us do it, that equals \$73,000.00 toward mission and ministry. Prayerfully consider this, and take the challenge!

Upcoming Events:

Now through November 23 – 2015 Finance Campaign.

Now through November 23 - We will be collecting new, unopened cans and bags of dog and cat food for the Humane Society’s “Fill the Bowl Project.”

Now through the holidays – Food Drive for Foothill Unity Center.

Marie Callender’s Holiday Pie/Cornbread Sale through November 18.

Parenting Group led by Elsa Wood, Sundays at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Lounge.

Book Study led by Pastor Phil, Sundays at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the AEC.

Book Study led by Pastor Joshua, Sundays at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Church Library.

November 15 – Festival of Bands (Duarte Rd. closed to traffic all morning).

November 16 – Concert at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel featuring Tim Durkovic and Steve Cook – Four Hands/One Piano – Don’t miss it.

November 18 – Co-Weds meeting regarding the new signs. 7:30 p.m. in JH.

November 20 – UMM meeting regarding Alzheimer’s. 7:15 p.m. in Church Library.

November 24 – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at CGS, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

November 26 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship in the Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

December 21-28 – Family Promise at CGS.