

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – August 16

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
11:30 am One-Day VBS, Upper Ed

Wednesday – August 19

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

Thursday – August 20

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch, Room 4
7:00 pm Bible in a Year, Zoom

Friday – August 21 - Office Closed

7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

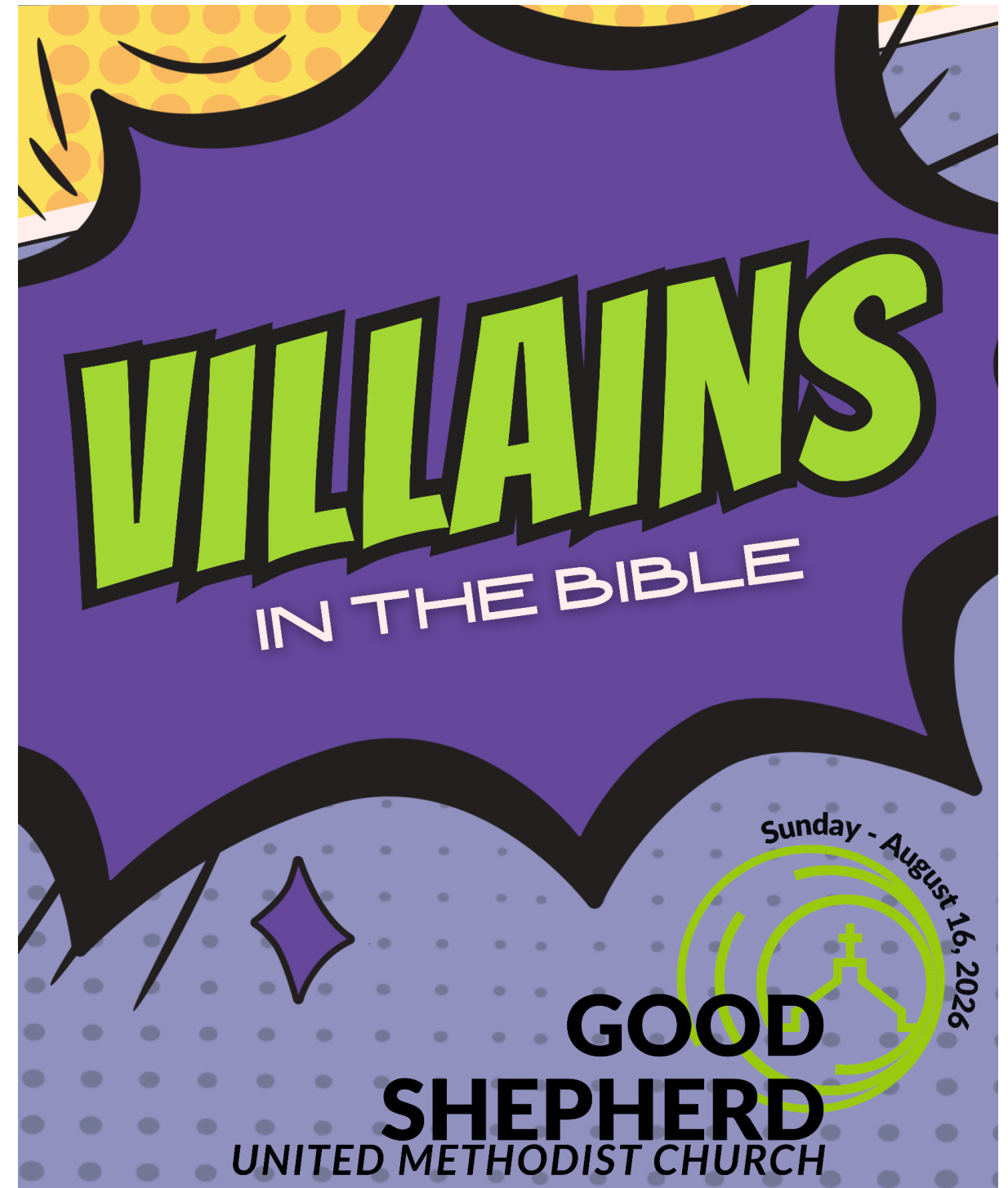
Saturday – August 22

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

August 9, 2026

In-Person Worship - 87
 Online Worship - 30
 Sunday School/Small Groups - 52
 General Fund Giving - \$11,569.49

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





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.

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!

Special School Supply Collection: Our congregation has always poured love into local 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.

Enhance our worship space by honoring or remembering someone special with an altar flower arrangement for \$30 and take the flowers home after the service.

To request at least two weeks in advance:

- Complete a form online, via our weekly email OR
- Use the Altar Flower envelopes on the glass table outside the sanctuary doors for your request and payment. Place the envelope in the offering bag on Sunday or return to the church office.

Jump into Reading the Bible This Year! As our group of faithful readers are about to enter the New Testament, it's a great time to join us. Read on your own following the plan in the bulletin each week. Then consider joining our informal, one-hour, Zoom conversation on Thursdays at 7pm. We will begin with the Gospel of Matthew on August 31st.

This week's "Bible Through the Year" readings:			
Aug 16th:	Amos 5:1-9:15	Aug 17th:	Obadiah 1-21
Aug 18th:	Jonah 1:1-2:10	Aug 19th:	Jonah 3:1-4:11
Aug 20th:	Micah 1:1-4:13	Aug 21st:	Micah 5:1-7:20
Aug 22nd:	Nahum 1:1-3:19	Aug 23rd:	Habakkuk 1:1-3:19
Join us for an informal, one-hour group conversation on Zoom this Thursday at 7pm:			
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.

Join us in welcoming Teresa Osnoe to our staff. As introduced last week in worship, we are grateful to have Teresa serving as one of our two Nursery Caregivers.

We extend a special welcome to all those joining us today for our Back to School Blessing and One Day VBS! We look forward to a special day together!

Lunch Bunch: Join us on August 20th at 12 pm for a once-a-month potluck meal and time of fellowship. Bring a dish to share.

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!

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.

Sponsor a Child - Did you know that Good Shepherd sponsors two children living in Colombia, Luz and Angel, through Children International? For \$25 per child per month, we help alleviate the suffering of poverty. To support one or both children, use the link in the weekly E-newsletter or designate a check/cash as "sponsor a child" and place it in the offering during worship, or send it to the church office. Information on each child and their pictures are on the bulletin board by the supply room.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twelfth 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 I Will Call Upon the Lord FWS 2002

*Words of Welcome

*Gathering Words
God of abundance, you provide creation, overflowing with life and beauty.
In awe, we praise you.
Christ, you accompany us in our deepest struggles with infinite love and grace.
In gratitude, we thank you.
Holy Spirit, you fill us with all the gifts we need to serve you with compassion and power.
In trust, we open ourselves to your presence. Alleluia!

*Hymn A Mighty Fortress is Our God UMH 110

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Song Only A Boy Named David

*Doxology UMH 94

Blessing of Backpacks, Students, and Educators Pastor MiRhang

Prayer for Understanding Debby Vandergrift
Name Above All Names, even those you raise up are not faultless. You empower the underdog and equip those you call. Restrict the harm of heroes and role models who, upon gaining power, use it for their own benefit. As we hear your word today, keep our hearts and actions oriented to your abundant love and deep justice. Amen.

Scripture 2 Samuel 11: 1-14, 26-27 O.T. 271

Message The Hero David Pastor Lisa

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance

His Strength is Perfect (Chapman)

God, we confess our abuse of power, our blindness to our selfishness and fear. We confess that we sometimes see others not as real people but as projections of our fears and desires. We confess that we are often unaware of the power we wield, the privilege we abuse, the people we hurt. We confess that we excuse the abuse committed by our heroes. We ask forgiveness, and pray that you will open our eyes. 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

All are welcome at the table

*Statement of Faith

UMH 883

*Hymn

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

UMH 365

*Benediction

Postlude

Fughetta (Kolb)

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 Understanding, Commentary: *Villains in the Bible*
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Gathering Words and Prayer of Confession: *Unfolding Light* by Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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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 9, 2026)

Awilda Durham - for her and her daughter, who is ill
 Bob Hendrickson and Julie Martinez - Sylvia Trujillo, undergoing cancer surgery
 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
 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
 Tamara Kanouff - Katy Busch; Natalia and William Busch; Michael Kanouff; Olga and Egor Litovchenko
 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.
 Will DeBord - recovering after recent hospitalization
 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