

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – June 7

9:15 am Prayer Group, Room 2
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
11:15 am Children's 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 United Youth in Christ, Old Bridge UMC
1:00 pm Still Waters Church, Upper Ed
3:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary

Monday – June 8

6:30 pm SPRC Sub-team, Room 1

Tuesday – June 9

6:30 pm Ministry Planning Team, Upper Ed
7:00 pm Finance Meeting, Room 4

Wednesday – June 10

9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Room 1
4:00 pm Community Connections Meeting, Room 1
7:00 pm Women's AA, Upper Ed

Thursday – June 11

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

Friday – June 12- Church Office Closed

7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – June 13

7:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary
(IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

May 31, 2026

In-Person Worship - 122
Online Worship - 197
Sunday School/Small Groups - 73
General Fund Giving - \$6,182.09



To make a financial gift through online giving, please use the QR code.

QUESTIONS to GOD

GOOD SHEPHERD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday - June 7, 2026

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.

Register (Rising 1st - 6th graders) or Volunteer (Rising 7th grade - adults) for our upcoming faith-based Summer Camps. Links for registration are on our website, www.gsumc.net

- **Art Camp - July 13th - 17th**
- **Basketball Camp - July 28th - 31st**

One-Day VBS — Sunday, August 16th 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM. For Rising 1st – Rising 6th Grade. This will be a day packed with lunch, games, activities, Bible stories! Online registration is open at www.gsumc.net. Volunteers are welcome — contact Janae Tschudi-Evatt at outreach@gsumc.net. Thanks to generous support, this event is fully funded and free for all families.

We have had a great response so far to the Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church congregational survey as part of their Growing in Grace! Today is the last day to complete the survey: The purpose of this study is to listen carefully to congregants' lived experiences of worship, participation, and accessibility, especially the experiences of people with disabilities and families raising children with disabilities.

Why should you complete a survey:

- You will contribute to a broader denominational effort to develop resources for accessible and inclusive intergenerational worship.
- You will help inform reflection, worship planning, and ministry conversations at GSUMC, as we will receive a summary report for our congregation if at least 10 responses are received.
- The survey is anonymous and takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

Complete the survey: <https://tinyurl.com/goodsherpherdumcsurvey>

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

Jun 7th:	Proverbs 3:1-35	Jun 8th:	Proverbs 4:1-5:23
Jun 9th:	Proverbs 6:1-7:27	Jun 10th:	Proverbs 8:1-9:18
Jun 11th:	Proverbs 10:1-11:31	Jun 12th:	Proverbs 12:1-13:25
Jun 13th:	Proverbs 14:1-35	Jun 14th:	Proverbs 15:1-33

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

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.

Creator of us all, we give you thanks for the longer days, growing light, and the fullness of this season. Pour out your Spirit upon Good Shepherd UMC as we seek to be a church for all God's children. In a diverse and divided world, form us into a community where every person is welcomed, every gift is valued, and our unity becomes a beacon of hope. Empower us to welcome, care, and co-create with you as disciples who transform this world. Amen.

Do you need contact information for someone in our GSUMC family? It is readily available to you via our church directory and Breeze app! A link to our continually updated directory is provided weekly in our E-newsletter. Printed copies are available on the Bulletin Board by the office.

Annual GSUMC Cookout on Sunday, June 14th at 6 pm in the Parking Lot.

Hosted by the United Methodist Men! Enjoy burgers, dogs, brats, chips, drinks & a mystery meat. Bring a side/dessert to share, a lawn chair, and your best Flag Day gear. Lawn games are also welcomed! Music will be provided as well as a time of Open Mic entertainment. We also have someone offering to provide face painting for kids of all ages! To help grill (5-7 PM) contact Tom Smith (tsmithm@comcast.net); for setup contact Neneh Kanneh (jenebaabdul@yahoo.com).

It's that time of year again! Good Shepherd is in the Dale City July 4th Parade! We're handing out goodie bags with church info and candy—and we need your help! Donate non-melting, individually wrapped candy: Lollipops • Smarties • Gummies • Tootsie Rolls • Hard Candy. We also need snack size ziploc bags. Drop in the basket marked "July 4th Candy Donations" near the entrance or ship to the church. **Join the fun!** Ride our float or the van and show your Good Shepherd spirit! **Questions or want to ride?** Contact Guy Andrew: Steerlersgus1@gmail.com

AARP Presentation: June 18th from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Lunch Bunch will meet at noon followed by a presentation: "Vigilance Against Cybercrime". Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

ORDER OF WORSHIP Second Sunday After Pentecost Sermon Series: Questions to God

(*) Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.
Bold Print indicates congregational/unison responses.

*Gathering Song	<i>O How He Loves You and Me</i>	FWS 2108
*Words of Welcome		
*Gathering Words		
	We wonder—who is God?	
	We wonder—where is God?	
	We wonder—how do we reach God? How do we learn about God?	
	We wonder—are the answers in loving?	
*Hymn	<i>I Sing the Almighty Power of God</i>	UMH 152
Good Shepherd in Ministry		
Praising God with Our Gifts		
Offertory Music	<i>Lord, I Believe in You (Credo) Young</i>	
*Doxology		UMH 94
Children's Time		Pastor MiRhang
Prayer for Understanding		Tim McTaggart
	We seek, we wonder, we ponder the mystery that is you, God.	
	We would like some clarity to cling to! But instead of the certainty we seek, your answer is an invitation: the invitation to love. Here we are responding. Help us listen. Amen.	
Scripture	1 John 4:7-19	N.T. 226
Message	<i>Who is God?</i>	Pastor Lisa
Anthem	<i>Come, O Spirit Truth Divine</i> (Larson)	

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance

Compassionate God, in your unfailing love, you sent us your Son as the savior of the world so that we might live through him. And you have invited us to love one another as you first loved us. We confess that we have failed to accept your invitation. Too often, our fears over our personal safety, financial security, and social status prevent us from truly loving those around us. Forgive us, O Lord, for our meekness. Give us the boldness to receive and abide in your perfect love, which casts out our fears. By your strength, may we embody your loving presence out in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Beloved, God is love. So let us be bold in the Lord by trusting and believing in the great love and forgiveness that God has for us all.

Passing of the Peace

*We greet one another with these words:
"The Peace of Christ be with you...And also with you."*

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the table.

Sung Responses

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

UMH 880

*Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

*Benediction

Postlude

Teach Me Thy Way (Clarke)

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 and liturgy from *Questions to God*, a Breakthrough Series by the United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey

Altar flowers this morning are given by Lisa Barbery in celebration of Hannah Barbery's 14th birthday and by the Reed family in memory of Dëshina Reed.

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 May 31, 2026)

Chris Evatt - in rehab, recovering from fall

Christina Hart-Perkins - Uncle Doug, cancer; father Tim, back issues

Debbie Vandergrift - cousin Carole, pancreatic cancer has spread. Also, for her granddaughters who will care for her mentally challenged son

Dee and Kathy Bailey - JoDee Watkins, radiation treatment for breast cancer; Debbie Frech - cancer

Don Abrell - recovery from stroke

Jimmy Reed - on the death of his brother, Eisenhower Reed

JoAnne and John Neal - JoAnne, undergoing chemo; John, health problem

Lula Pitts and her family as they mourn the death of her son, Glenn

Milbert's - Phil Goble, chemo and pneumonia

Neneh Kanneh - husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health;

Nicole Millard - mother-in-law, hospice care; strength for the family

Pam Buchenauer - those traveling; David and Ron, surgery recovery; Lynne, PTSD; Paul, Lewy Bodies; Deb and Theresa, MS

Tamara and Michael- Olga and Vitalik; Natsha and William; Katie, Michael, Eigor

Walter Legg- For the great people of Saipan, Rota and Tinian as they recover from Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

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

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