

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday – March 15

**9:15 am** Prayer Group, Room 2  
**10:00 am** Worship, Sanctuary  
**11:15 am** PreK - 5th Grade Class, Room 2  
Lenten Bible Study, Sanctuary  
Youth Sunday School, Room 6, Lower Ed  
Gospel Choir Practice, Room 1  
**12:15 pm** Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary  
3:00 pm Still Waters Church, Upper Ed  
5:00 pm United Youth in Christ, Old Bridge UMC

### Tuesday – March 17

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

### Wednesday – March 18

**9:30 am** Women's Bible Study, Room 1  
7:00 pm Women's AA, Upper Ed

### Thursday – March 19

**12:00pm** Lunch Bunch  
**7:00 pm** Chancel Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
**7:00 pm** Bible Through the Year Group, Zoom  
7:00 pm KidKare, Upper Ed

### Friday – March 20- Church Office Closed

7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

### Saturday – March 21

**8:00 am** United Methodist Men, Gathering Space  
**8:30 am** Church Spring Cleaning Day  
10:00am New Life UMC Neighborhood meeting, Upper Ed  
7:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary  
(IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

#### March 8, 2026

In-Person Worship - 105  
Online Worship - 72  
Sunday School/Small Groups - 77  
General Fund Giving - \$37,076.49



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Sunday - March 15, 2026

**GOOD 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.

**Spring Cleaning Day – Saturday, March 21 at 8:30 AM:** As Easter draws near, help us care for the home we share together! Join the Trustees as we clear leaves, refresh the gardens, and make our grounds ready for the season. Bring your gloves, garden tools, and willing hands — all are welcome! Let us know you're attending by emailing [milberfa@gmail.com](mailto:milberfa@gmail.com) or [adminassist@gsumc.net](mailto:adminassist@gsumc.net).

**Palm Sunday, March 29th at 10:00 am**

Drawing on the ancient Jewish tradition of midrash, we'll be immersed in the narrative of Jesus' triumphal entry in Jerusalem to his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane - preparing us for our journey through Holy Week.

**Holy Week (Woodbridge Collaborative)**

**Maundy Thursday (4/2) – 7:00 pm** | St. Paul UMC

**Good Friday (4/3) – 7:00 pm** | Dumfries UMC

**Easter Vigil (4/4) – 6:00–8:00 pm** | Prince of Peace UMC

**Easter Sunday, April 5** — Join us at Good Shepherd UMC for a joy-filled worship celebration at 10:00 AM, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at 11:15 AM. Invite your friends and neighbors — all are welcome!

**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.

**This week's "Bible Through the Year" readings:**

Mar 15th:	2 Samuel 5:1 - 7:29	Mar 16th:	2 Samuel 8:1 - 10:19
Mar 17th:	2 Samuel 11:1 - 14:39	Mar 18th:	2 Samuel 15:1 - 19:43
Mar 19th:	2 Samuel 20:1 - 24:25	Mar 20th:	1 Kings 1:1 - 4:34
Mar 21st:	1 Kings 5:1 - 8:66		

Join us for an informal, one-hour group conversation on Zoom this Thursday:  
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/8848221386?pwd=wSO3TzY7f4Z18EjcQrKLaznhayxdCD.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 every season, we thank you for this holy time of Lent. Slow us down and renew our intention to live as people shaped by your Good News. Clear away what distracts us, and create in us space for your grace to shape us into who you call us to be. Draw us closer together as the people of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, united in your love and justice. Fill us with your Spirit, and lead us to be a beacon of hope in our broken and aching world. Give us the courage to proclaim and embody your love boldly. Amen.

**The Lenten Study, “Embracing the Uncertain,” continues to meet after worship in the sanctuary.** Regular adult Sunday School classes will resume after Easter.

**Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations Needed!** We’re collecting individually wrapped candy to fill plastic eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please donate small, egg-sized treats. No lollipops (the stems poke through the eggs). Thank you for helping us make Easter fun for our children. The donation basket is out on the glass table near the outdoor entrance.

**Lunch Bunch is meeting** on March 19th at 12 pm for a once-a-month potluck meal and time of fellowship. All are welcome! Bring a dish to share.

**United Methodist Men** will meet Saturday, March 21st at 8:00 am for breakfast and fellowship. Men of all ages are invited to join us.

**Support the Spring Kairos Weekend — April 9–12.** Kairos brings hope to incarcerated women, and there are many ways to help. Supplies are available for pickup on the glass table.

1. **Pray** during the weekend — sign up using <https://prayervigils.net/vigils/193>
2. **Donate** — checks payable to *Kairos of Virginia*, write "CVCU" in the notes.
3. **Decorate placemats and posters** — color with love! Children may add their first name and age. No glue or glitter.
4. **Write 32 encouraging notes** — address to "Dear Sister in Christ" or leave blank. Leave envelopes open. Share prayers, scripture, or words of encouragement. Sign your name or "Sister/Brother in Christ."
5. **Bake cookies!**

Questions? Reach out to Rossana Finnegan at [rossanafin@yahoo.com](mailto:rossanafin@yahoo.com)

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

\*Gathering Song ***Blessed Be Your Name***

\*Words of Welcome

\*Gathering Words

God loves the field mouse.

**God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.**

God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

**God loves the child who rocks and claps.**

God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

**God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.**

God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.**

God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

**There is no bit of creation that God does not love.**

So let us worship this good-news God!

**Amen.**

\*Hymn ***There Is Wideness in God’s Mercy*** UMH 121

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Music ***God Is So Good*** Children’s Choir

\*Doxology UMH 94

Children’s Time Pastor MiRhang

Prayer for Understanding Carolyn Smith

**Holy One, sometimes the simplest of your commands are the hardest for us to hear. You say, “Love your enemy.” “Turn the other cheek.” “Care for the widow and the orphan.” And we want to know: How? When? Where? Today, as we turn to your word, open up space in us to simply hear your truth for what it is. Open up space in our hearts to dream new dreams, to imagine new realities, to draw closer to you and closer to love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we listen, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Deuteronomy 24:17-22 O.T. 173  
 Matthew 19:13-15 N.T. 20

Message Pastor Lisa

Anthem **Jesus Cares** Children's Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance  
 God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."  
**Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.**  
 Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."  
**We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.**  
 God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."  
**We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.**  
 Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."  
**We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.**  
 Fortunately for all of us, God also said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."  
**By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.**  
 May this good news change our lives!  
**Amen.**

Holy Communion

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*Hymn **Jesus Loves Me** UMH 191

\*Benediction

Postlude **The Beauty of The Lord** (Gaines/Schram)

**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:** *Imagery: A Sanctified Art LLC. Liturgy: Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)*

## PRAISES AND PRAYERS

**Prayer requests remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise updated. Please submit, update or remove a prayer request via the Connect Card or by contacting the church office.**

### **Remember in Prayer (as of March 8, 2026)**

Alicia Garbelman - Uncle Robert and Aunt Kris who have health issues  
 Bailey's - daughter JoDee, breast cancer  
 Brenda Kelley-Nellum - knee surgery on April 15th  
 Christine Evatt - sister-in-law Shirley, having open heart surgery March 3rd.  
 Don Abrel I- recovery from stroke  
 Jude Chase - son Nick and daughter-in-law Sandy, health recovery  
 Kathy McNeil - friend, Heather, battling bladder cancer  
 LadyAnn Moulton Reed - sister, Lydia; niece, Michael; Emma; Mannie  
 Neneh Kanneh - husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health  
 Pam Buchenour - friend Betsy S, kidney cancer  
 Pat Pearsall- Keiko Foster  
 Tamara Kanouff - Micheal Kanouff  
 Theodora Aubee - for daughter, Sierra, struggling with developmental delays  
 Solome Mosley - son Brian, recovering from surgery  
 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!*

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