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**Church of the Good Shepherd**  
**Sunday, February 5, 2012**

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture: Isaiah 40:11-31 and Mark 1:29-39

Witness: "Guiltless"

Philip Bertolo Wood, Preaching

**8:00 a.m. - Worship - Chapel**

**9:00 - Adult Bible Study** led by Senior Pastor Wood meets in the AEC. The class is studying the Gospel of Matthew.

**9:00 - Youth Council Meeting.**

**9:30 - Chancel Choir** rehearsal - MR.

**10:00 a.m. - Worship - Sanctuary**

**10:00 - Children's Sunday School** - Children go into the Sanctuary with their families, then leave to go to Sunday School with their teacher and class following "Communion for Children and Teachers." (Jr. and Sr. High Youth will be going back into the Sanctuary for Communion at the end of the service.)

**11:20 - Children's Choir rehearsal** - Music Room.

**11:20 - Youth Bell Choir rehearsal** - Sanctuary.

**11:20 - Visit Health Ministries' "Walk" table** - Patio.

**11:20 - Nite-on-the-Town Cards** for sale.

**11:20 - SSP Stock Sales on the patio.**

**11:20 - "Souper" Bowl Sunday - Final day to bring items for this food drive.**

**11:30 - Education Ministries meeting** - AEC.

**4:30 p.m. - Youth Choir rehearsal** - Music Room.

**6:00 - Youth Choir dinner** - JH/Kitchen.

**6:30 - UMYF** will be led by Rachel Skinner.

**6:30 - Confirmation** will be led by Franklyn Shen (Living a Holy Life).

**8:00 - KNIGHTS** will be led by Franklyn Shen.

**Among the Church Family**

*In Our Prayers:*

Continue to pray for the members of our Church Family previously mentioned and include: The Meyer Family asks for prayers for **Suzie Lowe** who is battling cancer; **Leonard Henkey** who is home from the hospital; **Anthony Gonzales (Phil & Elsa Wood's nephew)** who is recuperating from a serious skateboard accident; **Iris Guggisberg (Karen Schaefer's aunt)** who has serious health concerns.

Our condolences to the **Stranberg Family** upon the death of **John Stranberg Sr.**

Again, condolences to **Chip & Karen Young** on the death of Chip's mother, **Shirley Young**, on January 18, 2012. The memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 18, 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

And, a celebration of life service is planned for **Ed Schreiner** on Sunday, February 12, at 1:00 p.m. in the North Gym at Arcadia High.

Condolences to the **McEachern Family** on the passing of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother **Helen McEachern** on Christmas Day. Dr. Wood officiated at the service in San Diego.

### **Request a Foundation Grant for 2012!**

Put your ideas into action with a Good Shepherd Foundation grant. Grant requests must be for projects which will promote growth in Christian spirit or growth in our church membership, or to serve the community at large.

Applications are available on Sundays in the courtyard after church, in the church office during the week, or through the church website at: [www.goodshepherdarcadia.org/grants](http://www.goodshepherdarcadia.org/grants)

### **Our Schools – Past, Present and Future**

The topic for the Church of the Good shepherd forum on **Sunday, February 12, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.** in Jordan Hall is “Our Schools – Past, Present and Future.” Church members **Joann Steinmeier** and **Steve Phillipi**, along with **Vern Whitaker**, **Lori Phillipi** and **Diane Lucas**, will present background about the strengths of Arcadia’s schools and information regarding the future, including facts regarding the forthcoming election for Measure A – Protect Arcadia Schools. Since education is vital to our community and to our future, come to the Forum to learn more.

### **Men’s Weekend Retreat**

United Methodist Men announce “Men Like Us!” The weekend of **March 23-25**, United Methodist Men will be gathering at Aldersgate Retreat & Cultural Center in Pacific Palisades for food, fellowship, and fun, with some serious study thrown in for good measure. They will be exploring men of the Bible. A brochure is available with more details. Look for the United Methodist Men outside Jordan Hall each Sunday, or contact **Dave Raymond** at 626-445-4766.

### **Volunteer Work Party**

Volunteers will meet **Saturday, February 4, from 8:00 a.m. to noon** (or any portion thereof) for campus maintenance. Everyone is asked to bring a small pair of scissors if they can. Gloves are recommended.

For several months now we have been concentrating on repairing pew cushions in the Sanctuary. We probably have about three more months before the job is completed. This is a particularly enjoyable project because of the teamwork involved.

We would like to thank the volunteers for December: **Doris Young, Alison Young, Vern Whitaker, Mark Renfrew, Channing Lushbough, Craig & Diane Lucas, Stephan Arnold, and Mark Lowell.**

We would also like to thank the volunteers for January: **Doris Young, Alison Young, Dean & Heidi Sansui, Mike Hoover, Craig & Diane Lucas, Stephan Arnold, Lynne Whitaker, and Joyce McGregor.**

*–Dave Raymond and Rich Hubinger*

### **2012 Pledge Envelopes**

2012 Pledge Envelopes are available in the Narthex. If you need envelopes, but don’t find a box with your name on them, please print your name on the sheet on the clipboard which is on the table with envelopes and we will have a box with your name next week. We will be updating the boxes weekly.

### **“Souper” Bowl Sunday**

With one Sunday to go, the UMYF and Outreach Ministries have collected over 650 canned goods for the Foothill Unity Center. Our goal is to collect 1,000 cans by February 5, Super Bowl Sunday! Thank you for your support, we know we can do it!

*–UMYF and Outreach*

(Please bring your canned goods to the church office during the week or to church with you on Sunday where we will collect the cans on the patio outside Jordan Hall.)

## Brandenburg Old and New

### *Music in Sacred Spaces*

**Concert Date: March 4, 2012, 3:00 p.m.**

Long Beach and Whittier Bach Festival performances are coming to our **Music in Sacred Spaces Concert Series** on **March 4** with “**Brandenburg: Old and New.**” Elizabeth Hedman (violin), Marisa Kuney (violin), Michael Lieberman (viola), Paula Fehrenbach (cello), Thomas Harte (bass), Jenni Olson (flute) and Timothy Durkovic (piano) will perform music by Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No. 5), Mahler ("Adagietto" from Symphony No. 5 arranged for piano sextet) and a premier of a piano quartet by Long Beach Composer, Jenni Brandon, based on the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5. The concert will be held on **Sunday, March 4, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Chapel here at Church of the Good Shepherd. Requested donation of \$20 (\$10 for Students with a valid ID.)

This is the perfect time to invite your friends and neighbors to Good Shepherd. Our concerts feature outstanding, world-class musicians here in the comfort of our beautiful Chapel.

## Lay Speaking Ministries

*Equipping the laity to realize and respond to their call to ministry*

**Pasadena District Committee on Lay Speaking Ministries**

**Spring 2012 Class, March 10 and 31, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.**

Sierra Madre UMC, 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Includes a total of 10 instructional hours and light lunches

Basic Class...Foundation Class for Lay Speaking (use also as a refresher course). This Basic Class is designed to help participants understand the ways we are called to serve Christ's Church. It is the foundational course for the three main categories of Basic Lay Speaking Ministries, with focuses on Leading, Caring and Communicating. It's not about speaking! You will not be required to give a sermon! The class is fun, full of information about our denomination and our Wesleyan background and gives you an opportunity to develop leadership skills for use in serving your church.

Instructors: **Jo Ann Williams** is a Certified Lay Speaker from Sierra Madre UMC. She has served as Pasadena District Lay Leader, currently is chair of District Superintendency Committee. She also serves her church as Church Council Chair, and President of UMW. And, **Howard Fallman** is a Certified Lay Speaker from Glendale First UMC. He is the current Pasadena District Director of Lay Speaking and is the Lay Leader at Glendale First and chair of the Council on Ministries.

Advanced Course...“Lay Speakers Lead Prayer”

Prayer is our primary means of communicating with God, yet most Christians join the church and only learn how to pray by listening to others. This advanced course on public prayer will help lay speakers grow in confidence and skill, while encouraging a deeper and more vital prayer life in their personal life.

Instructor: **Reverend Dr. George R. Crisp** is pastor at Sierra Madre UMC., with a passion for music. He is an avid teacher and looks forward to leading this class.

Reminders:

1. If you cannot attend this class, please pass this brochure along to someone in your congregation who will benefit from becoming a LAY SPEAKER
2. Every candidate in lay speaking must secure the approval of their pastor or church council and complete the basic course before going on to the advanced classes.
3. All Local and Certified Lay Speakers are required to take a refresher course or an Advanced Course every three years in order to remain Certified. If you have not attended a class since 2009 you are now due to take one if you want to retain your Certification.

Registration forms are available in our church office. Stop by or call Linda Doran if you are interested in attending.

## “Nite on the Town” Card

It is not too late...*Merri-Mates* Fellowship Group is still fund-raising for worthy projects within the Church or community by selling ‘Nite on the Town’ discount cards. Thirty-one restaurants participate in offering great discounts and the card is only \$25. Cards may be purchased at the *Merri-Mates* tables near each entrance to the Sanctuary **or** by mailing your order form into the church office.

## Sister Act II - Thrifty Sisters

Ladies, mark this date on your calendar now: **Friday, May 11, 5:30 p.m., Sister Act II – Thrifty Sisters.**

### Thanks for the Plastic Bags and Keep Them Coming

Foothill Unity Center has been very appreciative of Church of the Good Shepherd supplying plastic bags for so long. Due to the current economic situation, they are serving more clients than ever before and use somewhere around 3,000 or more bags per week. Please keep bringing your clean, hole-free double-handled plastic bags from the supermarkets, drug stores and similar facilities. The plastic bags should be placed in the box in Jordan Hall. Collection and delivery of the bags continue on a weekly basis. Double Rings Fellowship Group has been spearheading this project and they, along with Foothill Unity Center, both thank you for your continued support!!

*Simply...*

Return!

*–Phil*

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*open hearts,  
open minds,  
open doors*