

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – March 22

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
12:15 pm Gospel Choir Practice, Room 1
Palm Sunday Rehearsal, Sanctuary
3:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary
Still Waters Church, Upper Ed
5:00 pm United Youth in Christ, Old Bridge UMC

Monday – March 23

6:30pm Worship Design Meeting, Zoom

Tuesday – March 24

9:30 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Ministry Planning Team Meeting, Room 4

Wednesday – March 25

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

Thursday – March 26

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

Friday – March 27- Church Office Closed

7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – March 28

10:00 am United Women in Faith, Room 1
7:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary
(IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

March 15, 2026

In-Person Worship -124
Online Worship -61
Sunday School/Small Groups - 87
General Fund Giving - \$8,980.46



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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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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.

Holy Week (Our Woodbridge Collaborative)

Join us for three shared services hosted at United Methodist churches throughout our community. These services give us a meaningful way to walk the story of Jesus side by side—from the table, to the cross, to the stillness of Holy Saturday—so that when Easter morning comes, we are ready to receive its hope more deeply. We hope you will join us and invite others.

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

- Traditional service with a combined choir

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

- A service of readings, reflection, music, and prayer with a combined choir.

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

- Join us for a meaningful Holy Saturday gathering of fellowship. Enjoy conversation, a campfire, hot dogs, marshmallows, and beloved community. A brief reflection will be shared at 7 pm. Consider bringing a chair and a food item to share.

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 supports our long-standing partnership with the Cooperative Council of Ministries (CCoM) and their ministry to the unhoused in our area. Learn more: <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.

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

Mar 22nd: 1 Kings 9:1 - 11:43

Mar 23rd: 1 Kings 12:1 - 16:34

Mar 24th: 1 Kings 17:1 - 19:21

Mar 25th: 1 Kings 20:1 - 22:53

Mar 26th: 2 Kings 1:1 - 8:15

Mar 27th: 2 Kings 8:16 - 10:36

Mar 28th: 2 Kings 11:1 - 13:25

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,” meets for the last time after worship in the sanctuary. Regular adult Sunday School classes will resume next week.

United Women in Faith will meet Saturday, March 28th at 10:30 am. Women of all ages are invited to join us for a time of learning and fellowship!

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

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Bold Print indicates congregational/unison responses.

*Gathering Song

In Christ Alone

*Words of Welcome

*Gathering Words

Welcome to the weary and the worn.

Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

This is God's house.

You can make yourself at home here.

Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!

*Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Music

The Old Rugged Cross (Drennan)

*Doxology

UMH 94

Children's Time

Pastor Lisa

Prayer for Understanding

Bob Hendrickson

Holy One, when you speak, we don't want to miss it. When you bend down and write in the dirt, when you move through the trees, when you wake with the dawn, when you tug on our heart, or whisper into our dreams, we don't want to miss it. So today we pray, clear out the cobwebs in our ears. Quiet the steady stream of thoughts marching through our minds. Open up space in our hearts so that we can receive your word for us today. With hope we pray. Amen.

Scripture

John 8:2-11
Matthew 23:23

N.T. 95
N.T. 24

Message

Pastor MiRhang

Anthem

Neither Do I Condemn Thee (McGranahan)

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance

Holy God, we love to live our lives by the rules. We love clear answers. We love right and wrong. We love swift justice. We love to pick up stones, but you show us another way. You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation. You prioritize mercy over legality. You prioritize people over tradition. You prioritize love over everything. Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters. Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you. Forgive us. Soften our hearts. Root us in mercy, justice, and love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.

Church family, Jesus saw a crowd ready to throw stones and invited them to choose another way. Jesus offered them grace, mercy, and compassion, and the same can be said for us. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Our God is a God of mercy. Our God is a God of compassion. Our God is a God of grace. We are forgiven, loved, and invited to choose another way. Thanks be to God for yet another second chance. Amen.

Holy Communion

*Affirmation of Faith

*Hymn

More Like You

FWS 2167

*Benediction

Postlude

No Not One (Oatman/Hugg)

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*

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 15, 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 Abrell- recovery from stroke
Kathy McNeil - friend, Heather, battling bladder cancer
LadyAnn Moulton Reed - sister, Lydia; niece, Michael; Emma; Mannie
Neneh Kanneh - husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health
Nicole Mallard - mother-in-law, glioblastoma- prayers for strength and comfort for all family
Pam Buchenour - friend Betsy S, kidney cancer
Pat Pearsall- Keiko Foster
Theodora Aubee - for daughter, Sierra, struggling with developmental delays
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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