

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – August 9

9:15 am Prayer Group, Room 2
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
11:15 am United Women in Faith Bake Sale, Gathering Space
 Children's Sunday School, Room 2
 Social Concerns Class, Lower Ed
 Studies of the Bible Class, Room 4
 Youth, Lower Ed
 1:00 pm Still Waters Church, Upper Ed
 3:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary

Wednesday – August 12

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

Thursday – August 13

7:00 pm Bible in a Year, Zoom

Friday – August 14 - Office Closed

7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

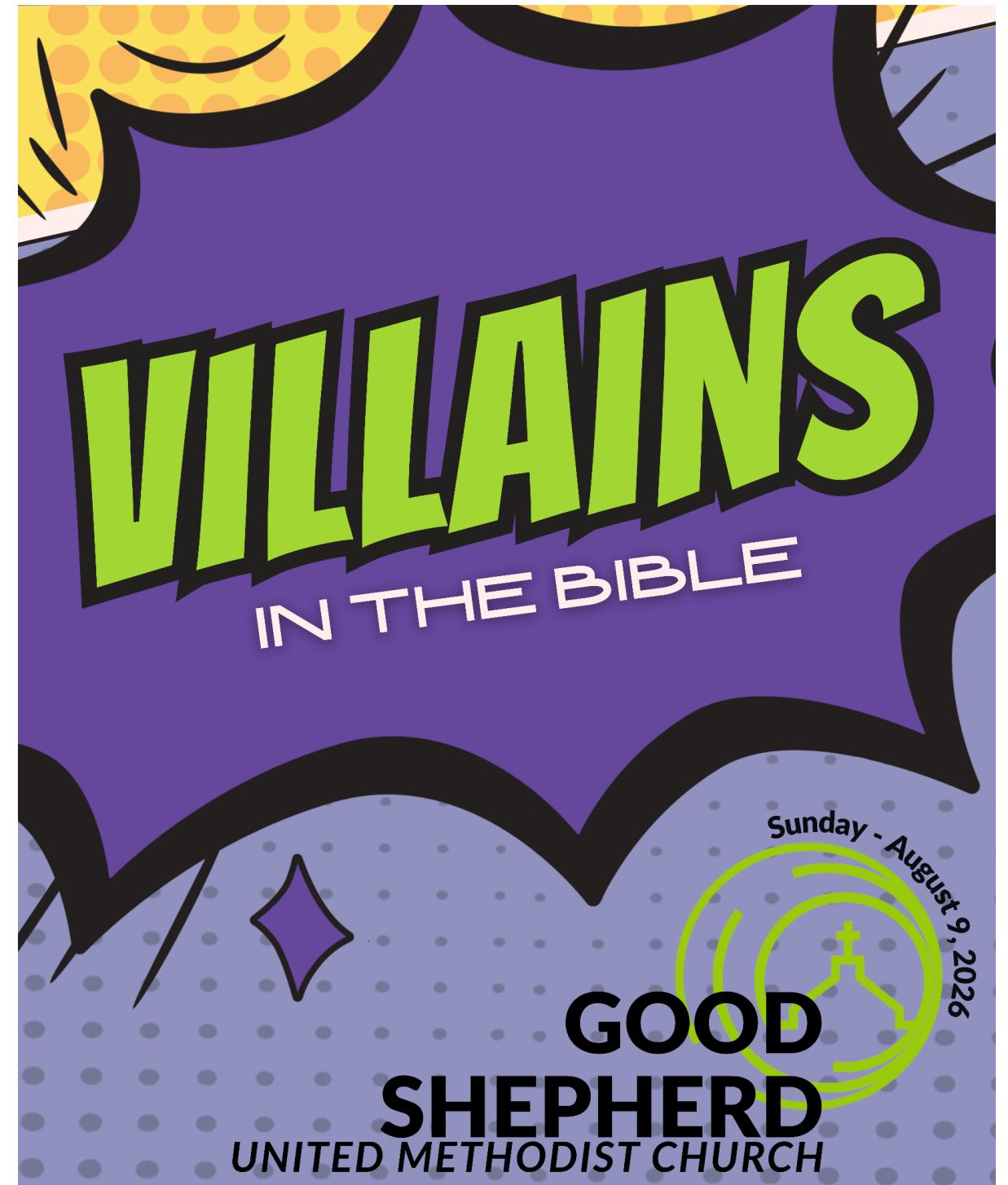
Saturday – August 15

8:00 am United Methodist Men, Gathering Space
 10:00 am New Life UMC Neighborhood Meeting, Upper Ed
12:00 pm United Women in Faith luncheon, Madigan's Waterfront
 7:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary
 (IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

August 2, 2026

In-Person Worship - 116
 Online Worship - 72
 Sunday School/Small Groups - 53
 General Fund Giving - \$6202.00

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





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.

Special School Supply Collection: Our congregation has always poured love into school supply drives for children in need. Now, through the beautiful connections within our church family, we have the chance to extend that same care to students globally. **We are collecting the following items until August 30th to be sent to Uganda & Sierra Leone** through Louize & Laura Bingi & Tamba Kaingbanja.

- ★ Backpacks
- ★ Pencils & pens
- ★ 2 hole pencil sharpeners
- ★ Pink or white erasers
- ★ Crayons & Markers

Questions? Contact Janae at outreach@gsumc.net or Tom Smith at tsmithm@comcast.net.

Sunday, August 30th, we will have our fifth Sunday hymn sing! We want your input as we survey the congregation. Hymns will be chosen from the responses we gather so if you have a favorite you are hoping to sing, use the QR code on the slides, email the office or write them on your connect card!

Reminders:

-The deadline for weekly announcements is Tuesday at noon.

-Committee minutes, leadership information, etc. are included in the weekly Enews, with printed copies on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Pastors and Office Contact Information

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

Aug 9th:	Daniel 4:1-6:28	Aug 10th:	Daniel 7:1-12:13
Aug 11th:	Hosea 1:1-5:15	Aug 12th:	Hosea 6:1-10:15
Aug 13th:	Hosea 11:1-14:9	Aug 14th:	Joel 1:1-3:21
Aug 15th:	Amos 1:1-4:13	Aug 16th:	Amos 5:1-9:15

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.

God of grace and belonging, as this season turns toward new rhythms and renewed beginnings, gather Good Shepherd UMC in your love. Shape us into a community spacious enough for all God’s children, where our differences deepen our faith and our shared life becomes a witness of hope. Through worship, service, prayer, and fellowship, form us into a people whose welcome is more than words, whose diversity becomes a gift of grace, and whose life together points others toward your hope. Send us out as disciples who bless our neighbors and join your transforming work in the world. In Christ’s name we pray, amen.

United Women in Faith Bake Sale: In lieu of our regular hospitality, we invite you to support the missions of the United Women in Faith by purchasing from their bake sale in the Gathering Space.

Backpack Blessing: Join us Sunday, August 16, during Children’s Time! Students and educators of all ages are invited to bring a backpack or work bag for a special blessing and tag to carry throughout the year. Invite a friend!

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.

All Women of Good Shepherd are invited to attend our annual luncheon which will take place on Saturday, August 15th at Madigan's Waterfront in Occoquan. We will gather at noon. Please invite your friends to share in this special time where we will meet and catch up with each other. RSVP to Mary Smith via text or call: 703-400-6995

New Member Sunday - Sept. 13th - We look forward to receiving individuals into membership at GSUMC on September 13th. If you haven’t already spoken to Pastor Lisa about joining this day, please let her know by August 30th. Feel free to also contact her if you would like more information or desire to join at another time.

Save the date for our Fall BBQ lunch on September 27th. More information will be coming soon but it is a Sunday you don’t want to miss!

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Sermon Series: Villains of the Bible

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

*Gathering Song *Holy, Holy, Holy (Santo, Santo, Santo)* FWS 2007

*Words of Welcome

*Gathering Words
Creator God, you have made us in your image.
Your living image in us speaks back to you with praise and longing.
You have rescued us from slavery and set us free.
In our freedom and gratitude we turn to you.
Christ, you offer God’s presence; you open a way to God.
And so we draw near. We bring ourselves into your Presence.
Holy Spirit, you live in us. You breathe in us. You worship in us.
Alleluia! Holy Spirit by your power alone we worship!
Stir up your wonder, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

*Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH 127

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Music *Go Down Moses*

*Doxology UMH 94

Children’s Time Pastor MiRhang

Prayer for Understanding Barbara Chiles
Eternal God, you are beyond all time and space, beyond our knowing or naming. Yet you speak to us, reveal yourself to us, and draw us into life by your Spirit. Embrace us in our worship, that we may hear your voice, listen to your words, and be transformed by your presence. We pray in the name and Spirit of Christ. Amen.

Scripture	Exodus 1:1-14	O.T. 47
Message	Pharaoh	Pastor Lisa
Special Music	<i>Trust And Obey</i>	
Pastoral Prayer		

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance
God of Goodness and Mercy,
We confess that we have let evil confuse and discourage us. We have looked away when the powerful destroy and abuse, seeking our own “peace” at the expense of others’ lives. We have caused harm and been too ashamed to face our failure and make it right. We have gotten carried away by the crowd to condemn those you love. We have let fear and jealousy guide our actions. We’re sorry. Help us repair the harm we have caused, both willingly and unintentionally. Surround those we have harmed with comfort and support. Turn our hearts and our actions back to you and guide us once again in your ways of love and justice.
Amen.
Our God is Love. And in God’s infinite love, God has compassion for our mistakes and failures. God chooses liberation and new life. And God forgives you, abundantly, for all your sins and calls you to follow the way of love.
Amen.

Holy Communion	<i>All are welcome at the table</i>	
*Statement of Faith		
*Hymn	<i>The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve</i>	FWS 2241
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Goodness is Stronger Than Evil</i> (Tutu)	

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, Prayer of Confession: Church Anew’s *Villains in the Bible Sermon Series*
Gathering Words. Prayer of Understanding, Statement of Faith: *Unfolding Light* by Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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 August 2, 2026)

Awilda Durham - prayers for her and her daughter, who is ill
Don Abrell - recovery from stroke
Don Ritenour - continued health issues
Janae Tschudi-Evatt - healing from blood clots
JoAnne and John Neal - JoAnne, undergoing chemo; John, health problem
Josephine McMillian - continued recovery from health issues
Kathy McNeil - Myra Keiffer, recovery from hospital visit
Lemuel Pearsall - medical treatments
Lerita and Fred Milbert - friend, Phil Goble, receiving chemo
Lula Pitts - brother Charles, waiting for cancer results
Neneh Kanneh - husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health;
Nicole Millard - on the loss of her mother-in-law, Lynn
Pam Buchenauer- Lori, recovery from ankle fracture surgery; Ron, recovery; Dave, cancer treatment; Chris and Joe, ongoing challenges and upcoming move; Pam T, loss of husband and healing from head injury; Marem, healing from accident and loss of husband; Christine, hip replacement; Cynthia - broken foot recovery
Pat Pearsall - Jasmine Byrd, illness and treatment
Rossie and Carol Alston - Alberta Alston, health concerns
Ruth Herndon and family upon the loss of husband, Estee
Steve Koch - Uncle Robert Koch, for continuing issues from brain bleed
Uni Samura - moved to rehab
Walt Legg - For the people of Guam, Tinian, Rota and Saipan as they recover from Super Typhoon Bavi, coming right on the heels of 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