

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday – January 25

**9:15 am** Prayer Group, Room 2  
**10:00 am** Worship  
**11:15 am** PreK - 5th Grade Sunday School , Room 2  
Social Concerns Class, Lower Ed  
Studies of the Bible Class, Room 4  
Youth Sunday School, Room 6, Lower Ed  
Gospel Choir Practice, Room 1  
**12:15 pm** Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Upper Ed  
**3:00 pm** Still Waters Church, Lower Ed

### Monday – January 26

**6:30 pm** Worship Design Team. Room 1

### Tuesday – January 27

**9:30 am** Staff Meeting

### Wednesday – January 28

**9:30 am** Women's Bible Study, Room 1  
**6:30 pm** Women's AA, Upper Ed

### Thursday – January 29

**7:00 pm** Chancel Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
**7:00 pm** Bible Through the Year Group, Zoom

### Friday – January 30 - Church Office Closed

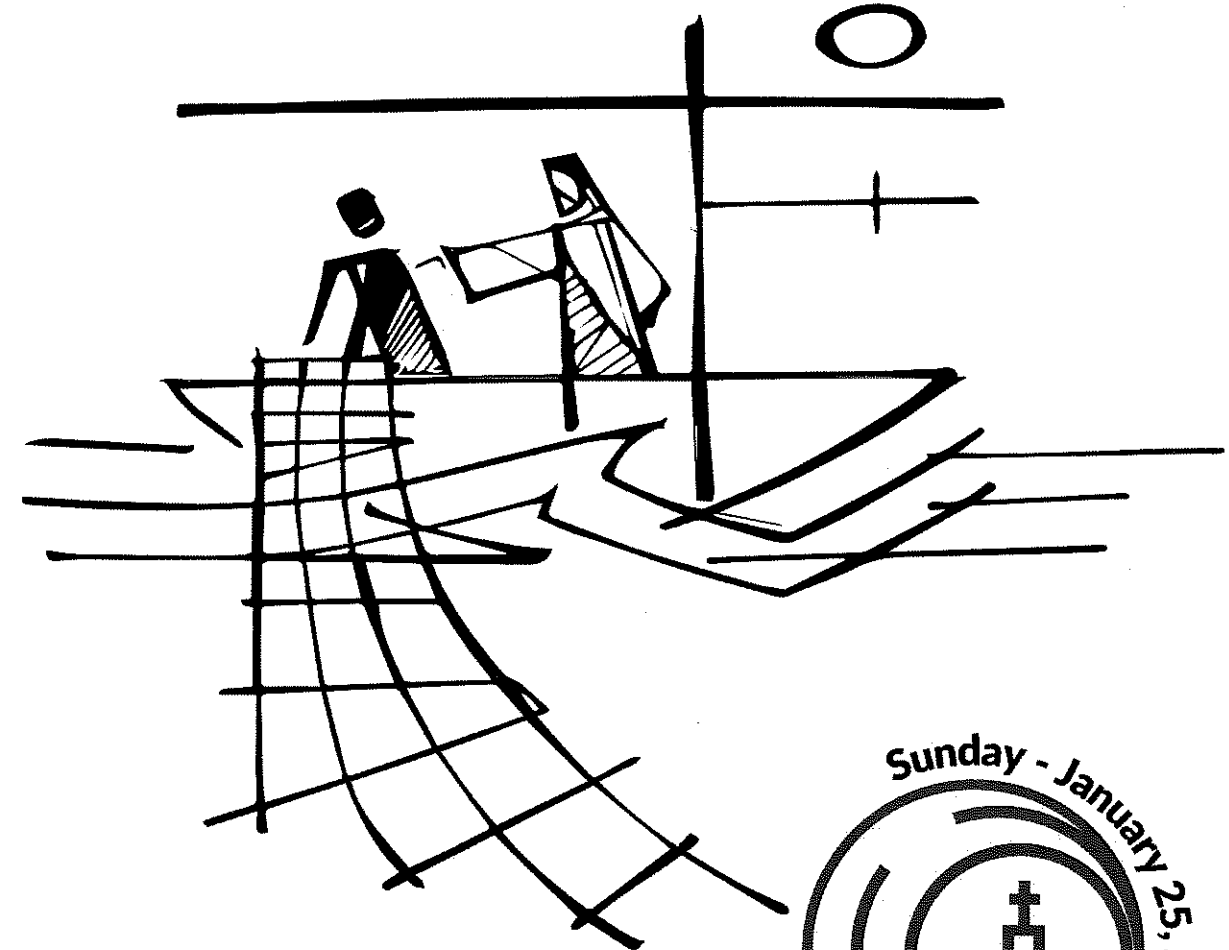
**7:00 pm** AA, Upper Ed

### Saturday – January 31

**1:00 pm** Women's AA Workshop, Upper Ed  
**7:00 pm** Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary  
(IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

### Last Week

In-Person Worship - 121  
Online Worship - 68  
Sunday School/Small Groups - 63  
General Fund Giving - \$31,645.01



Sunday - January 25, 2026  
**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



Hymnals and Bibles are available on the rolling carts near the entrance of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one for use during the service and then return it to the cart after worship.

Please complete a Weekly Connect Card found in the bulletin and place it in the offering bag when it is passed during the service.

Please be aware that photography and video recording/live streaming occur during our worship service and are used on social media. Our children and youth are often included. If you do not want your child in any photos or videos, please speak with one of the ushers.

#### We love children!

There are several opportunities for children to grow during worship.

**Our Family Worship Space** offers quiet resources and activity bags to help families engage children during worship. Children may take items to their seats or sit at the table when it's available.

Parents/caregivers are asked to be seated with children at the table or nearby to assist them in worship. **Childcare is available for infants through age 5** during Worship and the Sunday School hour in the nursery at the end of the main hallway.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(\*) Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.

**Bold Print indicates congregational/unison responses.**

\* Gathering Song *Shout to The Lord* FWS 2074

\* Words of Welcome

\* Gathering Words

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ, **but Christ who chose us,**

That we are not here because of our goodness **but because of Christ's grace,**

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves, **but to allow Christ to enlighten us,**

That we have not come to be entertained **but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.**

\* Hymn *Lord of The Dance* UMH 261

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Music *Let Us Praise the Lord*(Price/Besig)

\* Doxology UMH 94

Children's Time

Prayer for Understanding

**God of truth, you speak your Word, and we barely hear it beneath the rumble and clatter of our world. Tune the ears of our heart to your voice. Clear our minds to listen. Let us hear Jesus calling us, and answer, and follow, by the powerful grace of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Scripture Matthew 4:12-23 N.T. 3

Message Pastor Lisa

Anthem *Blessed Are The Eyes That See* (Catherwood)

Prayers of the People Michael Finegan

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance

**Holy Christ, we come to you knowing that we have fallen away from your intentions for us. We have followed the paths of satisfying our own desires, turning away from our brothers and sisters in need. You gave your life for us, and yet we hesitate to give of ours. Forgive us for not recognizing the sacrifice of love, to live for others instead of ourselves. Help us to return to the way of your love. Amen.** Christ continues to lay down his life for us, so that we might have life. Christ continues to show us the way, so that we might live into the truth and the life. Christ continues to love us, so that we might love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. Know that you are forgiven, loved, and given new life. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion

\* Hymn *I Have Decided To Follow Jesus*

FWS 2129

\* Benediction

Postlude *Silver Thread Among The Gold* ( Smallwood)

**Votive Candle Stand.** Our votive candle stand is an invitation to contemplative prayer. Feel free to light a candle before or after our service, or during communion.

**Worship Resources Used:**

*Image:* "Hand Drawn Fisher of Men", Bernardo Ramonfaur.

*Call to Worship:* Bruce Prewer, [www.bruceprewer.com](http://www.bruceprewer.com).

*Prayer of Understanding:* Rev. Steven Garnaas-Holmes, [www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net)

*Confession and Assurance:* Adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>

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**PRAISES AND PRAYERS**

*Prayer requests will remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise updated. You may submit, update or remove a prayer request on the Weekly Connection form or by contacting the church office.*

*Remember in Prayer (as of January 18, 2026)*

Youth Winter Retreat- prayers for safe travel and a grace filled time of learning and fellowship

Aruna Janbawai- God's grace, protection and blessings

Bob Hendrickson- a praise: I was suddenly able to walk unaided on December 20!

Broomfield's - death of Eddie's father, Loyal

Buchenauer's- Bob's continued health concerns

Chris Evatt- death of Chris' brother Stanley Russell

Don Abrell- recovery from stroke

Family and friends of George Gero

Family and friends of Lee Hirsch

Lula Pitts - death of brother, Robert; Thankfulness for your love, sympathy and prayers; for Solome on death of a cousin

JoAnne Neal - recovery from surgery for cancer

Jude - for her children

Kathy McNeil- Anita Cortez waiting for liver transplant

Neneh Kanneh- husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health

Nicole Millard- mother-in-law, biopsy results

Pat Pearsall- Keiko Foster; Awilda Durham's brother who has severe dementia

Pastor MiRhang- on the death of her sister Miji

Ruth Herndon- for Ruth's family

Smith's- granddaughter Lexi for healing after surgery

Vandergrift's- friend, Kim who has lost her sister-in-law and father; Larry's brother whose health is declining

Winnie Agyin- Samuel Agyin, recovery from stroke

Our country and our nation's leaders

For all places experiencing war, violence, and humanitarian crisis

For those who struggle with mental health and the families that love them

*A prayer gathering is held every Sunday morning at 9:15 am. All are welcome!*

## GOOD SHEPHERD IN MINISTRY

### **Monthly Prayer for our Church**

*Join us by including this in your daily prayer time  
and at all church gatherings.*

God of all time, we give you thanks for turning over another year. As we reflect on what has been and hope for what will be, we enter this time with anticipation. May your spirit fall afresh upon us, the people of Good Shepherd, to be open to your calling for our ministry. May we be bold and courageous in your name as we strive to be a beacon of your hope and grace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

### **Do you love data entry? Historical work? Are you familiar with Excel?**

We are looking for someone to assist us in digitizing the portion of our membership records that exist only on paper. If interested, please contact Christina in the church office: [adminassist@gsumc.net](mailto:adminassist@gsumc.net).

### **Lenten Bible Study**

#### **Name Tags**

Let's be a place where everyone knows your name! Preprinted name tags for regular worshippers are in the Gathering Space. Guests are invited to create one. If you can't find your printed name tag or need a new one, please check the "need a name tag" box on the Connect Card.

#### **Scheduling Building Use**

Need to reserve a room or space for a meeting? Please schedule all activities through the church office to prevent room or space conflicts. An event or activity may not be honored if it is not on the church calendar. You can call the church office (703) 670-6127 or email our admin assistant ([adminassist@gsumc.net](mailto:adminassist@gsumc.net)) to schedule.

#### **Serve with Hilda Barg Shelter**

Good Shepherd UMC is providing meals the week of February 15th. If you would like to contribute a dish or two, please text Mary Smith at 703-400-6995.

### **Hiring: Nursery Caregiver (must be at least 21 yrs old)**

We are seeking a warm, caring Nursery Caregiver for infants–Pre-K to work every other Sunday for 2-3 hours, paid. If you know someone who would be a great blessing in this role, please have them email interest or questions to [sprc@gsumc.net](mailto:sprc@gsumc.net). A job description will be provided.

### **Altar Flowers**

Enhance our worship space by honoring or remembering someone special with an altar flower arrangement for \$30 and take the flowers home after the service.

To request at least two weeks in advance:

- Complete a form online, via our weekly email OR
- Use the Altar Flower envelopes on the glass table outside the sanctuary doors for your request and payment. Place the envelope in the offering bag on Sunday or return to the church office.

### **Reminders:**

- The deadline for weekly announcements is Wednesday at noon.
- Committee minutes, leadership information, etc. are included in the weekly Enews, with printed copies on the bulletin board outside the church office.

### **Look Ahead**

February 15: Pancake Breakfast and Heart Havens Sunday

February 18: Ash Wednesday

February 22: "God's Trombones" with Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Youtha Hardman-Cromwell

### **Read Through the Bible in a Year**

#### **This week's readings:**

Jan. 25th:	Exodus 31:1-34:35	Jan. 29th:	Leviticus 8:1-10:20
Jan. 26th:	Exodus 35:1-40:38	Jan. 30th:	Leviticus 11:1-14:57
Jan. 27th:	Leviticus 1:1-4:35	Jan. 31st:	Leviticus 15:1-18:30
Jan. 28th:	Leviticus 5:1-7:38	Feb. 1st:	Leviticus 19:1-23:44

Join us for an informal, one-hour group conversation on Zoom this Thursday:  
<https://uso5web.zoom.us/j/8848221386?pwd=wSO3TzY7f4Z18EjcOrKLaznhayxdCD.1>

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