

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – August 30

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, Visiting Homebound Members

 3:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary

Tuesday – August 31

9:30 am Staff Meeting, Office

Wednesday – September 1

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

Thursday – September 2

7:00 pm KidKare, Upper Ed
7:00 pm Bible in a Year, Zoom
7:00 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday – September 3 - Office Closed

7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

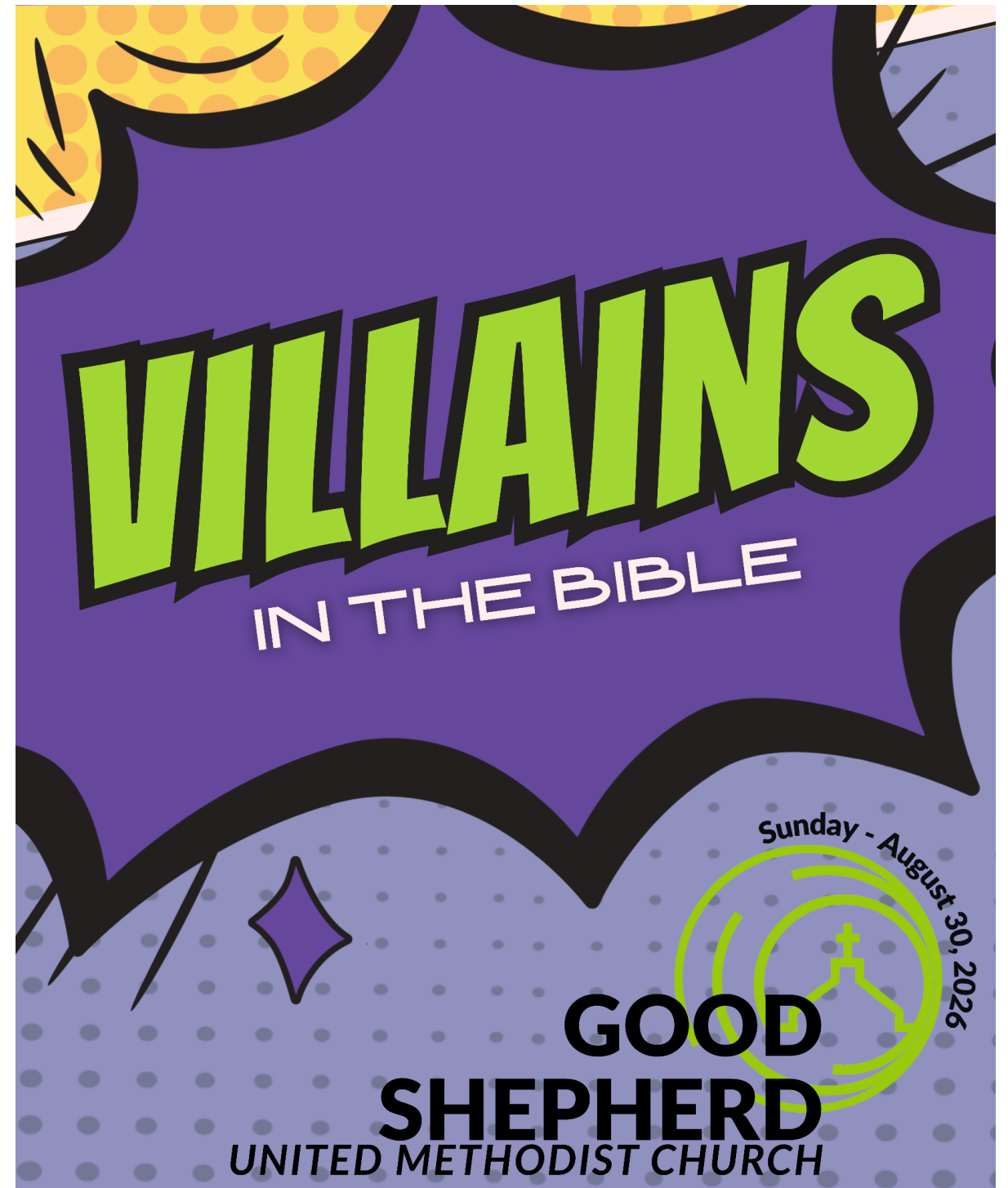
Saturday – September 4

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

August 23, 2026

In-Person Worship - 104
 Online Worship - 53
 Sunday School/Small Groups - 39
 General Fund Giving - \$5,266.43

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.

Choir Rehearsals resume this week! Now's a great time to lend your voice.
Chancel Choir rehearsal: Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary
Gospel Choir rehearsal: Sundays at 12:15 pm in Room 1
Children's Choir rehearsal: 2nd Sundays after worship in Room 1
Interested in sharing music but can't participate in a choir? Talk to Jimmy Reed!

Help Lead and Serve in Worship. We welcome new additions to our list of Lay Readers, Acolytes, Ushers, Greeters, and Communion Servers anytime. If interested, please indicate so on your Connection Card.

I've been meaning to ask... Four simple words. A world of meaning. It isn't a demand—it's an opening. A way of saying you've been on my mind, even when we didn't know where to start. This series is an invitation to listen deeper, show up for one another, and seek the holy in the people around us. As we journey through scripture together, we hope to see each other as images of the divine, root our courage in the heart, and be led—through honesty and vulnerability—to hope, joy, and beauty.
The conversation begins September 13th.

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

Aug 30th:	Malachi 3:1-4:6	Aug 31st:	Matthew 1:1-2:23
Sep 1st:	Matthew 3:1-4:25	Sep 2nd:	Matthew 5:1-48
Sep 3rd:	Matthew 6:1-34	Sep 4th:	Matthew 7:1-8:34
Sep 5th:	Matthew 9:1-10:42	Sep 6th:	Matthew 11:1-12:50

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 relationships, we give you thanks for the community of Good Shepherd. We are grateful to be a people knitted together through your love, providing a source of encouragement and care as we journey together as disciples. Lead us by your Spirit to extend that same love and care beyond our walls so that others might know and experience your grace. Infuse us with willing hearts and curious minds to meet the needs of others you lay before us. Send us out as disciples who bless our neighbors and join your transforming work in the world. In Christ’s name we pray, amen.

This morning, following worship, the youth will visit some of our homebound members. We would love to have all our youth join us! We will return around 12:15 pm.

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 today. 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!

Now’s a perfect time to join our Reading the Bible in A Year! As our group of faithful readers is about to enter the New Testament, it’s a great time to jump in. We will begin with the Gospel of Matthew TOMORROW! Read on your own following the plan in the bulletin each week. Then consider joining our informal, one-hour Zoom conversation on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Contact Pastor Lisa if you would like to receive the weekly reflection questions for personal use.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourteenth 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 ***He is Exalted*** FWS 2070

*Words of Welcome

*Gathering Words
Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:
That it is not we who chose Christ,
but Christ who chose us,
That we are not here because of our goodness
but because of Christ’s grace,
That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,
but to allow Christ to enlighten us,
That we have not come to be entertained
but to worship God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Hymn Sing

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Music ***You Are My All in All*** (arr. Harlan)

*Doxology UMH 94

Children’s Time Pastor Lisa

Prayer for Understanding Rob Barbieri
Mighty and wise Creator, it’s so easy to give up our agency and follow the crowd, yet you still call us to follow you. Guard us from the pressure to turn from your ways. Through the hearing of your word, call us to your values and inspire us to speak out and take action to confront injustice. Give us the words and courage to speak truth to power and amplify voices of resistance, even when it is scary or dangerous. Amen.

Scripture	John 19:4-16	N.T. 107
Message	The Crowd/The People	Pastor Lisa
Hymn Sing		
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		UMH 884
*Hymn	<i>Do, Lord, Remember Me</i>	UMH 527
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Come Sunday</i> (Ellington)	

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.

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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 23, 2026)

Awilda Durham - upon the loss of her daughter, Madeline
Bob Hendrickson and Julie Martinez - Sylvia Trujillo, undergoing cancer surgery
Don Abrell - recovery from stroke
Don Ritenour - continued health issues
Guy Andrew - David Andrew, cancer
JoAnne and John Neal - JoAnne, undergoing chemo; John, health problem
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
Pam Buchenauer- Megan, recovery from hospital visit; Frank, recovery from fall; Christine, hip replacement; Cynthia, broken foot recovery; Lori, returned home from hospital; Chris & Joe, moving; Joe, Parkinsons
Pat Pearsall - Teryl Freeman, extended treatment and illness
Rossie and Carol Alston - Alberta Alston, health concerns; Carol’s sister Alyson, breast cancer
Tamara Kanouff - Katy Busch; Natalia and William Busch; Michael Kanouff; Olga and Egor Litovchenko
Uni Samura - home recovering from accident related injuries
Will DeBord - recovering after recent hospitalization
Winnie Agyin - Samuel Agyin, recovery from stroke
Our country and our nation’s leaders
For all places experiencing natural disasters, storm recovery, and wildfires
For all places experiencing war, violence, and humanitarian crisis
For those who struggle with mental health and the families that love them