



Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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April 2021 Newsletter

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new person, a person who is living self-sacrificially everyday, spreading the gospel to those who live around us. Let our lives be living testimonies of who Jesus is. Easter resurrection is something real for our Good Shepherd Family members to be fully transformed by Jesus Christ. Let's live our lives up to God's standard in John 15:12-13,

"This is my commandment: that you love one another just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this: that someone lay down his life for his friends."

Let us make every difficulty an opportunity to do something good for someone else this Easter season. Jesus Christ is the living hope as we celebrate Jesus' resurrected life and His resurrection of our lives. We must remember one thing, God is much greater than we could ever imagine; He resurrects our struggles and trials, take our effort and turns them into something beautiful.

As we celebrate Jesus, Easter season this year, let's allow the power of Christ's resurrection to transform our lives and let's surrender our doubts and fears to love. If we completely put our faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior, He will continue to do miracles through us by radically transforming our lives every day. Others will see Jesus Christ through us! Amen.

Easter Message 2021

By: Rev. Khuong Chau

Good Shepherd Family,

The Spring of 2021 marks one year when the coronavirus has attacked our ways of life. We have moments of despair, lost our love ones, relatives, and friends. However, there are days when the sun peeks through the dark clouds and once again shine proudly in the blue sky, and we stop and say, "It's Friday, Sunday is coming—Jesus Christ, our Lord is here, we are not alone." These feelings of new life are the feelings of resurrection, that can transform our lives and the lives of others. Once again, we celebrate Easter season with the greatest hope that Jesus Christ's resurrection gets us through the toughest times. I encourage you to open your hearts and encounter the living Jesus in the midst of despair, everything will change. Take a moment and feel God's inspiration in your heart and mind. I believe the resurrected Jesus Christ will help us transform into a

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Announcements

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

4/4 Lana Miller
4/22 Abbygail Villanueva

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4/6 Bill & Lin Somsak
4/28 Nancy & Robert Oleinik



Please let the church office know if we're missing on any important dates.

Zoom Information

Please join us for:

- 1) Thursday Bible Study at 10AM
- 2) Sunday Worship Service at 10:30AM.

- Follow the direct link below
<https://zoom.us/j/9434735921>
- Download the app on your phone or tablet and enter the meeting ID
943 473 5921
 - Call by phone and dial
1 669 900 6833 (US)

Please contact Pastor Khuong if you have any questions on how to setup Zoom,
(714) 902-4468 or
duykhuongdhgd@gmail.com.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Come join us through Zoom on **Thursday, April 1st** at 7:00 p.m. It is the Holy Thursday as we remember Jesus washed His disciples' feet and the Last Supper. We will have dinner, prayer time and partake in the Holy Communion. You may pick up the communion elements at church during office hours.

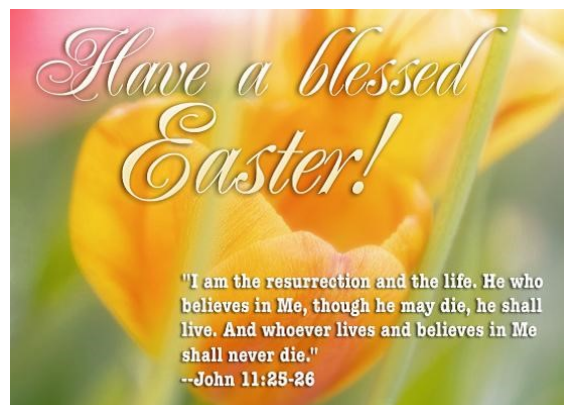
Movies for Easter

Jesus

Jesus on stage at <https://www.sight-sound.tv/>. This Easter, the greatest rescue story of all time is coming to you live from the Branson stage! Join viewers from around the world for Sight & Sound's groundbreaking original production, JESUS, as it comes to life like never before. This special live broadcast is one night only, Friday, April 2nd, 2021, at 7pm ET with encore events throughout Easter weekend.

This event is available by either signing up for the Season Pass, which gains you access to all showings, or by selecting the pay-per-view showtime that works best for you. The pay-per-view option is a pay-what-you-want with a minimum price of \$35 USD.

This website lists 20 of the best Easter movies for 2021 and where they are available to watch:
<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/news-entertainment/g35264541/easter-movies/>





Welcome Home

March 9, 2021

Linda Priester
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
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Dear Linda,

On behalf of American Family Housing and the community of individuals we serve, we are grateful for your support as we seek to serve those in need. On December 22, 2020 we received Good Shepherd's donation of clothing, baby products, and food. The donation is valued at \$500.

Because of your support, our staff is able to support our clients and homeless neighbors with services and essential items. We are working aggressively to come out of this crisis in a better position to fulfill our nonprofit mission, with your help we will get there. We believe that the most challenging time in a generation is upon us, and our efforts to bring innovative, cost-effective solutions in our community are more important than ever.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mnorys@afhusa.org.

In gratitude and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marissa Norys". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Marissa Norys
Senior Director of Development
American Family Housing

American Family Housing is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization EIN 33-0071782

Good Shepherd Preschool



Easter time reminds us to thank God for the New Life He has made available for us through His cleansing and rebirth. We have come a long way with God's help. Each day, God provides blessings to this ministry that touches families and the community in many different ways.

Becoming a new creation takes hard work, love, and faith in God. Good Shepherd School partnered with Good Shepherd Church and guided by God's hand has all the ingredients of a safe Christian environment where God's love is shared with our community.

We cannot believe that it has been a year since the chaos of the pandemic started!! And I would like to share with all of you that all of the teachers have gotten the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine!

Anyway, spring is finally here!!

We have started planting seeds with the children and doing more gardening in general.

We are also making plans for the summer and the new school year.

The preschool program is unpredictable attendance wise because several of the families take the summer off; however, we have had a lot of families touring the school in the last month and several other inquiring about it.

Our summer camp program will be a bit different than previous years...we are still going on field trips; however, we will go to open places such as parks and the beach only.

We have started a waiting list for the day care program for the new school year. A couple of the children that have been coming for years for part time have been placed in the list plus three more new children.

On the news.....

The OC health care agency (state funded program) contacted us about a month ago. They said that their program is now being offered to private schools (for free). This program has been available in different states/cities for years and now is available in Westminster.

They offer help with:

- Creating/revising/updating the school's wellness policy
- Nutrition (classes for the parents/children and/or informational flyers, etc.)—all of the information can be distributed in English, Vietnamese and Spanish (even the classes!!)
- Creating more/upgrading areas for the children to be active—this can include paintings on the floors/walls like shapes, fruit/vegetables or a hop scotch etc.
- Creating/upgrading an edible garden
- Lending toys for the children to be active (jump ropes, balls, hula hoops, etc.).

We also requested information about the state free meal program. We might be able to apply/qualify for it.

We just had a virtual meeting with them to fill out the application for the program. We're still waiting to hear from them about the free meal program.

We're so excited and hopeful about getting some help from this program!!

April is the month when we focus our learning mainly on Jesus being alive and everything that is alive including us and trees/plants/and also recycling.

April 1st (Thursday) - Easter Celebration

April 22nd (Thursday) - Earth Day Celebration (we will plant a fruit tree)

Thanking all of you for your continuous prayers.

God's Blessings,
From all of us at Good Shepherd School

APRIL 2021

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*Due to COVID-19, the schedule may change during the month.