

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – February 15

**9:15 am** Prayer Group, Room 2  
**9:45 am** Pancake Breakfast, Gathering Space  
**10:00 am** Heart Havens Sunday - Worship  
**11:15 am** PreK - 5th Grade Class, Room 2  
Lenten Bible Study, Sanctuary  
Youth Sunday School, Room 6, Lower Ed  
**12:15 pm** Gospel Choir Practice, Room 1  
3:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary  
Still Waters Church, Upper Ed

Monday– February 16

**Church Office Closed - Holiday**

Tuesday– February 17

**9:30 am** Staff Meeting, Office  
**6:30 pm** Church Council, Room 4

Wednesday – February 18

**7:00-10:00 am** Ashes to Go  
**9:30 am** Women’s Bible Study, Room 1  
6:30 pm Women’s AA, Upper Ed  
**6:30 pm** Firepit Service

Thursday – February 19

**12:00 pm** Lunch Bunch, Room 4  
**7:00 pm** Chancel Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
**7:00 pm** Bible Through the Year Group, Zoom

Friday – February 20 - Church Office Closed

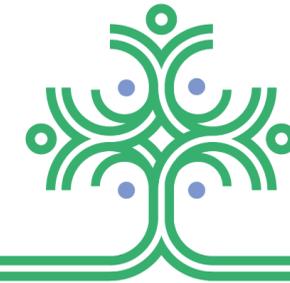
7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – February 21

**11:00 am** Funeral - Bob Buchenauer, Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary  
(IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

**February 8, 2026**

In-Person Worship - 100  
Online Worship - 50  
Sunday School/Small Groups - 70  
General Fund Giving - \$76,071.49



the good news is..

all are invited



**SHEPHERD**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

## We Are a Church for All God's Children

**Our Mission:** To be a community where all can experience and share Christ's love.

**Our Vision:** To be a beacon of Christ's love and grace, offering hope through invitation, inspirational relationships, and effective partnerships.

**Our Values:** Faith, Fellowship, Diversity, Discipleship, Servanthood

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday  
9 am-2 pm

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.

**This Lenten season**, we are grounding ourselves in the good news of Jesus. Each week's theme—"The Good News is..."—returns us to the roots of Christ's life and ministry: radical welcome, love of neighbor, care for the vulnerable, and grace that liberates and nourishes. In a world heavy with bad news, this series invites us to rediscover a faith that is joyful, challenging, and alive—and to become "good news" people for a world in need.

### Ash Wednesday – February 18th

- **Ashes to Go - 7:00 am – 10:00 am** in the church parking lot, feel free to "drive-up" or get out of your car.
- **Outdoor Firepit Service - 6:30 pm, outside.** A brief but meaningful service for all ages with song, reflection, imposition of ashes, and s'mores! Feel free to bring a chair if you are more comfortable seated.

**Our Easter Offering** this year will support the Cooperative Council of Ministries (CCoM), with which GSUMC has a long history of partnering by providing meals, financial support, and individuals serving in leadership. Learn more at <https://www.ccomcares.org>. Designate your gift via your envelope or check's memo line with "Easter Offering." An online giving option is also available through Easter.

**Summer Camp dates:** Art Camp - July 13-17th and Basketball Camp - July 27-30th. We would like to add to our summer programming by offering a Saturday, 1-day workshop on a variety of topics. Do you have a talent or skill to share with children? Let's talk! Contact Janae Tschudi-Evatt at [outreach@gsumc.net](mailto:outreach@gsumc.net)

### Read Through the Bible in a Year

#### This week's readings:

Feb 15th:	Deuteronomy 13:1 - 16:22	Feb 16th:	Deuteronomy 17:1 - 20:20
Feb 17th:	Deuteronomy 21:1 - 25:19	Feb 18th:	Deuteronomy 26:1 - 30:20
Feb 19th:	Deuteronomy 31:1 - 34:12	Feb 20th:	Joshua 1:1 - 3:17
Feb 21st:	Joshua 4:1 - 6:27	Feb 22nd:	Joshua 7:1 - 11:23

Join us for an informal, one-hour group conversation on Zoom this Thursday:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/8848221386?pwd=wSO3TzY7f4Z18EjcOrKLaznhayxdCD.1>

Meeting ID: 884 822 1386

Passcode: rzRn4s

## 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 mercy and holy light, we bring you our life together at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church: our joys and worries, our neighbors and newcomers, our questions and our courage. Knit us again into one body in Christ - steady, humble, and brave - so that we may live as a beacon of Christ's light in our community and beyond. In a nation where many neighbors live with fear, teach us to resist cruelty without losing tenderness, to practice courageous welcome with wisdom, and to show up as shelter, dignity, and hope for the stranger, the anxious, and the overlooked until love feels believable again. Amen.

**The Office will be closed Monday, February 16th, in honor of Presidents' Day.**

**Breakfast Church Today!** We thank our United Methodist Men for serving pancakes and fixings. Donations will support the Heart Havens ministry and can be made by writing "Heart Havens" on your envelope or check's memo line. We also welcome Becky Huff, Heart Havens Chief Executive Officer.

**The Lenten Study begins today after worship in the sanctuary.** Join Rev. Christina Hart-Perkins for the study, "Embracing the Uncertain" over the next six weeks. Together, we will focus on post-transfiguration, pre-Passion stories in the Gospels. Study books will be available for \$16.

### **Lunch Bunch**

Join us on Thursday, February 19th at 12 pm for a once-a-month potluck meal and time of fellowship. Bring a dish to share.

**Special Service next week:** Rev. Dr. Youtha Hardman-Cromwell will join us to offer selections from *God's Trombones*, James Weldon Johnson's powerful collection of sermons in verse. Drawing on the rich tradition of the Black church, this work brings biblical stories to life through poetic language, rhythm, and imagery shaped by the voices of African American preachers. Experience faith, history, and artistry woven together in a moving tribute to the enduring power of the spoken word.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

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

\* Gathering Song  
FWS 2002

***I Will Call Upon The Lord (3Times)***

\* Words of Welcome

\* Gathering Words

If God threw a party,

**all would be invited.**

If God hosted a dinner,

**there'd be a seat saved for each of us.**

If God prepared a banquet,

**a cheer would go up when you arrived.**

This is the good news:

**God is throwing a party. God is hosting a dinner.**

God is preparing a banquet, and all are invited.

**Let us worship this invitational God.**

\* Hymn

***Come, Sinners, to The Gospel Feast***

UMH 339

Ministry Moment

Heart Havens, Rebecca Huff

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Music

***Dejembe of Praise***

Children's Choir

\* Doxology

UMH 94

Children's Time

Janae Tschudi-Evatt

Prayer for Understanding

Guy Andrew

**Table-setting God, this season we do not want to miss your invitation.**

**We do not want to be so caught up in our own business that we miss the holiness right in front of us. So settle our hearts, and open our spirits to hear your word anew. Help us hear your good news today. With hope we pray. Amen.**

Scripture	Luke 14:15-24	N.T. 72
Message		Pastor MiRhang
Anthem	<b><i>Give Me Oil in My Lamp</i></b> (DiMarco)	Children's Choir
Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer		Syl Davies
* Hymn	<b><i>I Am Thine, O Lord</i></b>	UMH 419
* Benediction and Blessing of the Meal		
Postlude	<b><i>Take My Life And Let It Be</i></b> (Messiah)	

**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.

**Flowers this morning are given** the glory of God and for Chris Evatt's 85th birthday on February 12th. You are loved by many and especially your children, grandchildren and great-grands!

**Worship Resources Used:**

*Imagery: A Sanctified Art LLC.*

*Liturgy: Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.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 Connect Card or by contacting the church office.***

***Remember in Prayer (as of February 8, 2026)***

Bangura's - for son Bruce struggling with developmental delays.  
 Bob Hendrickson- a praise: I was suddenly able to walk unaided on December 20!  
 Chris Evatt- death of Chris' brother Stanley Russell  
 Don Abrell- recovery from stroke  
 Family and friends of Bob Buchenauer, especially wife Pam  
 Jude Chase- Cousin, Sherry, for health and family difficulties; for friend Kathy, battling pancreatic cancer  
 Lula Pitts - for Solome on death of a cousin  
 Kathy McNeil- family of Anita Cortez as they grieve  
 Milbert's - friend, Phil Goble, battling blood cancer  
 Neneh Kanneh- husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health  
 Nicole Millard- mother-in-law, who has glioblastoma; prayers for peace and strength for her and our family.  
 Pat Pearsall- Keiko Foster  
 Vandergrift's- 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 in Room 2 at 9:15 am.  
 All are welcome!*